



### Message from the Headteacher

*For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.*

*(Isaiah 43:19)*

There is a real buzz around the school, as Years 7 and 8 get used to moving from room to room, for different lessons, and it was an absolute pleasure to see pupils and students back in Year and House Assemblies. Over the next two weeks, I will lead Year assemblies, continuing the theme of 'New'. I am challenging everyone to embrace the 'New' – new teachers, new behaviour routines and new friends, so we make a positive start to the academic year. I am sharing the school priorities for the year, with an emphasis on the importance of us ALL working together in unity. I certainly cannot, and would not want to, do this alone, and I want to emphasise with our young people the part they have to play.

Last week, we welcomed over 1,000 prospective parents through our doors for Open Morning and Open Evening. This was another opportunity for our pupils to play their part - and they did an amazing job! Always our best ambassadors, Year

10, School Prefects and the Sixth Form did a sterling job, guiding prospective parents around school. Year 8 helped teachers in department areas, showing off our great learning and curriculum, as well as the many opportunities we have for pupils.

We have a final event on Monday 11th October, so do share the date with anyone who hasn't had an opportunity to see our fantastic school. For more details and how to register for Open Events can be found [here](#).

Only two weeks into the academic year, I hope you enjoy reading about all your children have been up to.

Have a good week.

God bless,

**Renata Joseph**  
Headteacher

### Chaplain's Corner

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Greetings Parents,

Peace and blessings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you are adjusting well to the school morning routines again after the summer break. From my perspective, it felt like a peaceful and smooth start here at school, so I feel thankful for that.

Your continued prayers, especially for our new Year 7s, 12s and staff, are greatly appreciated at this time. I had the pleasure of visiting most assemblies last week to pray God's blessings over the year groups as they start a new year. I was able to share our theme verse for this half term (above) and encourage students to take hold of the new opportunities for learning and growth that this year holds out.

I also know that Renata Joseph is filled with anticipation for new things this year and will be sharing this in assemblies over the next couple of weeks.

This week I've enjoyed seeing our extra-curricular clubs running in fullness again. I'm excited to be able to restart **Chapel Games club** after having to stop last year due to restrictions. **Christian Union** has shifted this to Mondays to minimise clashes with other clubs. Student and Sixth Form **Prayer mornings** will happen on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please pray for these and all the other clubs as they get going this year! Every blessing to you in the week ahead and thank you for your partnership and support.

**Alex Shoderu**  
Chaplain

## Showcasing what we do best

It has been a very busy start to the term at Saint Cecilia's, welcoming our new Year 7 pupils whilst also holding Open Events for all perspective pupils and their parents/carers. We would like to use this opportunity to thank all our wonderful pupils and students who have helped us to showcase the school and display what we do. We received many compliments about the tour guides, helpers and musicians, who were model ambassadors of our school. A special thank you to our Head Girl, **Lydia** and Year 9 pupil **Barnabas** who both spoke eloquently in front of large audiences.

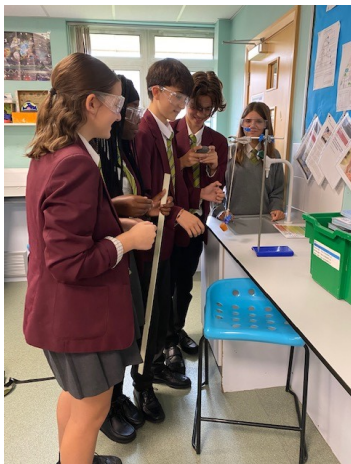
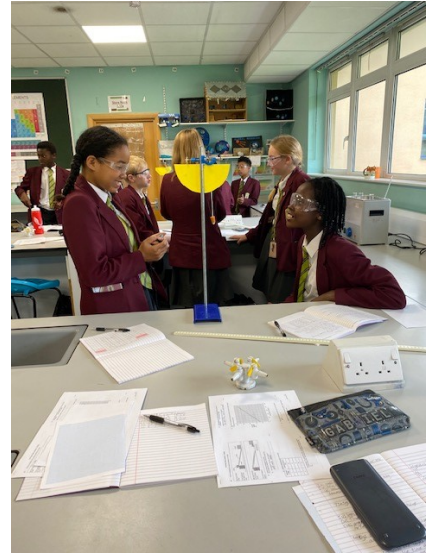
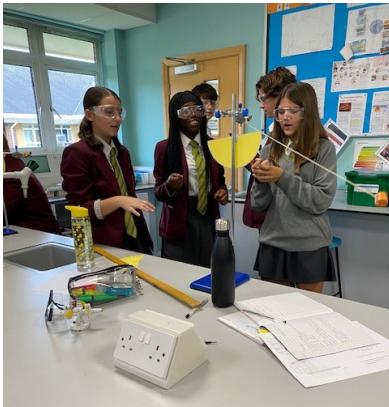


**James Robinson**  
Assistant Headteacher



## Science in Action

Year 9 have been excited to get back into the Science labs and be able to complete practical work again. The focus this term has been developing skills to 'work scientifically'. In this practical, pupils had to identify variables, design their own results table and complete a practical independently. It was great to see the pupils complete the work enthusiastically and demonstrate excellent teamwork.



