



Message from the Headteacher

"Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth..."

(Philippians 2:9)

Moving from a focus on empathy towards humility allowed us to continue conversations with pupils and students about putting others first. Nelson Mandela was just one of many great examples of humility I observed being shared in Collective Worship last week, to demonstrate the positive change that can be achieved with more humility in the community. Particularly at this time of the year, it served as an important reminder of the impact we can make, for those facing challenges and in less fortunate positions.

There is still time for pupils to submit an entry to the Christmas card competition. For the second year running, all profits will go to Home Café, a wonderful local charity, based at St Andrew's Church in Earlsfield.

I would also like to highlight the Little Sleep Out, and fundraising Year 7, 12 and 13 are planning in support of Crisis. The Little Sleep Out is a fun way of engaging pupils in the serious conversations to be had about homelessness in the UK. I hope that all pupils in Year 7 will get involved and give this event their full support.

Have a lovely week. God bless

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!"

(Philippians 2:8)

Dear Parents,

Our theme this week, drawn from the life of Jesus, is humility. The verse in Philippians 2:8 reads:

"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!"

This verse reminds us of the length and depth of Jesus's humility. It wasn't just humility for one day or one week, it was ongoing. And it wasn't just humility when things were easy, it was humility all the way to the cross. What an example of humility we have in Jesus.

None of us can begin to imagine the humility it takes for the King of the universe to come to Earth. We can, however, imagine the humility we need to work well with our students and pupils. We need humility to listen well at their level. We need humility to admit when we are wrong even though we are adults and figures of authority.

So, this week, I ask for your prayers to increase in us Christ-like humility.

Amen

Thank you.

Alex Shoderu
Chaplain

Saint Cecilia's is fundraising for Crisis

Year 7 have the opportunity to take part in the fifth annual **Little Sleep Out** on Monday 6th December 2021. This will take place on the playground from 4-7 pm with Years 7, 12 and 13. The pupils will gain a very small insight into what it's like to be homeless, especially at this cold time of year. Our aim is to raise money for Crisis at Christmas. We already have over 55 Year 7 pupils signed up but have space for many more! The Little Sleep Out was inspired by a book that we used to teach in English to Year 7 about a homeless boy and through his character, we were able to develop an insight into life for a homeless person. As we don't cover the novel anymore, we're going to incorporate a cross-curricular homework for Year 7 to help teach about homelessness and the problems that homeless people face on a daily basis. Please click [here](#) to support their efforts.

Mairead Gibbons

Teacher of English, EAL Coordinator and Year Leader for Year 11



Last call for School Christmas Card Competition 2021!

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their inspiring entries. We have had more than 30 so far! For pupils and students who are yet to submit, as the judging cannot take place until Monday, we have extended the artwork deadline to **Monday 29th November** at 12 noon. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to design the official card the Headteacher will send out across the borough to churches, schools, and organisations that have supported or collaborated with our school over the years.

To raise funds for the Home Café charity, we will have packs of five for sale for £2.50 per pack. These cards will be blank inside so you can use them as Christmas or thank you cards. Payment will be taken via ParentPay and packs will be distributed the week beginning Monday 6th December.

The 2021 Christmas Card Competition is open to all year groups. We are asking all pupils and students to design a card, using any medium, on the scripture theme of Jesus—The Servant King (Philippians 2:5-7). Holly Dorman, Admin and Finance, Alex Shoderu, Chaplain and our CTL for Art and Design, Stella Allan, will choose the winner. The final card will be professionally printed with the artist's name credited on the back.

Please find the [entry form](#) here. Alternatively, entry forms are available from the Library and Reception. Pupils and students should print this and either design straight onto the form or attach their final art piece firmly using glue or double-sided tape (no staples). It should fill the whole space. Artwork must be original. Entries with artwork attached should be handed into Reception or, if digital art, can be emailed to hdorman@saintcecilias.london. Remind your child to tell us their name and mentor group if emailing their entry. The final winner will be announced in the weekly newsletter next Friday. Good luck!

Kelly Turner
Marketing Manager

Salon du Chocolat Competition



To celebrate the largest worldwide chocolate event which takes place in Paris this time of year (Salon Du Chocolat) the Art and MFL depts are holding a chocolate competition!

To enter do one or more of the following:

- (1) Create something 3D – a dress or clothing maybe - out of chocolate wrappers
- (2) Draw your own version of what a chocolate or chocolate wrapper dress would look like
- (3) Cook or bake anything made from chocolate



Options 2 & 3 can be presented to us as photos or as videos.

