



# St Joseph's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, 21 January 2022

## **NEWSLETTER**



*'Into your hands, O Lord, we commend the spirit of our loved one, now passing from us into your eternal presence. Lord, receive him into your holy keeping in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen'*



**"Unlocking Belief in All"**

## FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well,

My weekly message to all is in video format. Please do let us know what you think, any feedback is welcome.

**Please find below the link to our website to view my message:**

<https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/News-1.m4v>

Have a cracking weekend.

St Joseph, pray for us

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## THEME OF THE WEEK

### Good News

Our theme for the week is Good News, as we have celebrated the Sunday of the Word of God over the weekend. We hear Jesus in the Gospel reading from the prophet Isaiah. As He reads, the words are being fulfilled as they are about Him. The words that Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah read; “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” These words tell us what Jesus’ mission was here on earth. The Good News is that Jesus came to earth, the long expected Messiah to bring salvation to the world, reuniting humanity with God the Father. We can join Jesus in this mission, as Baptised Christians, we are called to proclaim the Good News, to witness to our faith in Jesus, to show God’s love to others. It may seem daunting and even impossible to heal others, to bring healing to those who are blind, and that to proclaim the good news is for priests or chaplains. We are all called to work with Jesus in His mission, and there is always something we can do.

**What are your strengths and gifts? How can you use these to work in Jesus’ mission?**

**Who do you know needs to hear about Jesus? Who in our world needs your prayers for them?**

In a time when as a community, we feel a sense of sadness and loss, we can turn to Jesus in hope. Let us think and reflect on all that we have, the many blessings that the Lord Jesus has given to us.

**What brings you hope? What are you grateful for?**

May we find peace, hope and joy in the knowledge of Jesus’ love for us. The words of Jesus in the Gospel this week are full of hope, we can know that He is with each of us, walking beside us each and every day.

## YEAR 8 NEWS

Well done to year 8 this week for all your resilience in what has been an extremely difficult week for us all here at St Josephs and a big thanks you for all your kind words to each other and myself, it means a lot. We went into the week top of the school for class charts and have unfortunately slipped a little. Can I ask you that you ensure the high standards of the year group and we gain that top spot again. It is great going around seeing all of my Year 8's engaging and enjoying their lesson times.

Have a great weekend and keep Nathan and his family in your prayers.

Mrs Dunleavy

## YEAR 9 NEWS

Slough Rugby Club is holding a free rugby taster session to recruit players for a new U14s team! This is an excellent opportunity for year 9 boys to develop skills and find out about a sport they might not have considered playing before.

The session will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 10am-12pm at Slough Rugby Club, Upton Court Park, Slough, SL3 7LT.

Participants should arrive prepared for outdoor sports and bring with them a water-bottle and gumshield (if owned).

For more details and to book your son's place, contact [maryblumbergs@gmail.com](mailto:maryblumbergs@gmail.com) or 07772 353920.

No previous experience is necessary, and all sporting abilities are welcome.

Give Rugby A Try!

Mary Blumbergs

KIDS FIRST Mentor

Slough RFC

## YEAR 11 NEWS

Topic lists will be shared on Teams over the next week or so. Students can use these to tailor their revision. We went through the use of the app "Adapt" which is an electronic tool for managing a revision timetable. If anyone has any questions please let me know.

Mr Cudmore

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

**Year 12** - Thank you to everyone for your great effort. The number of detentions has been reduced drastically: Wonderful! Nowadays the main reason for X in Y12 are Late and Homework. About your lates: please ensure you are in school before 8:25 am, revise your timetable the day before so you attend on time and do not forget to check PSHE dates. If PSHE is P1 it means you must attend form time as PSHE is compulsory. On the other hand, about your homework, please keep in mind that part of "being an adult" is to fulfil with your responsibilities, one of them is to do the task your teacher give to you, moreover the school is doing a great effort into implementing flipped learning where your lesson materials will be shared in advance so you can revise them before lesson time. If you have problems to see your homework in class charts, please contact with me as soon as possible. Also please remember to still wear masks in lessons, corridors, and the study room. Alongside this, you should be washing hands regularly and testing at home twice a week.

PSHE is compulsory and you must attend! For this half term PSHE will be on the following dates, please add them to your diary.

Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> P3

Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> P5

Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> P1

Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup> P3

On Monday next week we will have assembly in the hall. At 8:25 the very latest, please can you all be lined up on the quad in alphabetical order with your tutor group. We will be checking uniform so make sure this is perfect and you have a mask on.

Have a great weekend

**Mr Romero**

**Year 13** - With the UCAS deadline fast approaching, the final students have been completing the finishing touches to their personal statements and applications. I would like to wish you all the best of luck, we are very proud of you.

The year 13 media students enjoyed a fantastic day out for their media study day in London. A big thank you to Mrs Cumming for organizing and giving the students this opportunity.

Year 13 students need to ensure their revision timetables in organized and used in preparation for their next set of centre assessments which begin soon. It's important to prioritize where there are gaps in knowledge and use past papers to practice questions.

PSHE next week will be on Wednesday during period 3.

