



### Message from the Headteacher

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(Proverbs 9:10)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming pupils and students back to school this week after the Easter break. With the sunshine came renewed energy and focus, which will help prepare us all for the busy term ahead. In our Collective Worship this half term, we will be exploring the theme of 'wisdom' which is very fitting for the exam term when knowledge will indeed be tested. We will support all our pupils and students in their pursuit of wisdom and learning, guiding them to make wise choices and preparing them for the tasks ahead.

For many, this term can be one during which exam anxiety levels rise. So with this in mind, we will ensure that pupils and

students know who to turn to if they feel they need extra support or reassurance. Despite exams, there is much to look forward to this term as we have a range of events lined up to showcase the talents of so many of our pupils and students including concerts, exhibitions, performances and a celebration event. I look forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming events – details will follow.

A full Activities Week in July will round off the school year. A schedule of what we have planned is included in this newsletter with details of how to book.

God bless,

**Renata Joseph**  
Headteacher

### Chaplain's Corner

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your Easter break was restful and refreshing. Mine was, and thankfully many of my colleagues here have reported the same. Thank God! That feels like a real answer to prayer.

However, the start of each new term after the holidays always comes with mixed feelings and probably some nerves and anxiety for both students and staff, so it's something that I've tried to acknowledge and be on the lookout for those who need the extra encouragement and support.

With the weather getting brighter and warmer, I will be praying for a really happy term for us as a school, for the safe and smooth running of various trips and events that are planned, and for success for Year 11s and Year 13s who will be taking their final exams.

Our theme verse this week underlines the importance of the 'fear of the Lord'. That is Bible language, not for being 'scared' of God, but rather for reverence or a purposeful acknowledgement of God. I think we do that well as a school and, because of that, I am confident that we have a solid foundation, and that God is guiding all those who are in decision-making roles, giving them wisdom for direction that will lead to the growth and success of our pupils and students. Your prayers, and the prayers of local churches and congregations connected to us as a school, remain invaluable.

May God richly bless you and your family in the coming days and weeks and give you all that you need to thrive physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

Amen.

**Alex Shoderu**  
School Chaplain

### Sports Team Photos

On Monday 25th April we are holding sport team photos. This will involve every pupil and student who has represented the school in any sport so far this year. The photo schedule is up on the PE noticeboards if your child needs to check timings. Please remind your child to bring in full clean sports kit to school on Monday, including white socks for girls and sports socks for boys. Thank you.

**Chris Luke**  
Interim Curriculum Team Leader for PE



## Our Generation Theatre Trip

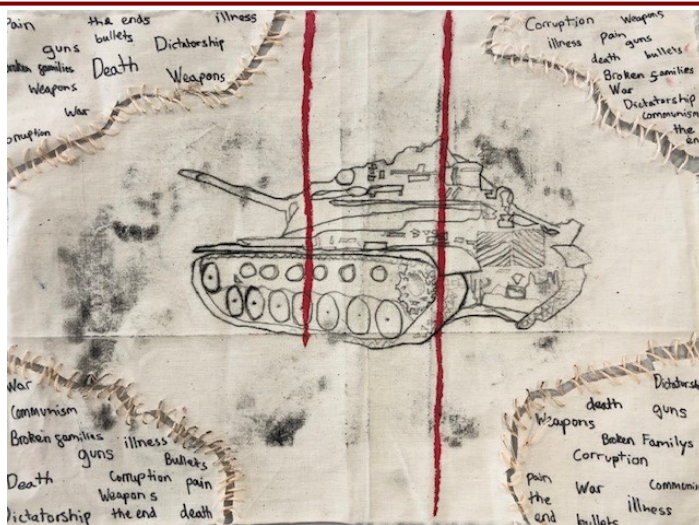
Prior to the Easter Holidays, Year 12 and Year 13 visited The National Theatre on a trip to see 'Our Generation' by Alecky Blythe. This was the first theatre trip this year for the Sixth Formers and it was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of term. The students thoroughly enjoyed the show and had lots to discuss for the live theatre evaluation section of their written paper.



**Sophie Mouland**  
Teacher of Drama

## Artist of the Week

Before the Easter break, **Thomas** in Year 9 completed this response to our Conflict and Protest art project. He stitched and printed onto calico creating this powerful image. **Thomas** is my artist of the week.



**Victoria England**  
Teacher of Art and Design

## Bake Off 2022 Competition Reminder

This is a reminder that we are holding the Saint Cecilia's School Bake Off 2022 on Tuesday 3rd May at 3.10pm.

Passionate about pastry? Fan of a flan? Ready for cake? We are encouraging pupils and students to get creative with signature bakes and win points for their bake's presentation! Even if they are not entering, all pupils and students are invited to attend the 'Bake Off' and spend 30p on cake as we will be raising money for our house charities!

If they would like to enter, pupils and students should bring cakes and bakes, labelled with name and house to the Food Tech Room 0.14 by 8.40am on 3rd May. If pupils don't want to enter the competition, they can always contribute something to the bake sale.

**Sava Navarro Martinez**  
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages



## Activities Week 2022 - Payment Reminder

Activities Week: 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Ride the rollercoasters at  
Chessington World of Adventures  
Years 7 - 10



Craft some pottery to take home  
in the pottery masterclass  
Years 7 - 10

Enjoy Hollywood Bowl Tolworth and an  
afternoon at the Wetlands Centre  
Year 7



Play in the Inter-House  
Rounders Tournament  
Years 7 - 10

Catch a movie at  
Cineworld, Southside  
Years 7 - 10



Go bowling and play street golf  
at Gravity, Southside  
Years 8 - 10

Compete in the Inter-House  
Sports Day in Wimbledon Park  
Years 7 - 10



Book on ParentPay  
from 5<sup>th</sup> April

 **Saint Cecilia's**  
Church of England School

Bookings are now open for Activities Week 2022. Please book and pay the first instalment via ParentPay.

Activities Week 2022 will take place between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and will be an opportunity for the school community to come together and celebrate the end of the academic year. The activities will involve pupils being out of school for part or all of the day. Between Monday and Thursday year groups will be able to:

- ◆ Ride rollercoasters at Chessington World of Adventures
- ◆ Go bowling and play street golf at Gravity in Wandsworth (Years 8—10)
- ◆ Enjoy Hollywood Bowl Tolworth and an afternoon at the London Wetlands Centre (Year 7)
- ◆ Craft some pottery to take home in the pottery masterclass
- ◆ Catch a movie at Cineworld in Wandsworth
- ◆ Play in an inter-house rounders competition

The whole school community will come together on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July to take part in our annual Sports Day held at Wimbledon Park. Full information has been sent out in a separate letter to parents/carers.

**Andy Gillespie**  
Assistant Headteacher

## Clubs List



The full list of extra-curricular clubs for the Summer Term is available [here](#) on the website.

**James Robinson**  
Assistant Headteacher

## Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 25th April:** Sports team photos during school day
- **Tuesday 26th April:** Years 7-13 Music Scholar trip to *Matilda*
- **Wednesday 27th April:** Trip to see *Dear Evan Hansen* at the Noel Coward Theatre
- **Tuesday 3rd May:** Saint Cecilia's Great Bake Off from 3.10pm
- **Tuesday 10th May:** Celebration Evening at Saint Cecilia's 6.00 - 8.30pm— Details to follow