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ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



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From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here's some good news; Jayden Meghoma has earned a place in the England Men's U15's Football Squad. We wish him the very best of luck in his forthcoming squad camp in a few weeks. And congratulations to Collette Cooper who will be returning to the family of St Joseph's as SENDCo, starting in September.

Please do see our Chaplain's notices for our outreach help to the island of St Vincent. One of our staff, Mr Watson, is from the area and he has close contacts there who have asked for our help. As St Joseph was the man who said 'yes', it's right and fitting we should do what we can to help.

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Covid Updates

On Monday 10 May the Prime Minister announced that the country will move to Step 3 of the roadmap on Monday 17 May.

What this means for us at St Joseph's.

Overnight stays will be permitted, which means that schools will be able to organise trips with overnight stays from Monday 17 May. This means the offer of a residential at Eton (run by the school and staff) can go ahead. We're looking for 4 students from Year 10 who would like to attend a residential week at Eton College (all paid for by Eton). If you think your child would benefit from this please ask them to see Ms Cheston by 20th May by the latest (further details are in the Newsletter).

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

The wearing of masks is now:

- *Not essential* from Monday 17th in classes or in corridors for students. However, we will need to remain alert to the local situation. Students can continue to wear masks around the school and in classrooms if they wish.
- *Essential* on public transport including the school bus.
- *Essential* for staff outside of classes where social distancing is not possible (for example, when in communal areas and moving around in corridors).

Although at a National level masks are now not recommended, it's possible that local areas may require students and staff to wear masks if, for example, local variants are discovered or there is a rapid rise in reported cases. We speak with Slough Borough Council weekly to this end and they are very much 'on the ball' with what's happening.

All other efforts to minimise the risk of infection will remain in place. We will be required to keep all the other measures we have in place such as washing of hands, social distancing, maintaining year group bubbles, staggered finishes, use of sanitisers, keeping windows open, one way systems etc.

Have a cracking weekend,

St Joseph, pray for us.

Ciran Stapleton

Theme of the Week – Truth

Truth is the theme for this week, which links in very well with the word ‘truthful’ from the St Joseph’s Pupil Profile, one of the words for this half term. In the Gospel, Jesus says; “Your word is truth”. The word of God, the words Jesus receives from the Father is all truth. Jesus wants us to trust in God’s word because it is through His word that we receive true life. In this Gospel from St John, Jesus is in dialogue with God the Father. Jesus speaks the truth about wanting us to be kept safe, to be protected and to not be lost. God loves each of us and we hear this in these words of Jesus. We belong to Him; we are children of God.

What does the word ‘truth’ mean to you? What examples can you think of when we talk about the ‘truth’?

How does it make you feel knowing that you are a child of God?

The words of Jesus in this Gospel are often known as the ‘priestly prayer of Christ’. He is offering everything to the Father, giving all that He has done within His ministry to God the Father, giving the Glory to Him. This is the example we must also follow, giving of ourselves to God and giving the glory to God. One of the words that Jesus says in the Gospel is ‘consecrate’. He says it twice in this passage of scripture. What does this word mean? It means to set aside for God, set aside for holiness, to be holy. At baptism, we are all consecrated as sons and daughters of God. But what does it mean to be holy?

To be holy is to try to live our lives with God at the centre of all we do. St Teresa of Calcutta said; “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love”.

What small things can you do today with great love?

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Year 7 News

There have been some great lessons going on this week from Shakespeare in Drama to Rivers and Waterfalls in Geography. Can I remind you that to achieve you must make sure you are in school every day and on time. Next week there will be a Bake Sale, please see Stuart's post below and also a film night with popcorn. There will be lots going on for you all to participate in so keep your eyes peeled.

Year 7 there is a special and exclusive event for you... A BAKE SALE

We weren't able to keep it a secret and now everyone is talking about it so be alert because if you miss it, you won't be able to taste delicious cakes and cookies.

