



WORD OF THE WEEK: HEIGHTEN

Message from the Headteacher

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"

Isaiah 9:6

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of judging the lower school debating competition finals. I had been told that chocolate was at stake, so scrupulous decision was required! It was a lovely way to end the term, and all pupils involved fulfilled their roles with great enthusiasm. The debating club for younger pupils is still in its early stages, but Saint Cecilia's will be a force to be reckoned with, once we hit the regional debate scene!

Reflecting on the final week and looking ahead to next term, I remain incredibly proud of the resilience shown by staff, pupils and students. We know we will have to test pupils on their return to school in January, and it is likely that some measures, like face coverings will remain. However, we will keep our ears to the ground, and should we receive any further updates, we will be in touch.

We hope to reschedule our Presentation Evening for next term, but I did not want to delay the announcement of our worthy award winners.

A full list of Year Award and Specialist Award winners is on pages 2 and 3 of this week's newsletter. Congratulations to all, and I look forward to presenting awards and certificates next term.

I would like to thank all parents for their warm wishes of support, and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

God bless

Renata Joseph
Headteacher



Saint Cecilia's Carol Service



Saint Cecilia's
Church of England School

Carol Service 14th December 2021
Holy Trinity Church, London SW19

Please click [here](#) to see the YouTube video of our Carol Service. The pupils, students and staff all worked very hard and we are delighted that we were able to record it all at the church. Thank you to Reverend Greg Prior and Holy Trinity Church for being so accommodating.

We are extremely proud of all the achievements of our pupils and students, particularly pupils in Year 7 who had a major role in the service. The Carol Service also features an original carol, 'Christmas from Heaven', composed by **Abigail, Eva and Sebastian** in Year 9.

If you are able to kindly donate via ParentPay to the retiring collection for the church and the Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability, all donations will be gratefully received. We hope to resume with live concerts in the Spring term. In the meantime, sit back, get your singing voices ready and enjoy the Carol Service. Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Saint Cecilia's Presentation Evening For Academic Year 2020-21

Year 7 Awards

Art & Design - Miranda
Computing - Martha
Drama - Hannah
English - Eleanor
French - Ana
Geography - Amelie
History - Cristina

Mathematics - Laurence
Music - Jasnique
Physical Education & Games - Alexia
PSHE - Hannah
Religious Studies - Ivy
Science - Ana
Spanish - Jude

Year 8 Awards

Art & Design - Bethan
Computing - Sophie
Drama - Benoit
English - Jade
French - Erin
Geography - Jamie
History - Sophie

Mathematics - Patrick
Music - Sebastian
Physical Education & Games - Barnabas
PSHE - Esther
Religious Studies - Sharelle
Science - Kiara
Spanish - Phoenix

Year 9 Awards

Art & Design - Deya
Computing - Oliver
Drama - Jonas
English - Grace
French - Jaden
Geography - Emma
History - Billy

Mathematics - Surafel
Music - Isaac
Physical Education & Games - George
PSHE - Drew
Religious Studies - Megan
Science - Ruby
Spanish - Amelie

Year 10 Awards

Art & Design - Ysobel
Biology - Sophia Berg
Business Studies - Elly
Chemistry - Josephine
Computing - Lily
Drama - Josephine
English - Samara
French - Katarina
Geography - Grace

History - Molly
Mathematics - Natalie
Music - Gwendolyn
Physical Education - Maximus
Physics - Emma
PSHE - Olivia
Religious Studies - Ella
Science - Ella
Spanish - Liza

