



Message from the Headteacher

'Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ Jesus and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him'

2 Corinthians 5:18



Last week, I was inspired by British racing driver Nicholas Hamilton (brother of Sir Lewis Hamilton) who spoke at the ASCL Headteachers' conference, about being a disabled young person in a mainstream school. He shared stories about his early attempts to fit in, and how he learnt to be himself and be proud of who he is. As I listened to him, it reminded me of

how much pressure many of our young people are under at this time, and the need to keep reminding them they are valued for who they are. This will be a theme in my message for all pupils and students, when we meet at the end of term, for Easter collective worship.

We have had a tremendous response to the Ukrainian appeal from pupils and students, so thank you. Donations will be delivered to the Polish Cultural Centre next week, and will be on their way to the Polish-Ukrainian border shortly after. We will continue to look for opportunities to offer humanitarian help wherever we can.

Many congratulations to a number of pupils this week.

Heloise and **Macaulay** in Year 10, took part in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Challenge. **Heloise** went on to win the Wandsworth final and progresses to the Regional finals. This is an amazing achievement, which places Heloise in the top 0.2% of young public speakers in London and Essex! We are incredibly proud to have 13 pupils making it through to the final selection process for Ball Boys and Girls, for the 2022 Wimbledon Championships. Well done to **Alex, Amy, Archie, Arthur, Barnabas, Charlie, George, Jacob, Jade, Louis, Maximus, Raphaela** and **Robin**.

Finally, pupils and students in examination year groups begin their second window of assessments, as part of the contingency plan, in the event exams are cancelled because of COVID-19. Although it is unlikely, the DfE have not changed their policy, so it is crucial these assessments go ahead. Teachers will do all they can to lessen the worry and stress assessments can cause, but do speak to your child's mentor if you think we can do more to support. Cathy Bull has invited Year 11 parents to school for a coffee morning to discuss overcoming exam anxiety, which we hope will be helpful. Do look out for the invitation later in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

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Warm greetings to you as we head into the penultimate week of term. I'm thankful that the weather is starting to brighten and I'm praying that pupils, students and staff will have a strong finish to the term.

I was so proud to see how our school community responded to the Ukraine appeal last week. Big thanks to everyone who has responded so generously. There is still time to hand donations into Reception.

The week ahead is another big week of advocacy and social action in our school life. Our house collective worship assembly will highlight Global Recycling Day and World Water Day, both of which happen next week. Year 7 will be doing a fun run on Friday to raise money and awareness for

#TeamSeas, a charity that aims to remove 1lb of waste from oceans for every £1 raised. Friday will also be a non-uniform day with a house colours twist to raise money for the Bishop's Lent appeal, which this year is focused on combating homelessness.

In our year assemblies, we will be continuing with a video series that is directed at helping pupils and students understand the big story of the Bible so that they can understand the relevance of the Easter story for our lives today: a story of a God who gave His all to reconcile the world to Himself.

Peace and blessings to you through Christ the Reconciler.
Amen

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Jack Petchey Award Evening



On Tuesday 15th March, Lucy Bush and I went to the Awards event held at the Wandsworth Civic suite with the 2021 Jack Petchey award winners. It was a lively and inspiring evening. We were one of 14 schools present and the awards were presented by the Mayor of Wandsworth.

Names of students present (from back row and left to right): **Elizabeth, Natasha, Samuel, Layla, Paige** and **Tia**.

Winners who were absent: **Bethan, Ben** and **Jada**

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

House Colours Day - Friday 25th March

Each year, the Bishop's Lent Call raises funds for local and international community projects and, as a school, we've been joining in with this for a number of years. In 2022, the theme is 'home', and we will be raising money to support projects helping those in need of shelter, security, and a place to call home.

Therefore, we are going to have a House Colours Day on **Friday 25th March**.

The idea is for our whole school community - pupils, students and staff- to wear at least one item of clothing that is their house colour. A non-uniform day with a house colour twist!

