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ASSEMBLY ON THE PREVENT
AGENDA TODAY



YEAR 9 STUDENTS MADE SOAP
IN SCIENCE CLUB THIS WEEK

ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE TRAINING AND
PRACTICE EXPEDITION WEEKEND

From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a great Duke of Edinburgh event last weekend where Ms Prince brought her intrepid campers across the wilds of Slough – the students simply loved it. It was great to see things becoming extra curricular again.

We also thought it good to share some good news in that Mr Clark addressed approximately 3000 schools at the partners in Excellence (PiXL) National Conference this week after he was asked to speak about the curriculum that is in place in the Sixth Form here at St Joseph's. It's really a big thing when you receive the kind of

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national recognition and a mark of how the staff are still looking to explore every avenue to improve in engaging in ongoing research around all areas of learning and teaching.

Submission of Summer Exam Gratings

Today saw the completion of the Summer Grading for GCSE, BTEC, Cambridge Nationals, A Levels and Extended Project Qualifications. This ends this stage of the process where students' performance has been pre-moderated, standardized, moderated internally, moderated externally after the centre policy had been verified and checked by the Examination Boards (<https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/home/welcome/2020-2021-teacher-assessed-grades/>). Further information about the evidence that was used for a holistic professional judgement of the Grade can be found on our website:

GCSEs - <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/home/welcome/2020-2021-teacher-assessed-grades/gcses/>

A-levels - <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/home/welcome/2020-2021-teacher-assessed-grades/a-levels/>

BTECs - <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/home/welcome/2020-2021-teacher-assessed-grades/btecs/>

LAT flow tests and PCR tests next week

All students received their next batch of LAT flow tests this Thursday and Friday. Please do continue to ensure the children are tested twice a week; it's a way of looking out for each other and when caught early - preventing unnecessary illness and discomfort for each other.

You will have seen from the letter sent earlier this week that Public Health England are monitoring and surveying the locality for the Delta Variant of CV19 and to that end have asked all staff and students in secondary schools to undertake a PCR test which they will provide and deliver to us. We'll receive a PCR test for every child at some stage over the next couple of weeks (there's a large demand on the availability of the tests at the moment as a number of Local Authorities are doing the same) and send it home for the students to undertake at home and then bring it in *the next morning*. We'll then transport the tests to the Montem testing site in Slough where they will undergo a lab test for the Delta Variant. Bearing in mind the unlocking of the country from Step 3 to Step 4 is reliant on what the situation is in the nation's schools it's important we get these back to send off the next morning. In doing all of this, the Public Health England team in South East Berkshire wanted to express their thanks in advance for all of what you are doing to keep the virus curtailed.

Meanwhile, I know there was some discussion around who St Joseph would have been supporting in Euro 2020 if he was around today so this will I'll simply sign off by saying.....

Have a Euro-tastic weekend!

St Joseph, Pray for us.

Ciran Stapleton

Theme of the Week – Faith in the Storm

In this week's Gospel passage, we see the miracle of the 'Calming of the Storm'. This is my favourite miracle of Jesus – partly due to my embarrassing fear of the wind! Although more so due to the fact that it is very easy to relate to.

The disciples wake Jesus with an accusation: "teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

This reaction might seem strange for disciples who have already witnessed several miraculous acts of love from Jesus. Surely, as disciples of Jesus, their faith must have been incredibly robust?

We know who Jesus is. But the question remains for us, **will our faith in Jesus stay with us even during threat, danger and storm?**

The disciples' experience is very relatable. There have been plenty of storms over the past year. We have never experienced a period like this, where restaurants and theatres are unable to fully open. Under normal circumstances, they would be in control. Businesses will do well, so long as they work hard. However, these people are no longer in control. Many now have no alternative other than to rely on God.

The disciples were in a situation that they had no control over. However, Jesus gives us every reason to have faith in the storms.

To journey with Jesus is to journey through storms rather than around them.

We must nurture a strong belief that Jesus is "Lord of all chaos", that there is no storm that will not be calmed by His presence.

What are the storms in our own lives?

Do we ever limit God by doubting His power to perform certain actions?

