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# ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



## From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It would be most fitting firstly to bid a happy retirement to Mr Gow who after 34 years of service to St Joseph's Catholic High School has deservedly moved onto a new and exciting life of sport, travel and finally looking forward to a holiday without having a stack of marking to work through. I know there'll be staff, students and parents, all of whom he taught, that will miss him sorely but he leaves a legacy of care and nurture to the next generation of St Joseph's teacher's to aspire towards. We wish him all the best and we know he'll be back to help out on the cricket pitch or the odd invigilation from time to time. You never say good bye to this school.

Congratulations to Mr Clark and Mr Nicol who in addition to their already complex roles, became Assistant Head Teachers this week. A big welcome back to Mrs Flanagan, Mrs Robinson, Mr Mall, Mrs Ura and Mr Alison this week – Mr Edwards, we'll see you soon.

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As a community we're back with a bang and we need to celebrate it. We've made a temporary change to the uniform for one year and one year only! Pope Francis declared this **the Year of St Joseph** in December 2020. We haven't had the chance to get together to celebrate this due to 3 and a half months of lockdown. Today was the first time we could get together in the Easter Liturgies (in year bubbles) and mark it as a community. As it's a once in a life time celebration, we've marked it by giving the students a one off tie to be used for this year until December only. With the school colours striped on a gold background, together with the school crest, year and citation of 'The Year of St Joseph' we all really hope the students in 20 years' time will still hold onto it as a one off memento of the school history. We'll also mark out the Feast of St Joseph (Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May) on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April with a celebratory day where we'll hold a day of activities for all the students including the much anticipated ice rink that was robbed by Covid from us at Christmas. We've a few activities in the community planned for later this year – do watch this space.

Welcome: We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Beth Townsend who is joining us for a term as chaplain. Beth works at a sister school to us in Sussex at Phillip Howard and is helping us on secondment.

#### GCSE, Cambridge Nationals, BTEC, EPQ and A Level Grading Update

Yesterday we received the pre-release material for assessment at these levels. We'll be working at it over the holiday and have it all in place for when the students return after Easter. We'll keep you in loop with everything we'll do.

#### Free School Meals over the Easter holiday

For all those eligible we'll ensure that Free School Meals over the Easter holiday are kept running – we'll ensure that the usual cash amount is paid by Tesco voucher (bar code scan) via the student St Joseph's email over the Easter break. We hope this helps.

#### Home based self test Covid Kits

We'll re-order more self test kits for the students' return after Easter and distribute them accordingly. Meanwhile the department of Education has issued a new *Re-introduction of confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing for positive lateral flow device (LFD) tests at assisted testing sites* yesterday. NHS Test and Trace is reintroducing confirmatory PCR testing for positive LFD tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools and colleges. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either [online](#) or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days.

We'll see all the students back on the 19<sup>th</sup> April ready and rearing to go. In the meantime, enjoy the Easter break.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Ciran

## **Theme of the Week – Resurrection**

In Luke's Gospel we hear of Jesus revealing himself to his disciples; giving them 'proof' that it is indeed Jesus himself, risen from the dead. He even eats some food to show them that he really is flesh and bone.

We all need proof sometimes, and lack of it often makes our faith harder. But let us all take hope from this Sunday's Gospel; even Jesus' disciples were sceptical and didn't know what to think, and they were there!

We are all called to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, and to repeat the story of Easter with joy and with faith.

Easter is not end this Sunday. We will have another four weeks after the holidays until we celebrate Pentecost. So brush off those doubts, shout your 'Alleluia's' once more, for Jesus is alive for me and for you - because He loves us. He loves us enough to sacrifice His life so that we can be forgiven for our sins.

### **How do we feel when we are forgiven?**

Does it make us feel better?

Does it feel as if a huge weight has been lifted off of our shoulders?

If we feel very positive and good after receiving forgiveness, we can imagine what a great impact this can have on others.

### **How can we bring Jesus' peace and forgiveness to others?**

## **Year 11 – 13 Centre Assessments**

Year 11 and 13 received their Centre Assessment results this week and their reports have been posted to parents. Please can I encourage parents to sit down with their son/daughter and discuss their progress to date. There are still opportunities for Yr. 11 and 13 to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in their respective subjects in the May Series. It's really important that both Yr. 11 and 13 believe in their own ability and come back to school after Easter with a 'Can Do' attitude. Over the Easter Yr 11 and 13 have the opportunity to do private revision at home. Please encourage them to set a revision schedule and use resources uploaded onto Microsoft Teams from their teachers over the past year. We are also offering Easter intervention sessions during the holidays in some subjects. Your son/daughter will have been informed of this and whether their attendance is required for a specific subject.