We are asking everyone to bring in a £1 donation on the day, which mentors will collect at the end of the day, for the Lent Call.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

French Play

The Onatti Theatre Company performed a French play called '*Mon père ne me comprend pas*' to our Year 8 and 9 pupils. In the Q&A at the end, pupils were intrigued to know if the actors could speak English fluently or speak other languages and if they were paid well. The audience clearly enjoyed the play as can be seen by their feedback below:



"The play was amazing! I understood the storyline and I really enjoyed. It reminded me of my dad being embarrassing. Oh the dad's moves! Those were legendary! It really expressed the modern world today as well" - **Seb**

"The play was funny and it helped me learn new words and phrases in French" - **Sophie**

"I think that the play was a good experience because it helped bring to life all the words and phrases I know in French. It was also an awesome play that left me in a good mood." - **Teddy**

Sylvia Basilius
Interim Curriculum Team Leader Modern Foreign Languages

British Science Week

It is British Science Week and this year the theme is Growth. We are encouraging pupils and students of all ages to get involved with our science competitions:

- Years 7-9 have a **Poster** competition. The best poster will win an Amazon Gift Card. The top five posters will be sent off to compete nationally run by the British Science Association!
- Years 10-13 have an **'Engineer an Ecosystem'** competition. The top 'terrarium' gets an Amazon Gift Card. The top three entries will get a chance to display their ecosystem. Entries to Room 1.13.

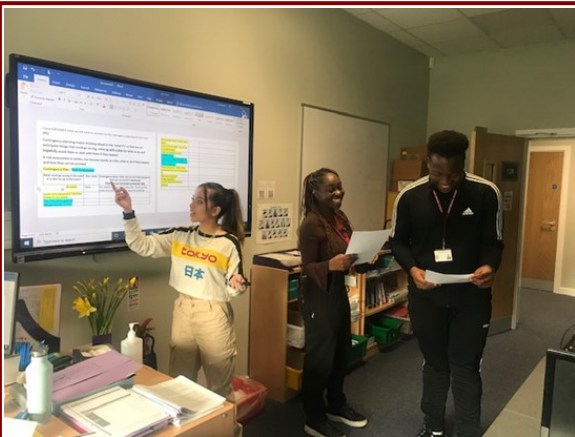


Please encourage your child to look for the pink tasks on Show My Homework. Deadline for entries is **Monday 28th March**. All entries can be handed in to Rachel Skinner in Room 1.13 for judging.

Rachel Skinner

Interim Assistant Curriculum Team Leader of Science, Turing House Leader, and Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator

Business Studies Event Planning



Year 12 Business Studies students are currently planning an event for their coursework. This group are presenting their plans for a dodgeball event that will take place in May for the Sixth Form. Each team has to plan an event, run the event, sell tickets to buy resources such as refreshments, and raise as much money as they can for charity. As part of this unit they learn about a wide range of business topics including marketing, planning budgets, team work and managing people.

Pictured left: **Megan, Kelly and Joshua**

Lisa Morris

Curriculum Team Leader for Business Studies and Computing

Putney High School Career Talk - Hannah Thomas-Peter

A promotional graphic for a career talk. On the left is a photograph of Hannah Thomas-Peter, a woman with brown hair wearing a teal top. To her right is text identifying her as 'HANNAH THOMAS-PETER' and 'Climate Change and the Role of Women in the Newsroom'. Below this is a box with a bio: 'Former Royal Television Society Young Journalist of the Year, Hannah is a Sky News Climate Change Correspondent, covering a range of environmental stories around the world. Previously she was US correspondent, reporting on the Trump presidency, the #MeToo movement, the Harvey Weinstein scandal, the rise of the far right, and the opioid drugs crisis.' At the bottom left is the 'sky news' logo and the text 'MONDAY 7 MARCH - PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE - 1:30PM'. On the right side of the graphic is a quote from Sophia, a Year 11 student, and the name 'Paul Bishop, Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form'.

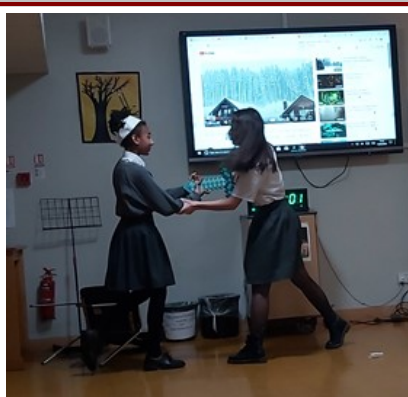
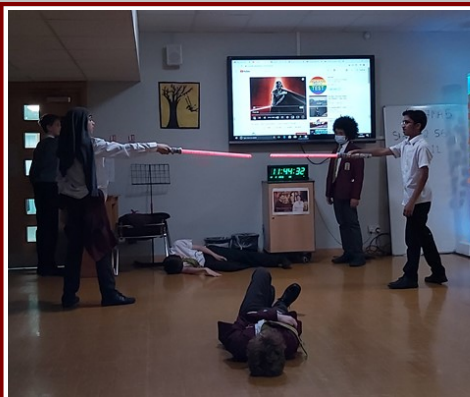
Sophia, Year 11, reports following the Putney Career talk she attended on 7th March:

