



ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



YEAR 9 STUDENTS DISSECTING
HEARTS IN SCIENCE

From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again for all the work, time and energy you gave in the Feast Day of St Joseph. The students had a terrific day and it brought a little bit of the magic into the place that we've all missed.

- **Absences**

As things are now returning to normal. It's essential that absences be followed up with a written letter of explanation from parents. A written letter or email will suffice but they should be given to the Form tutor in the first instance so they can go on file. It's still important that absences be reported on the day by parents and Mrs Oliver chases all of these but our Form Tutors will also ensure that we chase up the written explanations. In the case of illness please do specify what kind of illness it is – it's imperative we can identify trends of any specific illnesses. We're required to account for all absences and chase up those where sufficient reason hasn't been provided. We're very grateful for everything you do in supporting us to this end.

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- **Masks in school**

Once again, so far we're pleased to report there have been zero positive cases of Covid 19 so far this lockdown period in the school – which is far lower than other institutions around the town.

We're asking that parents check that students come to school with adequate masking for the day. Whilst we do hold a small contingency of spare masks for emergencies / breakages etc. we haven't enough to distribute masks everyday for each student. Thanks in advance.

- **Home LAT flow testing kits: Recording the results**

Deliveries of Home Testing kits now come to us on automatic renewal. As soon as we get them we distribute them out. This week saw batches arriving sporadically so that whilst Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 received their kits at the beginning of the week, other years had to wait a little longer until this morning. By registration this morning all students will have received 3 weeks of testing kit which should bring us up to the end of this half term. We've enough to provide every student with a further 3 weeks' worth again at the end of term to start over the week of half term.

The local council is working hard with all schools in keeping the virus at bay. Most recently all schools locally received a message from both the council and the Department of Education that they wished to be passed on that all tests undertaken should be recorded - even the negative test results. Additionally, please do inform the school directly should there be a positive case recorded at home.

- **Important Information concerning Summer Grading for Years 11 and 13.**

Last week we published the Centre policy of how Grades will be calculated here in conjunction with JCQ guidance. This is on the website and was emailed with the newsletter last week. Further to this we will be publishing more detailed information around the specific evidence we will be using to come to our judgments for each subject. What we can say at this point is that the evidence will include:

- October Centre Assessments 2020
- March Centre Assessments 2021
- May Series Centre Assessments 2021 (this is the current set of assessments the students are undertaking at this time)
- Coursework completed by subjects where required
- In addition to the above, if any students have not had the opportunity to sit or provide some of the above, class work, homework and additional evidence will be used in order to come to a judgement that fairly reflects a student's performance to date. Students will be individually told if this additional evidence is required.

The May Series Centre Assessments will be the last opportunity for your son/daughter to demonstrate their progress and performance to date. We ask for all parents/guardians to read our **Centre Assessment Policy 2021** and hope you will join us in supporting your son/daughter's studies over the next 6 weeks in order for teachers to come to a fair, holistic and robust judgement.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact either Mr Dann at r.dann@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk or Mr Gibbons at j.gibbons@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk or phone the school office.

In the meantime, have a cracking weekend.

St Joseph, Pray for us.

Ciran Stapleton

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Theme of the Week – Loving Friends

Jesus' message to us in this week's Gospel is to love. We use the word love in all kinds of ways, we may say we love chocolate, we love our family, we love our friends, we love God. Jesus is talking about the unconditional love of God which does not ask questions, but embraces us with outstretched arms. This is an invitation to each of us, to imitate Christ, to love others with no questions, but to love people where they are at.

A little later on in the Gospel, Jesus says; "You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father." Jesus calls us friends. Jesus loves us and knows us so well that He wants to be friends with us.

What is a friend? Who is a friend? What qualities are in a friend?

In St Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he talks about what love is. He says;

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

We can replace the word 'love' with the word 'friends'. What does it read now?

'Friends are patient; friends are kind. Friends are not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. Friends do not insist on their own way. Friends are not irritable or resentful. Friends do not rejoice in wrong-doing but rejoice in the truth. Friendship bears all things; believes all things; hopes all things; endures all things. Real friendship never ends.'

Are there any qualities you would add to this list?

How can we love others? In what ways can we show our love for others today?

