



Girls Football Team!



On Thursday the Year 10 and 11 girls football team competed in the final stage of the powerleague 5 a side tournament. The girls played magnificently drawing 4 games and winning 1. This resulted in the girls coming 3rd overall!!!

Well done to **Athena, Paige, Martyna, Ava, Laura, Patrycja, Agata** and **Abi**.

FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well.

My weekly message is in video format. Please do take a listen and 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/20221118-Newsletter-1.m4v>

St Joseph, pray for us

Ciran

THEME OF THE WEEK – Christ the King

The word King reminds us of all the glorious kingdoms of the world: The Assyrian, then overtaken by the Sumerian, then the Persians, Greeks, Romans. All these rose and looked invincible for a while, but then declined and disintegrated remaining history book material. **Is there a kingdom and a King we can rely on without fear of disappointment? YES, and that King is Christ**, but we often misunderstand what kind of king he is. When Pilate asked Jesus whether he was king, Jesus replied that he was indeed, but that his kingdom was not of this world. Pilate did not understand since Jesus was nothing like Emperor Tiberius. He was just a poor man surrounded by a dozen fishers and a bunch of women. **Here are Jesus' regalia:**

CORONATION: Earthly monarchs are crowned in majestic places (Cathedrals, Abbeys etc.), amidst tapestry, candles, carpets, and an admiring crowd. **Jesus's coronation happened on Calvary**, a lonely hill just outside the door of Jerusalem, a cursed place where criminals were executed and became a spectacle for fearful and spiteful passers-by.

THRONE: Not St Edwards's chair, not even the Papal throne; **Jesus' throne is the cross**, an instrument of torture and execution, a place that lifts up not to show his majesty, but his humiliating death.

ROBES: Earthly kings wear splendid crimson and golden robes and furs, a sign of the highness of their dignity. **Jesus was naked**, exposed, fragile, despised.

CROWN: The king or queen we are used to seeing wear crowns made of precious metals and precious stones as a symbol of the power they have over territories and countries. **The crown Jesus wore was made of thorns and woven by the cruelty of men. He is king also of those who often turn against him.**

SCEPTRE: At the coronation, the Archbishop of Canterbury addressed monarch saying: *Receive the royal sceptre, the ensign of kingly power!* At its origins the sceptre was a rod the king could use to beat those who disobeyed him, a threatening instrument of power. And Jesus? **He has no sceptre, but his hands are nailed to the cross, he does not strike anyone and does not impose his power with violence, but opens his arms to welcome all those who would come to him...even his enemies!**

CROWD: At coronations, all guests are the mighty ones of the world: Kings and Queens, Presidents, Cardinals, Ambassadors etc. Jesus had two criminals as companions, and a diverse crowd of people commiserating or mocking him. The chief priests, representative of the established religion that killed him, the populace and the soldiers. They all scoffed at him saying: **If he is king let him save himself!**

This is a reference to one of the temptations the devil put to Jesus in the desert before he began his public ministry: *Prostrate before me and I will give you all the kingdoms of the earth with their authority and glory for they are mine.* (Lk 4:7-7) The devil feared (and fears!) the cross because **it would give birth to a new world and a new kingdom, the kingdom where the greatest is the servant of all**, the kingdom presided over by a **Servant King**. He therefore tries to dissuade Jesus from the cross by offering him an easy way out. **How many times are we tempted to accept the easy way out? Does our heart desire power, public recognition, money, house, influence? If we were in Jesus' shoes, would we accept the devil's offer?**

Jesus always preferred the company of 'losers', those who are despised by the 'righteous' ones: He reveals himself to the shepherds, considered impure, then during his ministry we see him talking to, touching and forgiving sinners, publicans, prostitutes, disabled people who were thought to be cursed by God. Finally, he dies not surrounded by his loved ones, but by two anonymous criminals. **These criminals are representatives of all humanity...of us.** One of them is still longing for the old kingdom, the kingdom where the strong oppresses the weak, the rich prevails over the poor etc. He mocks Jesus trying to get himself saved, but receives only silence from the Lord. The other one understands that the New Kingdom is worth dying for, and asks Jesus to be made part of it...thus becoming the first person to be in heaven with Jesus. **And you? Who is your King and what kingdom do you want to be part of?**

Christ the King

Weekly Reflections

20th November 2022

A reading from St Luke's Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, you are the King of the Universe and our king, but you remind us that yours is a kingdom of service in which the highest is the servant of all. Give us courage to leave behind our dreams of vainglory, and invest our energy in serving you and one another, that at last we may rejoice your presence. Amen

Day 1

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Christ the King.