## **Year 7 – 10 and Year 12 Reports**

Reports for Year 7-10 and 12 will be sent out to parents after the Easter Holidays. Your child's teacher for each subject has assessed their progress in lockdown and these will be marked over the Easter Holidays. This will allow us to measure the progress made but also identify where we can plan for the summer term to ensure your child is fully prepared for the next year of their studies.

## **Year 7 News**

Once again another successful week for Year 7. I have seen some excellent work in Maths, English and Music. Today we had a year group liturgy where we reflected on the importance of Easter and how we celebrate it as a community. I hope you have a restful Easter and don't eat too much chocolate!

### **Epraise**

Top students	This week	Tutor groups
1.  Alexander Homot (7 Mark) (837)	1.  Kieran Mugume (7 Mark) (53)	1.  7 Teresa (10119)
2.  Maksymilian Oleszak (7 Veronica) (806)	1.  Alexander Homot (7 Mark) (53)	2.  7 Peter (8940)
3.  Adriel Dias (7 Veronica) (749)	3.  Tydus Chetty (7 Mark) (28)	3.  7 Veronica (8765)
4.  Rosa Jarrett (7 Veronica) (705)	4.  Nicole Podoba (7 Jerome) (17)	4.  7 Mark (8722)
5.  Vince Lacsamana (7 Veronica) (701)	5.  Tracy Paterson (7 Veronica) (15)	5.  7 Jerome (7142)
6.  Nathan James (7 Teresa) (684)	5.  Maryanne Rojas (7 Peter) (15)	6.  7 Cecilia (6581)
7.  Yurand Kwiatkowski (7 Mark) (655)	7.  Nadia Ankiewicz-Heetun (7 Mark) (13)	
8.  Oliver Bathke (7 Teresa) (637)	7.  Oliwia Foksinska (7 Mark) (13)	
9.  Nadia Ankiewicz-Heetun (7 Mark) (581)	9.  Evie Leonard-Finn (7 Jerome) (12)	
10.  Nicola Drabik (7 Teresa) (579)	9.  Molly Dlubak-Daly (7 Jerome) (12)	

See you all next term.

Mrs Dunleavy

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## **Year 8 News**

Dear Year 8,

Well done on a fantastic 3 weeks back at school. Your attendance, uniform, behaviour and commitment to your studies has been outstanding and I'm very proud of you all. It has not been a normal start for you at St Joseph's, but the future is bright and soon you will see what we are all about at St Joes. We have our legendary St Joseph's Fundraiser Friday in the Summer Term, as well as Sports Day and hopefully our annual trip to Thorpe Park!

Your options have now been chosen and Ms Araf is busy arranging your timetables for next year. Options cannot be swapped or changed, however if you have any questions, please get in touch with Ms Araf at [f.araf@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:f.araf@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk).

Our Mission to Jerusalem is still on and the students have continued to accumulate distance in their PE lessons and outside of school - thank you to you all, and to those who have done extra outside of school. Please continue to send in your km so we can add it to our total! If you would like to donate towards our fundraiser please follow this link: [gf.me/u/znq2i7](https://gf.me/u/znq2i7) we are donating for the Catholic Children's Society <https://www.catholic-child.org.uk/what-we-do/>.

Have a fantastic and blessed Easter break,

Miss WD

## **Year 9 News**

Well done on a brilliant, albeit short, half term Year 9! I hope everyone has a fantastic Easter and gets lots of rest, fresh air and exercise. We can't wait to see you all soon.

Mr Robinson

## **Year 10 News**

A big thank you to all the Year 10's involved in the Assistant Head Teacher interviews on Monday:

Ava Sharp, Sebastian Stacey, Tilly Harcup, Natalia Malczewska, Clinton Njoku, Luca Clark, Jayden Meghoma, Jennifer De Souza Ahmad, Diogo Tagarro and Zara Dass.

You really impressed the candidates with your professionalism and articulate questioning and represented St Joseph's with pride, well done to all of you.

Congratulations to all of you for the hard work you have put into this terms assessments, some amazing results across all subjects. Reports will be available after the Easter holidays.

Some great work going on in Art:



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It has been great to see you all getting involved in your PE activities this week.

A huge thank you to Mr Gow who has coached the Year 10 football team and athletics team and given up many hours running extra-curricular clubs for you all over the last 4 years. He will truly be missed by Year 10 students and we wish him well in his retirement.



Have a wonderful break over Easter and enjoy being able to see friends and family. Help out when you can at home and come back on the 19<sup>th</sup> April fully prepared for the summer term.

Happy Easter.

Miss Cheston

## Year 11 News

Dear Year 11,

Another term completed, just over half a term to go! Well done for your participation throughout the half term. We have a very big half term coming up, including Easter Interventions. I will upload the student lists to Microsoft Teams tomorrow and parents will receive an email with the days that students are required to be in. Please ensure you attend the intervention sessions that you are invited to go to as these will help you make a big difference in your summer series.

