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ST JOSEPH'S *NEWSLETTER*



From The Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Feast Day of St. Joseph (the worker). Today was the product of the desire to re-establish that unique sense of community Catholic schools have, and excitement at being back at school and with the Pope dedicating this year to St Joseph.

Thank you to Ms Prince and congratulations to the Year 11 group who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award activities last Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Thank you to Matty Cash – who finished here in 2013 and after having an impressive stint for Nottingham Forest moved to Aston Villa FC at the beginning of this season. He's not only had a terrific season but he donated a shirt to us with a message "Never let anyone tell you what you can't achieve – always follow your dreams" – the essence of our vision 'Unlocking Belief in All'. We'll have it framed and up on the walls very soon.

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Summer Grading Update

Please find attached the school policy on how Grades will be assessed for GCSE, AS and A Level exams. Largely drafted for us in advance by the Joint Council for Qualifications; (JCQ) - the organization that oversees all the Exam Boards- the document is a guide to how the Grading will take place, what we'll take into consideration in arriving at a professional judgment of a holistic grade for each qualification the students have been entered for and how we will deal with the issues surrounding the Grading process. This has been uploaded to the JCQ central website and our website in the interests of transparency.

St Joseph's Scarves

We produced a scarf for the Sixth Form girls (as they don't wear ties) and the staff to celebrate the Year of St Joseph and it has gone down as a bit of a hit with the student body as a whole. There's been a fair bit of interest in other students enquiring whether they can purchase one. If any student is interested we could order a second batch and sell them at cost which is £18 per piece. The lead in time, as they are made to order, is approximately 6 weeks.

Happy Feast day, St Joseph. Enjoy the bank holiday

Pray for us.

Ciran Stapleton

Theme of the Week – Growing Faith

This week, our theme is Growing Faith. In the Gospel reading, Jesus says to us; “I am the vine, you are the branches”, all that we are and all that we do comes from Jesus the vine. Another image we have in scripture is being parts of the Body of Christ, which is the Church. If we cut ourselves off from the vine, or detach ourselves from the body, then we lose our nourishment that flows through us, the nourishment of Jesus. Jesus also says to us in the Gospel; “Make your home in me, as I make my home in you”, we need to find our rest in Him, this is where we will grow in our faith.

During this week, we celebrate the Feast of the Martyrs of England and Wales, ordinary people who lived a life of faith during times of great persecution. These people are examples for us who truly made their home in Jesus. We don’t live in a time of persecution like these men and women, but we do live in a time when it is hard to live our faith openly. But as Christians, we are called to be an example in the world. To do this, we need to grow in our faith and to put our trust in God.

What do you think Jesus is trying to tell us in the story of the vineyard?

Why did He call Himself the vine and us the branches? What did He mean?

How can we stay joined to Jesus?

The last words in this week’s Gospel are Jesus saying to us; “You will be my disciples”. Jesus wants us to follow Him and to remain with Him, to be His disciples.

How can you be a follower of Jesus today?

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Year 7 News

Today we celebrated St Joseph's Day with a wide range of activities including the long anticipated ice rink. There was also a reflective liturgy and a scavenger hunt. After school everyone had the opportunity to go and watch the Staff versus Year 11 football match and there was a BBQ ably served by Mr Nicol and Mr Gibbons.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Mrs Dunleavy

Year 8 News

Dear Year 8,

What a fantastic day we have had today, celebrating St Joseph! It has been so much fun watching you all engaged and enthusiastic about the sports we had on offer today, and I think we can all say just how much fun it has been having an ice rink on the school playground!

A much better situation with our uniform this week too. A friendly reminder for next week:

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

We have relaunched our Everest League in Year 8! The Everest League is a way of acknowledging all the fantastic academic and extra-curricular achievements the year group make on a day-to-day basis at St Joseph's. This term we are having a huge focus on our routines and expectations at St Joseph's in Year 8, so our newly appointed Everest Reps will be collecting information during each tutor time on the following: equipment, reading book, uniform and planner signatures. ePraise, authorised attendance and student of the week mentions all contribute to the tutor groups scores. These points will accumulate over the weeks and the tutor group with the most will win a prize.

This week our Everest League Highlights are:

- Izan Iglesias (8 Mark) as the student at the top of ePraise this week! 5 points
- 8 Veronica as the tutor group at the top of ePraise this week! 10 points
- Jakub Przybylo (8 Mark) and Serfine Ogosa (8 Mark) as our students of the week for excellence in Drama and Geography! A double hit for 8 Mark with 20 points
- 8 Jerome and 8 Mark are the highest tutor group for authorised attendance this week! Well done - 15 points each

Thank you to our Everest Reps: Klaudia Abramowicz (8C), Izan Iglesias and Amelka Zak (8M), Nicole Lewandowska and Camilla Molenda (8J), Amaris Mpungu and Wiktoria Powazka (8P), Joel Manalody and Maya Kravitz (8V) and Adrian Konstantyn, Liam Recio and Megan Connolly (8T).

