



Team Athletics Competition



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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/20221125-Newsletter-1.m4v>

St Joseph, pray for us

Ciran

THEME OF THE WEEK – Hope

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Church's Year, and is characterised by the theme of hopeful expectation. The words of Jesus in the Gospel are indeed about hope, but may sound enigmatic to a modern reader, so must be put into context.

Jesus speaks of himself as the **Son of Man**. To understand this title we have to go back to the Book of Daniel (6th/5th century BC), chapter 7, where the prophet has a vision of four terrifying beasts coming out of the sea. The sea in the Bible is always a symbol of chaos, darkness and evil. The four beasts are respectively the Lion (Babylonians), the Bear (Medes), Leopard (Persians), and a monstrous beast with iron teeth (Alexander the Great). The beasts symbolize the empires of this world which build up their success through oppression, war and bloodshed, and destroy one another.

What are the beasts of our modern world? Are there structures of injustice and oppression that eat people's lives as if they were worth nothing?

Then Daniel continues: *In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man**...He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His **dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed***. Jesus presents himself as the one to whom God has entrusted the bringing about of the NEW WORLD, a world where violence and oppression will be no more, and where authentic humanity will flourish. This plan of God is confirmed in the Apocalypse at chapter 21, where John writes: *Then I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea (i.e. evil) was no more*.

How should we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Son of Man? Jesus tells us by referring to the Flood. People in those days were eating, drinking and marrying and there's nothing wrong with that, but in Genesis 6:11 we read that *the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence*. Eating, drinking and relationships are all good things, but there are two ways of satisfying our basic needs: a selfish one, and one that is aware of others. We can satisfy our hunger by making an idol of food, or we can be grateful for our daily bread and break it with those around us. Equally we can seek relationships for what we gain from them (pleasure, interest, reputation), or for the joy of sharing, helping and having a chance to be there for our neighbours.

This also applies to our **daily work**. We can come to school every day mumbling and complaining about things, or we can live like people of the NEW WORLD, bring joy into everything we do and share a smile with all the people we encounter. This is the meaning of the words "one will be taken, one left", one will be made part of the new world of the Son of Man, the other left into the old world of selfishness and egotism. **Which one of the two worlds do you wish to be a part of?**

Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ, but we are not meant to live it as a childish tradition and pretend that the Christmas story repeats itself. Christ has already physically come 'in history' 2000 years ago, and will come again 'in glory' at the end of time, but between these two comings, year after year, **he asks to be born in our hearts**. Every Christmas day, Jesus asks us "Will you give me your human nature so that through you I may bring hope to a troubled world?"

Advent is our preparation to answering this question, and hopefully the answer will be the same as Our blessed Mother Mary's: YES LORD, I am yours, use me!

HOPE

Weekly Reflections

27th November 2022

A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew (Mt 24:37-44)

Jesus said: For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day we may rise to the life immortal; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Day 1

When Jesus calls himself the **Son of Man**, he is referring to a vision of the prophet Daniel. In this vision Daniel saw four terrible beasts coming out of the sea and devouring everything and each other. They are the symbol of the powers of the world who prosper because of violence, oppression and injustice.

- Can you name a few of the 'beasts' of our contemporary society?

Day 2

The vision of Daniel continues with the appearance of a **Son of Man** who brings the reign of terror of the beasts to an end and establishes a kingdom of true and authentic humanity.

- What do you think it is that makes us human?
- What is true humanity?

Day 4

In the Gospel Jesus mentions the people of the time of Noah, who ate and drank and got married, but were full of violence. All the things above (food, drink, and relationships) are good, but they can be lived in two ways: a selfish way, or a generous way.

- How? Can you come up with some examples?

Day 5

In the Gospel Jesus uses a language that may sound harsh to us: Flood swiping, people being taken and left, and thieves breaking into a house.

Nevertheless, was just using the well-known genre of apocalyptic imagery. His basic message is: be attentive and prepared, because things will change and I will bring about the new world of justice, peace and joy. **DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS CHANGE** or would you want to be left behind?

Day 3

St Andrew, the Apostle



We humbly implore you, O Lord, that, just as the blessed Apostle Andrew

was for your Church a preacher and pastor, so he may be for us a constant intercessor before you. Amen

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Please join us for our seasonal celebration of Advent on Tuesday the 13th of December at 6pm. The service will include readings from the Bible, well-loved Advent and Christmas carols sung by the St Joseph's Choir, and a short dramatic performance. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available after the celebration.

If you wish to attend, please let the office know on office@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Advent Carol Service

13th December 2022
6pm

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD'

CONFIRMATION 2023 ENROLMENT

If you are interested in your son/daughter receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year and they are in the academic Year 8 or 9, then please register your interest to confirmationolop@gmail.com. Registration will close on 11th December 2022.



