

St Joseph's

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, 17 December 2021

NEWSLETTER



"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/20211216-181151-1-V2.m4v>

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas.

St Joseph, pray for us

Ciran

Spring Term Dates 2022

Spring Term

Term Begins Tuesday 4th January 2022 - LAT Flow Testing

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Whole School Returns

Half Term Monday 21st February 2022 – Friday 25th February 2022

Term Ends Friday 8th April 2022 (12:30pm finish)

New Behaviour for Learning Policy

After the Christmas break we are introducing a new behaviour for learning policy with a view to supporting the children achieve even higher standards in their learning.

Please find attached to the Newsletter, a letter from our Deputy Head Teacher along with a reminder of our uniform code of conduct and equipment list.

Miss Riddles

LAT flow testing schedule Tuesday January 4 2022

Location: Drama Studio. Students should arrive in school uniform

Students should only come in at the allocated times and then they should return back home.

Time	Year group
8.00-8.30	7C 7J 7M
8.30-9.00	7P 7T 7V
9.00-9.30	8C 8J 8M
9.30-10.00	8P 8T 8V
10.30-11.00	9C 9J 9M
11.00-11.30	9P 9T 9V
11.30-12.00	10C 10J 10M
12.00-12.30	10P 10T 10V
1.00-1.30	11C 11J 11M
1.30-2.00	11P 11T 11V
2.00-2.45	YEAR 12
2.45-3.30	YEAR 13

Uniform Update

We will be returning to the normal school ties from the 4th January 2022.

Our Year 7s will be presented with a tie during registration upon return first day back to school. If you have lost your normal school tie a replacement can be purchased on ParentPay.

Sixth Form Parents Evening

Our **Sixth Form Parents Evening** is on the 6th January 2022.

Appointments will be available from **4:15pm-7pm** and this will be **online via Teams**. Staff will call students on their Teams account at the allotted time. Please ensure students have their iPads charged, ready for the meeting.

This is an invaluable opportunity for students and parents/carers to receive personalised feedback from teachers for improvement but also advice on UCAS, apprenticeships or anything pastoral.

Whilst staff have been booking appointments with students already, I would reiterate the message that I gave to students in that the more proactive they are in seeking staff will aid them to ensuring they get the appointment, at the time they wish.**January 2022 Exam Schedule**

Please note the January Exams timetable as follows:

Exam Date	Exam Board	Qualification	Subject	Title	Exam time	Duration	Cohort
10/01/2022	OCR	Cambridge national	Creative iMedia	Pre-Production skills	PM	1hr 15m	Y11
12/01/2022	OCR	Cambridge national	Child Dev	Health & Wellbeing for child development	AM	1hr 15m	Yr10 &11
12/01/2022	OCR	Cambridge national	Enterprise	Enterprise & Marketing concepts	AM	1hr 30m	Yr11
12/01/2022	Pearson	Btec	Sport	Sport (Controlled Assess)	AM	2hrs 30m	Y13
17/01/2022	Pearson	BTEC	Health & social	Exam	AM	1hr 30m	Y13
21/01/2022	Pearson	BTEC	Performing Arts	(Controlled Assess)	AM	3hrs	Yr12

REWARDS DAY – Mega Inflatables

This past Tuesday saw our November Behaviour Challenge winners enjoying the fruits of their labour!

The challenge rewarded the **Top 15** pupils in every year group for attaining the most positive behaviour points that they could accrue that month. *Mega Inflatables* came in for the day and those pupils with their **Golden Ticket** could access a variety of events throughout the day. They eagerly participated in events such as; wrecking ball, bungee run, dash and grab, basketball shootout and a good old fashioned bouncy castle. From January, the rewards shop will be back up and running with some fantastic items to be purchased. Do look out for future rewards events, I plan for there to be many to come. Have a lovely Christmas, be safe and all the best for 2022.

Mr Dann



THEME OF THE WEEK – Epiphany!

As we begin a new term and a new year, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus. They bring Him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. We don't actually know how many Magi there were, but we often think there were three of them because of the three gifts that they brought to Him. These three gifts are significant and reveal to us something about Jesus. Gold – Jesus being a king - gold symbolises wealth; Frankincense – a symbol of deity, Jesus being God, frankincense being a perfume; Myrrh – an embalming oil symbolising Jesus' death.

If you were to give Jesus a gift, what would you give Him and why?

We all have things in our life that we treasure. Especially as we have celebrated Christmas, we reflect on the people we treasure, the memories we have, and the gifts we may have received.

