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ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd like to start with an opening shot of the new 'Year of St Joseph' ties modelled diligently by our Year 8 students. Thank you and good luck to Ms Prince and the intrepid team of Duke of Edinburgh students who are out this coming weekend and Monday. After 3 years in Sri Lanka, we're delighted that Mr Sindall will be returning to us in July after running the British School in Colombo and finally, a big welcome to Bethan, visiting Chaplain, from St Philip Howard Catholic School in Sussex who'll be with us this half term. It's great to be back and the students have been brilliant this week.

Perhaps the most pressing issue for Year 11 and 13 parents and students are how the Grades are going to be calculated for the Summer results. We're working through the Centre Assessed Grading policy this and next week (despite the changes in JCQ and OFQUAL policy last night) so that it's ready for submission next Friday – we'll publish it on the website as soon as it's ready. We're already into the assessment period but we're not able to provide feedback/ marks that will contribute to pupils' overall holistic Grades until after the results are published in August.

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This is going to be a busy period for a substantial number of staff who are engaged in the Year 11 and 13 Grading. Staff are providing the assessments and marking pupils' work whilst having to plan and teach all their other students in the school at the same time. I'm asking parents to be patient as the diligence involved in marking, moderating, quality assuring the marking with other schools and collating the evidence will severely impact on the marking of all other year groups over this period. I'm sure you'll understand – we can't get this wrong.

St Joseph's Day on Friday

Despite the ongoing assessments, the Virus and the Lockdown – St Joseph's Day is a time that always brings us together as a school community. Especially as it's a year dedicated to St Joseph by Pope Francis, we've organised a range of activities that should see us have a lot of fun as a school community on the day. Please do see Mr Ojakovoh's section in the newsletter for the arrangements as the day will be very different.

If there are any issues or questions please don't hesitate to see me.

Have a great weekend.

St George, Pray for us.

St Joseph, Pray for us.

Ciran Stapleton

Theme of the Week – Life of Love

Our theme for the week is Life of Love, which fits very well for our Feast Day celebrations at the end of this week, celebrating the Feast of St Joseph. St Joseph, being the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary, is a great example of someone who lived a life of love. He was gentle, kind and loving. We don't ever hear St Joseph speak in the Bible, but we do know that out of love, he took Mary into his home and cared for Jesus as his own.

The Gospel for this week speaks of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, feeding, guiding and caring for His sheep. We are His sheep and He is our shepherd. We can experience a life of love when we turn to Jesus and listen to His voice as our shepherd and guide.

The image of a shepherd with their sheep is a simple idea and really helps us to understand who Jesus is. The shepherd spends each day feeding and caring for their sheep, therefore, they know each of them, and the sheep knows their shepherd.

Jesus says; "I am the good shepherd".

What words can we use to describe Jesus as the 'good shepherd'?

Some examples may be brave, caring, loving...

Do you see Jesus as a shepherd, guiding you and caring for you?

What other images can you think of that helps you understand who He is?

Who are the shepherds in your life or in school?

Jesus, in the Gospel passage says; "I lay down my life for the sheep". When He says these words, He is speaking of His dying on the cross. He uses images such as the sheep and the shepherd, that the disciples would understand. Jesus speaks in ways so that we can understand Him. When we speak to Jesus, we can use our own words and He will understand us too. This is prayer.

What do you want to say to Jesus today, in your own words?

Year 7-10 and 12 Reports

Reports for Year 7-10 and 12 will be sent out to parents next week. These reports will indicate how your child has progressed during lockdown. This will allow us to measure the progress made but also identify any areas where support may be needed. Each subject area will then plan for this over the summer term to ensure your child is ready for the next year in their academic studies.

Year 7 News

Welcome back to the summer term. Extra-Curricular activities are starting up again so please try and attend at least one. Next Friday is St Joseph's Day where there will be lots of activities going on including the long anticipated ice rink. Watch this space for more details. Make sure you enjoy the lovely weather this weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy

Year 8 News

Dear Year 8,

Welcome to your Summer Term at St Josephs! This time last year you were online learning, so I am so pleased we are now all back in school together and able to experience this term together. Some fantastic work in your lessons this week, and in particular some great fun outside the classroom in Geography!

A polite reminder of the following uniform policies:

- No hoodies
- Tracksuits for PE must be black only and without branding
- School shoes must be smart black shoes, no trainers

Next Friday is St Joseph's Day!

Enjoy the weather this weekend,

Miss WD

Year 9 News

A big welcome back to our wonderful year group. The atmosphere in and around the school this week was incredible with lots of learning going on.

