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ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE
ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES VOLCANO APPEAL

From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you again to all the parents who attended the on line Year 9 Parents' Evening last night. Mr Robinson and Miss Ure will be getting in contact with those who had difficulties in attending after half term. In addition this week, Mrs Bray organised a very successful Work Experience with the Year 12 on line (we're the only Sixth Form in the town to have provided this for a Sixth Form this year) and we still managed to hold joyfully tearful end of Year assemblies for Year 11 & Year 13. All of these students I'm sure will leave a long lasting legacy for future St Joseph's students and the wider communities they will go on to serve. We look forward to seeing them back on Results Day.

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A big thank you to all the parents and students who have contributed to the St Vincent and the Grenadines Volcano appeal run by our placement chaplain Bethan, with Mr. Watson – we are in the process of sending all these items over half term with shipping companies.

Finally, we'd like to say goodbye to Bethan who has come to us on secondment over the last 6 weeks. She's been amazing, and with an advert on our website for a chaplain – we're hoping to see her a little more in the future.

Attendance on last day of term

Our attendance at St Joseph's is well above National Average whichever way it's analysed but we've noticed this year that we're experiencing a lower level of attendance on the last days of each term. Whilst it may be tempting to catch a cheaper flight or hotel booking it's still of the utmost importance that students attend a full day of taught lessons. We make attendance an important issue with the students and stress the importance of getting back into a school routine. We can only do what we can with the full support of parents, which includes ensuring the students are turning up every day without exception. It is critically important at St Joseph's and we make it clear to them they should attend, even if they are feeling a little under the weather such as having a runny nose. Whilst we phone home for absence, if a phone call has not been received, we do require written letters (or emails) to the Form tutor explaining why any student was not in and without it absences will be unauthorised. Thank you for your ongoing support.

LAT Flow Testing

All Slough schools are in weekly contact with Public Health England, the Department of Education and Slough LA and we work closely and collaborate on the issue of minimizing the impact of the Covid virus. This week we have been asked to isolate students and staff who have been in contact with any student who has shown a positive LAT flow test. It's important to understand that this is precautionary and upon confirmation of the PCR test those students will either stay in isolation or return to school. Such has been the case this week, where, we had to send a number of students home only to have to ask them to return the next day on confirmation that a LAT flow test had thrown up a *false* positive. We will keep you informed in the most transparent manner over all of this period and we will continue to let all parents know if there has been a positive case, so if you are worried please don't hesitate to get contact – but please don't listen to rumours or hearsay around suspected cases.

Whilst this week has had its logistic challenges for all involved, we can all see the principle underlining that the exercise is one of safety for all concerned. Thank you to all the students and parents who had to isolate and then returned this week – we're very grateful for your patience in what could be a nervous time.

Please do continue to test twice weekly and record the results for the DfE. If you run out please do get in contact with us as it's likely we'll have a few spares for such occasions.

We'll see you and all the children back on **Monday 7th June** raring to go.

Have a great half term.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Ciran Stapleton

Theme of the Week – Body of Christ

As we begin this new week and the second half of this term, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Jesus. Why do we have a specific day to celebrate this feast? It's a reminder to each of us of this gift of Jesus, given to us by Jesus at the Last Supper, but to also remember that we are all parts of the Body of Christ. When we think about our theme for this week, 'Body of Christ', we automatically think about Jesus. The Body of Christ is Jesus and we hear these words when we go to Mass especially at Holy Communion when we receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion.

In the Gospel reading for this week, Jesus is having a special meal with His disciples, the Last Supper. They are celebrating the Feast of Passover.

What special meals have you experienced before? Celebrating a birthday, Christmas, Easter etc. What is it that makes it special?

What is special about the meal that Jesus is having with His disciples?

Being Christians, followers of Jesus, we are members of the Body of Christ, which is another name for the Church. A body is made up of many parts; arms, legs, hands, feet etc. each working in their own way but can only work if joined to the body itself. This is the same with the Body of Christ, the Church. This is the same too, with the school community here at St Joseph's. If just one member of staff or one student was to leave, the whole feeling of the community would change. We have noticed this as the Year 11's and the Year 13's having left, the school feels quieter. Everyone in the school community is important, is not forgotten, is loved and cared for. We are each a part of the Body of Christ, the Church, the community at St Joseph's living in the world, sharing Jesus' message of love.

What does it mean to belong to something? A club or a group, school community etc.

How are you going to spread Jesus' message of love to those around you?