- When you hear the word 'king' or 'queen', what images/ideas come to your mind?
- Does the Jesus we read about in the Gospels fit any of them? Why?

Day 2

St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr. House Patron of Cecilia House



St Cecilia, we ask you to help us follow your example as patron of our House. May we be guided by God's love as you were, and have confidence in our faith even when we have doubts and questions. Amen.

Day 3

Compare these two pictures of Jesus. Which one do you prefer? Why?



Day 4

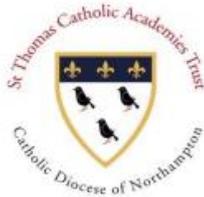
Two criminals are crucified on either side of Jesus and they speak to him.

- What are their attitudes?
- Why is only one of them saved, while the other receives no answer at all?

Day 5

The feast of Christ the King also reminds us that whatever happens in the world and in our lives, he is still in charge of everything and we have to put our trust in him.

In a moment of silence, put before the Lord something that worries you, and ask him to take care of it, or give you the strength to bear it.



St. Joseph's Catholic High School warmly invites students, parents and carers to the Induction Mass of our new School Chaplain:

Dr. Orazio Camaioni

Time: Thursday 5th January 2023 at
3:30pm

Location: St Joseph's Catholic High School, Shaggy Calf Lane, Slough. SL2 5HW

RSVP by Friday 9th December 2022
office@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Support at St Joseph's

At St Joseph's we are aware and understand that the current cost of living crisis causes worry and concern for many. As a Catholic School, we always have the well-being of our school community at the heart of everything we do and as a result, we want to help as best we can. We are putting together fortnightly food parcels that will be delivered to families most in need in order to support them over the next few months. A typical food parcel will contain the following:

Food items	Cereal Pasta Soup Rice Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce Lentils, beans and pulses Tinned meat Tinned vegetables Tea/coffee Tinned fruit Biscuits UHT milk Fruit juice
Non-food items	Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes, hand sanitizer Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons

In order to receive a food parcel each fortnight please can you email office@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk where you will be invited to come into St Joseph's to discuss the needs of your family and the food parcel that will not only meet your family's dietary needs but also how we as a school can support further.

Mr J Gibbons

School Immunisations

Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 - School Immunisations – Tuesday 13th December

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting St Josephs on Tuesday 13th December for the Flu Vaccination. On the day the nurse will be vaccinating all Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students.

Consent is required in order for your son/daughter to receive their vaccination. Please provide e-consent using the website link in the attached letter.

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

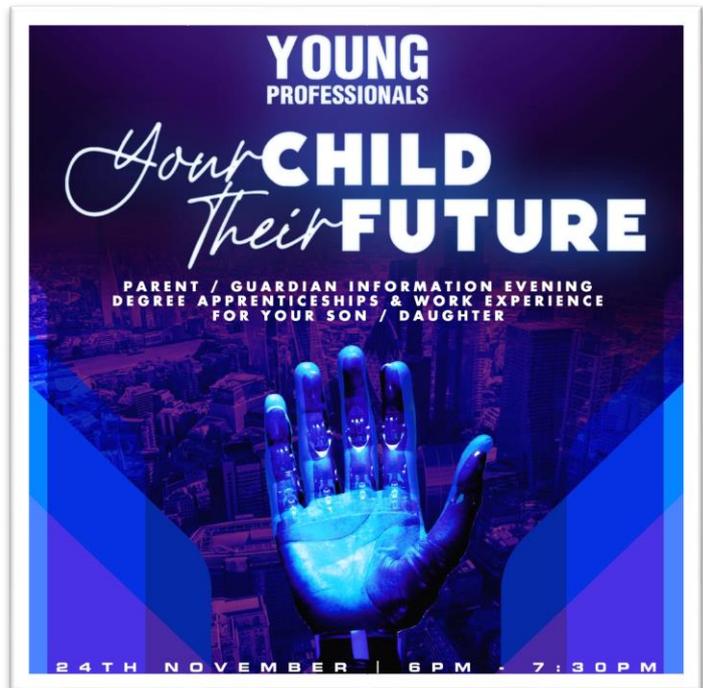
School-aged Immunisation Team



Young Professionals Webinar for Parents and Students -6.00-7.30pm - 24th November.