Award Winners Academic Year 2020-2021

Year 11 Awards

Art & Design - Eve

Biology - Jake

Business Studies - Eve

Chemistry - Joel

Computer Science - Mortimer

Drama - Jack

English - Grace

French - Natalie

Geography - Helena

History - Ruby

Mathematics - Jude

Music - Charlotte

Physical Education - Elizabeth

Physics - Zoe

PSHE - Nicholas

Religious Studies - Isabelle

Science - Sheanine

Spanish - Natasha

Year 12 Awards

Applied Science - Maria

Art & Design - Harriet

Biology - Alexia

Business - Isabelle

Chemistry - Frederick

Computer Science - Nathan

Drama & Theatre Studies - Josefina

English - Kamila

French - Heejin

Geography - Lydia

Government & Politics - Destinie

History - Victoria

Mathematics - Moudood

Music - Nathan

Music Technology - Judah

Physical Education - Ignatius

Physics - Jamal

PSHE - Blake

Psychology - Shamama

Philosophy & Ethics - Claudia

Spanish - Destinie

Travel & Tourism - Abigail

Year 13 Awards

Applied Science - Maia

Art & Design - Andrei

Biology - Zoe

Business - Faras

Chemistry - Scout

Computer Science - Eryn

Drama & Theatre Studies - Eloise

English - Rayyan

French - Sara

Geography - Kayleigh

Government & Politics - Grace

History - Joss

Mathematics - Hector

Music - Tomas

Music Technology - Tom

Physical Education - Scout

Physics - Wasil

PSHE - Hector

Psychology - Basima

Philosophy & Ethics - Joss

Spanish - Eve

Travel & Tourism - Rex

Specialist Awards

The Extended Project Qualification Award - Wasil

Jack Petchey Awards - Layla, Samuel and Paige

Full Sports Colours - Turner and Destinie

The Music Specialism Awards - Ethan and Jamie

The Mathematics Specialism Award - Nathan

The Niall Gallagher Fruits of the Spirit Award - Billy

The Bishop of Kingston Award - Heejin

The H.R. King Award - Dereiss

The Headteacher's Award - Ignatius

Budding Business Stars

Sixth Form Business Studies students are studying Business Finance as part of their course. To help them understand how businesses make money from investing in shares, they took part in a share challenge. Each student was given a 'pretend' sum of money - £20,000. They had to choose one business that they would use this money to buy shares in. Each student researched a company, found out the share price and worked out how many shares they could buy for their money.

The students all put in £1 to the game to take part, which went towards the prize fund of £30. They then tracked their share price over the course of a month, the winner being the person who made the most money on their investment.

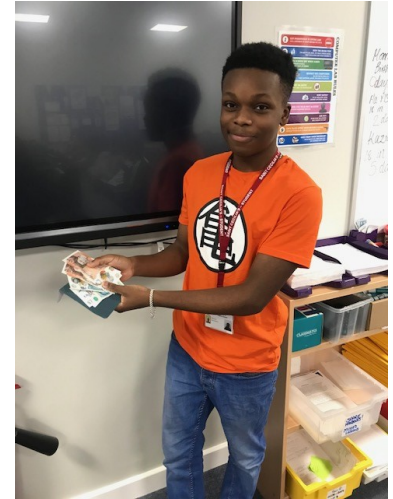
The top three investors were :

First Place – with the great choice of John Lewis was **Demont**, with a fantastic profit of **£7,155.72**. Demont won the prize money of £30. Pictured right with his winnings.

Second place – **Adam** who made a profit of **£4,152.14** in Apple

Third Place – **Marco** who made a profit of **£2,294.64** with his choice of Samsung

Lisa Morris
Curriculum Team Leader for Business Studies
and Computing



Christmas Shoebox Appeal in Action

The House Leaders would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards our Christmas shoebox appeal. The House and Charity Captains spent hours this week, checking, packing and wrapping over 70 shoeboxes. Samaritan's Purse International have now collected the boxes and will be distributing them to children in need who would ordinarily receive no presents this Christmas. In addition to your gifts, we are very grateful for those who donated via ParentPay, enabling us to cover the shipping cost for all 71 shoeboxes, and donate more money via the Samaritan's website to buy virtual shoeboxes for more children. Thank you for your generosity and merry Christmas from the House Leaders team.



David Iannarelli
Teacher of Geography and Ives House Leader

Year 13 Dramatic Devising

Year 13 completed their official devising performance examination on Wednesday 1st December. Students had been tasked with creating their own original performance based on the set text, 'The Death of England.' This also included the choice of a theatre practitioner, whether this be Artaud, Frantic Assembly or Stanislavski. The students were pure professionals on the day: rehearsing, technically supporting their peers and performing their pieces. It was a real joy as their teacher to see their pieces come to life and witness their hard work pay off. Well done Year 13!



Mya and TJ



Oliver, Amelia and Christopher



Sadie, Charis, Farah and Josefina



Lydia and Claudia



Sophia

Sophie Moulard
Teacher of Drama and Year Leader for Year 7

Sixth Form Festivities

Dereiss, Headboy, reports from the Sixth Form: *“The Christmas party was our chance to make up for lost time and celebrate the festive season. This event was a great success and allowed Years 12 and 13 to have a night off after all their hard work, providing a space where students could forge greater bonds. Given the past year’s turbulence and uncertainty, this was a much-needed opportunity to get back to some sense of normality and positively impact students’ well-being.”*



Paul Bishop
Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form

Chocolate Creations

We were delighted and amazed by the number, creativity and originality of the entries we received to the Salon du Chocolat competition. Well done to all those who entered. House points will be awarded to all. The winners will be given their chocolate prizes in the New Year. Clearly chocolate can get children to think creatively! It was a very difficult competition to judge as the standard was so high.

