



ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents of Sixth Form students who were involved in sixth form taster day – they all arrived suited and booted so beautifully on Tuesday. Thank you especially to an anonymous donor who made this day particularly memorable for a significant number of our Year 11 in supporting them over this day. It was also timely that yesterday we received some further encouraging news in that our Value Added placed us as the Number 1 Sixth Form in the Local Authority of all schools with Sixth Forms once again and with the highest number of target grades reached

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out of all schools and the highest ALPS grade (1) in the town. Naturally we're delighted with this and it's something to celebrate here (if only we were allowed).

Living with Covid

It's always good to feel special and this week the government has made a special exception in placing Slough in Tier 3. What this means for us is that we'll need to continue to ask the students to wear masks/visors (which the exception of those who are exempt) when transitioning between classes. The general feedback we're getting from the students is that, although face coverings are a bit of a nuisance, they're only something students have to wear for approximately 5 – 10 minutes in total over the whole day and it's worth it. This is one of those many things that has kept the school open and running where other local secondary schools have unfortunately had to send large numbers home or have had to make the unenviable decision to shut completely. Although it's nothing any of us wish to impose upon ourselves the students have been brilliant with this and I'd like to thank them and you for your support in all of this.

Have a great weekend.

St Joseph, pray for us

Theme of the Week

Stay Awake!

Advent is upon us! It is a time of waiting and expectation. The word 'Advent' means "coming". And only God knows when the second coming will be. However, in today's Gospel, we are reminded that we must stay awake and be ready for Jesus when he returns at the end of time. At this time of the year, we are reminded to stay awake and call upon God for mercy.

How do we prepare for events? We look forward to them with excitement and sometimes with a little trepidation.

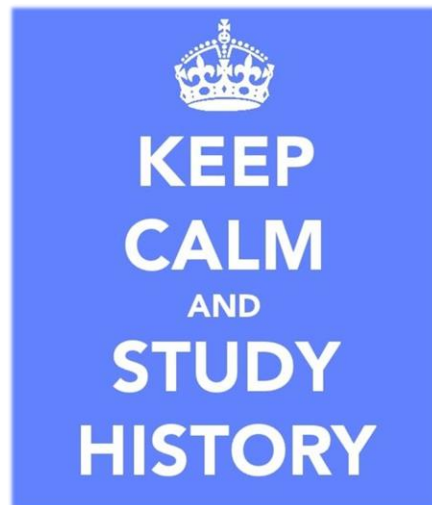
Mark is writing for a community that is suffering persecution. Mark tells them that they are to **be vigilant, to wait in hope**. He says that we don't know when the end of time will come and that the best attitude to adopt is to always **be ready for it, to always live in hope**. The future, Mark tells them, is in God's hands and beyond our control, understanding or prediction.

It is especially important to keep that feeling of hope alive and active in our lives. Covid-19 has brought with it a multitude of struggles. Hope is the dynamo that drives us on through the daily struggles we face. It is the source of our missionary journey to others. **Hope is the light in us that attracts others to our way of life**. Unless we live as people of hope, we are robbing others of the chance to see that we have faith in our redemption, and in the redemptive teachings of Christ.

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History News

Attention of Year 11 students considering taking A Level History



What does the A Level History course look like?

The A Level History course consists of three topics, and coursework. Each topic will have an exam at the end of Year 13. The breakdown of the course is:

Paper I: In search of the American Dream, 1917 – 96 (Value: 30% of overall marks)

Paper II: South Africa, 1948 – 94: from apartheid state to “rainbow nation” (Value: 20% of overall marks)

Paper III: Britain: losing and gaining an empire, 1763 – 1914 (Value: 30% of overall marks)

Coursework: Success of the New Deal – with the opportunity to select your own question. (Value: 20% of overall marks).

Why study History?

If you're excited about the idea of learning about the past from artefacts and fragments left behind, then maybe **archaeology** is for you.

If your greatest thrill is sharing your knowledge with others, then maybe you should consider working in a **museum** or as a **teacher**.

If you're fascinated by the records of the past, the documents that open a window into how people lived and worked, and how towns and villages evolved over centuries, then maybe you should investigate work as an **archivist**, in a **Record's Office**, or perhaps train as a **librarian** specializing in local history.

WHY STUDY HISTORY?

History helps us tell the future - teaching us about the past. That makes it a great way into a whole host of careers.