Deadline: Monday 13th December

Chocolate prizes for the winners and runners-up

Entries to be sent / handed in to

Miss Allan (room 0.11) or Mrs Basilious (room 0.4)



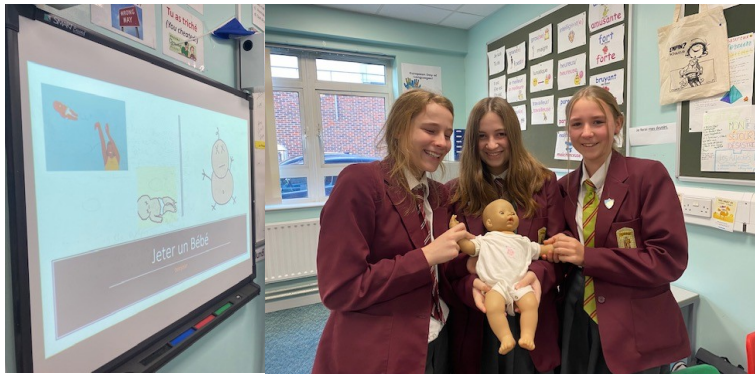
The flyer above has been shared with pupils and students at school this week. Please encourage them to enter this competition. They can watch this trailer as inspiration:

<https://youtu.be/vAeRbjleDsc>

Sylvia Basilious
Interim Curriculum Team Leader for MFL

French Linguists

Year 10 French students had to work in groups to invent their own sport and talk about it in French. They came up with some creative ideas! Both groups below invested extra time at home to prepare a PowerPoint and also brought in some props. **Heather, Alice and Emily** even filmed a little video to promote their sport!



Heather, Alice and Emily

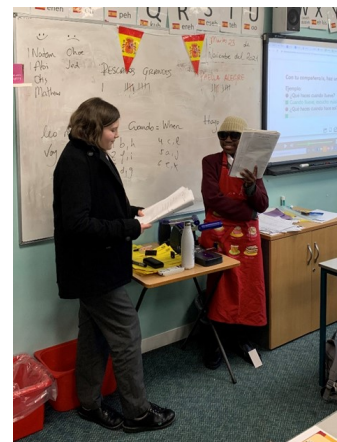
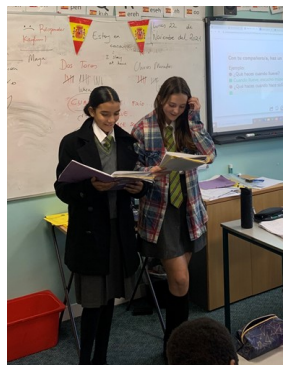
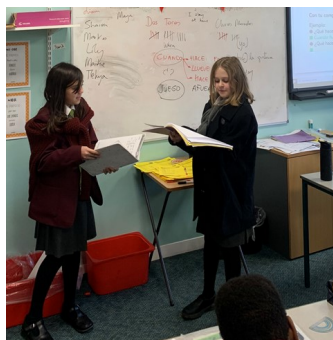
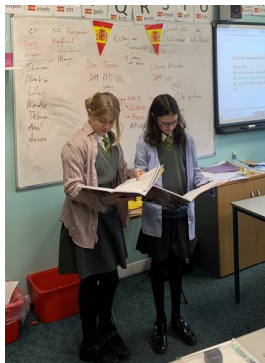
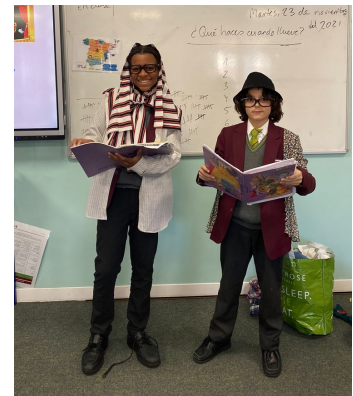
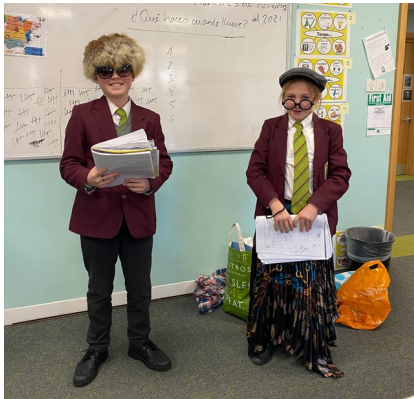


Jaden, Macaulay and Elodie

Sylvia Basiliou
Interim Curriculum Team Leader for MFL

Spanish pupils get Creative

Year 7 Spanish pupils got creative in lessons this week as they practised what they do in different weathers. Pictures show **Bertie, Toby, Zach, Zara, Gael and Amaru** from 7P, **Anna, Jessie, Martine, Tehya, Brooke and Iliyana** from 7J and **Dario, Abigail, William, Rosie and Rashaun** from 7R in action.