At Young Professionals, we have run two parent / guardian focused 'Your Child, Their Future' events back in September 2021 and February 2022 and across the two webinars we had a staggering 5000+ parents and carers attend virtually from all over the UK. I'm writing to announce that we have our third parent / guardian information evening taking place this November.

The job market for students leaving school or university can be difficult to navigate and now more than ever we need to help our young people by making them aware of all the opportunities available to them, as well as providing them with advice and tips on securing the very best opportunities when they enter the workplace. We would like to extend our invitation to all parents and guardians to attend our **'Your Child, Their Future' Event on Thursday 24th November from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.**



We have leaders from some of the biggest employers in the world including KPMG, BT Group, Capgemini, British Airways, Linklaters and more who will each come along to talk to you, as parents and guardians, about how your son/daughter/young person can best navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience/internship placements, as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. We will be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, putting together a CV, filling out application forms, as well as advice on how you can prepare your child/young person for the working world.

This event is completely free of charge, and it will be running via Zoom on Thursday 24th November from 5:00pm - 6.30pm. We encourage you to join this event virtually with your son/daughter/young person, or the whole family and ask any questions that you may have, directly to leading employers.

The registration link can be found below here, so please do sign up if you would like to attend. The zoom link will be emailed to you closer to the time.

Registration Link:

<https://www.survymonkey.com/r/YP-Information-Evening>

We look forward to welcoming you to the event and if you have any questions, please let us know!

Rewards Screen

Please see the attachment for full details of the rewards, challengers and dates.

REWARDS SHOP - COLLECTION



In the **LRC** from 1pm - 2pm



- *Orders before 5pm should be available from the following day*
- *Orders more than **two weeks** old will be cancelled (points will be refunded)*

Mr R Dann

Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

The word of the week is:

Colleague

This is a noun that means a person with whom one works with in a profession or business.

The idiom of the week is:

Under the weather.

This means to feel unwell.

Miss A Nash

YEAR 7 NEWS

Another week has flown by. Well done to all the year 7's who took part in the house music competition this week. From what I have heard it was a close run for who has won. Next week is an important one on the Year 7 calendar. It is parents evening next Thursday. Can I ask that as parents you all attend this as it is a real opportunity for you to meet all of your son/daughters teachers and find out where they are academically. A reminder that the weather is getting cold so make sure you have your winter coats in school.

In the meantime have a great weekend

YEAR 9 NEWS

Dear Year 9,

I would love to say that everything was positive this week but despite you achieved more than 1000 positive points this week, the number of HW Xs was catastrophic. I am sure you agree with me. I would like to hear you voice about this topic so please, let me know if you need some kind of support.

From next week onwards, we will use Wednesday to catch up with detentions. Remember that if you missed a detention, it might escalate to HOY or SLT.

Recently you might have done many exams and assessment. Soon we will have your report and we will be able to analyse your performance and progress more precisely. Use this weekend to improve your notebook and to check that no content is missing.

I was happy to hear that more students joined to Duke of Edinburg. I promise you will not regret!

That's all from me! Have a lovely weekend and take care =)

Mr Romero

Year 11 News

We have had an incredibly busy week with lots of examinations, revision sessions and hard work in Period 6. I am really proud of how Year 11 have conducted themselves during this time. The end of this set of PPEs is in sight and once they are over we can start to focus on moving ourselves forward from here.

Revision

It is absolutely vital that beyond these PPEs all students are revisiting prior learning consistently. Your child will be aware of which subjects and topics they struggled with in the PPEs, even before they get their results. They can begin to target these areas in their independent revision sessions so that they are ahead of the game when they get their papers back.

If you need any advice in supporting your child with their revision do not hesitate to get in touch.

6th form taster day

Your child should have submitted their preferences for 6th form taster day by Tuesday 22nd September at the latest. All Year 11 students will be participating in this day. Please direct any questions to your child's form tutor.

Girls football

I just wanted to extend a massive congratulations to the Year 11 and Year 10 girls football team for their performance in their power league tournament. They finished 3rd overall which is an excellent result. Could we have some future lionesses in our midst?!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Robinson

Year 12 News



Congratulations!

to **Al Patrick** who was invited to a graduation ceremony at his former school in Dubai.

