



Message from the Headteacher

*'This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it'*
(Psalm 118:24)

We made it! Judging from the content of our final newsletter, we have finished strong, and I am grateful to staff who continue to offer an abundance of opportunity for pupils and students.

I am delighted that we continue to celebrate pupils, right to the end of the year. **Anthony** in Year 9 took part in the World Karate Championships; representing his club and the country. As part of team Kata and team Kumite, Anthony achieved a Gold and Bronze medal in his age group. Fantastic!

Following a series of successful performances, the musicians are safely back from tour. Thank you to the parents who travelled to Somerset to cheer them on, and to Mr Wells and the music team for their hard work planning and preparing the tour.

I can hear a collective sigh of relief, as we reflect on a great year behind us, and look forward to 2022-23. Whatever you are doing, and wherever you are going, have a safe and restful holiday.

God bless and see you all in September.

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..."
(Galatians 5:22-23)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, let me thank you for journeying with us throughout this school year and for all your support, expressed in so various ways.

You'll know that our Collective Worship theme for this half term has been the Fruits of the Spirit and how encouraged I was yesterday when a colleague, who has only been working at Saint Cecilia's for a few months, sent an email to 'all staff' titled 'Count your blessings'. Let me share with you some excerpts from her email:

"I have been teaching since 1996 and this is the easiest school I have ever taught at! Firstly, this is such a lovely school to teach at...The pupils and students at Saint Cecilia's are polite, respectful and courteous. I have only ever seen that when I had done supply at independent schools. Imagine you are walking down the corridor with your hands full, and a pupil offers to carry it for you – this is exceptional behaviour. Or one day like today, a student offers you, an adult, an ice lolly! Again, count your blessings!"

I guess what I am doing here in my last piece to you this school year is counting my blessings. It is truly a blessing to be the Chaplain to your children and to see them displaying character traits that align with what the Bible calls the Fruits of the (Holy) Spirit. I am sure you will agree that our pupils and students, your children, are not always perfect, and that there's lots of room for growth, but that is why the writer of this verse, uses the imagery of fruit– it's something that has to grow.

Let me take the opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy summer break.

May you be surrounded and covered by grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. May we - our whole school community of pupils, students, staff, parents, carers, families - grow more and more in the likeness of the Wonderful Triune God. Amen!

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Year 7 Welcome Letter

It was a pleasure to work with the current Year 7 pupils designing and compiling an informative welcome magazine for the incoming Year 7 pupils who will be joining us in September 2022. I'm sure they will find the tips and information very useful as they settle into life at Saint Cecilia's. Please click [here](#) to read it.

Mairead Gibbons
Teacher of English, Year Leader of Year 11 and EAL Coordinator

Sports Day

Sports Day was, as ever, well contested. Despite the heat, each and every competitor gave their best and it was a wonderful uplifting event to be part of. The pictures portray the competitive spirit and friendship of the Saint Cecilia's community. Here are the results:

- 1st - Turing (1282)
- 2nd - Schubert (1136)
- 3rd - Carter (1120)
- 4th - Ives (1118)
- 5th - Newton (1117)
- 6th - Archimedes (1082)



Alex Bishop
Assistant Headteacher

Activities Week



The Sixth Formers enjoyed a varied week of activities during the whole school Activities Week. The focus at the beginning of the week was on university applications and personal statement writing.



They were given one-to-one support from their mentors on these tasks. On Wednesday afternoon we went to Wimbledon Common for a picnic, a huge football game and a staff versus students rounders match. The students won! On Thursday, the students could choose an activity from paintball, a private screening of 'Thor' or designing a tote bag using lino printing. A great time was had by all.



Jo Osborn
Curriculum Team Leader for Geography and Sixth Form Leader



A massive well done and thank you to **Nyah, Aurelia, Ronnie-Rose, Sasha and Tia** for their hard work over Activities Week creating these amazing canvases to be displayed in the Pupil Support room. The girls were really creative with their ideas and executed them perfectly.

Natalie Burman
Head of Pupil Support and Pastoral Support Programme Coordinator

Music Concert Tour Somerset 2022

All the pupils, students and staff had an amazing time on the 2022 music tour to Somerset. We were able to have full use of superb rehearsal and performance spaces in Millfield School and Wells Cathedral School. We performed four concerts in Wells Cathedral School, Glastonbury, Wells Bishop's Palace Gardens and Wells Town Hall. The pupils and students had plenty of fun activities including visiting Bath, hiking up Glastonbury Tor, swimming in the sunshine at Greenbank Lido, games, a barbecue and cèilidh!

