



Message from the Headteacher

'The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...'

(Galatians 5:22-23)

We have had a fantastic week, and your children have behaved beautifully. Despite the hot weather, they showed us the best version of themselves, whether in the cinema, at Chessington, at the Wetlands Centre or on Wimbledon Common. I really hope they enjoyed Activities Week as much as their teachers did.

I am delighted to announce our new Head Boy and Head Girl for the next academic year. Yet again, we had a very strong field of applicants for this prestigious leadership role. Congratulations to **Joel** and **Aminata**, who I am sure will do a super job representing the school and leading the Sixth Form student body.



Our musicians set off to Somerset on Thursday morning, for their first tour since the pandemic. Although they are staying

closer to home this year, I am sure they will have a brilliant time.

Finally, I would like to inform you that two long standing governors, Hugh Constant and Revd. Greg Prior, are stepping down this summer. Hugh has chaired the Curriculum and Standards Committee since 2019, and as his term comes to an end, I would like to thank him for his support of the school community. Greg's appointment as the Archdeacon of Croydon formally ends his long association with the school, where he has served faithfully and diligently, on the Governing Body for over 14 years. Greg and his family leave Wandsworth with our prayers and blessings.

Despite the very hot weather on the horizon, we are looking forward to our final few days of the academic year.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

'Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you;

were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.'

(Psalm 40:5)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We concluded our Fruits of the Spirit series last week with 'gentleness' and 'self-control' and the fact that 'gratitude' is not listed as a Fruit of the Spirit tells me that this list wasn't meant to be an exhaustive one.

As we end this last full week of the school year, I have naturally been looking back at the year that has been. It hasn't been smooth sailing by any means, but I am so thankful for the ways God has reminded us of His presence throughout it.

I've seen God's wonders in the one-on-one conversations I've

had with pupils and students, when they've walked out of my room with a totally different mindset to how they came in.

I've seen it in bigger ways, like witnessing the joy on the faces of Year 11s and 13s as they celebrated at their proms.

I've learnt that we only ever get to see a glimpse of the great and beautiful tapestry that is being woven together by God for our good, and I think that's what the Psalmist is trying to communicate in the verse above.

We are in the middle of 'Activities Week' as I write, and seeing our pupils and students in their own clothes out having fun reminds me again of the goodness of God.

Many blessings to you for the weekend ahead.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Head Boy and Head Girl appointment 2022

We are delighted to announce our new Head Boy and Head Girl for the next academic year. The selection process for this position begins with Year 12 students submitting a letter of application, in which they state why they are applying for the role, what qualities and relevant experience they have which shows they are a suitable candidate.

Students then have to give a three minute speech to their peers and staff. There follows a vote and the three students with the most votes are put forward for an interview with Mrs Joseph, Mr Bishop and Miss Osborn when the final decision is made.

Head Boy

"Hi, I'm Joel, the newly appointed Head Boy of Saint Cecilia's. I study Maths, Further Maths, Biology and Physical Education and I am part of the London Irish Rugby partnership at school. My ambition is to study Mathematics at Cambridge University, and I am working extremely hard to achieve this goal. I was excited when appointed Head Boy as I have many ideas for the school and Sixth Form. However I was sad for my friend who was also running and did not get the role, so I had mixed emotions on the day. I hope to represent the school to the best of my ability and make small changes to make a big difference."



Head Girl

"Hi, I'm Aminata. I'm looking forward to becoming this year's Head Girl. I'm a Biology, Chemistry and History student and I'm hoping to study Medicine at King's College London. I really enjoy listening to music as well as playing it. I've played the piano since I was four and took up the bassoon in Year 7 here at Saint Cecilia's. I also thoroughly enjoy making art and reading in my spare time. I was thrilled to find out that I was elected Head Girl and I hope to bring the school community closer together and create further cohesion."

Paul Bishop

Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form

Successful Summer Concert



It was great to see so many families attend our concert last Thursday; it was a fantastic evening. All the pupils performed so well in Concert Band, String Group, Jazz Band, Choir and Musical Theatre Club and the quality and variety of the solo performances really was excellent. Thanks to all the pupils and students who took part, including **Aminata** for her role as compere.



We are always so proud of the achievements of all our pupils and students at these music events. It really was an absolute pleasure putting this concert together. It was lovely to welcome many families of our new 2022 intake of Specialist Music Place holders, which hopefully gave them a good taste of the music offer at Saint Cecilia's. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Special thanks to the Friends of Saint Cecilia's. We are so grateful to all the volunteers who worked hard to provide the refreshments.

John Wells

Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Activities Week so far...

