



ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



ART WORK BY NIKOLA NIEZGODA – YEAR 9

From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone that has responded so magnificently to the appeal for St Vincent. We've had a great response from the students and have been able to fill more boxes that we were allocated, so it has been a pleasure to be able to send more. Everything collected will be sent early next week.

Year 11 students are in the process of completing their final centre assessments. We are now at the stage where many departments' subject assessments are complete. During **Week Beginning 24th May**, Year 11 students will **only** be required to attend school for their remaining assessments, as well as any relevant coursework sessions, as outlined on the table below. ***Where students are not involved in assessments they are not required to be on site and should study at home.*** The final week of remaining assessments is as below:

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Date	8.30am	P1	P2	P3	P4
24 th May	Form time	RE	Food	Study Leave off site	Study Leave off site
25 th May	Assembly	Maths	Business Studies	Art 11D/iT1	Art 11D/iT1
26 th May	Form time	Biology	Design & Technology	Vocational Business	Vocational Business
27 th May	Form time	Maths	10.45am – Leavers' Assembly	Study Leave Off site	Study Leave Off site

Please note that Year 11 pupils are not to attend school on **Friday 28th May**. We will be holding a Leavers Assembly on **27th of May** at 10.45am, so that we can celebrate our Year 11's time at the school. Finally there's two important future dates for your calendar:

- **8th July – Year 11 Prom**
- **12th August - GCSE Results Day from 9am in the school Hall (more details will be published on the website closer to the day).**

After Half Term Year 11 will be provided with online transitional work to help prepare them for the 6th Form or other post 16 study. Additionally, selected pupils may be required to attend school to complete any remaining assessments or coursework. If this involves your child, we will notify you in advance.

Putting an Advert in this Newsletter (all donations to the #missiontothailand Sixth Form charity)

This Newsletter is sent to approximately 1000 families of pupils, past and present both in the UK and EU. That's approximately 2000 adults. If you're a local business owner and wish to place a full A4 Advert in the Newsletter for a week in exchange for a donation to the Sixth Form students who are raising money to get to Thailand to help and work in the Orphanage and Children's home, please contact Miss Paines at e.paines@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk and we'll get it up and running for you.

Years 7-10 and 12 end of half term

Next Friday 28th May is, unbelievably, the end of this half term. We'll be breaking up on Friday and returning Monday 7th June as normal. The school will be shut over the half term.

EU Settlement Scheme

If you are a EU citizen, you will need to protect your rights here in the UK. Please do read the letter I've attached this week (which was originally issued in November). It contains important information about a deadline in June this year.

LAT Flow Tests for students.

Please do ensure the students keep taking the LAT flow tests twice a week at home. We will provide the students with another 3 weeks' worth next Friday before they leave for half term. Please do let us know if any tests are positive so that we can enable the procedures we have in such situations and please do register the tests on line, even if they are negative. We have to keep monitoring the situation as Slough is an area of 'enduring transmission' and we need to keep on top of knowing what's happening in the school. Should there be any positive cases we will follow the Department of Education advice and that includes informing you as soon as there is a case.

Have a cracking weekend,

St Joseph, pray for us

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Theme of the Week – Holy Spirit

This week is a week of celebration, celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. The Feast of Pentecost is often known as the birthday of the Church. It is 50 days after Easter. We hear in the Gospel about Jesus appearing to His apostles in a room which had its doors locked. He sends the Holy Spirit upon the apostles so that they can continue His mission here on earth.

How do you suppose the disciples were feeling on this day of Pentecost having locked themselves in a room? How did they feel when Jesus suddenly appeared among them?

It is also a week of many saint days and feasts within the Church. We celebrate the feast days of St Bede, St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, St Philip Neri, St Paul VI, as well as the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church and the Feast of Jesus the Eternal High Priest. You may have never heard of these saints, or these feast days of Mary and Jesus, but we can always take something from them into our daily lives. Thinking about the Feast of Pentecost with the apostles, and the saints whose feast days we are celebrating, these people were ordinary people like you and I, who did ordinary things but with great love. Like the apostles we hear in the Gospel, these people we call saints are filled with the Holy Spirit, witnessing to the love of Jesus in their ordinary lives.

Pope Francis talks about what it means to be holy in our ordinary lives. He says this; *'This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: "No, I will not speak badly of anyone". This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. Yet another path of holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step.'* (Gaudete et Exsultate)

Let us take inspiration from the saints and reflect on what being a saint means to each of us.

What small gestures can you do with great love?

How does the Holy Spirit help us in our daily lives? What is the job of the Holy Spirit?

Year 7 News

Another great week for Year 7. It is a pleasure seeing the learning going on in lessons. On Tuesday we had a cake sale (a mention must go out to Ellie Forsdick in Year 12 for her amazing bakes). On Friday we had a cinema night to raise money for Mission to Thai where we all watched "Tom and Jerry".