A couple of issues have arisen with uniform this week which I would like all parents to look out for:

- Hooded sweatshirts are not allowed in school at all. On the days where students must wear P.E. kit into school, they can wear a PE top, blazer or an appropriate coat.
- There are lots of instances where students are wearing their PE kit into school on days when they do not have PE. Please can you check your child's timetable to ensure this is not happening.

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If there is an issue where your child must wear non-uniform policy clothing into school, please ensure they are sent in with a note.

Mr Robinson
Head of Year 9

Year 10 News

Year 10 Parents' Evening – Thursday 6th May 2021

Year 10 Parents' Evening will be taking place online this year due to the current restrictions.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss your son/daughter's recent academic report and progress made since the last report, including any concerns you may have. There will also be an opportunity to look at how we can work together to prepare your son/daughter for the Summer exams that will be taking place from June 23rd.

- All appointments will take place on Thursday 6th May **from 3.30 pm – 6.30pm**.
- Please email your son/daughter's teachers to book in appointments with them.
- Appointments will be 5-10 minutes maximum.
- Meetings will take place via the son/daughter's Microsoft Teams ID/account.
- Students should be present during the meeting, but should not meet online with a teacher on their own. So we can verify this, the camera should be switched on for the duration of the meeting.

If you have any further questions or wish to seek clarification, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me here at the school.

Miss S Cheston
Head of Year 10
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Year 11 News

Dear Year 11,

Well done for settling in so quickly this week as the assessment period commences. The attendance and punctuality this week has been very good and this is so important over the next 5 weeks with assessments happening left right and centre. Next week, the assessments you have are below, please ensure you know when they are and arrive on time to them.

Tuesday – Computing (11A) P3

Wednesday – RE (X band P1, Y band P2)

Maths (paper 1 part 1) P4

Thursday – P1 – Business 11D

P2 – Business 11A

P3 – X band Chemistry, Y Band English

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P4 – Maths (paper 1, part 2) P4

P5 – Y Band Chemistry

The letters detailing the information for Prom has been sent out today, and there is a £10 deposit required to be paid on ParentPay by Friday 7th May. This will enable us to work out the final cost for Prom which is approximately £30.

Over the next 5 weeks there is no doubt that you will be experiencing some stress and it's important to understand that it is absolutely okay to be feeling that. If at any point you are feeling a bit overwhelmed, remember that you can always speak to myself, your form tutors, your mentors or any member of staff and we will do all we can to help relieve you of your anxieties and stress.

Good luck to all those participating in the Duke of Edinburgh this weekend.

Stay Excellent!

Mr Oakley

Sixth Form News

Year 12

Welcome back Year 12! Hope you have enjoyed a restful break. Your uniform is looking very smart and professional. In lessons you have all been working hard and you are committed to your studies. Keep these high standards up, you are doing a great job and we are all really proud of you.

Just a reminder to make sure you are using Satchel 1 to help manage assignment and homework deadlines. If you are unsure of how to log in or have any further questions get in contact with myself or your form tutors.

PSHE next week will be on Monday Period 1.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Bray

Year 13

It has been an excellent start back by all Year 13 students who whose appearance and attitude has been exceptional all week.

A gentle reminder that students are expected to attend all private study lessons and therefore must be in form if private study is period 1.

PSHE is period 1 on Monday so all students are expected to be in assembly and form as per usual.

Mr Matthews

St. Joseph's Day Logistics – Student Copy

First of all, thank you so much for all your enthusiasm so far. St. Joseph's Day will be extra special this year, since Pope Francis has proclaimed this year the 'Year of St. Joseph'. As a result, we are going to celebrate his feast day in style on **Friday 30th April!**

Please familiarise yourself with the column for your year group below:

St. Joseph's Day Logistics						
Session	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	VI Form
8.30am	Registration as normal					
1. 8:40 – 9:30	Netball – UPPER PLAY-GROUND Football – STADIUM	House Com- petitions – FORM ROOMS	Basketball – SPORTS HALL Rounders - FIELD	Old School Sports Day FIELD	Ice-skating LOWER PLAY-GROUND	Liturgy/The Cube HALL
1. 9:35 – 10:25	House Com- petitions – FORM ROOMS	Basketball – SPORTS HALL Rounders - FIELD	Old School Sports Day FIELD	Ice-skating LOWER PLAY-GROUND	Liturgy/The Cube HALL	Netball – UPPER PLAY-GROUND Football – STADIUM
2. 10:30 – 11:20	Basketball – SPORTS HALL Rounders - FIELD	Old School Sports Day FIELD	Ice-skating LOWER PLAY-GROUND	Liturgy/The Cube HALL	Netball – UPPER PLAY-GROUND Football – STADIUM	House Com- petitions – FORM ROOMS
3. 11:25 – 12:15	Old School Sports Day FIELD	Ice-skating LOWER PLAY-GROUND	Liturgy/The Cube HALL	Netball – UPPER PLAY-GROUND Football – STADIUM	House Com- petitions – FORM ROOMS	Basketball – SPORTS HALL Rounders - FIELD
Lunch 1/ Session 5: 12:20 – 1:10	School field – right side	Liturgy/The Cube DRAMA ROOM	Netball – UPPER PLAY-GROUND Football – STADIUM	House Com- petitions – FORM ROOMS	School field – left side/ Diamond	Quad
Lunch 2/ Session 5: 1:15 – 2:05	Liturgy/The Cube DRAMA ROOM	School Field – right side	Quad	Upper School Play- ground/ Diamond	Basketball – SPORTS HALL Rounders - FIELD	Ice-skating LOWER PLAY-GROUND
6. 2:10 – 3:00	Ice-skating LOWER PLAY-GROUND	Netball – UPPER PLAY-GROUND Football – STADIUM	House Com- petitions – FORM ROOMS	Basketball – SPORTS HALL Rounders - FIELD	Old School Sports Day FIELD	
3:15 on- wards	BBQ and Year 11 vs. VI Form					

- **Football** – led by Mr. Hunt:
 - The stadium will be divided into quarters, with three of these quarters being used.
 - It will be 6-a-side with two substitutes per form.

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- Matches will be 7 minutes long.
- **STUDENTS AND STAFF MUST WEAR STUDS ON THE SLOUGH TOWN FOOTBALL PITCH.**
- **Netball** – led by Miss. Joseph:
 - Two courts will be in use, so four teams will be playing and two will sit out.
 - As soon as a goal is scored, one team takes the place of the losing team.
 - 7 players and 2 substitutes per form.
- **Basketball** – led by Mr. Cooper-Santos:
 - 3 courts will be in use.
 - Matches will be 4 minutes long.
 - 3 players and 2 substitutes per form.
- **Rounders** – led by Mrs. Bray:
 - 1 game of 12 vs. 12.
 - X Band vs. Y Band.
- **Ice-skating** – led by Mr. Nicol:
 - Two form groups will be allowed on at any one time.
 - They will have 15 minutes on the ice.
 - There will be other activities on the Lower School Playground for the pupils to get involved in:
 - Tombola
 - Bouls
 - Giant Jenga
 - Guess the number of sweets in the jar
- **House Competitions** – led by form tutors:

These competitions include:

 - Countdown
 - Spelling Bee
 - Pictionary
 - St. Joseph Quiz
- **Old School Sports Day** – led by Mrs. Rolfe:
 - Tug of War
 - Egg (potato) and spoon race
 - Space hopper race
 - Sack race
 - Three-legged race
- **Liturgy/The Cube** – led by Bethan:
 - Bethan, our new chaplain, will be leading the liturgies for the first 20 minutes, then she will be incorporating several challenges also seen on ITV's 'The Cube' – St. Joseph's Style!
- **There will be a Scavenger Hunt that runs throughout the day.** You will be given a series of clues, and then take photos of what you believe to be the answers around the school.

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- **Year 11 vs. VI Form football will occur on the stadium at 3:15.** Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Nicol have kindly agreed to do a BBQ for those pupils and staff remaining behind after school for this.
- It will be a **Mufti Day**, where pupils will bring in £1 for the Mission to Thailand. You can also bring money for the tombola or 'guess the number of sweets in the jar'. **Those doing sport will need to dress appropriately to participate.**
- **Form Tutors will complete team sheets during form periods on Monday and Tuesday:**
 - Team sheets for football – 6 players and 2 substitutes
 - Team sheets for netball – 7 players and 2 substitutes – with positions please!
 - Team sheets for basketball – 3 players and 2 substitutes
 - Team sheets for rounders – 4 players per form
 - Team sheets for old school sports day
 - Tug of War – 4 participants
 - Egg (potato) and Spoon Race – 6 participants
 - Sack Race – 4 participants
 - Space Hoppers – 4 participants
 - Three-legged Race – 2 participants

Global Acts of Unity

This year **St Joseph's Catholic High School** will take part in a national initiative aimed to encourage students to use the power of poetry or rap, spoken word or slogan, as a form of expression to **capture how they feel about unity in their school and community...** and then to create a T-shirt design to promote their message!