Activities Week has been a bumper five days full of trips, events and experiences for our Year 7-10 and Year 12. Here are just a few photos that capture the fun that was had by all. More photos and sports day results will be in next week's issue.

Inter-House Rounders Tournaments

Well done Turing house for winning the Year 7 Rounders Tournament! We had a great day working together, having great supporting each other and other teams, and had both teams make it to the semi-finals! It was a pity that one half of Turing had to compete with the other half in the semi-finals, however, it guaranteed us a spot in the finals. After a tense round with Carter, 7T2 were able to get more rounders in the time, and bring home the trophy for Turing! I also wanted to mention that Turing house were consistently quiet and organised quickly, cheering others on, and even volunteered to collect rubbish in the park that was left by others. I am so proud of both teams and I think they were all happy and proud with the results! Well done everyone!

Rachel Skinner

Interim ACTL for Science, Turing House Leader and Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



Pictured above left and centre: Caleb, Gael, Amaru, Chucks, Evie, Shayden, Ermuun, Adam, Leo, Matthew, Ruby and Toby
Pictured above right: Toby, Henry, Bertie, Jesiah, Matthew, Leo, Gael, Caleb and Adam

And here are the Year 9s at their Inter-House Rounders Tournament in the park - Schubert were victorious!



Activities Week so far...

Pottery Masterclasses

The Refectory was turned into a huge pottery studio. Here are some of our Year 7s and 8s crafting their pieces to bring home.



Chessington World of Adventures

Pupils from Year 7 rode the flumes and rollercoasters at Chessington.



Annual Art Exhibition



The GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition on Thursday 7th July was a joyous end-of-year celebration of creativity and perseverance from our Year 11s and Year 13s. These pupils and students have had to remain motivated to create through challenging times – trying to work in bubbles and lockdowns. The general positivity of these year groups has helped them achieve so much despite everything. It was fantastic to see their final pieces and sketchbooks celebrated by visiting parents, carers, teachers, governors, staff and other pupils and students.

A teacher from one of the visiting local primary schools with a select group of Year 5s emailed to say, *"We had a wonderful time at the art exhibition! There was so much great, interesting and provocative art on display, and it was great to see how many of our former pupils were there! I took a bunch of photos for inspiration and the children especially loved the sketchbooks."*

A number of our newly appointed Art Ambassadors from Year 9 and Year 10 enthusiastically supported the department at the exhibition. They led the 'selfie booth', supported the set up and helped visitors tour the exhibition. In the new year, the Art Ambassadors will have other opportunities in the department, such as leading activities in Art and Textiles during the open evening, supporting younger years in extra-curricular clubs and helping to plan pop-up art exhibitions and events.

Thank you so much from the Art department to those who made sure the exhibition was a success – in particular Andy, James and Les from the Premises Team and to the Office staff, especially Lindsay and Caroline in Marketing.

Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design



Artist of the Week



Gabrielle, Year 7, has responded to the work of Sonia and Robert Delaunay and Beatriz Milhazes using soft, pastel colours using collage. A textile designer in the making!

Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Library Notice

It has been a fabulous year in the Library. New pupils, new staff, new books, new laptops, new seating... the list goes on and there is lots for which to be thankful.

We've had almost 50,000 visits over the course of the year, the bulk of these being the pupils and students who come in each day to read, research, study and borrow our books. However, we've also played host for a variety of events from visiting speakers to competitions, class visits to tea parties and much more. We have lots of ideas for the year ahead so do keep an eye on the [Library web page](#) for all our latest news.

We have lent out more than 12,000 books over the course of the year and continue to update and replenish our stock. If your child has suggestions or requests, please do ask them to come and tell the Library staff and we will see what we can do.

Currently we have **over 100 books that are overdue** and we'd love to see those back on the shelves before the end of term. Please do ask your child to check for any Library books that might be buried at the bottom of a bag, lurking in a locker or hiding at home and drop them in the returns box outside the Library.

Thank you – and don't forget to send in photos of pupils and students reading over the summer for the Library competition!

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

Kids Eat for Free Summer 2022

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

A number of shops, cafes and restaurant chains have promotions running over the summer to offer free or reduced-price meals for children.

Lists of participating venues are published in many places online, including [here](#).

James Robinson
Assistant Headteacher

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Wednesday 20th July:** End of term assembly, Collective Worship and pupils and students to be dismissed about 12.50pm
- **Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September:** Professional Development Days (no pupils in school)
- **Monday 5th September:** Year 7 and Year 12 only
- **Tuesday 6th September:** All pupils and students return to school