



St Joseph's Catholic High School

Newsletter

Friday 19th July 2024



End of Year Rewards Trips!

What a fantastic way to end the academic year with students enjoying the end of years reward trips. Lots more fantastic photos inside the newsletter...

We hope you have a restful and joyful break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are all safe and well. Link to the latest video is:

[Headteacher Message - 19th July 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Please like and subscribe to be made aware of all new and exciting St Josephs content.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Mr Stapleton



"The glory of God is a human being fully alive!"

Start of Term

- **2nd and 3rd of September** – INSET Day, this is staff training and so students will not be present.
 - **4th of September** - Year 7 and 12 only.
 - **5th of September** – all students return to school.

Return to Normal School Day

Our school day will return to normal timings on the 2nd of September. These are:

- Line up & registration: 08:25 – 08:45
 - Period 1 08:45 – 09:45
 - Period 2 09:45 – 10:45
 - Break 10:45 – 11:05
 - Period 3 11:05 – 12:05
 - Period 4 12:05 – 13:05
- Reading 1 for Year 7, 10, 12 and 13 (lunch for 8, 9 and 11): 13:05 – 13:40
- Reading 2 for Year 8, 9 and 11 (lunch for 7, 10, 12 and 13) 13:40 – 14:15
 - Period 5 14:15 – 15:15



Careers Fair – Support Needed



- St Joseph's will be hosting a ***Careers Fair*** on:

Friday 15th November 2024

- We will be welcoming local businesses, universities, colleges and professionals to provide guidance and advice to our pupils.
- **If you are interested in being a part of this event – please email**

r.dann@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

"Unlocking Belief in All"



Summer Homework

Dear Parents/Carers,

From research students tend to have on average 3 months regression during the summer holiday. Effects tend to be higher for literacy (three months' regression) than mathematics (two months' regression). To mitigate this, students have been set summer homework. We know that the holidays are important times for rest and relaxation for our students and it is important that we give them a chance to relax and enjoy their time off. However, if they can schedule some time for learning they will be able to complete the homework set.

Year 9-10 Transition booklets

Students would have received transition booklets for the subjects they are studying for their GCSEs. These booklets will give them an introduction to the course and help them prepare for the course, please support them with this.

Thank you for your support always. Have a lovely summer holiday!

Fantasy Football Premier League is back!

The St. Joseph's Fantasy Football Premier League is back! It's on offer to teachers, pupils and even parents! Just download the Fantasy Premier League app, create a team name, make a squad, then join the league by entering the league code: yj6f98

Alternatively, you can click on the link below and it'll automatically sign you up to the school league:

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/yj6f98>

[Fantasy Premier League, Official Fantasy Football Game of the Premier League](https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/yj6f98)

Official Fantasy Premier League 2024/25. Free to play fantasy football game, set up your fantasy football team at the Official Premier League site.

fantasy.premierleague.com

The deadline for making a team is Friday 16th August at 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please speak to myself or Mr. Dann.

Mr. Ojakovoh

Year 7 News

It has been an exceptional Year for the Year 7s. They have demonstrated their brilliance each and every day. Year 7s will finish this Academic Year with the Most positive points, the least X's and the least number of XH's. The Year 7 Team and I couldn't be prouder. I will be sad to not be their Head of Year next year, but the new Head of Year will be inheriting a great group of students.

Have an incredible summer!
Thank you
Mr Cooper-Santos – Head of Year 7

Message from Mr Hunt

Hello Year 7,

I hope you're all having a fantastic year so far! I am incredibly excited to announce that I will be your Head of Year next year when you move up to Year 8. I can't wait to support you on your journey through Year 8 and beyond.

Please feel free to come and talk to me about any concerns or questions you might have. My door is always open, and I am here to support you in any way I can.
Enjoy the summer holidays, get lots of rest and spend time with your loved ones. I look forward to seeing you all again as Year 8 in September.

Mr Hunt – Head of Year 8 (from September 24)

Year 8 News

An amazing couple of weeks for Year 8 with positive meetings at ARD, an increase across the board in progress tests, a successful sports day (particularly for 8 Peter) and rewards trips full of smiling faces!! As HOY I went to say what a pleasure it has been and that I hope you have a summer as amazing as my year group is Miss McCormack

Year 9 News

What an amazing end of the year we have had! We were blessed with fantastic weather for the rewards trips to the seaside, paintballing, Guildford Spectrum, and Thorpe Park, and judging by everyone's faces, you all had a great time. I would like to take this opportunity to say well done to every student in Year 9; you have all had an incredible year, and I have seen you grow and mature since September. Have a lovely summer, but be ready to start your GCSEs when we return—exciting times ahead!

