



Message from the Headteacher

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

I want to begin, by saying a huge well done to pupils for getting to school despite this week's travel chaos. Understandably, some pupils were late because their usual journey was complicated or they became caught up in additional traffic. However, there was clearly an effort made to arrive on time to school. The same can be said for teachers and support staff, some of whom travel long distances. I understand a few parents enquired about remote learning, however, the DfE were very clear that schools were not to switch to remote learning during strike action.

Yesterday, it was my absolute pleasure to be interviewed by **Jedaiah, Joe** and **Yvette**, who are writing an article about the role of the Headteacher, as part of the welcome magazine for new Year 7 pupils joining Saint Cecilia's in September. They posed very clever and insightful questions, and attempted to get me to part with some 'state secrets', saying they were keen new pupils got to know the 'real me!'

After celebrating **Amalia's** success in reaching the final of the French Pop Video competition, I am delighted to tell you Amalia is the National Winner of the Sixth Form category. If you would like to hear Amalia's song, please click [here](#) and watch from 16.46 minutes.

Finally, with only two weeks to go, may I gently remind



parents and carers to give permission for your child to participate in Activities Week. Full payment is now due. Do get in touch with Julie Peterson in the Finance department, or your child's Year Leader if you require support. Activities Week takes place between Monday 11th and Friday 15th July. Pupils are organised into activities by year group, and the whole school community will gather together for Sports Day on Friday 15th July, at Wimbledon Park.

God bless for the week ahead.

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)

This week, we picked up on 'patience' and 'kindness' in our Fruit of the Spirit series.

One of my favourite Bible verses is one that speaks about the kindness of God. I love it because we see the interplay between the Trinity so clearly. It states:

"When God our Saviour revealed His kindness and love, He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Because of His grace He made us right in His sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life." (Titus 3:4-7)

Patience is exhibiting calmness during the midst of stressful

situations. It's showing empathy toward others when they are not doing things to our standard. Patience is produced when we support the growth in others as they are on their own journey in life. It's not getting easily disgruntled when a delay occurs that won't matter in 10 years, let alone 10 days. Patient people don't become easily annoyed, agitated, nor do they show intolerance.

Kindness is being genuinely kind to anyone and everyone. It assumes that all people deserve kindness, no matter their differences, viewpoints, or cultures. Kindness celebrates others and serves when there is a need. It looks out for the well-being of others and shows compassion when needed. It assists others and shows courtesy and benevolence to anyone. Kind people do not display animosity, ill will, or envy toward others.

Have a good week. Amen.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

French Pop Star National Winner!

Following on from the wonderful news last week that **Amalia** in Year 12 reached the finals of the French Pop Video Competition with her song, 'Si proche mais si loin' (which means so close but so far), **we are delighted to announce that she has been named as the national winner of the Sixth Form category!** What an amazing achievement!

Please click [here](#) to watch from 16.46 minutes. She still made it to the Awards Ceremony at the French Institute despite the tube strikes!

The French Department is extremely proud of her as she wrote and composed the song and put together the video entirely by herself. **Amalia** is Romanian, lived in Italy and came to England recently so French is her fourth language.



Sylvia Basilious
Interim CTL Modern Foreign Languages

Cheerleading Practice



On Thursday 23rd June, the Saint Cecilia's cheerleading squad, 'STC Sparks,' had the opportunity to train at Unity Allstars cheerleading club. Unity Allstars is based at the U-HQ, the largest and most successful cheerleading club in the country with over 20 different teams. The club has most recently won Gold at the 2022 Cheerleading World Championships in Florida. U-HQ is a state of the art cheer and tumble training facility with two full-size sprung floors, fast tracks, landing pads and video playback systems, which the squad made full use of throughout their session.

The training session was intense, but very much needed in order to prepare the team for their first and last competition of the academic year. Next week, we will be travelling to

Bournemouth to compete in Future Cheer, the national school's cheerleading championships.

The girls have worked tirelessly this year. There has been blood, sweat and tears, but it will all be worth it. I'd like to wish them the best of luck for next week's competition - let's go girls! That's one very proud teacher in the photo!!!

Appearing in the team photos:

Amelie, Anna, Bethany (Vice Captain), Beulah, Drew (Captain), Florence, Phoebe, Lili, Mandukhai, Mary, Matilda, Phoebe, Rosabel and Tayja

Imogen Hamel
Teacher of PE



Young Philosophers

"How do we know the world around us is as we perceive it? Can we really trust our senses to provide us with the true information of the environment around us? How can we be sure that we all see the same colour when we look at an object such as an orange?" This week we really started bending our minds. Through examining optical and auditory illusions, supplemented by the work of Descartes, we are now all a bit more sceptical of whether our senses and our brains are always telling the truth!

Another fantastic turnout to Philosophy Club, and a massive well done to all the Year 7 pupils who have shown such amazing enthusiasm and engagement - it was a very enjoyable session!