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Year 7 News

Can I remind you that uniform needs to be of a high standard with top buttons done up and shirts tucked in. If you are wearing PE kit, no hoodies. Punctuality and attendance have slipped recently, can I ask if your child is absent to please ring the main office and also get a doctors note, if possible. I hope you all have a lovely week-end.

Mrs Dunleavy

Year 8 News

Dear Year 8 Parents and Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some expectations that have slipped this week:

- Please ensure your child arrives in the correct uniform. Any student who arrives in their PE Kit on a day when they do not have PE will be sent home to change. If a student is in the wrong school shoes and there is a reason for this, please call the School Office so we are aware. Otherwise, your child could be sent home to change or given plimsolls to wear. Black trainers are not appropriate school shoes.
- If you would like to contact your child please do this by calling the school office who will get a note to them. Students found on their phone will have their phone confiscated - regardless of whether they are talking to a parent or not.
- Attendance at St Joseph's is crucial to the success of your child's academic and social progress, most importantly after all the time lost due to lockdowns. Please bring your child into school and if necessary, we will send children home with any illnesses. If your child will be off please make sure you contact the School Office before 8:30am and provide a medical note where applicable. The national average for attendance is 95%, if your child's is below this please consider why and work towards improving this.

As a school we are incredibly proud to have one of the lowest rates of covid cases and we have not had one on school site in 2021. This success has been down to our community's commitment to testing. Year 8 have been given a box of tests for the next weeks - please ensure these are still done and all results are logged, we still have a long way to go in this battle against coronavirus and want to keep our school community as safe as possible. Thank you all for your dedication to this so far.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Wellesley-Davies

Year 9 News

St Joseph's Day

Well done to everyone who participated in activities on St Joseph's day. It was a terrific day to celebrate the Year of St Joseph's and the whole Year 9 group were a credit to the school. We did however, have more absences than we would generally expect. Tutors will be contacting home to request a written letter to explain absence on this day. This needs to be handed in by Wednesday 12th May.

Reports

All students should have received their report home by now. Please let me know if there are any issues.

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Year 9 Parents' Evening is coming up towards the end of May. This is an opportunity to discuss the progress of your child with their subject teachers.

We will be in contact in a couple of weeks to start arranging appointments.

Uniform standards

There are still some key areas where our uniform standards are falling short of what we expect. Uniform is the foundation of everything we do at St Joseph's, so it is imperative that we all have the same high standard.

Hoodies – These are not allowed in school at all, for any reason. They will be confiscated and kept in the Head of Year office if seen.

Piercings – Students are allowed one stud per ear. Again if seen, the additional earrings will be kept in an envelope in the Head of Year office until the end of the day. If this is repeated, they will be kept for longer.

Wearing PE kit into school – Only on days where students have practical PE lessons during the day. If students have an afterschool club but no PE lesson, they must wear their uniform and can change into their kit after school.

Best regards,

Mr Robinson

Year 10 News

A huge thank you to all parents and students for their contributions to Parents' Evening last night. Year 10 are a talented bunch and we have high expectations for them this summer. The end of term exams start on June 23rd (6 weeks from now) so now is the time to take the advice given by their subject teachers and to start their revision.

We will also be running after school intervention after May half term, Mondays to Wednesdays when staff will run extra sessions in the build up to the exams.

Subject teachers will also be uploading revision topic lists on Teams so Year 10 students can get going on their exam preparation. Research shows that 3 to 4 thirty minute sessions an evening, with a break between each session, is the most effective way of retaining information. Getting family members support when helping to recall what they have learnt and doing past paper questions after a topic has been studied are very effective ways of preparing for exams.

Miss Cheston

Year 11 News

Dear Year 11,

3 weeks of assessments to go. Next week is a busy week (see below for the timetable), so ensure you have scheduled your revision accordingly. Continue to listen to your teachers for advice on how to revise and which topics to revise for in order to maximise efficiency.

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Monday 10th: **Period 1** - PE (Mrs Rolfe) Computer Science, Music & History (11B)

Tuesday 11th: **Period 1** - Drama, History, (11C) **Period 2**: English (X band) **Period 3**: Computer Science **Period 4**: PE (Mr Hunt)

Wednesday 12th: **Period 1** - RE (X band) English (Y2,Y3,Y4) **Period 2** - RE (Y band) **Period 3**: French, History (11C) **Period 4**: Maths

Thursday 13th: **Period 1** - PE, French, Spanish, Business (11D), DT(11D) **Period 2**: French, Spanish, Business (11A) Food (Written) **Period 3**: - English Y band. **Period 4**: Maths.