Skills

- Analysis
- Research
- Essay writing
- Communication
- Problem-solving
- Arguing



Careers

- Law
- Politics
- Public sector
- Business
- Marketing
- Economics
- Teaching
- Academia
- Insurance
- Archaeology



Related subjects

- English Literature
- Languages
- Media studies
- Law
- Politics
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Economics
- Sociology



Helps towards degree courses in...

- Archaeology
- Economics
- Classics
- Languages
- English
- History of art
- Law
- Politics
- Teaching
- Religious studies



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If you are interested in enhancing your knowledge, please check out the History Instagram page, @stjosephshistory, where a range of books, films and documentaries are regularly recommended.

For more information, please contact the History Department.



From Tuesday 1st December until Thursday 16th December, the History Department will be holding daily competitions - with 5 epraise points up for grabs! There can be only one winner! To enter, you need to follow @stjosephshistory. Good luck to all entries! 😊

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Operation Bletchley are calling on all Secret Agents for Christmas in Berlin! Do you have what it takes?!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to cover 24 miles on foot through Soviet territory, decrypt vital intelligence about the blockade, cracking codes as you go, and help bring our stranded contacts back to Headquarters.

With three levels of codes to choose from: junior, codebreaker and cypher expert, this is an activity which the whole family can get involved in this Christmas.

Sign up for just £10 and link the activity to your phone or tracker, or record your miles manually. This event begins from 26 December 2020.

<https://events.soldierscharity.org/event/operation-bletchley/home>

Please follow the link below for more information, and to sign up. Please do send on photos of your participation in this event if you are comfortable with them being shared in the Newsletter, and on our History Instagram Page, @stjosephshistory.

Cecilia House Feast Day

Cecilia House celebrated their feast day on Monday. They examined the life of St. Cecilia and reflected on how they replicate her loving, generous and hopeful attitude in their school lives. They also enjoyed feasting on their doughnuts at break and lunch.



R.E. News

This week, our Chaplaincy Team delivered the year group assemblies. They inspired all of us to evaluate our lives and consider a range of different ways that we could be selfless. Well done to Patryk Wachowiak, Rosheoil Michael, Marvin Fotso, Kieran Jones, Stewart Arthur, Thabani Chikwanha and David Opara for some excellent presentations!

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A further well done to all the student leader candidates who gave speeches in front of their entire year group, explaining why they would make a selfless student leader. The voting that will form part of the judgement for these roles has been emailed to your school email, and will close on Sunday evening at 9:00 p.m. Good luck to all the candidates!"

Mr Ojakovoh



Computer Science News

The Computer Science department is running the **CyberFirst - EmPower Cyber Week for the Year 7s**. This would be held from the **30th November - 3rd December 2020 from 15:00 -16:00 (after school)**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on:

s.viegas@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk or g.jaswal@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

Miss Viegas and Mrs Jaswal



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Year 7 News

It was great to see all the speeches for student leaders in assembly on Monday which was superbly ran by Ross and Patryk who are in our chaplaincy team. Good luck to all those that participated. Can I ask you to make sure that winter coats are dark colours (black, grey or navy). It is also compulsory for masks to be worn when travelling between lessons.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy

Year 8 News

Dear all,

Year 8 this week have had a fantastic and productive week. We started this week with Cecilia Feast Day, and 8C enjoyed their doughnuts on the playground at lunch time. Year 8 have been active in Computing creating apps for the Amazon GetIt competition. In groups the students must create an app to help solve an issue in their lives or around school - so far I have seen apps that remind you of revision and exams, and apps to help with mental health in young people. Really fantastic, mature and creative ideas.

This week Year 8 were told about ATL rewards.

- The top 20 students in the year group for ATL have been placed automatically in a draw to win a present.
- The bottom 15 students in the year group for ATL have been put on an ATL challenge. They must improve their ATL over the course of these next 3 weeks and the student with the highest ATL will win a present.
- All other students without 1s or 2s on their report, have been placed automatically in a draw to win a present.

Last push for our tutor groups for the Everest League: easy wins include having your planner signed, a reading book, and getting ePraise! Veronica are still at the top - well done!

Lastly HUGE congratulations to Aedan Sharp, Jayden Baron, Joel Manalody, Izan Iglesias, Itohan Ogiemien, Annabell Lysiak, Maya Kravitz, Nicola Szuba, Barbara Siotor and Nicole Lewandowska for standing up in front of the year group this morning in assembly and applying to be student leaders for Year 8. An incredible achievement. I look forward to finding out who our two leaders will be. A reminder to all students to log in to their student emails this weekend so they can vote for who they would like to represent them!