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

Thames Valley Hospice.

Yesterday, a group of students went to Thames Valley Hospice in Bray to plant bulbs for the spring. The hospice commented about how lovely our students were in their conduct in and around the hospice. Their excellent manner and attitude is a true testament the Catholic Life and Mission of the school in our local community.

Mr J Gibbons



Rewards Screen

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

Mr R Dann

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/>

This will mean that Year 12 and 13 will be learning from home on this day (they will not to come to school on this day only); all KS5 teachers will be setting work for students to complete via class charts.

Progress Testing – English, Maths and Science (5th – 8th of December)

On the 5th – 8th of December, we will be testing our Year 7, 8 and 9 students in English and Maths and Year 7 in Science. The tests are the baseline test that we will use for a model of testing that we will use at KS3 (one in the autumn and one in the summer). The online tests provide us with a wealth of rigorous data that we can use to provide feedback to students, assisting them in their learning, and to give more accurate predictions of student performance. Each student will receive a report (similar to the reading test reports) via the parent email that in turn, teachers will use to adapt the curriculum, helping the students to make even progress. Students will be tested from period 1-4 on those days, as per the timetable below. Students will receive a personalised timetable during from time next week, with more information on the testing programme.

If you wish to receive copies of the testing reports, please ensure the school has your most up to date email address.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
P1	9English & Pass	7English & Pass	7Maths & NGST	7Science
P2	9English & Pass	7English & Pass	7Maths & NGST	7Science
P3	8English & Pass	8Maths & NGST	9Maths & NGST	Catch Up
P4	8English & Pass	8Maths & NGST	9Maths & NGST	Catch Up

Mr G Stack-Clark

Literacy - Word and Idiom of the Week

The word of the week is:

Conceive

This is a verb that means to fertilize an egg, become pregnant or to form an idea or plan in your mind.
“I cannot conceive of this idea.”

The idiom of the week is:

Between you and me.

This means a conversation not to be shared with anyone else.

Miss A Nash

YEAR 7 NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who attended Year 7 parents evening last night. It was a great atmosphere in the sports hall and it was so nice to see you all there. Next week is the beginning of advent starting with an assembly with yours truly in the drama room. Make sure you watch out for all the advent events coming up in the next few weeks culminating with the whole school Christmas Dinner day which is a joy. I hope you have a great weekend.

Come on England!

Mrs Dunleavy

YEAR 8 NEWS

On Thursday year 8's took part in an indoor team athletics competition. They were involved in several events including, shot, standing long jump, vertical jump, triple jump, relays and several track events. They all worked extremely hard with many of them taking first place in their event. All their effort resulted in both the girls and the boys team taking first place and winning their gold medals. A huge congratulations to all those who took part.



Licia Triumph, Mikah Aungon, Emilia Malczewska, Csenge Bodor, Natalia Zaworska, Ava Bellamy, Celine Sidyk

Lucas Passos, Alex Baptista, Jean-Marie Tiero, Jakub Ogone, Winners Nwachukwu, Noah Deveraux





Mrs A. Anstiss

Year 11 News

Bonjour St Joseph!

43 year 11 French students are spending 2 days in Lille to discover le *Marché de Noël* tonight before visiting a *boulangerie* tomorrow to see how *croissants* and *pains au chocolat* are made. This will complement their learning in the classroom and will provide them with the opportunity to practise their speaking skills.

More pictures to follow next week...



Year 12 News

Our A level Spanish students attended a very informative conference at BFI Southbank. This study day provided an introduction to director Pedro Almodóvar's themes and styles. Students were able to compare some of the director's works and received resources that will help them prepare for their essay writing.



Miss Toro Sanchez

Electives Plan – Spring 1

The Electives Brochure for Spring 1 is attached to the newsletter. This lists the electives pupils will be ranking from their particular block as well as key information on each Elective. Please do read through this with your child this week so that they can make an informed decision. At the beginning of next week all pupils will be emailed their online electives preferences form. They will be required to rank the electives and have one go to complete the form. I'd like to emphasise that top preferences are not always guaranteed due to class capacity, however we encourage pupils to broaden their minds, try new things and make new friends!

Any queries, your form tutor will be able to assist.

Mrs Araf

Football Elective

During our Electives programme, the Football elective enjoyed a spritely (albeit rainy) circuit of football matches at the stadium.



Music News

Carol Service Singing and Playing.