Have a great week

**Mrs Bray**

**Year 13** - Sixth Form Students provide Lesson Support at St Anthony's – please joining me in giving a well-deserved 'well done' to Harvey Clark, Piotr Augustyn-Sharma and Cinera Matthew who are now doing an hour a week's learning support with the students at St Anthony's primary. The three have aspirations to be teachers and this will be an excellent experience as well as volunteering their services to our community.

### **Year 13 – UCAS – Next Steps**

It is that time of year when the university application deadline draws is nearly here (26.01.22 for most courses) and students start to think about replying to their offers (or their course of action if no offers have been made). Year 13 will have a PSHE lesson on this but I have attached a handy booklet for students and parents to advise on the next steps to take once students have received responses from their universities.

### **LITERACY – WORD AND IDIOM OF THE WEEK**

The word this coming week is '**active**'; an adjective, which means to be engaging or ready to engage (to engage means to participate or to become involved).

'The idiom this coming week is '**to play devil's advocate**'. This is when someone expresses a contentious opinion in order to provoke debate or test the strength of the opposing arguments. (Contentious = causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial).

### **This Week's Reward Challenge**

The Form in the school that collects the most combined points (**Thursday 20th January - Wednesday 26th January**) will have Dominos Pizza provided for them at lunchtime on **Tuesday 1st February**. In addition, the rewards shop has had its first few sales in the last couple of days. I have emailed all students a link to provide me with further ideas for what they would like to see in the shop. Finally, a reminder to all pupils who had a queue jump pass this week, they have now expired!

Have a great weekend

Mr Dann

### **Support for Students**

In light of the sad events that have happened in our school community this week I just wanted to remind you that there is free support available to students:

**Kooth** is a web based confidential support service. They provide a safe and secure means of accessing mental health and wellbeing support designed specifically for young people. **Kooth** offers young people the opportunity to have a text-based conversation with a qualified counsellor. More information can be by clicking on the link below:

**KOOTH: Free, confidential online counselling for young people from 11 years old**

**Number 22** is a registered Charity providing free and confidential counselling to adults and young people in Windsor, Maidenhead and Slough. Set up in 1976 they offer free and confidential counselling to all those who need it. They now have a dedicated phone line for people aged between 11-25 years. More information can be by clicking on the link below:

[Telephone Support Line - Support@22 • Number 22 • Free Counselling in Windsor, Slough and Maidenhead](#)

If you or your child would like any more information then please feel free to get in touch.

Take care, Mrs Finn

## Geography News

Last week we had the relaunch of Eco Club in the Geography Department. Students from all year groups are invited to come up to T15 on a Friday 3-4pm and create model volcanoes- of which we will be erupting in a few weeks' time! It is never too late for a student to join- everyone is welcome to just turn up. 5 sessions will still result in an Eco school badge- Well done to Olivier last week who received his!



## Media News



Our Sixth Form Media Students had a fantastic trip to the British Film Institute in Southwark this week.



# #IcandoMaths

## Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- D** The 12 pentagonal panels have a total of  $12 \times 5 = 60$  edges. The 20 hexagonal panels have a total of  $20 \times 6 = 120$  edges. So in total the panels have 180 edges. When the panels are sewn together, two edges form each join. So the number of joins is  $180 \div 2 = 90$ .

## Solution to the Break time Teaser:

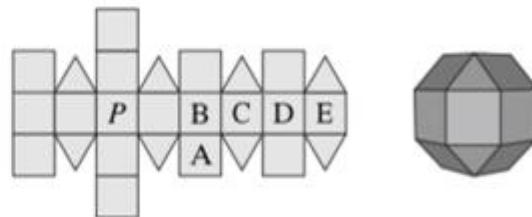
- E** The number of steps climbed per minute  $\sim \frac{1600}{12} = \frac{400}{3} \sim 130$ .

## Problem of the week

The net shown consists of squares and equilateral triangles. The net is folded to form a rhombicuboctahedron, as shown.

When the face marked *P* is placed face down on a table, which face will be facing up?

- A      B      C      D      E



## Break time Teaser:

When travelling from London to Edinburgh by train, you pass a sign saying 'Edinburgh 200 miles'. Then,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles later, you pass another sign saying 'Half way between London and Edinburgh'.

How many miles is it by train from London to Edinburgh?

- A 393      B  $396\frac{1}{2}$       C 400      D  $403\frac{1}{2}$       E 407

Send your answers to Mr Allinson. The first full complete answer will get satchel points.



# PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

## YEAR 7

Mikah Aungon and Patrick Lopez for trying consistently in every lesson. Great work!

## YEAR 8

Romain Janot and Anthony Omale for having the most positive classcharts points. Well done boys.

## YEAR 9

Farelle Frater for proud work in Science and Gianina Lica for excellence in Science

## YEAR 10

Every Year 10 student for the incredible resilience, compassion and love they have shown this week.

## YEAR 11

Alex Chappell and Sheryl Fernandes for having a great week

## YEAR 12

Iyannu Sanni highest positive points in classcharts this week  
Ivan Martinez highest positive points in classcharts this week

## YEAR 13

O'Tega Ayoma for mature discussions during PSHE and Martyna Kuczynska for excellent work in art and psychology.