It was an absolute pleasure taking these wonderful young people on tour. They were all fantastic throughout the trip and are superb ambassadors for our school. Special thanks to my team of staff – Mr Robinson, Mr Sugden, Miss Skinner, Mr Thompson and Miss Rose for all their assistance.

Thanks to all parents, carers and families for their support; it was great to see so many of you at our concerts. Here are some photo highlights of our trip and a few clips of some of the performances.

We hope to announce the 2023 tour in the Autumn Term and I do hope many will take part once again. Have a wonderful summer! Click on the YouTube links below to listen to the pieces we performed:

When You Believe: <https://youtu.be/lr-6htCrAaU>

Theme to The Mandalorian: <https://youtu.be/QY3UU5CiBNM>

I Want It That Way: <https://youtu.be/CpF6h3IN3Wc>

The Greatest Showman Medley: <https://youtu.be/nlOmtDBuDQI>;

Gonna Fly Now Rocky: <https://youtu.be/WATNd79mQ3A>

The Final Countdown: <https://youtu.be/nq-hq6o8pxg>



John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Sports Updates

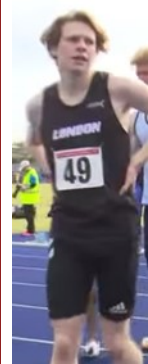
Sports Leaders

Last week, thanks to Mr Luke and Ms Bush, some of our Year 10 GCSE pupils had the opportunity to lead sports sessions to groups of primary school children.

Our pupils had to create fun 'team building' sessions, which they practised before delivering them. Not only did our pupils gain more confidence in coaching as the day went on, other teachers from a variety of schools commented on how good our pupils were at coaching. Well done to all for going out of your comfort zones and delivering some great sessions, particularly **Oliver** for his outstanding enthusiasm throughout the day.



English Schools Athletics



Last weekend three of our pupils competed at the English Schools Athletics Competition in Manchester. This is the most prestigious athletics competition in the country for young athletes.

Ella (pictured right in the black vest) in Year 8 won her 200m heat and therefore qualified for the final. She came 2nd in the final which is an outstanding achievement. She even has another year in this age category!

Freddie in Year 12 (pictured left) won his heat very convincingly and therefore qualified for the final. Unfortunately, he was not able to race in the final due to a foot injury.



Alex in Year 10 came an impressive 7th overall in the shotput. He is currently ranked 8th in the country for his age and is capable of throwing over 13 metres!

A huge well done to all three competitors. We are so proud to have such talented athletes competing at such events.

World Karate Championships - Gold Medal Winner!



A huge well done to **Anthony** in Year 9 who took part in the World Karate Championships on Saturday 10th July at the K2 in Crawley. Together, with his team mate, they represented their club FSKA UK and the country. They achieved Gold in the team Kata and bronze in the team Kumite for their age group.

Inter-house football and netball

Last week we had the highly anticipated inter-house football and netball competition. Each day saw a different year group battle it out on court or the pitch. With a huge number of pupils competing across both sports, we knew it would be competitive. The atmosphere at each event was electric, with screams of excitement as teams won and true sporting camaraderie shown by a huge number of our pupils and students. Well done to all that played and cheered, as well as Sixth Formers for helping at these exciting events.

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Jack Petchey Winners



Each term we award three children with a Jack Petchey Award. Pupils and students are nominated by their teachers and mentors. The awards recognise young people who go above and beyond to achieve, push through challenges, help others, display bravery or experience a personal triumph beyond the classroom. This term our outstanding pupils are:

Akeela in Year 7 for being consistently caring towards others who are upset and is a very loyal friend.

Olivia in Year 9 for helping out another pupil all term. She has shown kindness, character and lots of patience when helping her during lessons.

Toby in Year 7 has taken on the role of support buddy for a fellow pupil in his class. Toby has made sure the pupil is included, has met up to have band practice and tried to make the pupil feel better about school and the class.

A huge well done to our three award winners!

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

French Pop Video Winner!

Well done to **Amalia** in Year 12 who was given £150 worth of book tokens for winning the national and regional French Pop Video competition run by the Institut Francais.



Sylvia Basiliou
Interim Curriculum Team Leader for MFL

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **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