Miss Joseph – Head of Year 9

Year 10 News

Year 10 News is in a video format this week by Mr Romero-Cruz, please ensure you watch using this link:
[Head of Year 10 - Video Message \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Mr Romero – Head of Year 10

Fieldwork skills

Year 10 Geographers have been refining and practicing their fieldwork skills this week within the school grounds, following our trips to London two weeks ago. Geography fieldwork is a crucial component of the AQA GCSE specification, providing students with hands-on experience that enhances their understanding of geographical concepts and processes. By engaging directly with their physical and human environments, students can observe and analyze real-world phenomena, which deepens their comprehension beyond theoretical classroom learning. Fieldwork promotes critical thinking, as students must collect, interpret, and present data, often solving complex problems related to their studies. This week students identified that our school field has more species of flora than Hyde Park! High species diversity enhances nutrient cycling and soil fertility, as different plants and microorganisms interact to decompose organic matter and recycle nutrients. This diversity also aids in water retention and prevents soil erosion, promoting sustainable land use. Moreover, diverse grasslands provide a habitat for a wide range of wildlife, supporting biodiversity at multiple trophic levels. It is great to discover that our field has this!



Year 7 Cup Final

From the kickoff, St. Edwards took control of the game, dominating possession and applying relentless pressure on St. Joseph's defense. The goals came in quick succession for the visitors. The first half concluded with a commanding 4-0 lead for St. Edwards, setting a steep uphill task for St Joseph's.

The second half saw a much-improved performance from St. Joseph's. Showing resilience and determination, they started to create more opportunities and began to challenge the St. Edwards defense. St. Joseph's efforts paid off as they managed to score twice, demonstrating their capability and fighting spirit.

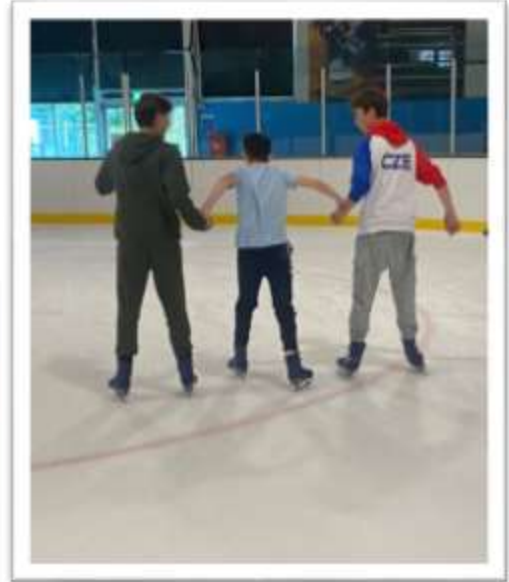
Final score 5-2 St Edwards.

Overall St Josephs had shown their ability though out the season unbeaten in all games apart from two cup finals. With over 20 different players representing the school side. An excellent year of football. Congratulations!!



Reward Trips

The students had a fab time on the well-earned rewards trips which included Velocity Paintballing, Day at the Seaside, Thorpe Park, Chessington, and Guildford Spectrum.



Chessington, and Guildford Spectrum.





Design and Technology Department

Year 7.

Some super Note holders designed and created by Year 7 students showcasing some of their skills and knowledge with timbers and workshop tools



Year 8



...s, Year 8 pupils have learnt and ...ing with different plastics. Their final ...and process plastics to create good quality



Year 9

After cooking over 30 different dishes since year 7, it was a pleasure to see the 'free cooks' from year 9. Pupils selected, planned and prepared their own dishes to make in their final food lesson. We have been SO impressed. Well done year 9!



Year 9- Light up!

Some Brilliant examples of the final year 9 project. Dazzling work year 9



Make-It Elective.

What a lovely group we have been blessed with this elective. Great work as we mastered CAD basics and made some lovely products to gift people.