Here's what's on offer:

Handmade cookies and cupcakes. They were made specially for you so that you can taste the delicious treats to the fullest extent!

The bake sale will be in the Drama room (Mrs Dunleavy's room) on the 17th May. Cupcakes will cost £1 and cookies will cost 50p.

All the money raised will go towards the school's Mission to Thailand trip in 2022. So while you're eating delicious food and having fun with your friends you will also be helping a good cause!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy

Year 8 News

Dear Year 8,

Well done on a great week! In Geography this week Year 8 started a new topic 'Development and Globalisation' which looks at how the world has developed to the highly connected and technologically advanced world we live in today. In Drama students have been devising their own piece of work using a stimulus based on the work of Banksy - there have been some really interesting ideas, particularly in 8 Jerome and 8 Cecilia. I cannot wait to watch the final pieces! In Science, 8X3 have been learning about Electricity and Magnetism with Mr Robinson and in Maths, students are learning how to use Speed, Distance and Time and are applying this skill to real life situations.

I hope you enjoy these photos from St Joseph's Day:



Have a blessed and safe weekend,

Miss WD

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Year 9 News

An excellent week at St Joseph's with lots of incredible learning going on in Year 9. Although the weather hasn't been bright, the uniform has been sparkling this week; a massive improvement on previous weeks. Please make sure that pupils are only wearing one stud per ear and hoodies are not coming into school.

Parents' Evening is coming up shortly, which is a great opportunity to ask any questions you have to subject teachers.

Year 9 Parents' Evening – Thursday 27th May 2021

Year 9 Parents' Evening will be taking place online this year due to the current restrictions. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss your son/daughter's recent academic report and progress made since the last report, including any concerns you may have.

- All appointments will take place on Thursday 27th May from 3.30 pm – 6.30pm.
- Students can book appointments with their teachers or you can email your son/daughter's teachers directly.
- Appointments will be 5-10 minutes maximum.
- Meetings will take place via your son/daughter's Microsoft Teams ID/account. The teacher will call you via teams at the appropriate time.
- Students should be present during the meeting, but should not meet online with a teacher on their own. So we can verify this, the camera should be switched on for the duration of the meeting. If you have any further questions or wish to seek clarification, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me here at the school.

If for any reason you cannot attend Parents' Evening, please let your child's form tutor know as soon as possible.

Mr Robinson

Head of Year 9

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Year 10 News

Amazing opportunity at Eton College for Year 10 students-Summer 2021

Eton College has invited 4 Year 10 students from each of the local schools to join them in a new partnership initiative called '**Eton Connect**'.

Eton Connect will be running a new residential summer school for Year 10 students, which will be held at Eton College from **Monday 26th to Friday 30th July 2021**.

The course content is designed to develop young peoples' skills in leadership, confidence, resilience, creative problem solving and collaboration.

If you would be interested in spending a week at Eton College and have the resilience to cope with a week away from home and you feel you can represent the school with calmness, intelligence and maturity. Academically, as a guide, you should be aiming to achieve grade 5s and 6s at GCSE or better in the majority of your subjects.

Students will arrive for 12pm on Monday and leave after lunch on Friday. Activities are timetabled from 8am to 10pm daily with 24 hour staff support. Each student will have their own room in a single-sex boarding house, though bathrooms will be shared. Eton has organised summer schools for over 40 years and the team has real

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expertise in keeping children safe while giving them a wonderful experience. While the course is free, we would ask parents to take responsibility for getting the students to and from Eton at the beginning and end of the course.

If this is something you would be interested in please can I ask you to write me a letter expressing your interest and why you feel you would be a suitable candidate and how you would benefit from this experience.

Miss Cheston

Year 11 News

Dear Year 11,

We are nearly there! Only two more weeks left of assessments and you are done. I am very proud of how hard you are all working at the moment, so please keep it up. Please see below for the assessments for next week, and they are starting to ease up a bit! Continue to prepare and revise as much as possible for each assessment as the hard work will certainly pay off.