This creative competition is open to all **secondary students aged 14-18** because you are the leaders of tomorrow! It is being run by **Global Acts of Unity** to help spread a message of **unity, tolerance, and understanding among our young people and in our local communities.**

The **competition deadline is 18 June 2021** and the winner will receive £100 of vouchers towards their studies and £500 worth of supplies for their school. There are also three runners-up prizes of £50 vouchers and £100 worth of supplies for each school. Plus, the winner and all shortlisted entrants will have their T-shirts made!

If you are interested drop **Mrs Ossei-Brainoo** a message at j.ossei-brainoo@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk.

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Geography News

Year 8 have been excellent in their studies of weather and climate and put their geography skills to the test. This week, Year 8 were testing their meteorological skills using weather equipment to measure the daily conditions; the equipment included: barometers, anemometers, weather vanes and rain gauges. Students learnt why this was important and enjoyed taking part in the activity to learn about conditions such as wind speed and direction, plus an understanding of how different instruments are used. I would encourage students to create their own rain gauges by using recycled materials at home to further their knowledge and experience- please send images over to Miss Boland if you are able to do so. In addition, for Year 8 students wishing to further their knowledge, more information and quizzes can be found here about the weather and climate topic: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx38q6f>



Solution to last Week's Puzzler

Area Hidden:	Number of eggs:	Percentage of eggs:
Bushes	14	56%
Play Area	5	20%
Swings	4	16%
Pond Area	2	8%

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 2:5 & 12:1 \\ L:15 \therefore L = 6 & B:4 \therefore B = 72 \end{array}$$

Well done and epraise awards to Emerald Cardoso (10V), Annabell Lysiak (8C) and Piotr Basinski (8T) for correct answers to both the Challenge and the break time teaser.

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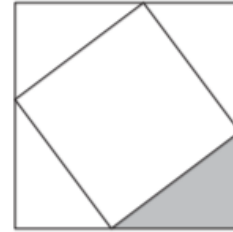
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Problem of the week

The diagram shows a square of perimeter 20 cm inscribed inside a square of perimeter 28 cm.

What is the area of the shaded triangle?

A 6 cm² B 7 cm² C 8 cm² D 9 cm² E 10 cm²



Break time Teaser:

How many two-digit squares have the property that the product of their digits is also a square?

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 and a prize.

History News

Last half-term, Year 8 students were studying World War I in both History and English. Liam Recio (8T) wrote the poem depicting life at war from what he learnt in lessons.

Minute by minute

Blood, death, revenge
When will this war ever end
Minute by minute, month by month
This was couldn't get more intense
The range, the anger and hate
I've lost my brother and mate
I know in war there is no escape
200 bodies lying on the ground
Soldiers are shouting like hounds
Minute by minute, month by month
Gun shots are ever so loud
Screaming, shouting, death
I wish I was sleeping in beds
Minute by minute, month by month,
And now I'm covered in red.

This week's recommendations...

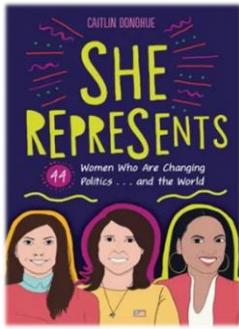
To Read:

She Represents by Caitlin Donohue is this week's must read! This books celebrates the contributions to politics, activism and communities of forty-four females internationally. Available on the SoraApp, this book aims to "inspire and encourage women everywhere to enact change in their own communities and to pursue opportunities in public affairs" (Donohue, Caitlin, *She Represents*).



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To Watch:

This week's film recommendation is focused on our older historians, rated R. "The Trial of the Chicago 7" is based on a true story, following the trial of seven anti-war protest organisers who were tried with conspiracy to incite a riot after peaceful demonstrations against the Vietnam War in 1968 turned to full-scale rioting.



Design and Technology Department



Welcome to the Summer term! We are delighted to be back and so happy that some classes are already back to being able to do some practical work in the food rooms and workshops.

DT club: Make it- Year 7



We are excited to announce the start of a Year 7 afterschool DT Makers club. Places will currently be limited to 12 pupils per session. The club will take place in the DT workshops straight afterschool (3-4 pm) on Mondays and Wednesdays with Mrs Stacey. Please make contact via Teams if you are interested.

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'.



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D&T Stars of the week



Jakub Olszanski Y10 and Charlotte Appelbe Y10

For being discerning and demonstrating commitment to their progress in Design Technology.
Well done!