Have a restful weekend,

Miss WD



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Year 9 News

Students of the week are Eryk Masny and Leah Walls for outstanding work in Maths. Well done this is fantastic!

A very big well done to Joy, Deshaun, Matteo, Laura and Ava for their student leader speeches. It really is not easy to stand up in front of 160 people and talk. I am incredibly proud of you all!

Mr Robinson

Year 10 News

In assembly this week we heard from 4 students who are keen to be the new Yr 10 student leaders. The speeches were well presented in a clear articulate way and all 4 students showed great confidence and maturity. Good luck to all involved, voting is now open.



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Badminton Tournament

This week we ran a badminton tournament which will finish next week when all pairs have played each other. It was great to see some very competitive matches being played with excellent standards of sportsmanship. Here are some of the players in action.



Year 10 Epraise totals

Top students	This week	Tutor groups
1. ● Matteo Ramsay-Scuderi (10 Jerome) (242)	1. Anna Czajkowska (10 Veronica) (25)	1. 10 Jerome (2808)
2. ● Alfie Mewett (10 Mark) (217)	1. Alan Belniak (10 Peter) (25)	2. 10 Cecilia (1927)
3. ● Natalia Kochanowska (10 Mark) (183)	3. Alfred Clark (10 Veronica) (23)	3. 10 Peter (1853)
4. ● Megan Cobb (10 Cecilia) (171)	4. Clinton Ganiste (10 Peter) (20)	4. 10 Mark (1760)
5. ● Olivier Lydzinski (10 Peter) (170)	5. Esther Owusu-Ansah (10 Teresa) (16)	5. 10 Veronica (1716)
6. ● Dominic Witkowski (10 Jerome) (169)	5. Yohanie Sathari Fernando (10 Veronica) (16)	6. 10 Teresa (1628)
7. ● Daisy Loft (10 Teresa) (166)	7. Clinton Njoku (10 Mark) (12)	
7. ● Jakub Olszanski (10 Cecilia) (166)	7. Maddie Woodley (10 Peter) (12)	
9. Alfred Clark (10 Veronica) (147)	9. Bruno Boaretto (10 Veronica) (11)	
10. Patryk Trzeciak (10 Mark) (145)	9. Anastasia Barrocas (10 Cecilia) (11)	

End of term Assessments

Over the next 2 weeks year 10 will be sitting their end of term assessments. Use this weekend to organise a revision timetable, block off some time each evening in order to go over the topics covered this half term. If you are unsure about what to revise please speak to your subject teachers or drop them an email.

Any questions do drop me an email s.cheston@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

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Well Done

Congratulations to Jayden Meghoma who has been selected for the England U15's football squad, a great achievement, good luck Jayden!



Year 11 News

Dear Year 11,

Well done for an excellent week! You have acquitted yourselves excellently throughout, particularly during your 6th form taster day where the feedback from teachers was outstanding. We move closer to Xmas, and closer to our next set of examinations. Although it may be difficult in these dark and cold months, please maintain your focus and motivation towards revision and interventions. Remember they are being put on to benefit you! The effort is going to be worth it, I promise.

Next week we look forward to some Inter-Band sporting events with Basketball, Netball and Football taking place at lunch times. It'll be a good opportunity to showcase our talents in a competitive way on the playground whilst having a lot of fun with it.

Have a restful weekend, and most importantly, Stay Excellent.

Mr Oakley

Sixth Form News

Thank you to all parents for their support with 6th form Parents' Evening yesterday. The feedback I have received is overwhelmingly positive from both students and staff. Moving forward, the focus for the next few weeks should be to finish off personal statements and submit UCAS applications. In addition, it would be useful to finish off the EPQ essay if this hasn't been completed already. Doing so will put students in a strong position for the next set of PPE's, which are only 7 weeks away as it will allow them to focus on revision.

Sixth Form Application is now live! A huge well done to Year 11 for their participation in Sixth Form Taster Day. All students had a really positive attitude, everyone was engaged and proactive in finding out information to make well informed choices. I had a queue of students coming to me during the lunch and break times, asking questions about courses. Again, this is really positive and we have also been really impressed by Year 11's attitude to studies and their interventions this term.