Preparations for the Carol service are well underway. We will be rehearsing Carols in Singing Club on Thursdays. Also, next week on Friday 2nd December, we will be having a quick rehearsal from 3.15pm-3.45pm. Please make sure to be there if you are involved. If you cannot attend afterschool, please contact Miss Ure.

Music Department - Performance Opportunities

After Christmas we have a number of opportunities planned, in and out of school, to perform to an audience. These are opportunities for anyone who would like to gain experience in performing, for any instruments and voices, as well as if students would like to perform their compositions. If you are interested please contact Miss Ure on Teams.

Miss K Ure

Computing News

Year 8 AWS Get IT launch assembly in the hall

Natasha Wright an Amazon Web Service employee launched the AWS GetIT competition, which is an app-building challenge to encourage young students to design an app to solve real issues faced by their school or community.

AWS GET IT is an initiative designed by Amazon Web Services (AWS) to encourage students



aged 12-13; especially girls to consider a career in tech – challenging long standing gender stereotypes.

Our students today were very excited to take on the challenge to become innovators of technology that would change lives.

[Mrs E Buck](#)

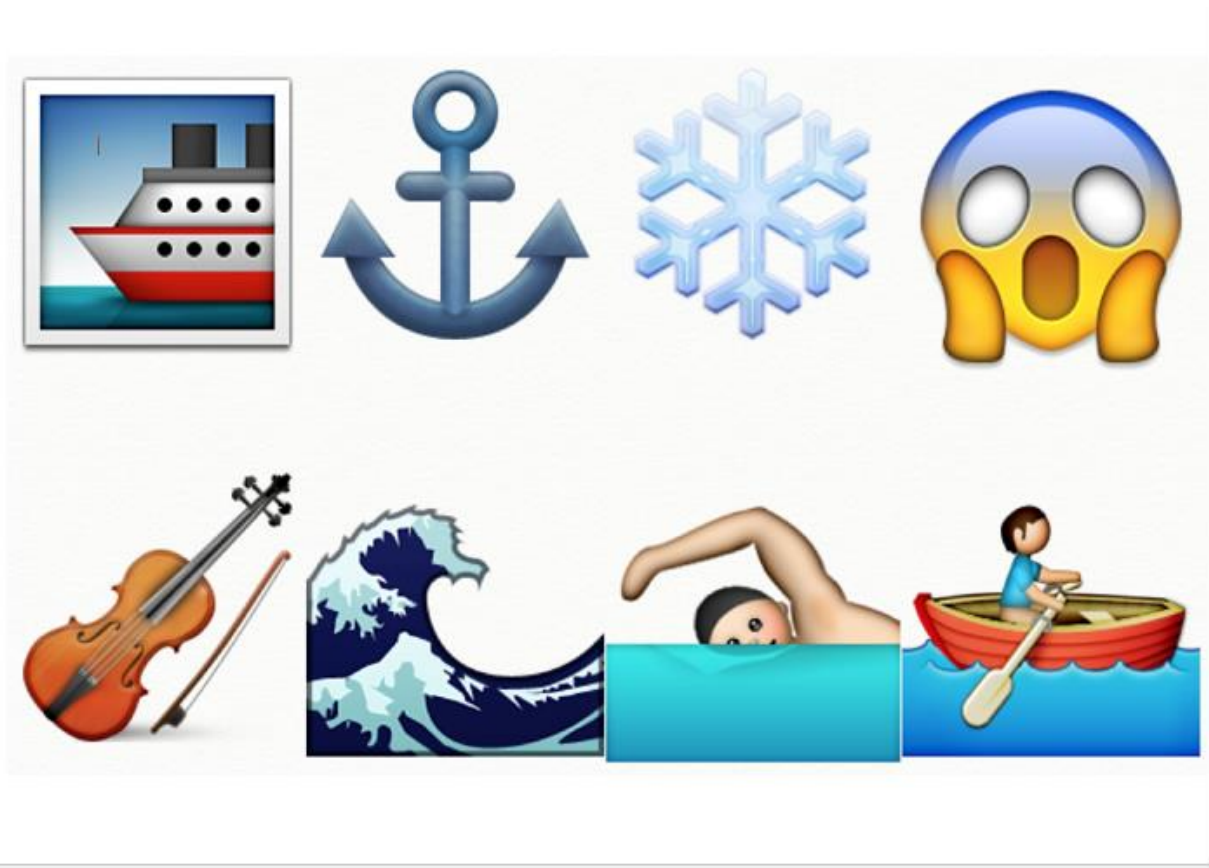
History News

History Emoji Competition

Unfortunately, there was no winner of the History Emoji Competition last week. The event represented in the Emoji was the Women Suffragette Movement.

This week, we try again!

What event is represented in the below emojis?