Monday 17th: **Period 1:** History, PE & Music (11b) **Period 3:** PE (Mr Hunt) Health & Social Care

Tuesday 18th: **Period 1:** Business, & Health & Social Care DT & PE (Mr Hunt) **Period 2:** English (X band) **Period 3:** Child Development, Computing, Business (11A) **Period 4:** English (Y Band)

Wednesday 19th: **Period 2:** History (11C) **Period 3:** English (11Y1)

Thursday 20th: **Period 4:** Vocational Business, Geography (11C) **Period 5:** Child Development, Geography & Food written (11A). Food Practical 1.30 - 3.30

Friday 21st: **Period 1:** English (Y band) **Period 2:** English (X band) **Period 3:** Computer Science, Geography, PE & Music (11b) **Period 4:** Physics (X band) **Period 5:** Physics (Y band)

Prom:

The final payment for Prom has been set at £30, so if you paid the deposit you only need to pay the remaining £20. If you missed the deadline for the deposit, then don't worry, you can still pay the full amount of £30. All payment must be made on Parent Pay. The deadline for final payment is **Friday 28th May**. If you do not pay by then, you will not be able to go. If you have any issues with ParentPay please contact Mr Smith on j.smith@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk.

Uniform:

Please can you continue to keep the standards for uniform high. This means that shoe schools must be worn on days where there is no PE. On days of PE, leggings are NOT acceptable for the females. If you don't have a skort/black trousers, please come into school in your school uniform and you can change into PE kit before the lesson. Please notify Mr Oakley if you have any concerns about this.

Two more weeks Year 11!

Stay Safe, Stay Excellent!

Mr Oakley

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Sixth Form News

UCAS update – from Tuesday 18th May, Year 12 will be able to create their UCAS account. You will find all of the information and guidance that students, parents and carers need on our website, here:

<https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/applying-to-university/>

I will provide further information and guidance for parents in the coming term, for now here are the key dates to be aware of:

End of Term Year 13 Arrangements – parents and carers of Year 13 will receive details for end of term arrangements by letter early next week. This will outline:

- The end of term date.
- When students may no longer attend lessons for a particular subject.
- Provision put in place for continued preparatory work for university and work.
- An exit form with instructions on return of resources, such as the iPad. Please ensure your son or daughter complete this by the date of their final assessment.

Wellbeing – the sixth form team have put together some resources to promote good wellbeing for students and you can find them here: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/about-us/wellbeing/>

Mr Clark

Year 12

With only a few weeks to go until half term keep up the high standards in lessons and around the school. Make sure you are completing/registering your home testing kits. This is really important to keep everyone safe.

Your centre assessments will begin on 23rd June. Use your revision timetable and PLC to focus your studies.

On the 24th May you will begin your week's virtual work experience. This will be in school and you will have the opportunity to take part in a series of workshops and live interactions. Further information on this will be shared during form time next week so please make sure you attend and read the notices given.

PSHE next week will be on Monday 17th May period 3. It will focus on setting up your UCAS account. Please bring your iPads to this session and ensure they are fully charged.

Have a great week.

Mrs Bray

Year 13

A huge well done and congratulations to all Year 13 students that have completed assessments this week as I know it has been a tough schedule for some students. Also, good luck to all those students with assessments this coming week- we are almost there and the majority of you should be finished by the end of next week!

Moving forward, there are lots of plans underway for the Leavers celebrations, there will be a Year 13 Liturgy on Friday 28th May followed by a BBQ celebration after school. If anyone is interested in performing, please see me. Leavers Hoodies are in the process of being organised, which students will hopefully be able to order online in the next few days. Final cost is yet to be confirmed but I believe it will be £18.99 and £3.99 for delivery to your home. In addition, Year 13 Prom is booked for Friday 2nd July at Wexham Park Golf Course with tickets available through ParentPay.

