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ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



First Geography Club of the Year

From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents of Year 11 who came to the Welcome Evening this week. Earlier this week we had our annual Open Evening. The children who attended as guides and those who helped in the departments around the school did you, as parents and carers, proud. It was a wonderful evening and I'd like you to know how impressive they were.

Next week hosts **Welcome Evenings** for Year 12 on Tuesday 21st September and Year 8 on Wednesday 22nd September. For us, it's important that you attend to gain an insight into the how the year will unfold as well as an opportunity to get to grips with reporting schedules, academic review days, parents evenings and a chance to meet face to face and ask questions and meet you son or daughter's Form Tutor. *If you can't make it for any particular reason, please do contact your Head of Year in advance of the Evening* so we can contact you with the information you will have missed.

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Further to the letter sent out earlier this week I can now inform you that the date for the covid vaccination programme is 1st November. I appreciate this may be an emotive subject for some, so I'm asking that parents appreciate that it is the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS), who already deliver the Flu and HPV vaccine service at the school, who runs the programme. As with other vaccination programmes, the school's role is merely to facilitate the process, the SAIS team will be responsible for gaining consent and administering the vaccine.

Have a super weekend.

St Joseph, Pray for us,
Ciran Stapleton

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Theme of the Week

Selflessness:

As we begin this new week, we reflect on the theme of 'Selflessness'. As we teach and care for our students and for one another here at St Joseph's, we are called to be selfless each and every day. We have to give a little of ourselves in everything we do, in order to shape our students into the people God has created them to be. Jesus in the Gospel for this week, was teaching His disciples about being selfless because they were arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus didn't want competition between His disciples, He wanted them to love and to serve each other. Now, competition isn't all bad, but Jesus wanted His disciples to focus on what was actually important. Let us not lose focus, let us be encouraged to give when we teach, when we have conversations with the students and with each other; let us not lose the focus of Christ in our lives.

In what ways can you be selfless today?

Jesus uses the word 'welcomes' a few times in the Gospel too.

How can we be welcoming to others? In what ways can we welcome others today?

Within the Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about "the one who sent me". The one who sent Jesus down from heaven is God the Father. God the Father giving Jesus His Son to us, was an act of 'selflessness'. In fact, everything we have is given to us from God, selflessly, out of love. We can say that everything is gift.

What things in your life do you want to say thank you to God for?

Find a moment today or over the next week, to say a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

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Year 7 News

It was wonderful for me to see how many Year 7 students volunteered to help at our Open Evening, and greet Year 6 students. I am so proud that Year 7 feel so at home in our community already that they are representing us.

There have been some Year 7 students who have been bringing their PE kit on the wrong day. Please ensure that kits are brought in on the correct day as on your child's timetable. Their timetable is in their school folder, and on Satchel One.

As always, I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Miss O'Connor

Year 9 News

Dear Year 9,

Another fantastic week. You should be incredibly proud for the way you are conducting yourselves around school and in lessons. I hope you are enjoying your Option Subjects and the new knowledge you are being taught. This week in tutor time the students have started wellbeing booklets, created by Miss Irvine. The booklet is packed with activities for students to do to help them relieve any worries or anxieties they may have. We also had an assembly from Mr Stapleton on Thursday following the gospel theme of "Disciples". The students were introduced to some interesting facts about their generation and the impact of technology on their lives and the current trend of influencers. A polite reminder of the following:

- KS3 to GCSE Transition Workbook due on Monday 27th September
- Year 9 Welcome and Introduction Evening on Wednesday 29th September - please do come down to this. I'm looking forward to meeting with you all in person.

Have a great weekend,

Miss WD

Year 10 News

We are back and well and truly up and running at St Joseph's. There is a real buzz around Year 10 at the moment and it has been a delight seeing the amazing work our students are doing in lessons. We are looking forward to extra-curricular clubs commencing and upcoming sports fixtures.

Thank you so much to all of the brilliant students who helped out at open evening last night. I'm sure the snooze buttons were hit several times this morning but the students represented our school fantastically and we are incredibly proud of them.

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Uniform in general is looking great around our year group with a couple of exceptions which need looking out for below:

- Earrings should be plain studs and only one per ear in the lobe for girls and in one ear for boys.
- School jumpers can be worn in addition to a blazer, not instead of.
- Bracelets are not permitted, one plain ring is allowed.
- Skirts should be knee length.