What can we do to increase our faith?

Very often, we will find that when we invite Jesus into our boat – into our life – that we don't get so thrown by all the stormy things that happen in our lives. If we panic too much, we cannot always hear Jesus helping us weather the storm until things calm down. Then **we realise that with God in charge, we do not actually need to be so terrified.**

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Year 7 News

Phew what a scorcher of a week! Assessments are coming up please make sure you do your best and come and see me if you have any worries. Unfortunately Thorpe Park will not go ahead but fear not there will be a rewards activity. Sports Day is on 14th July and Rewards assembly on the 13th, something to look forward to.

Enjoy the Euros!

Mrs Dunleavy

Year 9 News

Year 9 have had a busy week with lots of assessments going on in lessons. I know our students are working very hard to prepare for these but they need to make sure they are also getting enough rest!

This week has also seen the re-introduction of masks to our corridors and classrooms. Year 9 have accepted this very maturely and we really appreciate that.

Not too long to go now until assessments are over and the final report for Year 9 will be sent home. After that we will start preparing for Year 10. I'm not sure where this year has gone!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Robinson

Year 10 News

The end of year exams start next week on Wednesday 23rd June. These mock exams will take place under full exam conditions in the sports hall with external invigilators.

A copy of the exam timetable is on the school website, below are the first few days for your information.

When a student does not have an exam they should attend their normal lessons.

Some exams that start at 2pm are longer than 1 hour so students will need to be picked up at a later time.

A prompt start to exams is essential so for the first exam of the day Year 10s should go to the sports hall at 8.25. For the second exam of the day they should be lined up by 11.10am and for the 3rd session they need to be lined up by 1.50pm.

Best of luck to everyone.

Date	Start Time	Duration	Title
Wednesday 23rd June	8.45am	1h	P.E.
Wednesday 23rd June	8.45am	1h	Music
Wednesday 23rd June	11.20am	2h	Spanish Reading/Writing (Foundation and Higher)
Wednesday 23rd June	11.20am	2h	French Reading/Writing (Foundation and Higher)

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Wednesday 23rd June	2.00pm	1h 30m	Computer Science: Component 1
Wednesday 23rd June	2.00pm	1h	Drama
Wednesday 23rd June	2.00pm	1h	Food Preparation & Nutrition
Thursday 24th June	8.45am	1h 45m	English Language
Thursday 24th June	11.20am	1h 45m	R.E.
Thursday 24th June	2.00pm	1h 30m	Geography
Friday 25th June	8.45am	1h 30m	Maths Paper 1 - non calculator (Foundation)
Friday 25th June	8.45am	1h 30m	Maths Paper 1 - non calculator (Higher)
Friday 25th June	11.20am	1h 45m	Biology
Friday 25th June	11.20am	1h 15m	Trilogy Science: Biology (Foundation)
Friday 25th June	11.20am	1h 15m	Trilogy Science: Biology (Higher)
Friday 25th June	2.00pm	1h 15m	Child Development

Miss Cheston

Sixth Form News

Year 12

Next week Year 12 begin their centre assessments which will take place from 23rd June to 2nd July. Can all students check the timetable carefully to identify when their exams are taking place so that they are on time and prepared. Keep up the hard work with revision and good luck!

Following the recent change of rules, please make sure you are wearing masks properly in lessons, the study room and whilst travelling around school. Each student must continue to complete and register at least two LAT flow tests every week. If you need a testing kit, please collect one from the study room.

Year 12 students are beginning the UCAS application process. They need to start logging in and registering for UCAS alongside researching courses and writing their personal statements.

Next week you will have PSHE on Tuesday 22nd June period 3.

Have a great week.