If you think you know, message your answer to Ms. Weir on Teams by next Thursday 1st December. The winner will be announced in next week's newsletter.



To Read:

The Greatest Women in History: The remarkable women who changed our world – by Catherine Curran, Phillipa Grafton, Alex Hoskins, Kim Winters, and Hannah Westlake.

This books celebrates the achievements of women who have excelled all over the world in jobs such as science, engineering, activism, poetry, politics and physicians.

To Watch:

“Rise of the Nazis” – A nine part series available on BBC iPlayers which considers how Hitler seized power, and an insight into the minds of the Nazis and those who fought against him.



To Visit:

This week, we recommend “visiting” instead of listening. Why not visit the ruins of Pompeii with the use of YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaJPcKLyXLQ>



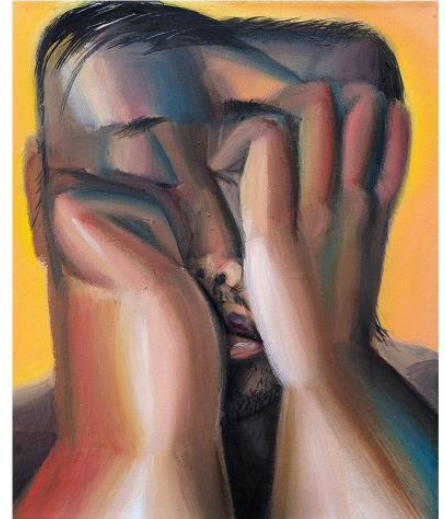
Miss E Weir

TVLP NEWS

ALVIN ONG

Antidote

19 Nov - 8 Dec 2022



The Drawing Schools is pleased to present 'Antidote', a solo exhibition by our artist-in-residence, Alvin Ong. Playfully combining diverse visual vocabularies, this new body of work made since Michaelmas 2022 is a reflection of the artist's ongoing interests in the physicality of the body, as well as how our human experiences are being reshaped in the current moment. Through vignettes of everyday life, the vocabulary of the mundane is transformed into a site of spectacle in which audiences are implicated as flaneur and voyeur.

Thursday, 1st Dec 2022,
The Drawing Schools
7.30 p.m: Private View.
8.45 p.m: Artist-in-conversation with the Alexander Cozens society.

NEW. White Ribbon Day speaker, Chris Green OBE.

Friday 25th November 2022.

The White Ribbon Campaign is the world's largest organisation of men and boys working to end male violence against women. Its Founder, Chris Green OBE, will give two talks at Eton College: the first

from 6:15-7:15; and the second from 8:45-10:00. TVLP students and staff are welcome to attend. Simply send your first name, surname and school email address to info@tvlp.org.uk BEFORE 1:00pm on Friday 25th November to register. <https://www.whiteribbon.org.uk/>.

NEW. Free art exhibition at Eton College. A poster is attached. TVLP students, parents and staff are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Caroline Atwill, Head of Art at Eton College.

c.atwill@etoncollege.org.uk

NEW. Environment speaker, 'Can we afford to save Africa's rhinos?' VR headsets will be available.

Thursday 1st December 2022, 8:45pm-9:45pm. This is an in-person event at Eton College. TVLP students and staff are welcome to attend. To register, email your first name, surname, and school email address to info@tvlp.org.uk before 10:00am on 1st December.

NEW. Career speaker: 'Architecture: Shifting perspectives - Tech, Space & Social influence of Architecture', with Robert Kerr. Thursday 26th January 2023, 8:30pm - 9:30pm. This is an in-person event at Eton College. TVLP students and staff are welcome to attend. Book here: [VocSoc - Robert Kerr Oe - Architecture Tickets, Thu 26 Jan 2023 at 20:30 | Eventbrite](#)

NEW. Career speaker: 'Careers in Sports' with Charlie Methven. Tuesday 31st January 2023, 8:30pm - 9:30pm. This is an in-person event at Eton College. TVLP students and staff are welcome to attend. Book here: [VocSoc - Charlie Methven - Careers in Sports Tickets, Tue 31 Jan 2023 at 20:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Career speaker: 'Can dogs get cancer too? - Life as a veterinary' with Charlie Pittaway. Wednesday 23rd November 2022, 8:45pm-9:45pm. This is an in-person event at Eton College. TVLP students and staff are welcome to attend. Book here: [VocSoc - Charlie Pittaway - Can dogs get cancer too? - Life as a veterinary Tickets, Wed 23 Nov 2022 at 20:45 | Eventbrite](#)

Finance simulation (online) workshop for 6th form students. Tuesday 21st February 2023, 5:00pm-7:00pm. Delivered by Amplify Trading. More information to follow. To express an interest, email info@tvlp.org.uk

