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# ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to meet the parents of the new Year 7 students earlier this week and share the plan of the year for the students. Thank you to all those who were here in such numbers. I'll be writing to those who could not attend early next week. With all year groups having a Welcome evening and meet the form tutors in the next few weeks it would be helpful if you are in the position where you can't make it, please do let us know in advance.

### **Open Evening next Thursday**

We'll be hosting our Open Evening for prospective students and parents 2022-23 next Thursday 16th September 5pm – 8pm. This means that the school will have an early closure on the 16th September of 1.30pm to enable staff to prepare and students will be required to go home. Lunch will be served as normal up to that

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point and hotmeals will still be available at 1.25pm for those that wish to have one on the later lunch for Years 7 & 11 and the Sixth Form.

Students involved will have been given a letter for parental consent which must be returned with your permission for children to come along in the evening and help out.

Although restrictions are significantly lifted at present we'll still be undertaking a number of precautionary measures. We've restricted the number of visitors on the Evening and bookings are essential through the school website. All visitors will have to be guided and will be brought along a prescribed route to avoid unnecessary mixing of groupings where possible.

The students have been super on their first week back which was completed with the first whole school mass since 19th December 2019. It was a truly spiritual occasion celebrated by Father Chris who, without exaggeration, left a number of us a little emotional. It's great to be back.

Have a super weekend.

St Joseph, Pray for us,

Ciran Stapleton

## **Theme of the Week**

### **Disciples**

The theme for our week is 'Disciples', allowing us to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Jesus. But what does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? Jesus says in the Gospel; "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it." He wants us to follow Him, taking His example of loving others, particularly our neighbours, and having Him at the centre of all that we do.

#### **How are you going to love your neighbours, those you meet today?**

In these words of Jesus, there is an invitation to 'take up our cross'. This means to take all that we experience in our day-to-day lives, the joy and the challenges and putting our trust in Him. By putting our trust in Jesus and sharing with Him everything in our lives by praying to Him, we can know that He is walking with us.

#### **What do you want to pray about today?**

Finally, Jesus in the Gospel asks His disciples; "Who do you say I am?"

**How would you answer this question? What titles or names do you know for Jesus?**

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## Year 7 News

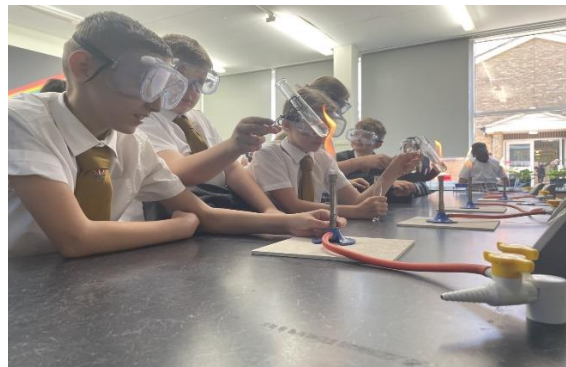
It has been wonderful to welcome our year 7 students into our St Joseph's Family in person. We have had a wonderful week. I have most enjoyed watching friendships blossom between students who were strangers to each other a week ago. The love and compassion shared between Year 7 has encapsulated what it is to be a St Joseph's Student.

Thank you to all who attended the Year 7 Welcome Evening on Tuesday. It was wonderful to welcome you to our family, and say welcome again to some familiar faces.

There have been a few students with incorrect elements of uniform. I ask that these are rectified by Monday. If you need any help getting the elements of the uniform, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's form tutor.

I really look forward to working alongside you all over the following years.