"Four other Sixth Formers and I had a brilliant time at Putney High School last week. The Sky News Climate Change Correspondent, Hannah Thomas-Peter, delivered an informative and engaging talk about her career as a journalist. Additionally, she spoke to us about the topics she has a great passion for including women in the news room and how to get into journalism. What inspired me the most in this careers talk was the way the correspondent delivered her incredible news stories. Words create impact and can change minds, which is something I now definitely intend to do as I approach my creative writing course at university."

Paul Bishop

Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form

Year 8 Drama - Shakespeare Re-enacted



In Year 8 Drama classes, pupils have been creating their own version of Shakespearian stories. They have enjoyed re-enacting *Macbeth* with lightsabres and wild parties, whilst performing choreographed dances to depict the meeting of *Romeo and Juliet*. The photos above are from their final projects.

Emma Rattier
Teacher of English

Artist of the Week



Toby in Year 7 painted this wonderful transcription of Alexej von Jawlensky's work as part of his research into Fauvism and the Fauvres' portrait paintings. **Toby** is my Artist of the Week.

Left:
'Shokko with Wide Brimmed Hat'
Alexej von Jawlensky, 1910

Right:
'Shokko with Wide Brimmed Hat'
Toby's version, 2022



Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Final Call for budding French Pop Artists

FRENCH POP VIDEO COMPETITION 2022

INSTITUT FRANÇAIS

Give the mic to your students and shoot a music video with them!

Do you believe your class's got talent? Do you feature your students sing or rap in French? If so, this competition is for you!

For whom? All students in British schools and Channel Islands, from 7 to 18 years old

What about? A music video of your students' French rap or song showing their talent

When? Submit your video by **15 April 2022**

Win books, tablets and attend a live Fête de la Musique concert!

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/french-pop-video-competition-2022-tickets-214603233047>

Final call for entries for The Institut Francais French Pop Video competition! Students and pupils need to create their own original pop video in French (no copyright material allowed). As we have so much talent at Saint Cecilia's, we would love to have as many entries as possible. Deadline for entries is **Friday 25th March** and can be sent in via WeTransfer.

Last year, we had two entries win the regional competition for their age range (please click on the links below to see **Grace** and **Martha**, and **Heejin's** entries). For more information, students and pupils can speak to me, or John Wells, Curriculum Team Leader for Music.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GScdMgiq09U&list=PLFuH7kW4IWkwYEakqXfqKivb2rT7tC4Zo&index=6>

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Sylvia Basiliou
Interim Curriculum Team Leader Modern Foreign Languages

Year 9 Lino Printing

Jada in Year 9 donated her Jack Petchey award to the Art department last year, so, together with **Jada**, we decided to purchase enough lino, lino cutters and bench hooks for a year group to use. Year 9 are the first group to benefit from these new resources and experimented with these materials in their project based on 'Conflict and Protest' that they started in January. We have seen some fantastic lino printing results, some using reduction prints with two and even three colours. We are so impressed with how Year 9 have coped with learning about the process, producing some excellent results.



Alice



Sophie



Johanna



Sophie



Roland



Jade



Jade



April



Stanley



Yunoa

Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

Sixth Form trip to 'Hamilton'



Sixth Form students were exceptionally fortunate to be offered the opportunity to attend an educational performance of 'Hamilton' at the Victoria Palace Theatre. The atmosphere was electric. After the show, the cast did a question and answer session. It was really interesting to hear that some of the actors did not attend drama school and have entered the profession via a non-traditional pathway.

Jo Osborne
Curriculum Team Leader for Geography and Sixth Form Year Leader

Updates from the Science Labs

Ecology studies

Year 11 students were able to make the most of the warm weather and worked together to collect data for their GCSE required practical, investigating the abundance and distribution of daisies in the lawn.