If you have any queries please speak to Miss Boland

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:



- ♦ Wiktoria Wrobel 7M
- ♦ Alicia Kasongo 9P
- ♦ Maryanne Rojas 9P
- ♦ Joel Manalody 10V
- ♦ Marcel Temrowski 11J
- ♦ Kacper Kolmetz 13J



SVP Christmas Hampers

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done (Proverbs 19:17)

Help families and vulnerable people in Slough this Christmas- donate to your forms Christmas hamper!
All forms are asked to put together at least one hamper.
Hampers should include non-perishable food, toiletries and Christmas items

Please ensure items donated have a use by date of no earlier than February 2023

Your hampers should include:

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| - Christmas card or festive message | - Tinned fruit |
| - Christmas pudding, biscuits or cake | - Fruit juice |
| - Christmas selection boxes | - Instant mash potato |
| - Cereal | - Noodles |
| - Soup | - Sugar |
| - Pasta/Rice | - Shower gel |
| - Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce | - Shampoo |
| - Lentils, beans and pulses | - Soap |
| - Tinned meat | - Deodorant |
| - Tinned vegetables | - Toothpaste |
| Tea/coffee | - Toothbrush |
| | - Flannel |
| | - Towels |
| | - Scarf/Gloves/socks |

All hampers to be completed and delivered to the school hall (under the tree) for Monday 12th December

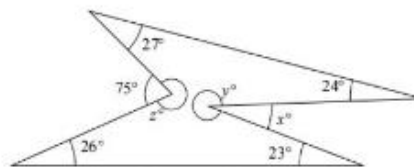
Thank you!



#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- C** The angles at a point sum to 360° so $75 + z = 360$ and $y + x = 360$.
Therefore $75 + z + y + x = 720$.
The sum of the interior angles of a hexagon is $4 \times 180^\circ = 720^\circ$.
Therefore



$27 + 24 + y + 23 + 26 + z = 720$, so $75 + z + y + x = 27 + 24 + y + 23 + 26 + z$.
Hence $75 + x = 27 + 24 + 23 + 26 = 100$. So $x = 100 - 75 = 25$.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

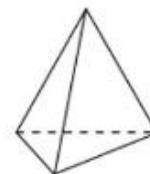
- D** Assume that $a > b$. Then $a + b = 7$ and $a - b = 2$. Adding these two equations together gives $2a = 9$. So $a = \frac{9}{2}$ and hence $b = 7 - \frac{9}{2} = \frac{14-9}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$.
Therefore $a \times b = \frac{9}{2} \times \frac{5}{2} = \frac{45}{4} = 11\frac{1}{4}$.

Problem of the week

A tetrahedron is a solid figure which has four faces, all of which are triangles.

What is the product of the number of edges and the number of vertices of the tetrahedron?

- A 8 B 10 C 12 D 18 E 24



Break time Teaser:

Last year, Australian Suzy Walsham won the annual women's race up the 1576 steps of the Empire State Building in New York for a record fifth time. Her winning time was 11 minutes 57 seconds. Approximately how many steps did she climb per minute?

- A 13 B 20 C 80 D 100 E 130

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

PUPIL NOMINATIONS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 7

Rio Fleming-Moore for his excellent participation and motivation in languages
Kuba Telezynski and **Nicole Piwiko** for being Faith Filled and Hopeful

YEAR 8

Celine Sidyk (8 Cecilia) and **Oliver Stacey** (8 Peter) For achieving the most positive points in the year this week.

A special well done to Oliver in particular as he has achieved an amazing 25 positive points this week! Well done.

Angelo Da Silva for effort in French

YEAR 9

Nick Tolwinski and **Ariyana Maraj** for an excellent week and the most positive points on classcharts

YEAR 10

Dhember Villegas, **Hannah Marie Anaya**, **Jeremy Jimpres** and **Filip Kaczmarek** For the most amount of positive points

Joel Manalody for showing motivation and curiosity in Spanish.

YEAR 11

Saskia Adams for an excellent number of positive points this week. **Jennifer Njau** for a brilliant start to her composition

Martyna Krzesaj and **Daniel Da Fonseca Soares** for amazing speaking skills in Spanish

YEAR 12

Esther Owusu-Ansah for earning the most positive points in the year group this week and **Rheanna Ramos** for working exceptionally hard in her English lessons.

Julia Kolmetz and **Zuzanna Slomczewska** as students of the week for their engagement in Media and depth of independent study practice

YEAR 13

Steve Sibanda for use of idiom and word of the week and **Iyanu Sanni** for most positive points