A reminder to keep your diary clear for the evening of the 28th September which our Year 10 information evening. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Robinson

Year 11 News

Can I say a big thank you to all who helped last night. You were all amazing and I am proud of you all. Have a lovely weekend and I will see you all on Monday.

Mr Cudmore

Sixth Form News

This week the 6th form students have been working hard. Between lessons, it has been great to see so many students using the study room to complete work and read around their subject areas. Ensure you continue to maintain this positive work ethic. Remember to focus on the key priorities discussed in assembly. With centre assessments coming up very soon make sure you have a revision timetable which is organized and structured to help develop on the areas of weakness for each subject.

Thank you to all year 12 and 13 students who helped with open evening. You worked very hard assisting with tours, car parking and refreshments.

Coming up next week: PSHE will be on Monday period 5.

Tuesday 21st September Year 12 Welcome evening

Have a great week

Mrs Bray

GCSE Autumn Exam Series

Students who were awarded a GCSE grade in August 2021 or if an exam board reasonably believes a student would have been entered for an exam in the summer 2021 but didn't due to the pandemic, are now eligible to sit their GCSE exams in the Autumn Exam Series. These will be sat in November and students will be required to complete all the required papers within a subject in order to gain a GCSE grade for that respective subject. For any students interested please can you complete the letter attached and return to Mr Gibbons before the 27th September.

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Debating Society

On Wednesday 22nd of September we will be focusing on conversations about transgender women competing alongside ciswomen in sports. It will happen in T11 from 3:05pm - 4pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information email either j.ossei-brainoo@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk or D.Kuczynski@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Sports News



On Monday the year 8 boys had their first ever football match since joining st Joseph's against Dedworth middle school. The boys played exceptionally well; narrowly losing 3-2 with goals scored by Jovan and Rowan. However it was their spirit and determination that shone through with the opposing team's coach commenting on how well the St Joseph's boys played together.

Man of the match: Albie

Geography News

We had an excellent start to Geography Club this year full of enthusiasm. Students have been continuing to create ecobricks to work towards reducing our community's plastic pollution. An ecobrick is a plastic bottle packed with used plastic to a set density. They serve as reusable building blocks. Ecobricks can be used to produce various items, including furniture, garden walls and other structures. Our aim is to make enough to create our own plant pots in school and plant trees as our way of helping our natural environment. All students in Year 7-9 are welcome- including newcomers! Once a student has attended five sessions they will be awarded with an eco-schools badge to show their pledge towards making a cleaner society. The club is in T16 every Tuesday 3-4. Any queries, please speak to Miss Boland.

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Duke of Edinburgh

The Year 11 Bronze Qualifier is weekend 25th/26th September – training and equipment issue on Wednesday 22nd Sept 3-5pm.

The Year 10 Bronze Qualifier is weekend 9th/10th October – meeting Monday lunch in M6 for details

Any outstanding payments are overdue and must be paid in full immediately

A date for your diary! Year 12 – Welcome Evening

A warm welcome to our Year 12, who have started their sixth form study this week. They have made a really impressive start and I know that this will continue.

We will be holding a Welcome Evening for all parents of Year 12 students this coming Tuesday the 21st of September at 5pm This will focus on the rules and regulation specific to sixth form including the way the day is structured, their timetable and how to get the very best out of sixth form study! Our students go on to universities and apprenticeships that are quantifiably better than schools in the local area and we will be sharing critical information as to how parents will play their part. I look forward to seeing you all there with the sixth form team.

Best wishes,

Mr Clark

Grammar Problem of last week - solution

What is the problem in the following sentence?

"I'm sure I just saw Mr Hall running back their in the woods."

Bonus: can you explain why it is a mistake?

Solution:

I'm sure I just saw Mr Hall running back there in the woods.

In the first sentence, the possessive pronoun 'their' is used, instead of the adverb 'there', denoting where the student was running.

Grammar Problem of this Week

Suffixes and Prefixes – some suffixes come with pesky rules that you need to know.

A suffix is a letter or word that goes on the end of a root word. The suffix changes the root word's meaning e.g. add the suffix 'er' to the root word 'garden', to form a new word 'gardener', which now has a new meaning.