Friday 14th: **Period 1** - English (Y1) **Period 2**: PE (Mrs Rolfe) Computer Science, Spanish, Music & History (11b) Music **Period 3**: RE (Y band) **Period 4**: Chemistry (Y band) RE (X band) **Period 5**: Chemistry (X band)

Well done to everybody in the Year group for their participation in St Joseph's Day last week. It was fantastic to see the engagement of the students in all activities, and notably a massive congratulations to the football team for their win against the VI Form and Teachers. The attitude showed both on and off the pitch was fantastic, and they thoroughly deserved the win with some outstanding goals from George (2), Liam and Dawid.

I'm fully aware that there have been some issues with ParentPay for payment of Prom. I am working to find a way around it/fix it so the students wanting to attend prom can do so. Ensure you notify myself of your desire to go to Prom if you haven't paid the deposit and cannot access ParentPay so I can account for you in the final payment.

Finally, parents can you ensure that your children are wearing the correct uniform on the correct days please. They should only be wearing their PE kit twice a week maximum, even if they study GCSE PE as all of their lessons now are assessment/revision lessons. If they do not wear the correct uniform, they run the risk of being sent home to change, and we simply cannot afford to waste any time out of lessons!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Stay safe, Stay Excellent.

Mr Oakley

Sixth Form

Year 12

Another great week for Year 12. Uniform is looking smart and well done to all who contributed and joined in on St Joseph's Day. Start thinking about putting together a revision timetable in preparation for your centre assessments. Use your PLC's to identify specific topics to focus your attention, for each subject.

Make sure you are completing your Lat flow tests at home twice a week. If you need a testing kit please collect one from your form tutor or the 6th form office.

PSHE next week will be focusing on your personal statements. We will be in the hall for this session on Monday 10th May period 3. Please line up on the quad.

Have a great week.

Mrs Bray

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Year 13

We have entered the final two weeks of centre assessments for Year 13 students, a crucial final chance to impact final teacher awarded grades and I have been delighted with the conduct of the Year 13 students who have demonstrated an excellent attitude. A polite reminder that the study room and non-contact lessons should be used to revise and prepare for these assessments in silence and that private study lessons should be conducted in silence. The advice, therefore, is for students to avoid sitting in large groups with their friends as it will inevitably lead to distraction and time wasted.

Moving forward, plans are under way for Year 13 prom and Leavers hoodies and I will update students when these can be purchased on Parent Pay.

Good luck to all students sitting final assessments next week.

Mr Matthews

ParentPay

If you are having any problems using ParentPay please contact j.smith@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk.

School Uniform

As of Monday please ensure coats are removed in form time and lessons.

Mr Dann, Deputy Headteacher

Science News

The Science and Environmental network meets every Wednesday in Lab 3 at 3pm to 3:45pm. This invitation is specifically for the Year 9 bubble group.

Pembroke College, Cambridge Women in Science

'Women in science' free programme gives Year 11 students an idea of what studying science subjects beyond school is like.



The event will be taking place every Tuesday evening in June from 16.30 to 18.30.

You will meet current students, participate in a range of academic sessions and find out what Cambridge is like as a university.

To apply, and see more information, please visit <https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/study-here/access-and-outreach/events-prospective-students/year-11-women-science-residential>

Applications close at 8am on 13th May

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Year 7 - Alpha

What is Alpha? A series of video talks which explore the big questions of life and faith and unpack the Christian faith, looking at questions like “Who is Jesus?”, “Why and how do I pray?” and “How does God guide us?” A chance to meet other people in Year 7, share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that really matter.



Each Alpha session has a short film with questions for us to discuss. Everyone is welcome.

Friday lunchtimes 1:20pm in the Chapel.

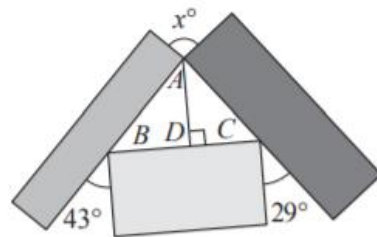
Year 7 Poetry Club

Miss Aushana is running a poetry club for Year 7 every Tuesday from the 11th May in E2 (3-3.45pm). This is an exciting opportunity to share some of your favourite poetry, talk about why you love poetry and even create some of your own! Any room changes will be communicated in advance.



Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- A As shown in the diagram, the perpendicular from A to BC meets BC at D . Because AD is parallel to two sides of the lower rectangle, $\angle BAD = 43^\circ$ and $\angle DAC = 29^\circ$ (corresponding angles in both cases). The angles at point A sum to 360° , so $43 + 29 + 90 + x + 90 = 360$ and hence $x = 108$.



Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- A Consider the units digits of the squares of the integers 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., 9. These are 0, 1, 4, 9, 6, 5, 6, 9, 4, 1. Note that none of these is 7, so no square ends in a 7.

Well done and epraise awards to Piotr Basinski (8T), Emerald Cardoso (10V), Gabriela Majewska (7T) Rebecca Conlon (11C), Izan Iglesias Trepiana (8M) for correct answers to both the Challenge and the break time teaser.

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Problem of the week

The answers to the three calculations below are to be written in descending order.

$$X \quad 0.6 \times 0.5 + 0.4$$

$$Y \quad 0.6 \times 0.5 \div 0.4$$

$$Z \quad 0.6 \times 0.5 \times 0.4$$

What is the correct order?

A YZX

B XYZ

C XZY

D YXZ

E ZYX

Break time Teaser:

What is the value of $(7 - 6 \times (-5)) - 4 \times (-3) \div (-2)$?

A -17

B -11

C 31

D 37

E 43

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

Design and Technology Department



Year 7

Some great exploration of paper forms in preparation for modelling their designs, we are delighted to see the creativity of some of our talented Year 7s and look forward to seeing their designs and models for the 'awards 2021' unit of work develop.



DT club: Make it- Year 7



Due to their enthusiasm and fantastic efforts a few projects are already nearing completion. Probably just a couple more sessions for these to be filled, tested and taken away!



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There are still a few extra spaces in the Year 7 DT Makers club. The club takes place in the DT workshops straight after-school on Mondays and Wednesdays 3-4pm (you are welcome to attend both or only one day). Please sign up by messaging Mrs Stacey on teams or sending an email.

Year 11

In-class written assessments begin this coming week for our Year 11 students of 'Food Preparation and Nutrition' and 'Design and Technology' Good luck to all involved.



DT Challenge: Send us your best....

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

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. ePraise points will be awarded for 'effective participation'

D&T Stars of the week



Alex Ellner 9 Peter for autonomous and proactive attitude to his DT work.

Year 11 chefs for their efforts in practical exams.

Anika Garnie, Liza Pereria, Natalia Kozluk, Nadia Ankiewicz-Heetun from Year 7, for particularly interesting exploration and modelling.

Emergency Supplies Needed!

St Vincent & The Grenadines

After the eruption of the Soufriere volcano in St Vincent and the Grenadines last month, thousands of people have been evacuated from their homes and towns. They are in great need of supplies and shelter at this time. As a school community, we're collecting items to send over to help these people in need. You will hear more about this in assembly next week.

For each student, please bring in 1x item suggested for your respective year group. Please bring items to the Chapel by Friday 21st May. The following items needed are:

Year 7: Bottled Water

Year 8: Tinned food

Year 9: Blankets/bed linen

Year 10: Blankets/bed linen

Year 11: Clothes items (t-shirts etc.)

Year 12 & 13: Soap

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St Joseph's Golf Tournament

St Joseph's is holding its first Golf Competition for our school community on Saturday 26th June. Please see the poster below and if you're interested contact Mr Gibbons at j.gibbons@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk.

A colorful poster for the St Joseph's Golf Tournament. At the top, a banner reads '26TH JUNE 2021 | WEXHAM PARK GOLF COURSE | FROM 11AM'. Below this is the school crest, a red shield with a white cross and the words 'CHRISTI DEFENSOR CUSTODI NOS' and 'ST JOSEPH'S' on a banner. The main title 'ST. JOSEPH'S GOLF TOURNAMENT' is prominently displayed, with the word 'GOLF' in large, stylized letters where the 'O' is a golf ball on a tee. Below the title, red text states 'All Welcome - £40 per person To Include Golf & a Sausage/Bacon Baguette and tea/coffee'. Further down, black text says 'MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO OUR 'MISSION TO THAILAND' CHARITY'. At the bottom, white text on a green background provides contact information: 'FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE MR. GIBBONS OR EMAIL: J.GIBBONS@ST-JOSEPHS.SLOUGH.SCH.UK'.