What things in your life do you treasure? Why do you treasure them?

As we look forward to the year ahead, what is it that you are hoping for?

We hear in the Gospel for the Feast of the Epiphany; 'When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.' – The Magi understood what the star pointed to; the child Jesus. The star was quite an obvious sign or symbol, showing them where to find Jesus.

Can you think of times when you have seen or experienced the presence of God in your life?

How can you become more aware of His presence in your day-to-day life?

Epiphany

Weekly Reflections
3rd January 2022



Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi; that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the saviour of humankind; to whom be glory for ever.
Amen.

A reading from St Matthew's Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Day 1

We celebrate the feast of the Epiphany this week, the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus. We don't actually know how many Magi there were, but we often think there were three of them because of the three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These three gifts are significant and reveal to us something about Jesus. Gold - Jesus being a king - gold symbolises wealth; Frankincense - a symbol of deity, Jesus being God, frankincense being a perfume; Myrrh - an embalming oil symbolising Jesus' death. If you were to give Jesus a gift, what would you give Him and why?

Day 2

'When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.' - The Magi understood what the star pointed to; the child Jesus. The star was quite an obvious sign or symbol, showing them where to find Jesus. What Christian signs and symbols can you think of? What do they present? Example: cross, candle, water etc.

Day 5

Lord Jesus, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, help us to remember all that we have received is a gift from you. Help us too, to share these gifts with those around us.
Amen.

Day 3

Prayer Petitions

One way in which we can pray is to petition or intercede for others. It's praying for something or someone specific. Can you think of something or someone you would like to pray for today? Perhaps someone is unwell and you would like to pray for their healing; praying for peace in the world especially in places of war and violence. Spend a moment in silent prayer telling Jesus your prayer petition.

Day 4

'treasure'

The Magi brought treasure or gifts to the child Jesus as we have already reflected on. What things in your life do you treasure? Why do you treasure them?



YEAR 7 NEWS

It's been a wonderful end to 2021 with year 7. We are a third of the way through the school year already, and we have had so much to celebrate. Our sports teams have been wonderful- with a special mention to the year 7 & 8 girls' football team. We have been striving for academic success and reaching our goals.

I would like to say thank you to all our Year 7 families and support networks. Transitioning to a new school is a very stressful time, and that's without a global pandemic, but with all your love and support they have settled in beautifully. I couldn't imagine our school without them.

I wish you all a restful break.

Miss O'Connor



YEAR 8 NEWS

Well we have made it! It was magical yesterday going round forms to see all the secret santa's going on. Yesterday we had Christmas Dinner in the hall as a year group and it was a special time considering what we have been through with Covid. So great to get the year group together. Today we had a Year group Liturgy which was both reflective and holy.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas and I will see you all in the New Year.

Mrs Dunleavy

YEAR 9 NEWS

I would just like to wish all Parents/Carers, friends and family of Year 9 a very merry Christmas! It has been a fantastic start to year 9. Rest up well, enjoy the time off and be ready to tackle the next term with more eloquence, compassion and curiosity.

Lots of Love

Miss Wellesley-Davies



YEAR 10 NEWS

We are at the end of a wonderful half term topped off with our rewards activity and the Christmas dinner on Thursday. Thank you so much to all of our wonderful students.

I'm sure you will be aware of our new behaviour system starting in January, with rewards and sanctions in place to maximise our learning time.

In advance of this please can we ensure that in January we are fully equipped as per the equipment list in the student folders and we have all of our correct uniform.

Have an amazing Christmas everyone and a happy new year.

Mr Robinson

YEAR 11 NEWS

Congratulations on making it to Christmas. You have all done amazingly well this term and I am so proud of how you have started the year. Remember the message from assembly this week, you now have 150 days to define your story – what are you going to do with the time you have left?

We have parents evening on the 13th of January, it will be online via Microsoft Teams as it was last year. All students must ensure they can log into teams on a device with a working camera and microphone. The process will be as follows:

- Students will make appointments with teachers as normal from the 5th January.
- Teachers will then call the student on teams at the allotted time.
- The appointments will be kept to 5 minutes.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have the most incredible Christmas break and ensure you stay safe. I will see you all in the New Year.

Mr Cudmore

GCSE and A-Level Additional Qualifications in a Modern Language

Each year we offer our students the opportunity to achieve an additional GCSE or A Level in a Modern Foreign Language. If your son/daughter is fluent and able to competently read and write in another language you may wish them to have the opportunity to gain a qualification within this area.