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Finally, any students that are still waiting for universities to respond to their applications, I would recommend that you contact their admissions team to chase them for a response. A reminder for those that have received all their offers, the deadline to choose your Firm and Insurance choice is Thursday 10th June.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Matthews



We are delighted to announce that a former Head Girl of St Joseph's, Simran Ghotra, has won a place (of only three available) on the Diana, Princess of Wales Scholarship, at The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple to undertake the Bar Practical Training Course (BPTC) in order to become a Barrister. As well as this, Simran has also been accepted to complete her Pupillage (needed to practice as a Barrister) at Two Harcourt Buildings from September 2022. Two Harcourt Buildings is a specialist criminal set deeply rooted in principles of excellence and forward thinking. It has a reputation for formidable, high-quality counsel. It has always been seen as an excellent choice for the highest profile work, including The Angry Brigade Bombing Campaign trials, the 90-Defendant 'Handless Corpse' trials, and the Blue Arrow and Guinness Frauds.

Both with the Scholarship and Pupillage, Simran was competing with hundreds of other applicants. This is a massive achievement and we are so proud of her achievements. Simran always embodies the spirit of St Joseph's and we hope our students can look to Simran as inspiration and 'Unlock Belief in All' they do and realise their own potential. Simran will be popping into St Joseph's before the summer holidays to give a talk to our Year 12 students. Well done again Simran!




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Mock Trials News

Congratulations to the team below for winning the case this week!

Next week Tuesday (18/05/2021) the Defense team goes head to head with our competitive school's Prosecution team. Wishing you all the best.

Prosecution team:

Leah Walls (Lawyer), Shanti Kumar (Lawyer), Matteo Mennone (Prosecution Witness/ Rowan/Bank Clerk), Nicola Szuba (Prosecution Witness/ Sam/ Fraud Police), Ava Scott (Witness/ Quinn/ Full time stylist)

Magistrates

Hannah Marie Anaya, Mary Jane Visitacion, Annabell Lysiak

Legal Advisor

Igor Galka

Usher

Phoebe Byrne

Music Department News

From Monday, the music department will be open for different year groups through the week. Please see the timetable below for information on what will be on.

 Music Department: Extra-Curricular Clubs Summer Term - 2021 					
Time of Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Year 7 Vox	Year 8 Vox	Year 9 Vox	Year 10 Vox
Break	Year 8 Practice Rooms	Year 9 Practice Rooms	Year 10 Practice Rooms	Year 7 Practice Rooms	
Lunch	Year 7 Band		Year 8 Band		
After school 3-3:50pm	GCSE Music Support				

Break Time Practise: Students must book a room before school.

Band: Year 7 and 8 Band invites all singers and instrumentalists to form a **Big Band** to learn and perform pieces of music together. This is ideal if you want to learn or re-learn an instrument or sing. Suggestions for songs are welcome.

Vox – This singing group will focus on a variety of pieces, including worship and popular songs. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome.

Please Speak to Miss Ure if you have any questions. **Singers will still need to bring a face mask with them**

Instrumental Lessons

We have teachers from Slough Music Service coming to St Joseph's to teach a variety of instruments. Currently we have teachers for piano/keyboard, flute, voice, guitar with the potential for other strings, brass, woodwind instruments or drum kit.

If you are interested in taking up lessons, please see the Slough Music Service website or speak to Miss Ure.

<https://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk/For-Pupils/Lessons-in-School>

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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

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.

Drama News

There has been a Teams set up for anyone who would like to be in the next school production which will be "Made in Dagenham". If you are interested and haven't been added please see Mrs Dunleavy or Miss Stone as soon as possible. Auditions will be after half term in year group bubbles. Hopefully we can get rehearsing all together soon as I know many of you have missed it especially me.