Epraise

Top students	This week	Tutor groups
1. ● Oliwia Foksinska (7 Mark) (1315)	1. ● Oliwia Foksinska (7 Mark) (478)	1. 7 Mark (12034)
2. ● Alexander Homot (7 Mark) (1092)	2. ● Oliwia Polaczyk Borek (7 Mark) (143)	2. 7 Teresa (11026)
3. ● Maksymilian Oleszak (7 Veronica) (884)	3. ● Victor Hryn (7 Mark) (82)	3. 7 Veronica (9904)
4. ● Yurand Kwiatkowski (7 Mark) (859)	4. ● Nadia Ankiewicz-Heetun (7 Mark) (65)	4. 7 Peter (9603)
5. ● Adriel Dias (7 Veronica) (835)	5. ● Natalia Kozluk (7 Mark) (63)	5. 7 Jerome (8372)
6. ● Oliwia Polaczyk Borek (7 Mark) (828)	6. ● Gabriela Majewska (7 Teresa) (54)	6. 7 Cecilia (6990)
7. ● Rosa Jarrett (7 Veronica) (801)	7. ● Rosa Jarrett (7 Veronica) (52)	
8. ● Vince Lacsamana (7 Veronica) (762)	7. ● Maksymilian Oleszak (7 Veronica) (52)	
9. ● Nadia Ankiewicz-Heetun (7 Mark) (736)	9. ● Sydelle Vaz (7 Veronica) (50)	
10. ● Nathan James (7 Teresa) (722)	10. ● Adriel Dias (7 Veronica) (42)	

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy

Year 9 News

Parents' Evening

A reminder to book appointments with all your child's teachers for Parents' Evening next Thursday. This is on Microsoft teams and you must attend with your child.

If for any reason you cannot make Parents' Evening please let your child's form tutor know ASAP.

Year 10 News

Eton X Summer camp

I have been overwhelmed by the response and quality of applications for the Eton Connect Summer camp that is taking place at Eton College over the summer holidays. The standard was exceptional, so good that I contacted the organisers and they have given us another 4 places, which is amazing.

I want to thank all the students who applied for the time and effort they put into writing their letters of application.

Special congratulations go to the following 8 students who have been given a place on the Eton Summer camp:

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Jennifer De Souza
Ola Olejnicka
Tilly Harcup
Nichole Osei-Agyarko
Aiden Daliling
Chris Boyle
Donnique Ngugi
Aaron Mushtaq

Year 11 News

Dear Year 11,

Well done for your hard work over the last 4 weeks. As we enter our final week of Year 11, it requires one last final push. As you all would have found out this week, the plan for next week is slightly different. This is to ensure that first and foremost you have the best possible chance to be prepared for each of your remaining assessments. The plan for this is below and you will leave school after your exams on each day.

Monday 24th - P1 – RE, P2 – Food

Tuesday 25th - P1 – Maths, P2 - Business, P3 + P4 – Art

Wednesday 26th - P1 – Biology, P2 - DT, P3 + P4 – Vocational Business

Thursday 27th - P1 – Maths, P2 - Shirt signing 10.45-12.15 – Leavers Assembly

On Thursday we will have our Leavers Assembly starting at 10.45, with the shirt signing beforehand during Period 2. Please ensure you bring in a SPARE shirt to be signed, which can be put in your bags during the assembly.

Prom:

A reminder that the final payment for Prom needs to be made by May 28th. If it is not made by then, you will not be able to go, so make sure you get it in!

The dress code for Prom is 'Formal'. This means that **jeans & trainers are not permitted**. Those wearing heels are advised to bring a pair of 'flats' with them for later in the evening if they're concerned that their feet may hurt.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the teachers of Year 11. During this past year they have all worked relentlessly to ensure that the Year 11s have been given the best possible outcomes in the summer, and this will no doubt show in their results. I know they may not get the appreciation or thanks from every student, but I know in years to come they will look back and realise how much support they have been given this year.

Stay safe, Stay Excellent.

Mr Oakley

Sixth Form News

Year 13 Leavers info - Update

Our wonderful Year 13s are leaving us very shortly and will have a **Leavers Assembly and Liturgy** on the 27th May at 2pm. This is different to the date posted to parents by letter.