These exams will take place in the summer of 2022. If you are interested please can you complete the letter attached and return to Mr Gibbons before the 14th January.

Mr Gibbons

SIXTH FORM NEWS

YEAR 12

A special mention to the following students for their subject nominations this half term. You were named because of your excellent work and effort. Well done! =)

This week, students received their results from their recent exams. Over the break, they have been encouraged to think about where there are gaps in knowledge so they can develop a plan for revision. As I have always reminded my students, A level is hard but nothing that is truly important can be achieved without effort. Discipline and self-confidence are key at this stage of the academic year.

A big thank you to all the Christmas dinner helpers in Sixth Form. You worked well together as a team preparing the hall and organizing the students in the younger years. As role models, you demonstrate the schools' values from the pupil profile in abundance.

After half term parents evening will be online on Thursday 6th January. Students should begin making appointments with their teachers now in preparation.

Mr Romero

YEAR 13

A special mention to the following students for their subject nominations this half term. Keep up the positive attitude and hard work in and out of the classroom.

On Wednesday, students received their results from their recent exams. Over the break, they have been encouraged to think about where there are gaps in knowledge so they can develop a plan for revision.

A big thank you to all the Christmas dinner helpers in year 13. You worked well together as a team preparing the hall and organizing the students in the younger years. As role models, you demonstrate the schools values from the pupil profile in abundance.

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Have a restful break and a wonderful Christmas

Mrs Bray

Philosophy and ethics

Olivia Quinn

Economics

Aloysius

History

Maria Youssef

Year 12 Superstars!

Sociology

- Rosa Sapinska
- David Joseph
- Wiktoria Nowak
- Piotr Homo

Physics

Adrian Fernandes

Maths

Julia Laskawiec

Philosophy and ethics

Aidan
Imsal

Computer science

Wiktor

Health and Social Care

Magda T
Stephanie

Geography

Patryk N
Noor

Economics

Samreen

Music

Gianluca
Azariah

BTEC Sport

Sinead

Year 13 Superstars!

English Language

Aidan
Savannah
Ellie

Biology

Clarence

Sociology

Stephanie R
Sean A

Law

Rutendo
Ellen
David
Stewart
Natalie

Art

Dovin
Martyna K

English Literature

Nana

Performing Arts

Jakub C

Maths

Daniella
Patryk N

Computer Science News

Computer Science Club for the year 7 & 8s is on every Wednesday, 3:00 - 4:00pm in CP2.

Student will work on the AWS - GetIT Competition which is an initiative designed by Amazon Web Services (AWS) to encourage students to consider a career in tech. The aim of this competition is to design and create an application to solve real life issues faced by their schools or community.

In this club you will learn practical digital and IT skills which include problem solving, designing, and coding. It will also help with teamwork and oracy skills as you will have to present your design to wide audience.

#ComputerScienceEverywhere

Miss Viegas


Geography News

Geography Department will relaunch the Geography club as Eco club. The main aim is to appreciate nature and its resources. It also aims to create awareness of the environmental problems and adopt various measures to protect the earth.

Eco club 1st meeting will be held on Friday, 14th January 2022 in T-15 at 3.05-3.45p.m. These meetings will be held every week after school on Friday and is for year 7-9. In these sessions we will **create Landform models – Volcano and Coastal landforms.**

Mrs Rodrigues

Eco Club



Aims

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- 2) To create awareness of the environmental problems and adopt various measures to protect the earth.

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Maths News

Free Maths Tuition Club is on every Wednesday - 3 pm to 4 pm in M1

Would you like to improve your Maths Grade or meet your target grade so that you can move up a set?

Benefits of the maths tuition club:

- ◆ To develop your knowledge and understanding of maths.
- ◆ -Strengthens the cross curricular links and skills from Year 7 to Year 11.
- ◆ Provides you with opportunities to try advanced topics or attempt GCSE questions.
- ◆ Helps you to apply your maths skills on order to solve to other 'real-life' maths investigations.
- ◆ You can also use this time to complete homework or catch up on the lessons you missed.
- ◆ Know and practice all learning habits of the mind.

For questions or more information speak to Mr. D. Nyuydzewira

D.Nyuydzewira@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Recent Work by Romain Janot Year 8

Romain completed 2 Year 11 GCSE questions in just under 5 minutes. He was able to learn and understand this topic which is not part of KS3 within 20 mins.

Romain Janot
8x1 Maths
15/12/21

3D Pythagoras' Theorem GREEN

Why do you use square root?