D&T Stars



- Year 7- Eva Gill
- Year 8- Aleksander Maciejewski
- Year 9- Afonso Reis Gomes
- Year 10- Nathan James
- Year 12- Ashley Mohammed

Congratulations to



Veronica the House winners of 2024



Father Kevin for an amazing 50 years' service



Samaira Pereira for winning the gold fish prize

Career Seminars for the Autumn

Dear All,

Please see details of what is planned in terms of career seminars for the Autumn term when we start back in September- these dates can be added to your diaries and you can sign up now to visit **Eton College**. All students are welcome from St Joseph's as part of our TVLP network. Students need to sign up and attend themselves, dress smartly, and act with maturity; or this privilege may be removed from this prestigious institution. Any questions, please speak to Mrs Burby.

SEPTEMBER	Career Focus	Time	Event Venue	Ticketsource (formerly Eventbrite) URL
Tuesday 10th September 2024	What makes a Great Head hunter and a Great Banker?	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-lnreqva
Wednesday 11 September 2024	Joint with Afro-Caribbean Society - Careers & Financial Literacy	20.30	Upper School	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-gamjrdz
Thursday, 12 September 2024	Engineering	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-zzqpka
Tuesday, 17 September 2024	Architecture	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-kxykqa
Wednesday, 18 September 2024	Pathways into Law	20.30	Upper School	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-eamlpxg
Thursday, 19 September 2024	Commercial Manager @ Premier League	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-zzqpva
Tuesday, 24 September 2024	Civil Service	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-qjgalkm
Wednesday, 25 September 2024	Law	20.30	Upper School	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-noemage
Thursday, 26 September 2024	Careers in Tech (UX)	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-rpyrgyz

OCTOBER	Career Focus	Time	Event Venue	Ticketsource (formerly Eventbrite) URL
Tuesday, 01 October 2024	Part of Black History Month programme - Informal panel discussion of music industry, experiences as black industry professionals, & personal recollections from their education & the career paths	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-eamxrmq
Wednesday 02 October 2024	Law	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-gamdevp
Thursday, 03 October 2024	Working in Commodities with Goldman Sachs	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-pgvkdzr
Tuesday, 08 October 2024	Drama	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-dvmprva
Thursday, 10 October 2024	Climate and Sustainability Transition: the investment megatrend of the 21 st century	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-rpdzldl
Tuesday, 15 October 2024	A Career in Private Equity	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-avmdgvd

NOVEMBER	Career Focus	Time	Event Venue	Ticketsource (formerly Eventbrite) URL
Tuesday, 05 November 2024	Law and involvement in asset management	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-modqpev
Thursday, 07 November 2024	IT	20.30	Upper School & STEM & Egerton	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/t-eamxdqa
Tuesday, 19 November 2024	Sports Management	20.30	Jafar Hall	https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/career-education/vocsoc-careers-in-sports-management/2024-11-19/20:30/t-lnrzljz
Wednesday, 27 November 2024	International Law in relation to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.	20.30	TBC	



#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- A Let the small sides of each triangle have length r . This is also the side of the original square.
 The longer side of each triangle is $\sqrt{2}r$, since that is the diagonal of the square.
 Hence the perimeters of shapes P, Q, R are $(2 + 3\sqrt{2})r$, $(6 + \sqrt{2})r$ and $(4 + 3\sqrt{2})r$ respectively.
 Now $6 + \sqrt{2} - (2 + 3\sqrt{2}) = 4 - 2\sqrt{2} = 2(2 - \sqrt{2})$, which is greater than zero.
 Therefore the perimeter of P is less than the perimeter of Q.
 Also, $4 + 3\sqrt{2} - (6 + \sqrt{2}) = 2\sqrt{2} - 2 = 2(\sqrt{2} - 1)$, which is also greater than 0.
 Therefore the perimeter of Q is less than the perimeter of R.
 Hence, in ascending order, the lengths of the perimeters are P, Q, R.

Solution to the Break-time Teaser:

$$D \quad \frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{50} + \frac{2}{500} = \frac{200 + 20 + 2}{500} = \frac{222}{500} = \frac{444}{1000} = 0.444.$$

Puzzler of the week

One hundred rectangles are arranged edge-to-edge in a continuation of the pattern shown.



Each rectangle measures 3 cm by 1 cm. What is the perimeter, in cm, of the completed shape?

- A 800 B 700 C 602 D 600 E 502

Break-time Teaser

Kai has begun to list, in ascending order, the positive integers which are *not* factors of 240.
 What is the sixth number on Kai's list?