The winners in the Art category:

Sura in Year 7 for her in-depth tonal drawing of a face 'dripping' chocolate

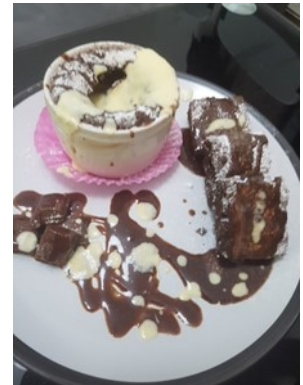
Eve in Year 12 for her highly skilled use of Procreate to create her imaginative entry



Sura - Year 7



Eve - Year 12



Yvette



Isabelle

The winners in the baking category:

As there were so many entries, it was hard to narrow it down so we have the following winners:

Year 7 **Charles** for his great video

Year 7 **Yvette** for her chocolate soufflé and brownie bits with marshmallow, chocolate ganache and homemade custard

Year 8 **Angelica** for her cake from Argentina called "Chocotorta"

Year 9 **Isabelle** for her smiley cake

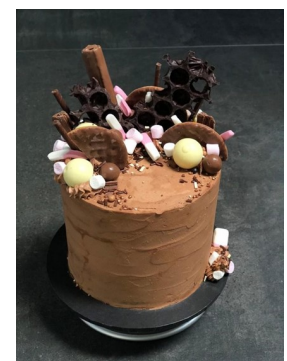
Year 11 **Raphaella** for her sophisticated cake

Year 7 **Sami** and **Mehdi** for creating a chocolate version of the Arc de Triomphe and their chocolate reindeers

The winners for the 3D category for outfits made from chocolate packaging and wrappers

Year 7 **Rosie**

Year 8 **Martha**



Raphaella

Stella Allan, Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design and

Sylvia Basiliou, Interim Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages



Martha



Rosie



Sami and Mehdi

Year 9 Mechanical Masks



Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Merriment in the Maths Department



Staff in the Maths Department were festive this week!

Nilesh Soni
Teacher of Mathematics

Mental Health Support from Wandsworth

The Southfields Trailblazer Mental Health Support Team (MHST) have compiled and provided a list to schools in their cluster of support for young people during the school holidays. Please click [here](#) to read and I hope you find the information useful.



Jonathan Miller
Assistant Headteacher

Netball News

Senior A and B netball teams travelled away to Ewell Castle on Wednesday 8th December. The senior A squad won a comfortable 15-8, with Player of the Match (chosen by the opposition) awarded to **Olivia** for her many interceptions in defence and Coach's Player to **Victoria** for her impressive feeds to the shooters.

The senior B squad unfortunately lost. Player of the Match (selected by the opposition) was **Bonnie**, and Coach's Player of the Match was **Amelia**, for her control in bringing the ball through court. Well done girls.

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Year 10 Rugby Round-up

On Thursday 9th December, Year 10 played the last of their rugby matches of the term against Tiffin School. They lost a very competitive game 34-14.

The Saint Cecilia's tries were scored by **Tyrelle** and **Alex**, with **Jack** kicking two conversions.

In difficult conditions, the boys equipped themselves really well and showed real determination in defence. In attack, there was some excellent play at times, but a few small errors cost us the opportunity to score more points. Overall, a very encouraging performance to end the year.

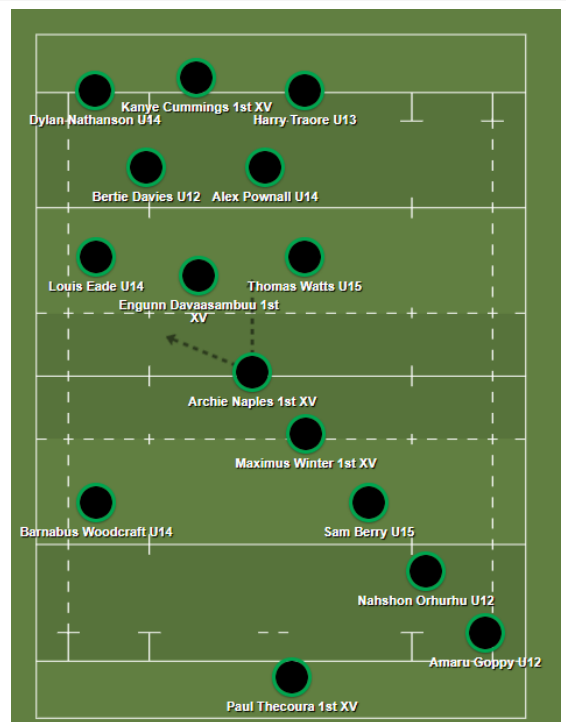
The season has been quite challenging and the team have done well to keep a positive attitude throughout. It started off with three straight victories but has since seen the team suffer five straight defeats. However, there has been clear progress in the work they have done on the pitch and the calibre of opposition has been high. The boys should be proud of how they have played, with some of them looking to move into the London Irish squad next season.