Have a restful weekend  
Miss N O'Connor



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## **Year 8 News**

What a great start to the term. Can I remind you to follow the uniform policy, there have been a few pupils not adhering to the rules. This needs to be rectified by Monday. Remember attendance is key to performance in lessons. A reminder that Year 8 information evening on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 5.00 I would love to see as many parents and students there.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Dunleavy

## **Year 9 News**

Dear Year 9,

It has been so fantastic to see you all back! You have been attentive and curious in starting your GCSE Options and I hope you have thoroughly enjoyed the new topics you have learnt with your teachers this week. Uniform and standards amongst most have been exceptional so please let's keep this up as we enter a full week. A few reminders of things coming up within the year group:

- Year 6 Open Evening, Thursday 16th September 4:30-8pm. Thank you to those Year 9 students who will be helping out with the Open Evening. Please return your consent slips to the main office on Monday.
- Year 9 Welcome and Introduction Evening will be held on Wednesday 29th September. Letters regarding this will follow.
- All homework is set on SatchelOne
- Year 9 have been given a transition workbook to complete as homework. They must complete the activities for their Core Subjects (English, Maths, Science, Religion) and then their 4 option subjects only. This is due in on Monday 27th September and needs to be handed into their form tutor. Students who do not complete the booklet will be staying after school to do so until it is complete. Further information is on SatchelOne, but please get in touch if you have any questions.
- Year 9's new location for their break and lunch times is the Quad. They can get food from the Quad at break and lunch. From 12:40pm they can also get food from the Canteen.

Let's keep our standards high next week within the classroom and around school. A polite reminder of our 5 student non-negotiables:

1. Arrive on time, ready to learn and fully equipped.
2. Wear full uniform with pride.
3. Listen to one another. Never talk over a member of staff or your peers; if you wish to contribute to a lesson raise your hand and wait to be selected by a member of staff, never shout out.
4. Respect the learning community by doing as you are asked by members of staff immediately; you will never be asked to do something unreasonable.
5. Walk around school safely and calmly.

I would also like to give a warm welcome to our new Deputy Head of Year, Miss Pisavadia. Miss Pisavadia is a teacher of business and economics and will be working with the Year 9 Team. If you need to reach her, her email address is: p.pisavadia@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Have a blessed weekend,  
Miss WD

## **Year 11 News**

Well done on such a great start Year 11. We have our Information Evening on Wednesday and I am looking forward to seeing all of your parents/carers then and introducing myself in person. Have a great weekend and I will see you all Monday morning.

## **Sixth Form News**

A big welcome back to all year 13 students this week. You have made an excellent start; uniform is looking good and the hard work in lessons has begun. Remember the key priorities for this half term are:

- Complete personal statement and make sure it's checked by your form tutor and Mrs Bray.
- Create revision timetable and start preparing for centre assessments.
- Continue with super curricular reading and activities

Whilst we are slowly getting back to normal covid has not disappeared so please make sure you continue to have a flow test twice a week and sanitise regularly when entering the buildings and classrooms.

On Friday, we celebrated mass as a whole school. Thank you to all the year 13 students who helped to set up, sing and read during mass.

Next week PSHE will be on Monday period 3.

Have a great week  
Mrs Bray

## **Safeguarding**

**The Marie Collins Foundation is offering Parents and Carers a free online workshop on awareness to online harm and ways to safeguard and support your child in this. Please find attached a leaflet with more information.**

## **Geography News**

Geography club begins again on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September for Years 7-9 in T16 3:05-3:45. Students should bring with them some empty plastic bottles and wrappers ready for recycling into ecobricks. Students who have already attended pre-covid will still have their attendance used towards their eco-school badges! We are excited to make ecobricks with both new and previously existing members! If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Boland

## **Satchel One**

For those of you with children in years 8-11 and 13, you will know that we launched the use of the Satchel One platform last year for recording homework. This year we have expanded our use of Satchel One so that not only do we record homework, but also positive incidents, and detentions. Through your parent account you can see this information about your child. If you set up an account last year, nothing changes, you will just see more information on your child. If you didn't have an account last year, you will receive a letter with how to set up your account, and the code to link your account with your child. At your welcome evening, your child's head of year will also talk you through the use of Satchel One. If you have any questions, please do contact me on [e.paines@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:e.paines@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)

## **Important Changes to Traffic Flow and Parking**

Recent changes to traffic flow and parking

We wanted to alert you to a couple of changes to traffic and parking restrictions which have happened recently very near to school and that were brought into clear focus by a visit from some parking attendants last Friday afternoon.