If you are unsure of topic lists for your subjects, please ensure you ask your teachers/Head of Subjects as soon as possible to find out and make your revision purposeful. I would strongly recommend a revision timetable over the Easter Holidays to keep yourselves focused and on top of your revision.

When you are back after Easter, there will be information regarding payment and details for **prom**. This is an amazing event that I cannot recommend high enough! The date for Prom is July 8th, so keep the date in the diary free!

A reminder that uniform should be full St Joseph's attire. Leggings are not allowed for females in PE, and hoodies/tracksuits are unacceptable. If you are wearing trousers they must be **black**. Grey tracksuit bottoms are not allowed.

Have a restful and wonderful Easter.

Stay Safe, Stay Excellent.

Mr Oakley

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## Sixth Form News

### Year 12

What a term! You have all done an amazing job and should be very proud of your achievements. Well done to everyone who has 100% attendance and hasn't missed a single lesson. This is a fantastic accomplishment. We are all really proud of you as a year group and what you have achieved this half term. Keep up the great work as we move towards the summer. A special mention to the students below who have been nominated for their hard work, resilience and diligence in lessons.

<u>Spanish</u> Mariana	<u>History</u> Samreen Isabel	<u>Health and Social Care</u> Eleanor	<u>Geography</u> Gian Patryk N
<u>Philosophy and Ethics</u> Aiden Sara	<u>Core Maths</u> Rutendo Wiktor S Robert S	<u>Law</u> Kumbi Stewart Tadiwa Natalie	<u>Performing Arts</u> Kieran Ellie F
<u>Sociology</u> Sean	<b>Well Done Year 12!</b>		
<u>Business</u> Imsal K Karan G Juliana Alicia	<u>BTEC Sport</u> Sinead Harvey Cl Robert	<u>Art</u> Weronika Charlotte	<u>Chemistry</u> Eranto Natalia
Assisting with Mock trial and mentoring Savannah	<u>Biology</u> Thabani Jayne Martyna	<u>Maths</u> Rebecca F	<u>Music</u> Gianluca Azariah Clarence
		<u>Computer Science</u> Wiktor S	

Just a reminder that you will be based in the diamond canopy for break and lunches. You can still use selected areas on the field also.

You should have all received your testing kits so please remember to complete your Lateral flow tests twice a week even over the Easter break.

Have a restful Easter break, stay safe

Mrs Bray

### Year 13

An end to an action packed two weeks- the Year 13 students have been an absolute credit to the school for their behaviour, attitude and conduct since we have returned. Uniform has been exemplary and attitude in class has been excellent. The main message moving forward over the Easter holidays is that the next set of Centre Assessments will begin on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, which is only 2 weeks after we return. Therefore, please make sure that you are revising at least 3 hours a day each day over Easter. This should also leave plenty of time to get some well deserved rest and recuperation.

Have a great Easter

Mr Matthews



## Design and Technology Department

**Thank you and Well done!**

And so this rather unique term draws to an end, home learning, school learning, blended learning, assessments, you have done so well!

We look forward now to the summer term, which will undoubtedly be busy and fast paced.

Final submission dates are just round the corner for Year 11 students who really need to be utilising their time over Easter well to ensure that their project submissions are completely up to date, ready to submit and are a showcase of work they are proud of.

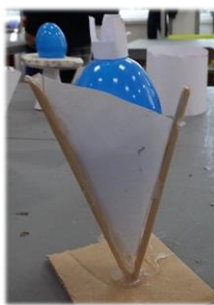
### **Year 8 – 6Rs Sustainable Design**

Year 8s have been working on Sustainable Design and have made dice to help them to learn the 6Rs. We have been really impressed with some of the efforts and outcomes.



### **Year 9 and 10**

Eggcellent quick modelling of egg cups- a few treats needed to be dispensed by Mr Silver for the successful models. It was great to see the variety and creativity on show.



### **Year 10- chefs**

Year 10s produced some great dishes in their 'rustle up' pastry picnic task. Every single pupil produced a unique dish ready to share with 5 friends now that they can meet up in groups of 6.



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## DT CHALLENGE

A reminder that updates and examples of great work are regularly posted on our Instagram.



### Send us your best....

Do you have a favourite product or design? Nominate it for our design wall by sending a picture and a short explanation for your nomination. We hope to showcase some of St Joseph's favourites soon.

Ms Araf and Mrs Stacey have made their nominations below for the 'Classic designs' of a lightbulb and biro.



### D&T Stars of the term



#### **Gabriela Majewska**

For her continued participation in the DT challenges, and effort in lessons. Well done and thank you.

#### **Jakub Mozdzeruk and Alex Ellner**

For creative thinking and continuous effort and commitment to Design and Technology.