P.E News

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 (Y11 only)		Table Tennis + Badminton Y11		Table Tennis + Badminton Y11	
After school 3- 4:15	Netball – Y9/ Y10 MJO	Football – Y9 + Y10 BOYS THU Netball – Y7 AAN Basketball – Y7+ Y8 JCO	Netball – Y8 KBR Football – Y7+ Y8 BOYS JCO + THU Volleyball Y7+ Y8 MJO	Girls football Y7, Y8, Y9 GIRLS	Table Tennis/ Badminton – Y9/ Y10 LRO

Important dates for the final countdown for the Mock Trials Competition

**Final practice with the Magistrates P5 Monday 26/04/2021 (2pm-2:45pm) and
P5 Friday 30/04/2021 (2pm-4pm) Venue TBC**

Pupils needed:

Leah Walls (Lawyer)

Shanti Kumar (Lawyer)

Matteo Mennone (Prosecution Witness/ Rowan/Bank Clerk)

Nicola Szuba (Prosecution Witness/ Sam/ Fraud Police)

Ava Scott (Witness/ Quinn/ Full time stylist)

Laura Wilkanowska (Defendant/ Part time stylist)

Melanie Lukomska (Defense Witness/ Addison/Boss)

Magistrates

Hannah Marie Anaya

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Mary Jane Visitacion
Annabell Lysiak

Legal Advisor: Igor Galka

Usher: Phoebe Byrne

Final practice with the Magistrates P5 Monday 10/05/2021(2pm-2:45pm) and P5 Friday 14/05/2021 (2pm-4pm) Venue TBC

Pupils needed:

Joy Nwachukwu (Lawyer)
Izan Iglesias Trepiana (Lawyer)
Laura Wilkanowska (Defendant/ Part time stylist)
Melanie Lukomska(Defense Witness/ Addison/Boss)
Matteo Mennone (Prosecution Witness/ Rowan/Bank Clerk)
Ava Scott (Prosecution Witness/ Quinn/ Full time stylist)

Legal Advisor: Igor Galka

Competition on Tuesday 4th May 2021 from 3:05pm-5pm in T11

Pupils needed:

Prosecution team:

Leah Walls (Lawyer), Shanti Kumar (Lawyer), Matteo Mennone (Prosecution Witness/ Rowan/Bank Clerk), Nicola Szuba (Prosecution Witness/ Sam/ Fraud Police), Ava Scott (Witness/ Quinn/ Full time stylist)

Magistrates

Hannah Marie Anaya, Mary Jane Visitacion, Annabell Lysiak

Legal Advisor

Igor Galka

Usher

Phoebe Byrne

Competition on Tuesday 18th May 2021 from 3:05pm-5pm in T11

Pupils needed:

Defense team

Joy Nwachukwu (Lawyer), Izan Iglesias Trepiana (Lawyer), Laura Wilkanowska (Defendant/ Part time stylist), Melanie Lukomska(Defense Witness/ Addison/Boss)

Magistrates

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Usher

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Mission to Jerusalem



We did it! We managed to run, walk and cycle 3,047 miles by the end of the Easter holidays! Well done to everyone who got involved. It is such an immense achievement!

Thank you to **Miss Buchanan** for the epic task of keeping track of all the miles we clocked up. Thank you also to **Mrs. Rolfe** who created opportunities during P.E. lessons to accumulate more miles.

We also reached our target of £500 raised for the *Catholic Children's Society*. Thank you to everyone who donated and thank you to **Miss Wellesley-Davies** for organising the *Go Fund Me* page and the charity voting system. As we saw from the Easter liturgy, this money will go a long way to making a positive impact on the lives of some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in our society.

Thank you for going above and beyond to make a difference in their lives.

Mr Ojakovoh

Duke of Edinburgh

This weekend, 21 students will be undertaking their Silver Qualifying Expedition. This involves three days of walking and being able to demonstrate their map reading, navigation and teamwork skills. Please wish them luck.

Ms Prince

Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7 Anthony Omale for amazing Art work. Siobhan O'Connor for constantly being cheerful.	Year 8 Sara Marciniak and Jonathan Sam for excellence in conducting themselves around the school.
Year 9 Jakub Marczuk for achieving 100% in his Maths assessment. Niamh Molloy for an incredible improvement to ATL.	Year 10 Isabel Stachura for her kindness in helping a Year 10 student when they were feeling unwell. Jayden Meghoma for his positive contribution to the student voice panel for the Deputy Head interviews.

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Year 11

Adam Palmer for his excellent participation and answering in Geography.

Cinera Mathew for continuing her excellent standards throughout the week.

Year 12

Jayne Bernales for hard work in Biology.

Wiktor Szymczyk for hard work in Computer Science.

Year 13

Roselie Bis'hia for supporting the PE department with teaching the lower year groups when they were short on staff.

Nojus Trivonas for his excellent ATL and attendance throughout the year.