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In order to sign up to St Joseph's Sixth Form, please click [here](#). The deadline for applications is Monday 14th December. For more information on application, please go to the Apply page on the Sixth Form area of the school website (<https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/joining-us/apply/>)

Students will not need to provide their predicted grades so please leave this section blank.

Look forward to your application.

Year 12 students of the week:

A special shout out to the chaplaincy team for their outstanding work in delivering their assemblies this week – Stewart Arthur, Kieran Jones, David Opara, Marvin Fosto, Thabani Chikwanha, Patryk Wachowiak and Rosheoil Michael. Well done!

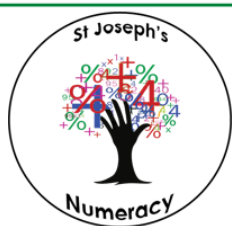
Mr Clark & Mr Matthews

Geography News

Miss Tirbhowan gave Year 7s and 8s an exciting treat this week through incorporating her excellent knowledge of the aviation industry into her lessons. Dressed up as a flight attendant from her time working with British Airways, Miss Tirbhowan took the students on a journey through the Philippines to learn of typhoons and extreme weather. The students got their boarding passes and were permitted to travel and learn knowledge within the classroom, whilst improving their literacy with newspaper articles to read up on current events. Geography lends well to a career in the aviation industry and we encourage any students to speak to Miss Tirbhowan if they wish to learn more about her previous job and field of work. Please email Miss Tirbhowan if you would like to discuss this career further or ask any questions: S.Tirbhowan@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk



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#IcandoMaths

Solution to last Week's Puzzler

You can count out 9 numbers and add them up:

Note that there are 9 gaps between the lamps, so the total time is $(5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12 + 13)$ seconds = 81 seconds.

Or use patterns:

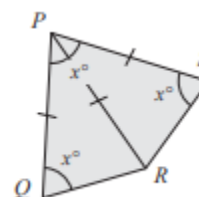


In the middle is 8 9 10, $8 + 10 = 18$ and 9 is alone

So total is $4 \times 18 + 9 = 81$

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- D** As $PQ = PR$, $\angle PRQ = \angle PQR = x^\circ$. Also, as $PR = PS$, $\angle PRS = \angle PSR = x^\circ$. Therefore, $\angle QRS = (2x)^\circ$. The sum of the interior angles of quadrilateral $PQRS$ is 360° . Therefore $x + x + 2x + x = 360$, so $5x = 360$. Hence $x = 72$.



Congratulations to: Piotr Basinski (8T), Izan IT (8M) and Annabell Lysiak (8C) for correct answers.

Problem of the week

Jack's teacher asked him to draw a triangle of area 7 cm^2 .
Two sides are to be of length 6 cm and 8 cm .

How many possibilities are there for the length of the third side of the triangle?

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Break time Teaser:

The diagram shows part of a tessellation of the plane by a quadrilateral.

Khelen wants to colour each quadrilateral in the pattern so that no two quadrilaterals that meet (even at a point) have the same colour.

What is the smallest number of colours he needs?

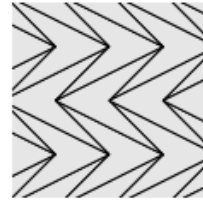
A 3

B 4

C 5

D 6

E 7



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

Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Romain (7C) for being caring and compassionate with others.

All those students who gave presentations this week - Harry Joseph, Che Saini, Sean Chigoya, Victoria Prochacka, Diya Dimas, Kara Cullen, Sydelle Vaz

Year 8

Myles Woodward 8V for excellence in PSHE.
Nikhil, Isabelle and Nicole from 8J for engagement and participation in History

Year 10

Michelle Arzoo, Natalia Malczewska, Harrison Mwangi, Luka Clark for the confidence and maturity they demonstrated in this week's student leaders' presentations

Year 9

Eryk Masny and Leah Walls for outstanding work in Maths

Year 12

Robert Soper - for an outstanding work ethic in all subjects (**curious**) but particularly Sports Science.

Sinead Titterrell – for being proactive (**autonomous**) in seeking feedback and for creating a fantastic CV. Well done.

Year 11

Aloysius Fernandes and Adrian Fernandes for their excellent attitude towards English

Year 13

Jess Malaj for showing a big improvement in ATL and achieving much improved PPE results.

Arrush Chaturvedi for his consistently excellent ATL and PPE results.