## History News

A huge well done to Daisy Loft in Year 10 who completed the virtual code breaking challenge - Operation Bletchley: Christmas in Berlin. For all of her hard work and fund raising efforts for The Army's National Charity, Daisy received a medal and certificate from Operation Bletchley. Amazing work, Daisy! Well done!



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**To Read:**

This week's reading recommendation is *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. This text follows the stories of Josef, a Jewish boy living in Nazi Germany, Isabel, living in Cuba in 1994, and Mahmoud, A Syrian boy in 2015. Although each child is separated by continents and decades, they all share shocking connections which tie their stories together. An action-packed novel that is a must read for our young readers, and is available on the Sora App.



**To Watch:**

"The Who Was? Show", available on Netflix, is a live action sketch comedy show that depicts the most famous names and events in history. Rated PG, this one might be of interest to the whole family!

As always, please continue to send in your book, film, podcast, and virtual tour recommendations to Ms. Weir, and they will continue to be shared weekly through the Newsletter and our Instagram - @stjosephshistory.

## **Magistrate Court Mock Trial**

Congratulations to the pupils below for consistently showing such great commitment to this prestigious competition despite the many setbacks the pandemic has brought.

The Prosecution Team will be going head to head with the Defence team from Harris Academy on Tuesday 4th May 2021, and the Defence Team will be going head to head with the Prosecution team from Harris Academy on Tuesday 18th May 2021.

Have a well deserved rest enjoying the weather and lockdown relaxation, whilst practising for your required roles.

**Legal Advisor:** Igor Galka

**Usher:** Phoebe Byrne

**Prosecutor Team:**

Leah Walls (Lawyer)

Shanti Kumar (Lawyer)

Matteo Mennone (Witness/ Rowan/Bank Clerk)

Nicola Szuba (Witness/ Sam/ Fraud Police)

Ava Scott (Witness/ Quinn/ Full time stylist)

**Defence Team:**

Joy Nwachukwu (Lawyer)

Izan Iglesias Trepiana (Lawyer)

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Laura Wilkanowska (Defendant/ Part time stylist)

Melanie Lukomska (Witness/ Addison/Boss)

**Magistrates:**

Hannah Marie Anaya

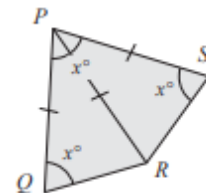
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Annabell Lysiak



**Solution to last Week's Puzzler**

**D** As  $PQ = PR$ ,  $\angle PRQ = \angle PQR = x^\circ$ . Also, as  $PR = PS$ ,  $\angle PRS = \angle PSR = x^\circ$ . Therefore,  $\angle QRS = (2x)^\circ$ . The sum of the interior angles of quadrilateral  $PQRS$  is  $360^\circ$ . Therefore  $x + x + 2x + x = 360$ , so  $5x = 360$ . Hence  $x = 72$ .



**Solution to the Break time Teaser:**

**A** The number of claps achieved per second is  $\frac{1020}{60} = \frac{102}{6} = \frac{51}{3} = 17$ .

Well done and epraise awards to Emerald Cardozo (10V), Annabelle Lysiak (8C) and Piotr Basinski (8T) for correct answers to both the Challenge and the break time teaser.

**Problem of the week**

At an Easter Egg Hunt there are 25 chocolate eggs hidden around the park. The park consists of 4 areas shown in the table below: Bushes, Play Area, Swings and Pond.

Complete the table:

Area Hidden:	Number of eggs:	Percentage of eggs:
Bushes	14	
Play Area		20%
Swings	4	
Pond Area		

## **Break time Teaser:**

In a field there are 3 types of animal: Bunnies, Lambs and Chickens.

The ratio of B:L = 12:1

The ratio of L:C = 2:5

If there are 15 chickens, how many Bunnies are there?

Send your answers to Mr Allinson. The first full complete answer will get epraise points and a prize.

## **Pupil Nominations of the Week**

### **Year 7**

Nadia Wilk and Nick Tolwinski for excellent St Joseph's Ethos.

### **Year 8**

Dawid Rusinek for excellence in Drama and Kacper Kostrakiewicz for excellence in English.

### **Year 9**

Amber-Brooke Sowah for excellent work in Maths.

Riah Newman-Lake for terrific analysis in Drama. and focus in Spanish.

### **Year 10**

Luke McAteer for his kindness towards one of his teachers.

Zara Dass for chairing the student voice this week.

### **Year 11**

Juhaim Choudhury for excellent characterisation in Drama.

Ali Arif for excellent dedication to his studies, particularly in Maths.

### **Year 12**

Sean Agustin for his hard work in improving his essay writing skills.

Wiktor Szymczyk for his hard work in Maths and Computer Science.

### **Year 13**

Wiktoria Michalowksa for her excellent writing in Sociology and James Crow for an excellent set of CA2 results.