However, there are some spelling rules for suffixes. **What is the rule can you draw from the examples below?**

Root Word	Suffix	New Word
Achieve	-able	Achievable
Care	-er	Carer



Sixth Form Update

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Another fantastic week for both Year 12 and 13. I was delighted to see so many of our sixth form assisting and parents evening last night in guiding tours, assisting in departments, leading front of house and car parking. They really are our jewel in the crown.

Uniform

Can I ask for assistance in the following areas. Whilst you will find our uniform policy on the sixth form website here: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/about-us/sixth-form-uniform-policy/> the following are commonly occurring items to address:

- Sixth Form must wear a blazer at all times. A Jumper is optional and a cardigan is not school uniform.
- We do not allow nose piercings.
- We allow only one set of earrings.
- Skirts must be knee length – sixth form do have the option to wear trousers.

Our sixth form look very smart generally but addressing these items will ensure that our students are well prepared for the world of work. I thank you for your assistance.

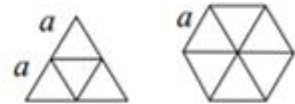
Other Sixth Form website updates:

Attendance and Punctuality: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/about-us/attendance-and-punctuality/> including PSHE dates.



Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- D** Let the length of the side of the regular hexagon be a . Then its perimeter is $6a$. Therefore the perimeter of the equilateral triangle is also $6a$, so the length of each of its sides is $2a$. The diagrams show that the equilateral triangle may be divided up into 4 equilateral triangles of side a , whereas the regular hexagon may be divided into 6 such triangles. So the required ratio is $4 : 6 = 2 : 3$.



Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- E** Half of a third, plus a third of a quarter, plus a quarter of a fifth equals

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{20} = \frac{10 + 5 + 3}{60} = \frac{18}{60} = \frac{3}{10}.$$

Well done to Emerald Cardozo, Cameron Martin and Rebecca Conlon for correct answers. I have awarded you all satchel points.

Problem of the week

When travelling from London to Edinburgh by train, you pass a sign saying 'Edinburgh 200 miles'. Then, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles later, you pass another sign saying 'Half way between London and Edinburgh'.

How many miles is it by train from London to Edinburgh?

- A 393 B $396\frac{1}{2}$ C 400 D $403\frac{1}{2}$ E 407

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 satchel points.



Design and Technology Department

We are delighted to have now met all of our classes and pupils. Some food groups have already had their first practical lessons successfully making some delicious tasty treats; Workshops have begun to get busier as we progress through the first units of work. The DT Team look forward to sharing Eureka and WOW moments and showcasing pupils developing skills.

DT social media



We try to post updates and points of interest on our Instagram page and share some of the great work being done by our DT pupils, please do take a look!

Plastics Challenge

We would love your help to source materials for a new project. In a drive to be more sustainable and considerate of our use of resources we are collecting plastic bottle tops (and in fact any recyclable HDPE plastics). Please bring in your plastic bottle tops and put them into the collection boxes in A4. Thankyou in advance for your efforts..... I wonder which house will bring in the most!



DT club: KS3 DESIGNers

We look forward to the reintroduction of our KS3 DT club which will be on a Monday after-school. Please contact Mr Silver on teams or email to book your place! We look forward to welcoming you to DESIGNers.

D&T Stars of the week



Anna Kozinska, Mia Ramanathan, Anushka Kelvin Kappil,
Itohan Ogiamien, Che Saini, Mary Anne Tanner, Julia Saladyk,
Kacper Kozak, Alex Elner

Thank you for your help in Food and DT during open evening!

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Pupil Nominations of the Week

<p>Year 7</p> <p>Jayden Jonga for his curious nature, and Thomas Stritch for his resilience. Well done! You both make me proud. Jose Afonso Reis Gomes (7J) -for upholding the St Joseph's values and his excellent contribution with open evening on Thursday.</p>	
<p>Year 9</p> <p>Lauren Purcell and Daniel Rossiter for a positive start to Year 9 and being attentive, eloquent and intentional in their studies this week.</p>	<p>Year 10</p> <p>Shiman Singh and Riah Newman-Lake for excellent engagement in PSHE and Science.</p>
<p>Year 11</p> <p>Every student who helped show off the school in such an incredible way last night.</p>	<p>Year 12</p> <p>Malachi Noel George- hard work in BTEC Sport and Wiktoria Nowak for hard work in BTEC Health and social care</p>
<p>Year 13</p> <p>Charlotte James for hard work in Art and Ellie Forestick for hard work in English</p>	

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