Kaan Cengiz
Teacher of Religious Studies



Year 7 get the opportunity to interview the Headteacher

I have been working with the Year 7 pupils to create an informative magazine to welcome next year's Year 7. This has been written by the current Year 7 and will include handy tips, advice and guidance from them about navigating life as a new secondary school pupil here at Saint Cecilia's. Three of the Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to interview Mrs Joseph about what it is like to be a Headteacher. We will share this magazine with new pupils next month when they visit us for an induction day.

Pictured: Mrs Joseph with Joe, Yvette and Jedaiah



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

Year 7 Immersion in Mexican Art



On Wednesday 22nd June, 30 pupils from Year 7 visited an immersive exhibition of the Mexican artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. It was an interactive exhibition where pupils had the opportunity to explore and get to know these Mexican artists. We were also immersed in a 360° room where pupils watched a movie in which Frida talked about her life and art.

The MFL department would like to congratulate the pupils who attended on their excellent behaviour at all times which was also acknowledged by another visitor at the exhibition.



Francisco Jimenez Aranda
Teacher of MFL and Newton House Leader

Astronomy Club at the Observatory

As part of the Astronomy Club, Year 9 and 10 pupils went to the Greenwich Observatory. The trip (called a "Study Day" by the Observatory) was specifically designed for Year 9 and 10 pupils. The two main activities involved viewing a planetarium show and completing activities led by astronomers.

According to Amanda: "My favourite part was the thrilling adventure to be able to journey through our universe in a planetarium."

Matteo: "My favourite part was when we visited the planetarium. My second favourite part was when we learned about light, and identifying elements in other galaxies."

Patrick: "I enjoyed touring the museum and all the interesting clocks, and how they use to use clocks to determine longitude around the planet."

The activities ignited the imagination and enthusiasm of pupils, developed and stretched their knowledge, and gave them insight into the working world of space science. Hopefully we created some future physicists and astronomers!



**Richard Leitch, Teacher of Science and
Kaan Cengiz, Teacher of Religious Studies**

Artist of the Week

Year 8 have been exploring Surrealism, particularly how some artists were inspired by insects. Here, a work in progress, **Jo** has started to create a 3D surreal bug from wire, tape and tissue paper. The shadow it casts is particularly impressive. Well done **Jo** for being my Artist of the Week.



**Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design**

Tennis Triumph

A huge well done to **Barnaby** in Year 10 who was selected to represent Wandsworth playing tennis at the London Youth Games. **Barnaby** and his partner got into the doubles finals which were played on Saturday. They came 5th overall which was a great result, only losing out to the eventual silver medallists. It was tough but a good experience for him!



Alex Bishop
Assistant Headteacher (Interim)

Inaugural Inter-House Netball and Football

We are excited to launch our first EVER inter-house netball AND football tournament at Saint Cecilia's. They will take place on the following dates:

Friday 1st July - Year 7

Monday 4th July - Year 8

Friday 8th July - Year 9

Tuesday 19th July - Year 10

(Year 11 have already had theirs)



Schubert



Archimedes



Ives



Newton



Turing



Carter

Pupils will be encouraged by their mentors to sign up to mixed teams to represent their house. Pupils will meet at **12.30pm in the Sports Hall in their PE kit on the day of their event**; it will run until 3.10pm. Whether your child is competing or not, everyone in the year must bring in their PE kit for that day.

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Magazine Mania

Great news from the Library - we now have subscriptions to the following magazines:

New Scientist

The Week

The Week Junior

and, coming soon...The Beano

These are available to everyone for reading in the Library. Please do let your child know and encourage them to come and make use of them!

Thank you.

Rachel Goodhart
Librarian

**New
Scientist**



**THE WEEK
Junior**

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Activities Week 2022 - Payment and Permission Reminder

Activities Week: 11th - 15th 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 5th April

Saint Cecilia's
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With only two weeks to go, this is a reminder to ensure you have given your permission for your child to participate in Activities Week via ParentPay. Please remember that full payments are **now due**. If you are having difficulty paying, please speak to the **Finance department (Julie Peterson)** or your child's **Year Leader**, and we will look at how we can support you.

Activities Week will take place between Monday 11th and Friday 15th July. 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 15th July to take part in our annual Sports Day held at Wimbledon Park.

Andy Gillespie
Assistant Headteacher

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Tuesday 28th June:** Year 12 Travel and Tourism trip to the Natural History Museum
- **Wednesday 29th June:** Year 11 Prom on a cruise from Millbank Pier leaving at 6.45pm and returning 10.30pm
- **Wednesday 29th June:** 9T trip to Wimbledon Synagogue
- **Thursday 30th June:** 9A trip to Wimbledon Synagogue
- **Friday 1st July:** Cheerleading Competition at Bournemouth International Centre
- **Monday 4th July:** Open morning for Year 7 2023 entry
- **Wednesday 6th July:** 9N trip to Wimbledon Synagogue
- **Thursday 7th July:** 9I trip to Wimbledon Synagogue
- **Thursday 7th July:** Summer Concert at 7pm
- **Friday 8th July:** Year 12 Geography students to visit the Olympic Park, Stratford
- **Monday 11th—Friday 15th July:** Activities Week