In the past, the curved road leading up to the access road to the school gate used to be two way. Just before the end of last term this was changed and it is now one way only. This is marked by a blue/white one way sign and red/white no entry sign at either end, however it is not immediately clear if you are leaving from the school gates due to an absence of signage. Please ensure you turn left once leaving the straight spur road down from. Additionally, new parking restrictions have come into force along the curved road and it appears that Slough Council are keen to enforce this. Having spoken with them last week it sounds like there might be some uniformed visitors around school closure time over the next week or so. To ensure student safety, a smooth flow of traffic, courtesy to our neighbours, as well as avoiding any disappointment resulting from our uniformed friends handing out tickets, please could we ask you to observe the new restrictions. Should you need to park near to school then there are residential roads around the corner within a minute's walk from school, which would allow you to meet your child at 3pm without either adding to the congestion or receiving any unwanted tickets. Many thanks in advance for your help with this.



## Art News

St. Josephs High School **Art department** would like to cordially invite you after school to join us, on Tuesday or Wednesday in A1 or A2. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **KS3 Art Club**

**A2**

Tuesday

3-4pm

(Miss Irvine)

### **KS4 Study Surgery (Art - Exam classes)**

**A1**

Wednesday

3-4.30pm

(Ms Aldridge)







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## Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- A In the diagram shown,  $T$  is the foot of the perpendicular from  $R$  to  $PQ$  produced. Consider triangle  $QTR$ . Angle  $QTR = 90^\circ$  and, because the sum of angles on a straight line =  $180^\circ$ , angle  $RQT = (180 - 2 \times 60)^\circ = 60^\circ$ . So  $\sin 60^\circ = \frac{RT}{QR}$  and hence
- $$RT = QR \times \sin 60^\circ = 2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3}.$$
- Also  $\cos 60^\circ = \frac{QT}{QR}$ , so
- $$QT = QR \times \cos 60^\circ = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1.$$
- Therefore  $PT = 7$ .
- By Pythagoras' Theorem,  $PR^2 = PT^2 + TR^2 = 7^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 = 49 + 3 = 52$ . So  $PR = \sqrt{52} = \sqrt{4 \times 13} = 2\sqrt{13}$ .



## Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- A From the given information, the sum of Megan's first three numbers is  $-9$ , the sum of her first four numbers is  $16$ , and the sum of her first five numbers is  $-25$ .

Therefore the fourth number is  $16 - (-9) = 25$ , and the fifth number is  $-25 - 16 = -41$ . The difference between them is  $25 - (-41) = 66$ .

## Problem of the week

The equilateral triangle and regular hexagon shown have perimeters of the same length.

What is the ratio of the area of the triangle to the area of the hexagon?

A 5 : 6

B 4 : 5

C 3 : 4

D 2 : 3

E 1 : 1



## Break time Teaser:

What is a half of a third, plus a third of a quarter, plus a quarter of a fifth?

A  $\frac{1}{1440}$

B  $\frac{3}{38}$

C  $\frac{1}{30}$

D  $\frac{1}{3}$

E  $\frac{3}{10}$

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

## **Pupil Nominations of the Week**

### **Year 7**

Taia Butler for her loving attitude towards her peers, and Ryan Passos-Wiggs for his curious na-

### **Year 9**

Jose Osei-Agyarko and Jayden Baron for their contribution to whole school mass this morning

### **Sixth Form**

Chelsea, Emma, Mariana, Aiden, Karan and Stephanie for helping out with the year 7 transition days

### **Year 8**

Alicia Kasongo for an excellent start in her studies  
Gabriel Konarski for being such a keen bean to back learning the St Josephs way

### **Year 10**

Matteo Mennone and Ava Scott for speaking so eloquently in mass

Leah Walls, Edina Vinojan, Elisabeth Tesfamariam for their excellent contribution to the choir.

### **Year 11**

Students of the week for being first to offer their assistance with open evening:  
Daisy Loft and Cameron Martin