Year 12 National School and College Leavers Show

On Tuesday the 15th of November, all of Year 12 visited Ascot Racecourse for a Careers Fair. They met with top universities and employers from around the country and had the opportunity to find out about how to achieve their career goals. The students were excellent and they were very positive about the fair. If you would like more information and guidance around careers, please see our careers page here: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/careers/>

Further, our students have access to OSCAR, which is a careers and universities support platform, by logging in here: <https://oscar.causeway.education/>



Sixth Form Open Evening

A huge thank you to all who joined us for the sixth form open evening last night – you will find all of the information via the Apply page on the school website: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/joining-us/apply/>

Sixth Form Taster Day – for all Year 11 students

Please find all of the information for the taster day (on the 29th of November) here: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/joining-us/taster-day-2021/>

History News

Black History Competition Winner!



A huge well done to David Gheorghita in 7 Teresa on his winning entry into our Black History Competition! Students were asked to create a poster or presentation on a black individual in British History. Below is David's entry:

History House Competition!

This month, the History Department are running an emoji competition. There was no winner for last week's emoji, so we'll role it out again this week.

Can you guess what this event is?



If you think you know the answer, send it through Teams to Ms. Weir by Thursday 17th November.

Winner will be announced in next week's newsletter, alongside a new emoji! Good luck! ☺

Miss E Weir

Homework Reward

There are 2 rewards: Homework Super Star of the week and Homework Super Star of the term.

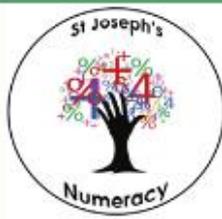
Homework Super Star of the week: The student with the most Excellent Homework positive points on ClassCharts in each year group will have a shout out on the weekly newsletter

Homework Super Star of the Term: The student with the most homework positive points in each year group will win a **£10 voucher** of their choice at the end of the term

Homework Super Stars this week are:



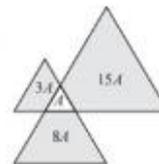
- * Kamilla Cebulska 8J
- * Arabela Catilo 9J
- * Tyreese Chatyoka 9T



#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- E Let the area of the equilateral triangle of side 1 be A . If similar figures have sides which are in the ratio $k : 1$, then the ratio of their areas is $k^2 : 1$. So the areas of the triangles with sides 2, 3, 4 are $4A$, $9A$, $16A$ respectively. So, as shown in the diagram, the total shaded area is $3A + 8A + 15A = 26A$. Therefore $n = 26$.

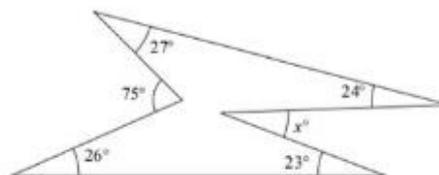


Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- D Consider options B to E: $1.354\bar{2} = 1.354222\dots$; $1.354\bar{2} = 1.35424242\dots$; $1.354\bar{2} = 1.3542542\dots$; $1.354\bar{2} = 1.35423542\dots$. These are all greater than 1.3542, so option A is not correct. The other four options have the same units digit and the first four digits after the decimal point are the same in all. So the largest option is that which has the largest digit five places after the decimal point and this is $1.354\bar{2}$.

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:

- The sum of two numbers a and b is 7 and the difference between them is 2. What is the value of $a \times b$?
A $8\frac{1}{4}$ B $9\frac{1}{4}$ C $10\frac{1}{4}$ D $11\frac{1}{4}$ E $12\frac{1}{4}$

Send your answers to Mr Allinson. Complete answers will get positive points on Class Charts.

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Annabelle Lomas and **David Fedorowicz** for an excellent effort in lessons

YEAR 8

Abigail Samar (8 Cecilia), **Oliver Kroliczek** (8 Teresa), **Alessia Celorico-Jones** (8 Mark) for achieving the most positive points this week.

YEAR 9

Rowan Moore for his great start in his new form and **Rosa Jarret** for the highest points achieve this week: 13 positive points! 😊

YEAR 10

Gianina Lica, **Toby Slaney**, **Jakub Bilicki**, **Isabelle Pace** for the most positive points this week!

YEAR 11

Nikola Pelka and **Minerva Cabasa** for the most positive points this week

YEAR 12

Reuben Jaques and **Hamda Hussain Jama** for earning lots of positive points.
And
Clinton Njoku – speaking on Radio Berkshire talking about Berkshire Vision and Children in Need – very proud – well done Clinton!

YEAR 13

Sereena Kasoka for an excellent start to her work placement and **Piotr Homot** and **Hannah Crow** for oracy at open evening