**Becky Butlin**  
Teacher of Science

## Saint Cecilia's builds on its Partnerships Programme with Surrey Storm

I am absolutely delighted to be able to officially announce the launch of an exciting new partnership with Netball Superleague team Surrey Storm! Following on from the rugby partnership we formed last year with London Irish, we wanted to be able to offer a similar opportunity to pupils and students who play netball and want to take it to the next level.

Our partnership with Surrey Storm will offer our senior girls regular coaching by a Superleague player and other incredible opportunities to help them develop, as well as inspiring the younger pupils in the school to be involved in netball and reach their true potential.

For 2021-2022, Surrey Storm Superleague player **Ellie Kelk** will be our senior head coach this season. She will be in school every Wednesday to coach our two senior netball squads throughout the season, as well as being at all their fixtures.

There will be trials in November 2021 at Surrey Sports Park for all senior girls wanting to get into the two netball squads for the 2022-2023 season (for both Saint Cecilia's and prospective new Sixth Form students from other schools). Full details about these trials will be circulated nearer the time.

Those selected for the Netball Squad in the 2022-23 season will receive an exciting raft of benefits including:

- Coaching by Surrey Storm Superleague players three times a week
- Special branded Surrey Storm/Saint Cecilia's kit
- Tickets to watch Surrey Storm play at Surrey Sports Park
- Regular fixtures and tournaments



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**SAINT CECILIA'S AND SURREY STORM NETBALL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME**  
SURREY STORM SUPER LEAGUE NETBALL CLUB AND SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL HAVE JOINED FORCES IN AN EXCITING PARTNERSHIP TO GROW AND DEVELOP NETBALL OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE SCHOOL.

**WHAT'S ON OFFER**

- A PROFESSIONAL, STRUCTURED PROGRAMME DELIVERED BY SURREY STORM NETBALL PLAYERS.
- TRAINING 3 TIMES A WEEK FOR A GROUP OF 24 STUDENTS WHO ATTEND SAINT CECILIA'S
- A HEAVY EMPHASIS ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF A VARIETY OF SYSTEMS THAT WILL ALLOW PLAYERS TO SUCCEED WHEREVER THEY GO AFTER THE ACADEMY
- A PROGRAMME PROVIDING A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES, BALANCED WITH ACADEMIC COMMITMENTS
- OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND SURREY STORM HOME MATCHES
- OPPORTUNITY TO MEET 1ST TEAM PLAYERS

**"WE ARE REALLY EXCITED TO BEGIN A PARTNERSHIP WITH SAINT CECILIA'S. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PROVIDING PLAYER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO NETBALLERS WHO ARE WANTING TO PROGRESS THROUGH THE PATHWAY"**

TO APPLY FOR A PLACE AT SAINT CECILIA'S SIXTH FORM GO TO  
[WWW.SAINTCECILIAS.LONDON](http://WWW.SAINTCECILIAS.LONDON)

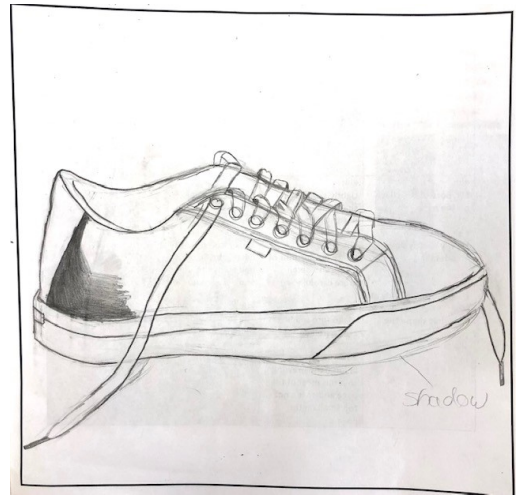
**MIKKI AUSTIN - STORM HEAD COACH**

**SURREY STORM**

**Harriet Field**  
Teacher of PE

## Pencil Drawings

Pencil drawing of a shoe by **Sura** in Year 7



**Victoria England**  
**Teacher of Art and Design**

## Friends of Saint Cecilia's

The Friends of Saint Cecilia's greatly enjoyed meeting new Year 7 parents at the welcome BBQ at the start of term and are looking forward to meeting Year 8 parents at the start of October.

If you would like to join the Friends and help shape the work of the charity going forward, including helping to take decisions on how we spend the money we've raised to support education of Saint Cecilia's pupils and students, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/oCVQ8nvpfxLZapha8>. Everyone is welcome. We'll be having a meeting in the near future to decide on how to distribute funds, so sign up now to have your say.

**Clare Salter**  
**Chair, Friends of Saint Cecilia's**

## Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 20th September:** Silver (Year 10) Duke Of Edinburgh Award meeting in the Chapel from 6—7pm
- **Thursday 23rd September:** Amelie trip to the theatre
- **Thursday 23rd - Saturday 25th September:** Duke of Edinburgh Year 11 and 12 Silver Trip
- **Friday 1st October:** Year 8 Parent BBQ 6-8pm