Year 7 – 9 End of Year Assessments

The end of year assessments for Year 7-9 will commence week beginning 14th June and will take place over a two week period during lesson time. Your child's class teacher will inform them of the specific date this will take place. Please can I ask parents to encourage their child to revise content covered during the year by reviewing lessons on Teams, resources uploaded onto Show my Homework and all the work in their exercise books.

Year 10 and 12 Pre-Public Examinations

From Wednesday 23rd June, Year 10 and 12 will be completing their first set of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs). A timetable for this will be issued to students. Please can you encourage your son/daughter to be revising content covered to date.

Year 7 News

Well done for making it through a difficult half term. There has been some excellent learning going on. Last week it was great to see so many students help raise money for Thailand, the cinema night was a great success. Thank you for your donations. Keep your eyes peeled for future events. There will be more information on the trip to Thorpe Park soon.

Epraise

Top students	This week	Tutor groups
1. Oliwia Foksinska (7 Mark) (1607)	1. Oliwia Foksinska (7 Mark) (292)	1. 7 Mark (12762)
2. Alexander Homot (7 Mark) (1139)	2. Nadia Ankiewicz-Heetun (7 Mark) (55)	2. 7 Teresa (11320)
3. Maksymilian Oleszak (7 Veronica) (884)	3. Gabriela Majewska (7 Teresa) (50)	3. 7 Veronica (9954)
4. Oliwia Polaczyk Borek (7 Mark) (878)	3. Oliwia Polaczyk Borek (7 Mark) (50)	4. 7 Peter (9803)
5. Yurand Kwiatkowski (7 Mark) (864)	5. Alexander Homot (7 Mark) (47)	5. 7 Jerome (8700)
6. Adriel Dias (7 Veronica) (835)	6. Natalia Kozluk (7 Mark) (45)	6. 7 Cecilia (7030)
7. Rosa Jarrett (7 Veronica) (801)	7. Victor Hryn (7 Mark) (42)	
8. Nadia Ankiewicz-Heetun (7 Mark) (791)	8. Kieran Mugume (7 Mark) (40)	
9. Gabriela Majewska (7 Teresa) (773)	9. David Bialek (7 Mark) (35)	
10. Vince Lacsamana (7 Veronica) (762)	10. Emily Orlowska (7 Jerome) (32)	

Mrs Dunleavy

Year 8 News

Dear Year 8,

Well done on completing a full half term after our time in lockdown! It has been so fantastic to spend this time in school with you and I am really looking forward to all of the fun of our Summer Term - your last term of Year 8 before you start your GCSEs. It has been a really challenging half term for the whole school so well done on your resilience and compassion throughout it. We have also had a really exciting and joyful half term with many extra-curricular clubs now up and running and of course St Joseph's Day!

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I look forward to more success amongst the year group next term and for our attendance and ATL trip to Thorpe Park. Please keep yourselves safe and well over the half term and make sure you get some rest before we come back.

Love always,

Miss WD

Year 9 News

We are at the end of another half term. Only one half term left in Year 9! After half term there will be end of year assessments coming up. Your child's teachers should be giving an idea of what can be done to prepare for these. It is also important that we get lots of rest over the half term and are ready to work hard when we return.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thank you for your participation in Parents' Evening last night, I do hope this answered any questions you might have about your child's progress. If you have any feedback or any further questions have arisen please do not hesitate to contact me.

Year 10 News

After school intervention starts Monday 7th June

In order to support your son/daughter in the next stage of their exam preparation, the following intervention sessions have been organised. Your son/daughter is welcome to attend any of the sessions even if their subject teacher has not invited them (except Science). You will receive a letter showing you which sessions your son/daughter have been invited to.

Sessions will start week beginning **Monday 7th June** up until the exams that start on **23rd June**.

	SESSION 1 3-3.45	SESSION 2 3.45-4.30
MONDAY	SCIENCE	MATHS
TUESDAY	SPANISH/FRENCH/BUSINESS/ COMPUTING/iMEDIA	ENGLISH (all students to attend)
WEDNESDAY	RE/CHILD DEVELOPMENT/DRAMA	PE

These sessions are designed to help support your son/daughter in preparation for the Year 10 exams that start on June 23rd. The intervention sessions will focus on the areas of weakness identified in last term's assessments. They will also be used to develop exam techniques and to support your son/daughter in revisiting topics covered over the past two academic years.