Diagram NOT drawn accurately

The diagram represents a cuboid $ABCDEFGH$.
 $AB = 28$ cm. $BC = 12$ cm. $CH = 16$ cm.
Calculate the length of AH .

$$\sqrt{28^2 + 12^2} = 30.5 \text{ cm}$$

$$\sqrt{30.5^2 + 16^2} = 34.44 \text{ cm}$$

2 things I learned = learned how to solve 3D right angle triangles
1 thing I knew = sides
• you need to use square root
• How to solve it in 3D objects.

.....cm
(4 marks)

Diagram NOT drawn accurately

The diagram represents a pyramid $ABCDE$ with height EF .
 $AB = 6.3$ cm. $BC = 3.2$ cm. $EF = 7$ cm. $CE = x$ cm.
Calculate x .

$$AC = \sqrt{6.3^2 + 3.2^2} = 7.11 \text{ cm}$$

$$FC = 7.11 \text{ cm} \div 2 = 3.53 \text{ cm}$$

$$CE = \sqrt{3.53^2 + 7^2} = 7.84 \text{ cm}$$

.....cm
(4 marks)

Business Studies News

'Create your own business idea' project for Year 9's was a complete success!



They absolutely took it head on and got stuck in and did so well throughout the whole process. They have worked incredibly hard and I wanted to share some of their great achievements

Miss Pisavadia is super proud of them!



MFL News

Year 7 and 8 students have researched a variety of projects over the course of the past term and produced some amazing work which is proudly displayed in the department!

Topics included healthy living, where you live, Black History Month and much more...

Lovely to see such creativity and hard work, and to link what we learn in Languages to other areas of the curriculum too!

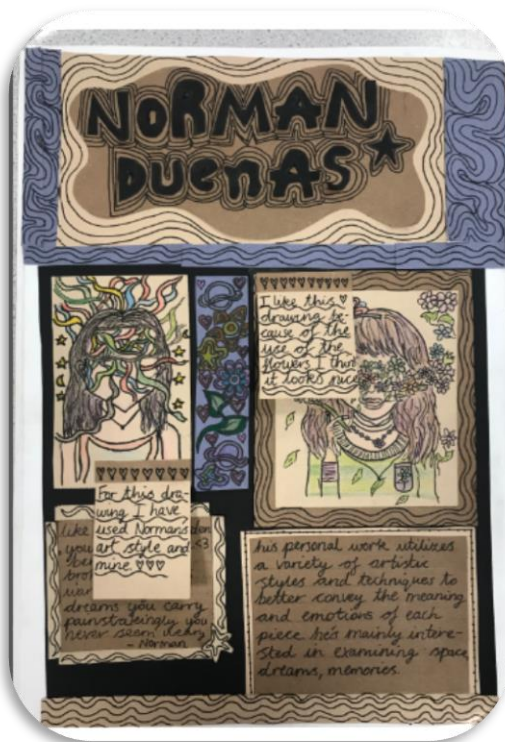
Bravo!

Ms Debais

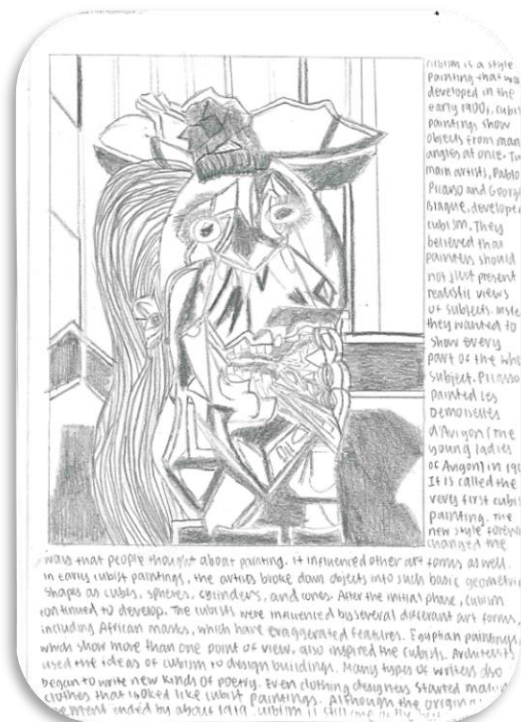


Art News

Art department students of the week:



Apollonia Grzeskiewicz in Year 9 who has begun to create this beautiful and interpretative Artist Research page in her sketchbook about Norman Duenas.



Julia Lutecka in Year 8 has created an annotated tonal drawing using the Weeping Woman by Picasso.