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Solution to last Week's Puzzler

D The answers to the three calculations are as follows:

X $0.6 \times 0.5 + 0.4 = 0.3 + 0.4 = 0.7;$

Y $0.6 \times 0.5 \div 0.4 = 0.3 \div 0.4 = 3 \div 4 = 0.75;$

Z $0.6 \times 0.5 \times 0.4 = 0.3 \times 0.4 = 0.12.$

So the correct order is YXZ.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

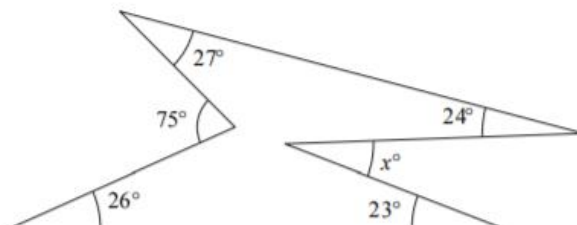
C The value of $(7 - 6 \times (-5)) - 4 \times (-3) \div (-2) = 7 + 30 + 12 \div (-2) = 37 + (-6) = 31.$

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

Problem of the week

In the diagram, what is the value of x ?

A 23 B 24 C 25 D 26 E 27



Break time Teaser:

Which of the following fractions is closest to 1?

A $\frac{7}{8}$

B $\frac{8}{7}$

C $\frac{9}{10}$

D $\frac{10}{11}$

E $\frac{11}{10}$

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

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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 blue banner contains the text '26TH JUNE 2021 | WEXHAM PARK GOLF COURSE | FROM 11AM'. Below this is the St Joseph's 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 'GOLF' in large, stylized letters where the 'O' is a golf ball on a tee. The background features a blue sky with clouds and a green grassy field. At the bottom, red text states 'All Welcome - £40 per person To Include Golf & a Sausage/Bacon Baguette and tea/coffee'. Below that, black text says 'MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO OUR 'MISSION TO THAILAND' CHARITY'. At the very 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'.

Design and Technology Department

Year 7+8



What a delight! Year 7 and 8 are now back to cooking! The past week has seen some delicious dairy free scones by Year 8s and Year 7s finally demonstrating some of their food preparation skills in creating coleslaw from scratch. We look forward to the coming weeks and the continued delights coming from the kitchen!



DT club: Make it- Year 7



We are so pleased: this week our numbers grew!! The original makers helped coach the newer members who were able to progress really quickly! It is wonderful to see Year 7 learning new skills and making with such enthusiasm 😊. There are still a few extra spaces in the Year 7 DT Makers club. The club will take place in the DT workshops straight after-school on Mondays and Wednesdays 3-4pm (you are welcome to come both or only one day). Please sign up by messaging Mrs Stacey on teams or sending an email.

Year 11

In-class written assessments continue this coming week for our Year 11 students of 'Food Preparation and Nutrition' and 'Design and Technology' good luck to all involved. We also look forward to the 2nd group of Year 11 chefs completing their practical tasks. Last weeks really impressed, well done on your efforts Year 11.

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



Mrs Gunn and Mrs Hill for their supreme efforts and support as KS3 food groups returned to practicals.

Mr Deans for the much appreciated and continued spruce up of the DT workshops.

Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7 Szymon Przerwa (7T) for excellence in History and Mia Ramanathan (7C) for excellence in Music.	Year 8 Chauntell Filipowicz and Adrian Jurys for consistent excellent work in Drama.
Year 9 Hebron Yosuf for being proactive about his homework. Martyna Trzeciak for an excellent attitude to learning in Spanish and Science.	Year 10 Kilian Torok-Pena and Aoife Molloy for their resilience and positive approach to school.
Year 11 Caroline Gibbons and Creflo Mensah for their excellent work ethic this week.	Year 12 Kumbi Dzumbunu for outstanding classwork in Business and Alicia Addo for outstanding classwork in Computing.
Year 13 Patryk Cwielag for showing a huge improvement in his attendance, punctuality and ATL in lessons and Aleks Cieslik for showing a marked improvement in her punctuality to school.	