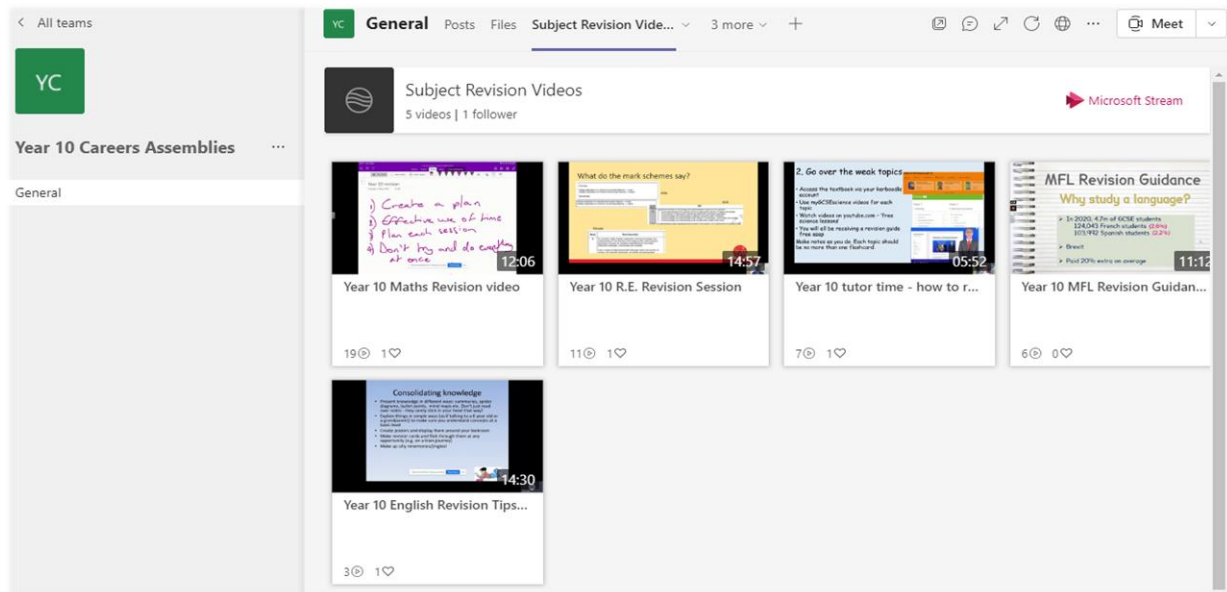
It is essential that we work in partnership to help your child maximise their potential, and I look forward to your anticipated support in ensuring that your son/daughter attends these intervention sessions over the next few weeks. If for some reason, your son/daughter cannot attend please contact the subject teacher directly.

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Revision videos

These can be accessed through the Teams Careers group, click on the '3 more' tab and then 'Subject Revision Videos'. These are a really good starting point when revising for the core subjects.



Have a great half term break and remember stick to your revision timetable and get the balance right between work, rest and play.

Miss Cheston
Head of Year 10

Year 11 News

Dear Year 11,

Wow! We've made it, and you have officially finished Year 11! I'm so proud of how you've conducted yourselves over this incredible difficult and stressful time. As I mentioned in the leavers assembly yesterday, you've come through the toughest period in the history of education with flying colours, and for that I have to say thank you!

Remember Prom is on July 8th. I will put a 'dress code' in the Year 11 Teams page and any information regarding Prom will go on there so please keep an eye out for it.

Some of you will also still be receiving Careers Meetings over the final half term. These will take place over Teams (unless you want to get out of the house and come into school) and again, you will be notified over Teams in advance of these.

Stay active over the long break you now have, and if you ever need any advice or support please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

I will miss seeing you all every day, and always remember how proud I am of you all!

Stay Excellent.

Mr Oakley

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Sixth Form News

Year 11 Transitions – please see all of the information for our Year 11 students joining us in the sixth form in September via this link:

Apply & Next Steps letter (attached) <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/joining-us/apply/>

Transition Resources <https://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk/sixth-form/joining-us/transition-resources/>

Extra Lessons for Year 12 – we are aiming to provide more lessons on the timetable for our Year 12 students to consolidate their learning, which has been impacted by Covid 19 this year. Where possible, we will add up to 2 hours per week, per subject. Students will be issued with new timetables after half term and they will start the week commencing the 14th June (7th June in the case of Mr Kuczynski's Psychology class). This will also help to prepare them as best we can for the upcoming Centre Assessments on the 23rd June (for which they will shortly receive the timetable). My thanks to parents, guardians and students for your continued support of our Sixth Form and to our wonderful and dedicated staff for making this possible.

Mr Clark

Year 12

This week Year 12 have completed their virtual work experience. Students have had opportunities to ask lots of questions and interact with employees from various different industries and career pathways. Throughout the week, they have participated in a number of recorded and live sessions looking at career pathways, labour market information, interview techniques and preparing for Year 13 and beyond.