Sara Navarro Martinez
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Watercolour Week

A beautiful watercolour of an apple by **Jacob** in 7P



A fabulous artist research page about Sarah Graham that **Sam** in 7G completed for homework. He took his own photograph in the style of the artist and from that painted a watercolour.



Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

The Great Debate



This week we held the Religious Studies department's inaugural Philosophy Club. This has been initiated by some of our A Level students, as they want to share their passion for asking the big philosophical questions in life with the younger pupils. We started this week discussing the topic 'Is it ever okay to lie?'. It was a hotly debated subject, and the pupils representing Year 7 were in a fierce mood! Philosophy Club is so fun because it is not run by teachers, but run by pupils for pupils. We look forward to our next session, and hope to see many more pupils there! Pictured: **Sunflower, Zoe, Isabelle, Cara and Jake.**

Kaan Cengiz
Teacher of Religious Studies

Rugby Highlights

The 1st XV put in a sparkling performance against one of the nation's top private schools this week and our boys dominated the match from start to finish. **Ronnie** started his first game since a long time off due to injury and was named Player of the Match alongside other outstanding performances from **Maximus**, **Enguun** and **Bruno**. Seven tries were shared around the team and all were converted by **Maximus** (6) and **Bruno** (1). Latymer are always great hosts and put up a great fight throughout the game. We are really looking forward to the game next year. It is a result that should put us into the CALM Cup final in a couple of weeks. Final score was Saint Cecilia's 49—7 Latymer Upper School.

The performance followed an opportunity for the 1st XV to watch a professional London Irish Game. **Joel**, Year 12 reports: "I would like to express how great the match we went to watch last week was. It was such an incredible opportunity for young teenagers to be inspired by professionals. It was an amazing atmosphere and great to meet some of the external applicants who looked like they really enjoyed their time at the game by getting the chance to see the first team play. Overall I believe many of the players were inspired by the event and were greatly encouraged to build on their rugby game."



Alexander Bishop
Assistant Headteacher (Interim)

Netball News - more success

On Friday 19th November the Year 11 teams travelled to The Norwood School. 11A team won 17-12, with **Amy** being selected as Coach's Player of the Match for her defence against a very talented player. The B team also won 7-2, with Coach's player selected as **Amanda** for her great work in keeping the shooter away from the goal. Well done to all for 2 solid wins!

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

The Year 8 A and B teams took part in the district netball tournament held at Burntwood School on Monday 22nd November. There were over 14 different teams that took part in tournament. Both the A and B teams are to be congratulated for their efforts throughout the afternoon. The B team were placed 5th overall. A special mention to the A team who won all of their matches and therefore made it through to the final against Ashcroft's A team. The final was extremely tense, but unfortunately Ashcroft managed to take the win in a very close match. The Saint Cecilia's girls became the runners up of the tournament!

A Team: Grace, Nyah, Hannah, Talia, Lucy, Elizabeth, Ana and Alexia

B Team: Anna, Muiread, Ivy, Sasha, Abi, Ruby, Zarah, Raya and Tiwa



Imogen Hamel
Teacher of PE

Chess Club in Action

Some pictures from the weekly Chess Club demonstrating concentration, logic and competition.



Megumi Davis
Teacher of Maths

Saint Cecilia's is set for the festive season

Thank you to everyone who helped put up our Christmas Tree this year.

Andy Barrett
Premises Manager



Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Thursday 2nd December:** Year 13 Virtual Parents' Evening 5-8pm
- **Friday 3rd December:** Nasal Flu Vaccines Years 7-11
- **Monday 6th December:** Year 7, 12 and 13 Little Sleep Out 4pm - 7pm
- **Thursday 9th December:** Presentation Awards Ceremony 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the Sports Hall. Doors open at 5:45pm
- **Tuesday 14th December:** Carol Service at 7pm Holy Trinity Church, Beaumont Road SW19