Enjoy the bank holiday Monday Year 8 and I will see you on Tuesday,

Miss WD

Year 10 News

Reports were out this week and all Year 10 have written their 3 targets in preparation for the next half term. End of year exams will be taking place on June 23rd (6 weeks away) so it's important that all Year 10s are doing at least a couple of hours revision/HW after school Monday to Thursday and a few hours over the weekend in order to be well prepared for these exams. The majority of subjects will be running some after school revision sessions after half term and in form time each week we are looking at how to revise in the main core subject areas and how to write revision timetables along with other study skills. All these extra sessions we are providing will help support your son/daughter in preparation for the Summer exams. Feedback from Parents' Evening will make an excellent starting point so do book appointments with your son/daughter's subject teachers via Teams.

Some dates for your diary:

	<i>Year 10</i>
<i>April</i>	Reports this week – Set yourself some very specific targets that will help you make progress and prepare you for the June assessments
<i>May</i>	Start revision Half term: May 29 th – June 6 th (4 weeks from now) Revision Timetable in full swing What subject topics do you need to spend more time on?
<i>June</i>	Careers talks commence Centre Assessments (end of term exams) begin June 23 rd (6½ weeks away)
<i>July</i>	Centre Assessments results Year 11 exam content starts July 6 th Thorpe Park trip July 13 th Awards Evening Last week of term: Sports Day
<i>The Summer Holidays – Friday 16th July</i>	

PE clubs for Year 10 – let's see as many of you as possible attending these clubs:

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7:45-8:15	Basketball – Y10 JCO			Basketball Y10 Free-play LRO	
After school 3-4:15	Netball – Y10 MJO	Football – Y10 BOYS THU			Table Tennis/ Badminton – Y10 LRO

Epraise: congratulations to all these students for their hard work across all subjects

Top students	This week	Tutor groups
1. ● Megan Cobb (10 Cecilia) (657)	1. ● Alex Chappell (10 Jerome) (27)	1. 10 Veronic (5294)
2. ● Emerald Cardoso (10 Veronic) (603)	2. ● Cameron Martin (10 Peter) (25)	2. 10 Jerome (5100)
3. ● Daisy Loft (10 Teresa) (490)	2. ● Elisha Morris (10 Peter) (25)	3. 10 Peter (5089)
4. ● Natalia Kochanowska (10 Mark) (438)	4. Finley Crowe (10 Cecilia) (12)	4. 10 Teresa (5070)
5. ● Cameron Martin (10 Peter) (436)	4. Nikola Metra (10 Cecilia) (12)	5. 10 Cecilia (3881)
6. ● Matteo Ramsay-Scuderi (10 Jerome) (417)	6. Aaron Cabasa (10 Cecilia) (10)	6. 10 Mark (2995)
7. ● Alex Chappell (10 Jerome) (414)	6. ● Jakub Olszanski (10 Cecilia) (10)	
8. ● Dominic Witkowski (10 Jerome) (404)	6. ● Charlotte Appelbe (10 Jerome) (10)	
9. ● Ketziah Sudhagar (10 Cecilia) (375)	6. ● Patryk Trzeciak (10 Mark) (10)	
10. ● Alfie Mewett (10 Mark) (347)	6. ● Dominic Witkowski (10 Jerome) (10)	

Have a great weekend and see you all on Tuesday 4th May.

Miss Cheston

Year 11 News

Dear Year 11,

Well done for a brilliant week. I am so proud of how you conducted yourself during the week of assessments. I know this time may be stressful, and I know how difficult it is but you are so nearly there! I have listed below all the assessments for next week and the period they are in. Please refer to your timetable if you're unsure which your class is, as they will be in the lessons you have that class.

Monday - Bank Holiday.

Tuesday 4th: Period 1: *Business* (11D) Period 3: *Computing, Geography & Business* (11A)

Wednesday 5th: Period 2: *Drama, History & Geography* (11C)

Thursday 6th: Period 4: *Vocational Business & History P4* (11C). Period 5: *Food Tech Practical (1.30-3.30) Ms Leibinger's Class.*

Friday 7th: Period 1: *English Language*. Period 3: *Music, Computing, History & Geography* (11B) Period 4 & 5: *Biology (X & Y)*

After school next week there are a couple of catch-up sessions. On **Tuesday 4th**, Vocational Business have a compulsory coursework session worth 50%. Mrs Rolfe's GCSE PE class and Miss WD's Geography class

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on **Wednesday 5th** from 3 until 3.45 to make up for the missed lessons due to St Joseph's Day and Bank Holiday Monday. Please do attend these as they will be vitally important to your assessments.