Science Club

Last week, pupils had fun trying out fire-writing. They wrote a secret message in invisible sodium nitrate solution. When dried and lit with a splint, the message started to glow and burn to reveal what had been written!

Henry and Sharon (pictured left)



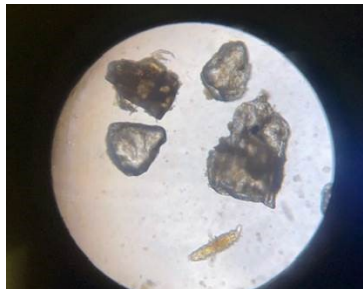
Sharon, Ava and Dominic



Amber

This week in Science Club, pupils were able to see some loveable water bears!

Club members braved the elements and headed into the rainy playground to collect some samples of moss. After sieving the moss and placing a small sample of the filtrate into a cavity slide, pupils were able to view tardigrades (water bears) wriggling around under the microscope!



Tardigrade (water bear) visible towards the bottom of the field of view.

Becky Butlin
Teacher of Science and Carter House Leader

Netball News

On Wednesday 9th March the Year 9A, 9B and a team who I call 'the Inters' (who are a mix of Year 10 and 11B team players) played in an inter-year school netball tournament where all three teams played each other. The Year 9A team won both their games, thanks to some fantastic through court netball. Meanwhile the Year 11A and Senior A netball teams played each other, and the senior As won. To conclude the evening, the Year 11A and 9A netball teams then played each other in a short game, which the Year 11A team won. Superleague player Ellie Kelk watched the last game and chose **Faith** (Year 9) and **Elizabeth** (Year 12) as her Star Players of the Day. Well done to all for a lovely afternoon of netball!

On Thursday 10th March, Year 11 team had a fixture cancelled, so we had a fantastic training session instead, where they worked on backlines and bringing the ball through court. Well done to all for a productive session in the sun! Meanwhile the Year 7C and 7D netball teams had a great session led by **Mia** in Year 9.



On Friday 11th, the Year 8, 9A and 9B teams had an inter-year triangular match, where each team played each other once. The Year 9A team once again came out victorious. A big well done to Year 8 for working hard to apply team tactics.

On Tuesday 15th March, the Year 8A and 8B teams travelled to Ricards Lodge for a fixture in the sun. The Year 8A team played fantastically and won the match convincingly. Particularly well done to **Ana** for bringing the ball through court so easily, as well as **Talia** for her shooting. The Year 8B team narrowly lost, with many interceptions but too many overhead passes in the latter stages. Well done to Coaches' Player of the Match, **Phoebe**, for her controlled movement and feeds as Wing Attack.

Pictured left 8A: **Alexia, Ana, Elizabeth, Hannah, Lucy, Muiread and Talia (Captain)**

Pictured right 8B: **Abi, Alexia, Anna, Grace, Phoebe (Captain), Raya, Ruby and Zarah.**



On Wednesday our Year 11A netball team played with our GCSE PE girls in a friendly netball fixture in the Sports Hall. As the girls were being filmed for part of their GCSE, Ellie Kelk (Surrey Storm player) coached the girls from the side line. We were so pleased to see how well all the girls played.

Harriet Field

Teacher of Physical Education

Triumph for 1st XI Football



On Tuesday 15th March, the under 18s football team played an excellent match, beating Ark Putney Academy 5-1.

Goals were scored by **Charlie** (a hat-trick!), **Paul** and **Jenas**.

Back Row: **Elijah, Jack, Seb, Jake, Charlie, Keiron, Festus and Jenas**

Front Row: **Kudler, Paul, Isaac (Captain), Ronnie, TJ and Cathan**

Christopher Luke

Interim Curriculum Team Leader of Physical Education and Year Leader for Year 10

Wimbledon Championships 2022 Selection

Huge congratulations to the thirteen pupils who have been selected as Ball Boys and Girls for Wimbledon 2022. This is a huge achievement given the arduous selection process, and the commitment from the pupils. They will be fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Well done to: **Alex** (missing from the picture), **Amy, Archie, Arthur, Barnabas, Charlie, George, Jacob, Jade, Louis, Maximus, Raphaela** and **Robin**.