Well done to all of Year 12 for working so hard in lessons this half term. You are engaged and focused on your studies. Make sure you continue to think about the super curricular activities which can be used to enhance your learning further. The following students have been nominated for their consistently high effort levels and high quality of work in lessons.

<u>Philosophy and ethics</u> Aiden Kaya Isobel	<u>History</u> Samreen Heloisa	<u>Health and Social Care</u> Hannah Vimbai Magda	<u>Geography</u> Joshua Noor		
<u>Economics</u> Wiktor	<u>Computer science</u> Wiktor Alicia Thomas	<u>Law</u> Isobel Stewart Karla	<u>English Language</u> Ellie F		
<u>Business</u> Juliana Alicia	<h1>Year 12 Superstars!</h1>				<u>Travel and Tourism</u> Abigail Dovin Shane Brandon Zuzanna
<u>Psychology</u> Joanna Karan Sean Stephanie R Martyna	<u>BTEC Sport</u> Sinead	<u>Media</u> Ellie F Emma JK Aidan L Alex PW Mandla C Laura N Alex P	<u>Biology</u> Robert Soper	<u>Maths</u> Thabani Patryk Alicia	
	<u>Art</u> Charlotte James Weronika Budek		<u>Performing arts</u> Patryk Rosheoil Kieran Ellie F		

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When we return from half term, you will have two and a half weeks until your centre assessments begin. Make sure you have a revision timetable and you are using it to structure your time. Consider using past papers, flashcard, PLCS and mind maps to help facilitate your revision.

Please continue to complete your LAT flow tests twice a week even over half term. There are plenty of testing kits in the 6th form study room if you need one.

Have a restful half term.

Mrs Bray

Year 13 News

To all Year 13 students, it has been an honour and a privilege to be your Head of Year and guide you through your final year at St Josephs. Thank you for making my job easy by working so hard and for being so caring and compassionate towards each other and myself. I will never forget the many memories I have of you from either teaching you History, being your form tutor or as your head of year. I look forward to one final celebration at prom in July.

Please do keep in touch and come and visit when you have the chance.

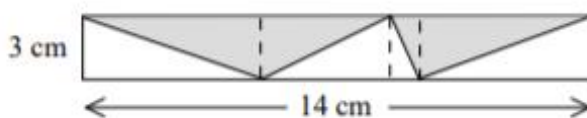
Good luck with whatever path you have chosen.

Mr Matthews



Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- A** Three vertical lines have been added to the diagram. These divide the original diagram into 4 rectangles. In each of these, a diagonal divides the rectangle into two triangles of equal area, one shaded and one unshaded. So the total shaded area in the original rectangle is equal to the total unshaded area and is therefore equal to half the area of the original rectangle. So the total shaded area is $\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 14 \text{ cm}^2 = 21 \text{ cm}^2$.



Solution to the Break time Teaser:

- C** $2^2 \times 3^3 \times 5^5 \times 7^7$ is of the form $2^2 \times \text{an odd number}$. It therefore has the form $4(2n + 1) = 8n + 4$ where n is a positive integer and so leaves a remainder of 4 when divided by 8.

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

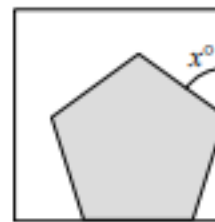
Problem of the week

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The diagram shows a regular pentagon inside a square.

What is the value of x ?

- A 48 B 51 C 54 D 60 E 72



Break time Teaser:

What is a half of a third, plus a third of a quarter, plus a quarter of a fifth?

- A $\frac{1}{1440}$ B $\frac{3}{38}$ C $\frac{1}{30}$ D $\frac{1}{3}$ E $\frac{3}{10}$

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

Design and Technology Department



Happy Half-Term

What a super half term! Some great work seen throughout the department. In the workshops we are looking forward to seeing the deLIGHTful Year 9 and 10 DT practical work come together. The Year 8s have begun manufacture of their promotional chocolate moulds ready for vacuum forming and filling with chocolate. Year 7 have been creating and developing designs for trophies to be awarded next half term.

In the food room we have seen some excellent skills and timekeeping demonstrated as all years have been busy creating delights which we hope at least some of which have made it home! Highlights have been Year 8 pizza pinwheels and Year 7 cupcakes.



DT club: Make it- Year 7



Apologies to the lovely DT team for not being there on Wednesday.... But rumour has it that some great work was done anyway..... We are very excited to start new projects with the now full DT club straight after half term.....

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



Daisy Loft (Y10), Luca Gumbs (Y8), Amaris Mpungu (Y8) who have really impressed us with their positive attitudes to their learning.