The Leavers Hoodies are currently in production so we will have them during this half term! Remember the £10 deposit for the Prom is due on **Friday 7th via Parent Pay**. The remaining cost will be advised by Tuesday 11th with final payment due on **May 28th**.

As always, Stay Excellent!

Mr Oakley

Sixth Form News

UCAS update – our Year 12 are at the beginning of their UCAS process. This is the process of applying to higher education after sixth form (mainly university but also college and apprenticeships). The students are having weekly workshops to prepare them for this and I have created a dedicated page on the school website to support this, please see this here:

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

I will provide further information and guidance for parents in the coming term, for now here are the key dates to be aware of:

Summer Term 2021

- Personal Statement writing begins.
- 4th May – UCAS search tool Entry 2021 goes live.
- 18th May – UCAS entry UCAS Undergraduate Apply goes live - create an account and update. Personal details, Choices and Education & Employment.
- Staff begin writing student references.
- Students book admissions tests (if applicable).

Autumn Term 2021

- 7th September – UCAS applications may be submitted for Entry 2022.
- 15th October – Medicine, Vet and Dental applications to be sent.
- Applicable students sit admissions tests.

Spring Term 2022

- 15th January – all UCAS applications submitted – submit a week before the deadline at the latest but before Christmas is better.
- Universities will make decisions on applications (conditional, unconditional or unsuccessful).
- May – deadline to make firm (aspirational) and insurance (back up) choices.

Thank you,

Mr Clark

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Year 12

Year 12 have had an excellent week. You have been engaged in your learning and your reports are looking very positive. As a year group you should be extremely proud of yourselves. A special mention to Ellen, Vimbai, Juliana, Ellie F, Isabel, Imsal, Emma K, Martyna, Aidan, Laura, Dovin, Patryk N and Lia for receiving all 4's for ATL in their reports. This is a fantastic achievement, you all deserve to be recognised for your continued hard work and positivity.

Just a reminder, please make sure you are bringing your iPads to lessons and they are fully charged. They are an essential part of your equipment for 6th form study. It is also compulsory that you have a reading book. Reading is crucial to build your super-curricular profile and will help equip you with the knowledge and skills to critically challenge and be well-informed in your subject areas.

As a school we have celebrated St Joseph's Day and the catholic life of our community by participating in a liturgy and a range of activities such as ice skating, rounders, basketball and football. Well done to all who got involved and joined in the day's events. I hope you had a great day.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend,

Mrs Bray

Year 13

Another action-packed week for the Year 13 students with the build up to the St Joseph's Day celebrations on Friday including football, basketball, ice skating, netball, a scavenger hunt and much more... Planning has also begun for the Year 13 Prom as well as Leavers Hoodies and Yearbook with more information to follow shortly. Thank you to the student leadership team in Year 13 for planning the prom, which will be a great event to mark your time at the school.

On the academic front, some centre assessments have already begun too with the majority to resume next week. This is the final chance for Year 13 students to make an impact on their final grades so please make sure that you work hard over the bank holiday weekend.

Have a great bank holiday weekend.

Mr Matthews

Year 7 Book Club

Mr Carey will be running a book club for Year 7s on Tuesdays after school beginning on 11th May. The sessions will take place in E3 after school, beginning at 3PM. It will be a relaxed but thoughtful session running for 45 minutes. The first book we will be reading is Madame Doubtfire by Anne Fine. After we have read the novel, we will watch the classic movie adaptation "Mrs Doubtfire" to compare how differently the stories have been presented. All students from Year 7 are welcome and encouraged to join the reading club where we will celebrate the joy of reading as a collective.

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Drama News

It is the time of year again where we start preparing for the whole school production which will be “Made in Dagenham”. Due to Covid restrictions there will be a Teams call set up entitled Made in Dagenham. If you are interested please sign up by giving your name to Mrs Dunleavy as soon as possible. More information to come....

Geography News

Well done to all the forms that took part in last week’s Geog Off Quiz in commemoration of Earth Day- it was great to see so many involved in form time! Thank you to all students and staff that took part and submitted answers to me, I was particularly impressed with the student’s knowledge of flags and famous landmarks! The winners were as follows:

Position	Form and score	Points awarded
1	8 Veronica (15)	250
2	11 Jerome (14)	180
3	= 9 Cecilia (13)	150
4	= 7 Cecilia (13)	120
5	= 8 Teresa (13)	100
6	7 Mark (12)	80

The answer slides have been sent to your form tutors, so you can brush up on your general geographical knowledge ready for the next quiz!

Miss Boland

P.E News

As the temperature is starting to slowly increase and in order to get the students prepared and ready for a more normal curriculum in the coming months we are asking that as of Tuesday (4th May) that all students are in shorts or skorts for the duration of their PE lessons. We are aware that it can be chilly in the mornings and that some students travel to school on foot, so students will still be able to wear **BLACK ONLY** jogging bottoms around school, outside of PE time. Students will be challenged on this in PE lessons, starting Tuesday so please support the students in being prepared for next week’s lessons.