Alex Bishop
Assistant Headteacher (Interim)

Year 9 Rugby Sevens

Last week, Year 9 enjoyed two rugby sevens fixtures and proudly represented the school. **Barnabas** in Year 9 reports back from the pitches:

"On 11th March, Year 9 went to Barn Elms to play in a rugby sevens tournament. We played five group games beating both Ibstock Place teams comfortably and drawing 0-0 with Greycourt School. We narrowly lost 5-0 to Tiffin School as they scored in the final play of the game. We also played Hampton and lost 17-0; they went on to win the tournament. Overall, our defence was very strong missing hardly any tackles and we capitalised on any mistakes the opposition made. On March 17th we played in the Fulham Boys 7s tournament against a very strong competition. It was very enjoyable, great for our development and left us with plenty to work on, especially in defence."



Players of the tournaments were **TJ** and **Alex**

Alex Bishop
Assistant Headteacher (Interim)

Last chance to buy tickets for the Spring Concert

A final reminder that the **Spring Concert** is next week on **Thursday 24th March** at 7pm. Tickets are available to purchase via ParentPay and are selling fast. There is limited availability so don't miss out. Please note that tickets will not be available on the door so you must book in advance.

We are looking forward to a fantastic celebration of music including performances from the choir, concert band, Year 13 music band, jazz band, string group and a number of solo pieces from talented pupils and students. Thank you in advance to the Friends of Saint Cecilia's who will be serving refreshments during the interval.

John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music



Upcoming Inter-House Fun Run!

As part of our house charity events, there will be a Year 7 inter-house Fun Run taking place in Wimbledon Park from 3.30-4.30pm after school on Friday 25th March. All year 7 pupils are welcome to take part in the two lap running or walking course around Wimbledon Park. The event has been instigated by some pupils in Year 7 to raise money and awareness for #TeamSeas, a charity that aims to remove 1lb of waste from oceans for every £1 raised.

Look out for further information and an upcoming link on ParentPay in order to give permission for your child to participate.

We are looking forward to seeing as many pupils and students after school to show their support as possible!

Becky Butlin

Teacher of Science and Carter House Leader



Year 11 Coffee Morning to discuss exam stress

This is a reminder that on Thursday 24th March we will be holding a coffee morning in the SEN Department from 9am-10.15am. It will be run by myself and our link Educational Psychologists from SCPS (Schools and Community Psychology Service), Lauren Boesley and Kate Boyle. We will be discussing exam anxiety and how parents can help their children manage this. Invitations will be sent out to parents of pupils on the SEND register but we know that this opportunity might appeal to more parents in Year 11. As we are limited by the size of the Bethany Centre, we will offer places on a first come first served basis. If you are interested in joining, please email us at send@saintcecilias.london

Catherine Bull

SENCo, Literacy Co-ordinator & Teacher of English



Lost Property - please collect before Easter

Last chance - we still have a collection of over 20 winter coats in lost property that are in great condition and need to be collected. Please click [here](#) to see the list of coats. Please send your child to Reception to come and collect. **Any coats not collected by the Easter holidays will be given to charity.** Thank you.

Nikki Tye and Caroline Pescheux

Receptionists



Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 21st March:** Surrey Storm squad trip to watch a netball game at Surrey Sports Park
- **Tuesday 22nd March:** Years 7 and 9 trip to Victoria & Albert Museum
- **Wednesday 23rd March:** Graveney School music rehearsals 11:30—5pm
- **Thursday 24th March:** Spring Concert at 7pm at Saint Cecilia's
- **Friday 25th March:** House Colour Day - wear an item of clothing in House colours and bring in £1
- **Friday 25th March:** Year 7 Fun Run, 3:30 - 4:30pm at Wimbledon Park
- **Friday 25th March:** Drama trip to Group 64 to see *This Changes Everything* in Putney at 7pm
- **Wednesday 30th March:** Surrey Storm final trials 4:30 - 6pm at Saint Cecilia's Sports Hall
- **Wednesday 30th March:** Brighter Sounds Concert at Croydon Fairfield Halls 7pm
- **Thursday 31st March:** Year 7 Parents' Evening (virtual)
- **Thursday 31st March:** Years 12 and 13 trip to The National Theatre to see *Our Generation*
- **Friday 1st April:** End of term (early finish).
- **Tuesday 19th April:** Summer Term begins Week A