Mrs Bray

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Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- B** The sum of the exterior angles of a convex polygon equals 360° . Therefore $p + r + t + v + x = 360^\circ$. Similarly, $q + s + u + w + y = 360^\circ$. Therefore $p + q + r + s + t + u + v + w + x + y = 720^\circ$.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

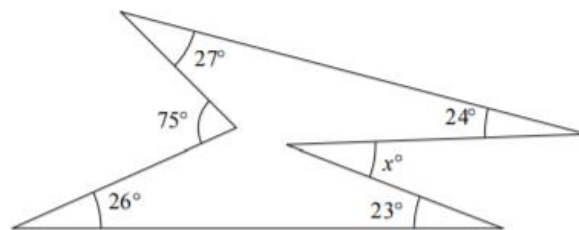
- C** $2^2 \times 3^3 \times 5^5 \times 7^7$ is of the form $2^2 \times$ an odd number. It therefore has the form $4(2n + 1) = 8n + 4$ where n is a positive integer and so leaves a remainder of 4 when divided by 8.

Well done and epraise awards to Piotr Basinski (8T), Izan Iglesias Trepiana (8M), Emerald Cardozo (10V) and Nicola Szuba (8V) 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:

How many of these five expressions give answers which are *not* prime numbers?

$$1^2 + 2^2$$

$$2^2 + 3^2$$

$$3^2 + 4^2$$

$$4^2 + 5^2$$

$$5^2 + 6^2$$

A 0

B 1

C 2

D 3

E 4

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

Design and Technology Department



The week started out SO hot! As the temperatures soared we certainly felt the heat in the food room which was still buzzing with activity in a busy few days which saw Year 7 and Year 8 classes continuing to develop their skills.



Year 7 preparing and tasting their potato salads.



Year 7 last class of cupcakes ☺



Year 8 making wedges and homemade ketchup.

DT club: Make it- Year 7



We really enjoy Monday and Wednesday after-school time. Well done to our DT club who are working with woods and plastics on a range of practical tasks.

End of term assessments

Good luck to all students in their end of term assessments in the coming 2 weeks.

D&T Stars of the week



Fereda Lourenco Y8 and Adriel Dias Y7

For their community spirit and showcasing of the values of St Joseph's by offering help and support to those around them in some busy lessons this week. WELL DONE!

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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 please email Mr Gibbons.



Duke of Edinburgh News

Congratulations to the Year 10s who survived the hottest weekend of the year doing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze training and practice Expedition. They learned how to read maps and navigate and completed two 14km walks on Saturday and Sunday in the local area, with not too many unintentional detours. They learnt how to erect a tent and camped on Saturday night, also cooking their dinner and breakfast on the gas Trangias. Despite a late night on Saturday, some still managed an early start on Sunday doing laps of the school field at 6am. Massive well done to you all! We look forward to the Qualifying Expedition in September.



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P.E Extra-Curricular Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7:45-8:15	Basketball – Y9/Y10 JCO	Year Y7+Y8 Badminton/ Table Tennis LRO		Basketball Y10 Free-play LRO	
Lunch (Y10 only)		Table Tennis + Badminton Y10		Table Tennis + Badminton Y10	
After school 3-4:15	Athletics – Y9/ Y10 MJO	Football – Y9 BOYS THU Rounders – Y7+ Y8 AAN Basketball – Y7+ Y8 JCO	Rounders – Y9 KBR Athletics – Y7+ Y8 JCO + THU		Table Tennis/ Badminton – Y9/ Y10 LRO

Debating Society

On Tuesday 22nd June we will be debating on issues surrounding the legality of the Death Penalty.

It will happen in T11 from 3:05pm - 4pm.

For more information email either j.ossei-brainoo@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk or d.kuczynski@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk 😊.

Pupil Nominations of the Week

<p style="text-align: center;">Year 7</p> <p>Darragh O'Connor and Nick Tolwinski for helping Mrs Dunleavy with the LAT flow tests.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 8</p> <p>8V for being respectful, insightful and articulate and all respected their classmates opinions and ideas during a debate.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 9</p> <p>Amber Sowah, Shaquille Michaelwicz and Josias Toma for a superb start to the ATL challenge.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 10</p> <p>Ava Sharp for her mature approach in supporting a fellow student.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 12</p> <p>David Opara for helping a younger student.</p> <p>Jagoda Chomiak for working hard and contributing in Business Studies.</p>	<p>Julia Kolmetz for her positive attitude in all lessons.</p>

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