In addition to this can I ask you to politely remind the students that **ALL** jewellery should be removed for PE lessons due to the health and safety for themselves and others around them. Again this will be challenged by staff.

And finally, students are to wear school uniform on the days that they do not have PE. If they have a club after school they will need to bring their PE in a bag and get changed once school has ended.

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Your support in this is greatly appreciated as always.

Thank you.

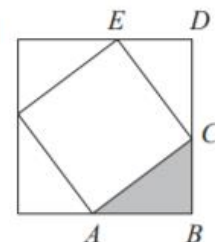
Extra-Curricular Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7:45-8:15	Basketball – Y9/Y10 JCO	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



Solution to last Week's Puzzler

- A** First note that the length of each side of the larger square is 7 cm and that of the smaller square is 5 cm. So their areas are 49 cm^2 and 25 cm^2 respectively. Let $\angle BAC = x^\circ$. As the interior angles of a triangle sum to 180° and $\angle ABC = 90^\circ$, $\angle ACB = (180 - 90 - x)^\circ = (90 - x)^\circ$. The angles on a straight line sum to 180° , so $\angle ECD = [180 - 90 - (90 - x)]^\circ = x^\circ$.



Consider triangles ABC and CDE . Note that $\angle BAC = \angle DCE = x^\circ$; $\angle ABC = \angle CDE = 90^\circ$; $AC = CE = 5 \text{ cm}$. Therefore the two triangles are congruent (AAS). By a similar method, it may be shown that all four triangles which lie between the two squares are congruent to each other. So the area of the shaded triangle is $\frac{1}{4}(49 - 25) \text{ cm}^2 = 6 \text{ cm}^2$.

Solution to the Break time Teaser:

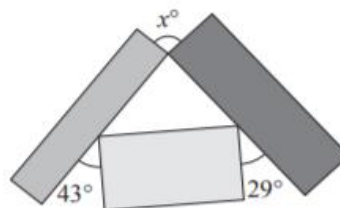
B The two-digit squares are 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81. The products of their digits are 6, 10, 18, 36, 24, 8, respectively. So exactly one two-digit square has the required property, namely 49.

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

Problem of the week

The diagram shows three rectangles.
What is the value of x ?

A 108 B 104 C 100 D 96 E 92



Break time Teaser:

How many squares have 7 as their units digit?

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.

Design and Technology Department



DT club: Make it- Year 7



We got off to a great start this week, it was fabulous to see Year 7s working with workshop tools again 😊

We are delighted to still have a few extra spaces in the Year 7 DT Makers club. The club will take place in the DT workshops straight after-school on Mondays and Wednesdays 3-4pm (you are welcome to come both or only one day). Please sign up by messaging Mrs Stacey on Teams or sending an email.

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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



Kornel Wojcik 7 Jerome

Richie Liyanaarachchige 7 Peter

Duke of Edinburgh News

Congratulations to our 20 students who passed their DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition on Monday. We were so lucky with the weather for all 3 days! The students did two walks on Saturday and Sunday starting from Chalfont St Giles and despite a couple of navigational errors, arrived back at the end point in one piece, albeit some with blisters and/or sunburn. The final day's walk from Chalfont St Peter back to school was completed in record time, even with a leisurely lunch stop in Black Park where they demonstrated their Masterchef skills by cooking their lunch on their Trangias. The Assessors were very impressed by the progress the students had made from when they did their Practice last November, and have suggested that some should now think about doing the Gold Award. Thanks to Mr Allinson and Mr Ojakovoh who helped out on Saturday and Sunday.



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Pupil Nominations of the Week

Year 7

Michaela Sowah and Kye Simpson for excellent St Joseph's Ethos.

Year 9

Melwin Thomas for hard work in Geography and Alexis Jaca for great participation in Science.

Year 11

All of our Duke of Edinburgh participants for excellent representation of the school on a challenging weekend!

Year 13

Emilia Chudziak/Efue Mahmud for planning the Year 13 prom and Damian Woznicki for an excellent contribution to a discussion on what justice is during form Thursday morning.

Year 8

Jakub Przybylo for excellence in Drama.
Serfine Ogosa for commitment in Geography.

Year 10

Jasper Stewart and Olaf Przybylski for his leadership in organising 10Ps teams for St Joseph's Day.

Year 12

Lia O'Brien and Alex Passos-Wiggs for consistently positive attitudes and resilience.

St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School are looking for a Deputy Head Teacher to join them in September 2021. Please use the link below for the full advert:

<https://www.mynewterm.com/school/St-Ethelbert's-Catholic-Primary-School/143802/EDV-2021-SECPS-08728/Deputy-Headteacher>