St Joseph's Golf Tournament

St Joseph's is holding its first Golf Competition for our school community on Saturday 26th June. Please see the poster below and if you're interested please email Mr Gibbons.



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TVLP News

We have been invited to take part in a fantastic biodiversity project arranged by the TVLP through Eton College. In getting involved in this, students will have the opportunity to:

- Watch the TVLP World Environment Day webinar live on 8th June (see attached poster)
- Fill in a feedback form at the end of the TVLP World Environment Day webinar.
- Suggest a biodiversity change they would like to make either at their school or in their local community.
- Contribute content to the TVLP biodiversity booklet (Clare Matheson from the TVLP will help them write content). Their names will be listed and they will get a professionally printed paper copy for their future CV/portfolio.
- Help measure the environmental impact(s) of their biodiversity changes through visual observations and monitoring sheets.
- One or more of your students to create (with my help) and deliver a school assembly about this project.
- Fill in a feedback form at the end of this project (what they learnt, whether they enjoyed taking part, etc).
- A small number of students involved will also take part in a trip to RHS Wisley in June.

Your tutors will be talking to you about this opportunity, but if you are interested please contact Mrs Paines by email (e.paines@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk) or on Teams.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAYTUESDAY 8TH JUNE 2021
4:00PM - 6:00PM
ONLINE (ZOOM)

EVENT AIMS	EXPERTS	TIMETABLE
TO LEARN ABOUT BIODIVERSITY ISSUES & ORGANISATIONS	TIMOTHY MULLIGAN, ECOLOGIST AT THE CANAL & RIVER TRUST	4:00PM - 4:30PM TOPIC: GREENING LONDON'S URBAN CANALS
PUPILS DECIDE ON 1 OR 2 CHANGES THEY WANT TO MAKE AFTER THE EVENT	SOPHIE LEGUIL, BOTANIST & FOUNDER OF MORETHANWEEDS.CO.UK	4:30PM - 5:15PM TOPIC: RETHINKING CITY & TOWN FLORA
A TVLP BOOKLET IS CREATED SHOWCASING A SELECTION OF THESE STUDENT-LED CHANGES	GEORGE FUSSEY, CURATOR OF ETON'S NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM	5:15PM - 6:00PM TOPIC: THE ECOLOGICAL CRISIS: WHY BIODIVERSITY MATTERS.

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE VIA OUR WEBSITE: [TVLP.ORG.UK/UPCOMING-EVENTS](https://www.tvlp.org.uk/upcoming-events)

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Geography News

The Geography department would like to give a big thank you to Miss Tirbhowan for not only teaching the students geography this term, but also preparing lessons for students to teach them about the aviation industry and future careers they could take in Geography. Today, Year 9 were given an insight into the world she has travelled as cabin crew for British Airways and taken on a virtual tour around the world. Students were enthralled in her travels and got to ask many questions about how to enter the aviation industry in their futures. It was great to see some budding pilots and jetsetters in the making! Thank you Miss T for your dedicated work with our students and we wish you the best of luck in your next job.



Duke of Edinburgh News

Year 10 Bronze Practice Weekend 12th/13th June

We are looking forward to the training and practice weekend. Please return your signed slips as soon as possible.

If you intend on purchasing walking boots please use the half term to break them in.

There will be a short meeting for students at the start of the new half term with advice about food and what to pack for the weekend.

Year 9 Bronze Award

Thank you to those students who registered their interest in the DofE award, and to those who have already paid their deposit.

I will provide more details at the start of next half term.

Ms Prince

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Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Albie Galloway for excellent work ethic and
Julia Lutecka for attending school even when she
had an accident, she is a very polite and
determined student.

Year 8

Amaris Mpungu for her resilience and Izan Iglesias
Trepiana and Hannah Anaya for their creativity with
the Bee Movie.

Year 9

Ryleigh Sabino for excellent participation in
French.

Julia Czarna for fantastic work in Maths.

Year 10

Top 4 students for making the most progress since
the last report:

Grace McGeachie, Maria Odindo, David Karczewski
and Clinton Ganiste.

Year 11

Rebecca Conlon and Piotr Augustyn Sharma for
epitomising a St Joseph's pupil over their 5 years
here.

Year 12

Marvin, Savannah, Rosheoil, Aiden and Natalia for
helping with the Year 12 work experience.

Year 13

Chloe Ayisi-Asiedu, Georgia Flanagan, Efue
Mahmud, Damian Woznicki, Frank Bulley,
Carmella Codeneira and the Year 13 musicians
for their incredible contributions to the leavers
assembly.