Design Technology over the XMAS Period

Year 9 students have made tremendous progress with their Biomimicry Eden Project Tasks, producing items for their gift shop, all inspired by nature. They have worked on various plastic processes with students producing excellent outcomes as you can see above (coasters inspired by bees, the solar system and Christmas)



Friday, 17 December 2021



Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students have been working tirelessly on their Non Exam Assessment. The dishes above demonstrate the progress made by the students since coming back from lockdown. They do taste as good as they look!



Congratulations to students in Food Technology for their excellent Christmas spirit during practical lessons over the festive period. The outcomes from lessons demonstrate the creativity and attention to detail our students have!

CHAPEL PRAYER ROTA

Year 10: Blue Year 11: Green 6th Form: Orange Year 7: Maroon Year 8: Red Year 9: Purple

	Monday (Yr 7 & 6 th Form)	Tuesday (Yr 11)	Wednesday (Yr 10)	Thursday (Yr 9)	Friday (Yr 8)
W/B 20/12	Christmas Holidays				
W/B 27/12					
W/B 3/1			Year 11 – Teresa Ms Kell/Mrs Anstiss	Year 11 – Peter Mr Carey	
W/B 10/1	Year 11 – Veronica Mrs Debiais/Ms Kell		Year 11 – Mark Mr Watson	Year 11 – Jerome Mrs Buck	
W/B 17/1	Year 11 – Cecilia Mr Hunt		Year 9 – Cecilia Miss Weir	Year 10 – Cecilia Mrs Rolfe	
W/B 24/1	Year 9 – Jerome Miss Aushana		Year 9 – Mark Mr Spencer	Year 10 – Jerome Miss Boland	
W/B 31/1	Year 9 – Peter Ms Aldridge		Year 9 – Teresa Miss Toro Sanchez	Year 10 – Mark Miss Ure	
W/B 7/2	Year 9 – Veronica Miss Joseph		Year 7 – Cecilia Ms Marciniak-Grabowicz	Year 10 – Peter Mrs Lionel	
W/B 14/2	Year 10 – Teresa Mrs Hameed		Year 7 – Jerome Miss Viegas	Year 10 – Veronica Mr Nyuydzewira	
W/B 21/2	Half Term				
W/B 28/2					
W/B 7/3	Year 8 – Mark Miss Street		Year 7 – Teresa Mrs Rodrigues	Year 7 – Veronica Miss Irvine	
W/B 14/3			Year 7 – Mark Miss Basson	Year 7 – Peter Mr Richardson	
W/B 21/3			Ash Wednesday	6 th Form – Peter & Teresa Miss Hurley & Mr Allinson	
W/B 4/4				6 th Form – Mark Mrs Stockings	

“Unlocking Belief in All”

Christmas Carol Singing

What a beautiful and festive morning Thursday was with our Christmas carols!

Students were greeted at the gate by St Joseph's very first Gate Carol Singers! Thank you to our Year 9's who were generous enough to put themselves forward for singing (Amelia, Matty, Nathaniel, Joel, Myles, Solomon, Liam R, Annabell, Sara M, Sara Z, Dhembher, Matilda) and a well done and thank you to our Year 10s (Adina, Leah and Lena) for joining us J.

A **huge** thank you to Miss K Ure for her backing music and keeping us in tune! And a very warm thank you to our Chaplain, Bethan who has really gone above and beyond for our students this term and really encouraged the Christmas carollers. Thank you to all staff who popped by and helped boost the students' confidence! They loved every minute of it! Have a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Miss Pisavadia



Christmas Carol Service

We have uploaded our Carol Service to the School YouTube channel.

Please do watch and soak up the festive cheer! Youtube link is as follows: <https://youtu.be/TDnj-rEFEGU>



[St Joseph's Christmas Carol Service 2021](https://youtu.be/TDnj-rEFEGU)

We hope you enjoy our Carol Service for 2021. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! God Bless!

[youtu.be](https://youtu.be/TDnj-rEFEGU)

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Jayona George and **Csenge Bodor** for their learned approach in Maths

YEAR 8

Anushka Kelvin-Kappil for being Intentional and Prophetic. **Oli Hannigan** for being Grateful and Generous

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

Simone Soriano and **David Najdo** for the highest combined positive points this half term.

YEAR 11

Ola Olejnicka, Janetta Czajkowska, Zuzanna Slomczewska, Reuben Jaques, Tyler De Jesus and **Clinton Njoku** for having the best progress results from the recent assessments. Well done all.

YEAR 12

To all who helped with Christmas Hampers

YEAR 13

To all who helped with Christmas dinner day.