- A 11 B 13 C 14 D 15 E 17

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



EAL NEWS

(English as an Additional Language)

Food for thought over the summer

Going away in the next couple of weeks? Whether you are going away or not, remember that children learn through play and curiosity. At the same time, playing with children is important for **supporting your child's literacy development, reducing stress and improving mental health among parents or caregivers**. Several studies suggest that learning is a major part of what occurs during play: Playing and learning are inextricably linked. For children, playing with adults is likely to be even more enriching.

Here are some fun games for all ages:

1. **20 Questions:** [Click here to learn how to play this game](#)
2. **Pass The Story:** [Click here](#)
3. **Scrabble:** [How to play Scrabble](#)
4. **Terraforming Mars:** [Click here to Learn how to play](#)
5. **Don't Eat Pete:** [How to play](#)

Have a great summer!

Free Online resources

Document about parenting and supporting teenagers

https://worldwithoutorphans.org/_service/38803/download/id/562995/name/Parenting_Tips_Merged_16.pdf



Pupil Nominations of the Week

<u>Year 7</u>
Eva Gill and Euan Blanquisco for receiving the most positive points this week
<u>Year 8</u>
Beryl Tiero - Highest ATL across all subjects Coco Janot - Highest positive points all year Marion Mwangi - Most improved behaviour
<u>Year 9</u>
James Mpungu and Lena Margilewska for most positive points this week
<u>Year 10</u>
Liza Pereire, Rosa Jarrett, Jara Cullen, Matilda Kemp, Nathan James, Mia Ramanenthen and Siobhan O'Connor for making year 10 a group full of kindness and compassion.
<u>Year 12</u>
Mia Woodley for outstanding performance in the English Schools Athletic Championships – including a bronze medal for the Triple Jump. Also, Ethan Louis for outstanding service to the army as a Corporal.



ETON EXCELSIOR
the rowing club for the Eton, Slough & Windsor area

Eton Excelsior Rowing Club (EERC) has a long history of producing successful Olympians and Team GB Athletes from its EERC Junior Programme.

Unleash Your Inner Rower!

Who

- Boys and girls in school Year 9 onwards (13-18 years)
(Separate activities for Year 8 – contact us for more info)

What

- Learn all aspects of the sport in singles, doubles and quads
- Have fun at local regattas and club events
- Professionally coached, ability-based training programmes
- Mix of on-water and gym-based sessions across weekdays and weekends

Where

- EERC Bouthouse, 14 Maidenhead Road, Windsor, SL4 5TY
- On the banks of the river Thames, next door to Windsor Marina

EERC Juniors

- Team work
- Discipline
- Focus
- Strength & Fitness
- Fun!

To find out more about 'Learn To Row' sessions in August and September, please scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/6iD7lnvHSQwTxfCB9>.

juniors.membership@etonexcelsiorrowingclub.org

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TVLP COMPETITION
DESIGN A THEATRE POSTER
FOR THEATRE ROYAL WINDSOR'S
PRODUCTION OF
DRACULA

TUE 29TH OCTOBER TO SAT 2ND NOVEMBER
TUE-SAT 7.30M
THU & SAT 2.30PM

OPEN TO ALL YEARS OF TVLP SCHOOLS
ART WORK ENTRIES CAN BE HAND DRAWN, PAINTINGS, PHOTOGRAPHY OR
DIGITAL ART (MUST BE 2D)

WINNING POSTERS TO BE PRINTED AS A THEATRE POSTER
AND
DISPLAYED AT THE THEATRE
PLUS TICKETS TO SEE THE SHOW

DEADLINE FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER
PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOUR ENTRY SHOULD BE EMAILED TO
J.KEMP@TVLP.ORG.UK
POSTER MUST INCULDE DATES, TIMES AND PRICE.

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PRODUCE THEIR ORGINIAL ART WORK IF
SHORTLISTED
ENTER IF YOU DARE!

TICKETS FROM £24.50

Parents and Carers:

Helping our children stay out of harm's way

STAY TRUE
TO YOU

Workshop Details

Where?

Online via Zoom (link at bottom of flyer)

When?

Wednesday 24th July

6:30pm-8:30pm

How Much?

FREE!

Topics Include:

- The current stresses for young people, including fear, violence, knife crime and exploitation.
- Online harms, social media, drill music
- How to have meaningful conversations with our children
- Empowering our children to stay safe

Informative and Empowering

Parenting children and young adults is hard, sometimes it can be scary and overwhelming with news stories and social media influencing how safe we feel our children are and the risks they may face in today's climate.

Book your space using the link below:

<https://benkinsellatrust.beaconforms.com/form/297211e0>



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Training