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GOLF

TOURNAMENT

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TVLP News

Mental Health Awareness Week: Mental Health and Nature. Speaker: Claire Thompson. Monday 10th May 2021, 8.30pm - 9.30pm. Free webinar open to students and staff at TVLP schools. [Sign up here.](#)

Journalism Society. Speaker: Boris Starling, Freelance journalist and novelist. Monday 10th May 2021, 8.30pm - 9.30pm. Free webinar open to students and staff at TVLP schools. [Sign up here.](#)

Mental Health Awareness Week: Botanical Art. Speaker: Helen Cousins. Tuesday 11th May 2021, 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Free webinar open to students and staff at TVLP schools. [Sign up here.](#)

Mental Health Awareness Week: Surf Therapy - Connecting Communities to the Ocean and Mental Health. Speaker: Ronell Jordaan, Business Development Manager for Waves for Change. Tuesday 11th May 2021, 8.30pm - 9.30pm. Free webinar open to students and staff from TVLP schools. [Sign up here.](#)

The Christian Unions. Speaker: Giles Cattermole, Team Leader at UCCF London and A&E consultant. Tuesday 11th May 2021, 8.45pm. Free webinar open to students and staff from TVLP schools. [Sign up here.](#)

Careers in Digital Media & Advertising. Speaker: Nick Evans, Director, Social and Digital Team, Hills Balfour. Tuesday 11th May 2021, 8.30pm - 9.30pm. Free webinar open to students and staff from TVLP schools. Organised by Eton College. To attend, email your full name and school email address to info@tvlp.org.uk

The Big Data Revolution in Medicine. Speaker: Dr Siegfried Wagner. Siegfried is a Medical Research Council Clinical Fellow dividing his time between clinical ophthalmology at Moorfields Eye Hospital and as a research scientist at UCL. He will discuss the impact of big data analytics and AI in medicine. Thursday 13th May 2021, 8.30pm - 9.30pm. Free webinar open to students and staff from TVLP schools. Organised by Eton College. To attend, email your full name and school email address to info@tvlp.org.uk

Mental Health and The Environment. Speaker: Clover Hogan. Clover is a 21-year-old climate activist. 'Why you feel anxious about climate change and what you can do about it'. Friday 14th May, 8.30pm - 9.30pm. Free webinar open to students and staff from TVLP schools. [Sign up here.](#)

An Adventure State of Mind. From climbing in the Peak District to exploring mountains around the globe. Speaker: James Pearson. Friday 14th May, 8.30pm - 9.30pm. Free webinar open to students and staff from TVLP schools. [Sign up here.](#)

Eton Environmental Week, 24th - 28th May 2021. Free webinar talks open to students and staff from TVLP schools. See attached for details. To attend, email your full name and school email address to info@tvlp.org.uk

TVLP World Environment Day webinar. Tuesday 8th June 2021, 4.00pm – 6.00pm. Free webinar focusing on biodiversity issues, with speakers from the Canal & River Trust, #MoreThanWeeds, & Eton College's Natural History Museum. Open to students and staff from TVLP schools. A poster with additional details is attached. [Sign up via Eventbrite.](#)

Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Tyreese Chatyoka and Gabriel Konarski for being really hardworking in Art and Technology.

Year 9

Blaike Stamp for being eloquent and articulating himself in a mature way.

Madi Rawcliffe for being discerning and helping a fellow student.

Year 11

George Rathmill for his excellent leadership and performance on St Joseph's Day.

Nirvanah Buchanan for her excellent positive attitude towards all her studies.

Year 13

Eron Holloway for a much improved ATL and for his positive involvement in St. Joseph's Day and Aliyah Ankomah for arranging leavers hoodies for all Year 13 students.

Year 8

Karolina Strycharczuk (8P) for excellence in Spanish and Jermaine Chatyoka (8C) for his commitment and dedication to his studies this week.

Year 10

Aaron Cabasa and Saffron Lambourne for being discerning with their support in helping fellow students in the year group.

Year 12

Alejandrina Pereira and Mandla Chigogwana for consistent hard work and positive attitude in lessons.