UCAS update – students in Year 12 can now create an account. We will hold a year group PSHE on Monday 24th May that will go through creating the account step by step (whilst it doesn't sound complicated, there are some key pieces of information they will need). Therefore, students will need to bring their iPad. For more information, please see the link below:

<https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/after-the-6th-form/applying-to-university/>

On the horizon for Sixth Form

Here are a few notices of future plans for sixth form subjects, nothing that needs to be actioned just yet but to have on the agenda for this final term:

- **PiXL Progression 11 into 12 Booklets** - Year 11 will be given a range of resources over the summer to study, one of which is the PiXL Progression 11 into 12 Booklets. Each one has a variety of introductory information but, most importantly, subject specific content; you can find them via the school website: <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/joining-us/transition-resources/> (Law, Philosophy & Ethics and History have their own booklets).
- **Baseline Assessment** - similar to last year, we will hold a baseline assessment in the first month of the autumn term for Year 12 students to ensure they are suitable for the course for which they have enrolled (this will likely be an in class assessment rather than the PPE style assessment that we held last October). Please include some of the relevant content from the PiXL Progression booklet. I will hold a transitions assembly next week for Year 11 stating that they will be assessed on said content. The theory is that this will prepare students further, particularly as they will not have covered everything from KS4.

Mr Clark

Year 12

Next week Year 12 will be participating in their virtual work experience. This is a really exciting week for them all and will give them insight into the world of work. It will be completed virtually in school. All students will be required to attend registration every day from 8:30. Each day will focus on a specific module;

- Monday: Module 1 – Day in the Life of
- Tuesday: Module 2 – Exploring Career Pathways
- Wednesday: Module 3 – Labour Market Information
- Thursday: Module 4 – Virtual Work Experience to include live virtual interactions
- Friday: Module 5 – Getting Ready for Year 13 and Beyond to include a 1 hour live Q&A Webinar

There will be a range of sessions delivered throughout the week including opportunities for live interactions with people in the world of work. All students will have a workbook to complete so they will need their iPads and stationery every day.

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PSHE will still take place on Monday p5.

Have a great week – Mrs Bray

Year 13

This past week, the focus for Year 13 students has been on completing final assessments, coursework and EPQ. There has also been a lot of planning in preparation for leaving the school with a Year 13 leavers' liturgy/assembly and BBQ taking place on Thursday 27th May, leavers' hoodies and Year 13 Prom on Friday 2nd July at Wexham Golf Club. Thanks to all students that have contributed to the planning of these events.

Year 13 lessons will be finished as soon as the final assessments and coursework have been completed and students will not have to attend lessons for a subject once this all been done. There will be different finishing times for each subject but all will be finished by Friday 28th May. Also, Private Study lessons will finish this Friday and therefore students will not need to attend these lessons next week.

Year 13 students must complete an exit form before they leave where they must return all books/resources borrowed to each subject teacher who then must sign that they have received them. Also, all iPads, chargers, lanyards and ID cards must be returned to the 6th form office. Profiles must be removed from iPads before they are returned.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Matthews

Year 7 - Alpha

What is Alpha? A series of video talks which explore the big questions of life and faith and unpack the Christian faith, looking at questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?" A chance to meet other people in Year 7, share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that really matter.



Each Alpha session has a short film with questions for us to discuss. Everyone is welcome.

Friday lunchtimes 1:20pm in the Chapel

Reading Tests

On Tuesday, 8th June we will be facilitating Reading Tests for students in Years 7 – 10, these tests will assign each of our students a reading age. We will then be able to use that data to appropriately support those students who are underachieving in terms of their reading. It is important that, as a school community, we ensure that all our students are meeting the literacy requirements of the GCSEs that they will be sitting at the end of Year 11.

Mock Trials News

Well done to the pupils below for winning both their Mock Trials competitions and for their exemplary representation of the school!

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Phoebe Byrne (Usher)

Hannah Marie Anaya (Magistrate)

Mary Jane Visitacion (Magistrate)

Annabell Lysiak (Magistrate)

Izan Iglesias Trepiana (Magistrate)

Nicola Szuba (Magistrate)

Igor Galka (Legal adviser)

Nicola Szuba (Legal adviser)

Izan Iglesias Trepiana (Lawyer)

Joy Nwachukwu (Lawyer)

Leah Walls (Lawyer)

Shanti Kumar (Lawyer)

Matteo Mennone (Prosecution Witness/ Rowan/Bank Clerk)

Ava Scott (Witness/ Quinn/ Full time stylist)

Laura Wilkanowska (Defendant/ Part time stylist)

Melanie Lukomska (Defense Witness/ Addison/Boss)



Solution to last Week's Puzzler

C The angles at a point sum to 360° so

$$75 + z = 360 \text{ and } y + x = 360.$$

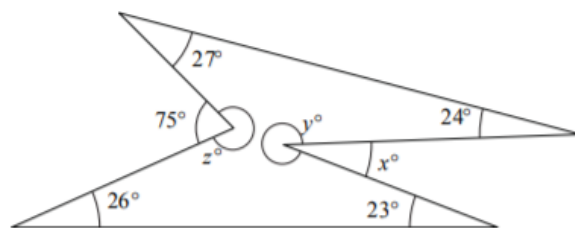
$$\text{Therefore } 75 + z + y + x = 720.$$

The sum of the interior angles of a hexagon is $4 \times 180^\circ = 720^\circ$.