Christopher Luke, Interim Curriculum Team Leader for PE and Year Leader for Year 10

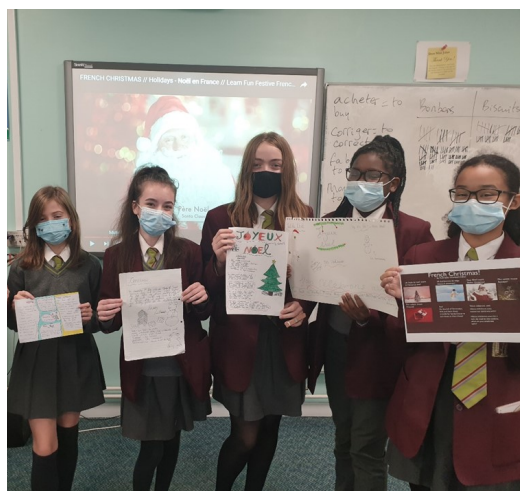
Rugby Team of the Year!

All players were selected for showing a high level of skill in their position and excelling for their Year Group in all games this term.



Alex Bishop
Interim Assistant Headteacher

Joyeux Noël



Carla, Sienna, Sophie, Adeeza and Gabrielle
with their wonderful French Christmas posters.

Kassius wrote about how Christmas is celebrated in Ghana:
"In Ghana, the Christmas holiday season is from 20th December to 1st of January. There are nativity plays, choirs come out to sing and people also dance in church. The traditional Christmas dishes in Ghana include: rice, chicken, goat, lamb, fufu, banku and plantain. Before eating the Christmas meal, everybody says "Afishapa" to each other. This means Merry Christmas in Ghanaian."

Lydia Julan
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

After watching a video of their favourite French-speaking YouTuber (Monsieur Innes from Belgium), 7G designed some posters about how Christmas is celebrated in France. The class also learnt about the celebration of Christmas in New Caledonia, an overseas territory of France near Australia. Pupils included the Christmas vocabulary they learnt on their posters.

Ching Wai also wrote about how Christmas is celebrated in Hong Kong: *"In Hong Kong, on the 24th December, which is Christmas Eve, people walk around the streets with their friends and family to watch the Christmas lights. On Christmas Day, we eat a hotpot dinner with family and friends. We also eat various meats, fish balls, crab and noodles."*



Front row: **Sam, Kassius, Dexter**
Middle row: **Joe, Ching Wai, Kaila, Mahayla, Alex**
Back row: **Jaida, Marat, Abigail, Jedaiah, Charles, Yvette**

Holiday ideas from the French Department



We have posted some fun French homework ideas for all year groups on Show My Homework. There are suggestions for cooking, music, books, vocab and virtual French tours. Joyeux Noël!

Lydia Julan
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

iDEA IT Skills

Looking to expand your IT Skills over the holidays?



The Duke of York Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as 'iDEA' is an international award-winning programme that helps you develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for FREE.

Through a series of online challenges, you can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised Awards that help you stand out from the crowd.

Play and learn with iDEA digital badges for FREE, on any device, anywhere you can get online.

Interested?

Go to <https://idea.org.uk/x/SCSYEAR?> (replace the ? with your Year Group 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13) and click on 'GET STARTED'.

REMEMBER to use your school email address when enrolling!

We would highly recommend pupils and students enrol on this over the holidays for a free and fun activity.

Tina Simpson
Teacher of Computing

Christmas Tree Deal for Saint Cecilia's Community



Saint Cecilia's Church of England School was donated a beautiful six foot Nordmann Fir Christmas tree by **Pines and Needles** this year and they would love to offer parents/carers a discount on Christmas trees in their pop-up stores! If you haven't got your tree yet, this discount will be very useful to you!

Their local pop-up store is located in Wimbledon Park at:

Wimbledon Park, Wimbledon Park Road Entrance, SW19 6PE

Phone: 020 3598 4877

DISCOUNT CODE: CEC10

Please visit www.pinesandneedles.com for more details and other locations as they are all around London!

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Tuesday 4th January:** INSET Day - No teaching for pupils or students. Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 in school for Lateral Flow testing, see letter [here](#) for more details.
- **Wednesday 5th January:** Start of term for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 (if tested negative) and Lateral Flow testing for Years 7, 8 and 9, see letter [here](#) for more details.
- **Thursday 6th January:** Start of term for Years 7, 8 and 9 (if tested negative)
- **Thursday 6th January:** Year 10 Parents' Evening (virtual) from 5-8pm