Therefore

$$27 + 24 + y + 23 + 26 + z = 720, \text{ so } 75 + z + y + x = 27 + 24 + y + 23 + 26 + z.$$

$$\text{Hence } 75 + x = 27 + 24 + 23 + 26 = 100. \text{ So } x = 100 - 75 = 25.$$



Solution to the Break time Teaser:

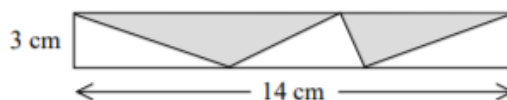
D The difference between the given options and 1 is $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{7}$, $\frac{1}{10}$, $\frac{1}{11}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$

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Well done and epraise awards to Piotr Basinski (8T), Gabriela Majewska (7T), Emerald Cardoso (10V) and Izan Iglesias Trepiana (8M) for correct answers to both the Challenge and the break time teaser.

Problem of the week

What is the area of the shaded region in the rectangle?



A 21 cm² B 22 cm² C 23 cm² D 24 cm² E more information needed

Break time Teaser:

What is the remainder when $2^2 \times 3^3 \times 5^5 \times 7^7$ is divided by 8?

A 2

B 3

C 4

D 5

E 7

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

Design and Technology Department

Super chefs

Some amazing work from our Year 9 and 10 chefs, as they come to the end of units of work on eggs and pasta.

Year 9s prepared and presented a free choice of cooked eggs.

Year 10s prepared and presented filled pasta, and have gone on to develop sauces and tried out some pasta dishes from around Europe.



DT club: Make it- Year 7

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We are coming to the end of our first project and pupils have been pleased to finish (or nearly finish) their sweet dispensers, the testing has been a particular delight 😊. This next week will see these finished and Year 7 learn a little of the wonders of CAD..... New projects will start after half term.

It has been wonderful to see Year 7 learning new skills and making with such enthusiasm 😊. If you are interested in joining the DT club please see Mrs Stacey or send an email or message through Teams... spaces are nearly full, but there might be a couple available on either Monday or Wednesday.

Year 11

Well done to our Year 11 chefs who have now all completed their practical exam work. What a talented bunch, some amazing dishes created in tough conditions. Class written assessments conclude this coming week for our Year 11 students of 'Food Preparation and Nutrition' and 'Design and Technology' good luck to all involved.

DT Challenge: Send us your best....

A reminder that updates and examples of great work are regularly posted on our Instagram.

Do you have a favourite product or design? Nominate it for our design wall by sending a picture and a short explanation for your nomination. We hope to showcase some of St Joseph's favourites soon. ePraise points will be awarded for 'effective participation'



D&T Stars of the week



Harry Jackson-Lowe and Henry Gallagher for consistently fabulous work and effort in food lessons and in particular this week with their pasta dishes.

Drama News

If you have signed up to the Made in Dagenham Teams group then please keep an eye out for audition news.

Mrs Dunleavy

Mission2Thailand

We're the team that has been chosen to go to Thailand in 2022. We're proud, blessed and privileged to be able to go onto this amazing trip! We're a diverse and dedicated bunch; some of us are part of the chaplaincy team, others have been in school musicals.

In February we will be heading out to Pattaya, Thailand to stay and work on the projects run by the Father Ray Foundation (<https://www.fr-ray.org/>). Whilst in Thailand, we'll visit a number of the projects supporting children with education, care, hygiene and keeping them safe.

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Be on the lookout for our numerous fundraising events around the school. If you want to have some fun and help a great cause at the same time be sure to donate and get involved. We're planning so many events and we'd hate for you to miss out.

If you're already in a giving and generous mood, please donate to our gofundme link: <http://gf.me/u/zswdnb>

Thank you.



Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Gabriela Wilczko for her St Joseph's ethos.

Nathan James for his fabulous waterfall in Geography.

Year 9

Lena Bojarska for consistent and brilliant effort in Drama.

David Najdo for outstanding work in Maths.

Year 11

Jessica Mann & Erwin Kolodziejczyk for their excellent cooking during their Food Technology assessment.

Year 13

Year 13 Music (Daniela, Calum, Rachel and Meleena) and Drama students (Jess M, Nikeisha, Sylvia D, Aliyah A, Megan and Faith) for their amazing performances on Tuesday afternoon.

Year 8

Julia Pytel for resilience and strength and Emilia Pytel for being compassionate at school.

Year 10

Bruno Boaretto for his positive approach to school this week.

Adrianna Wroblewska for her kindness and generosity of spirit.

Year 12

Emma Kingsman for excellent work helping the chaplaincy team.

Ellie Forsdick for detailed revision notes and fantastic organisation in Media.

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