



Message from the Headteacher

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

As we edge towards the end of term, and even after saying farewell to Year 11 and Year 13, it is wonderful to see school so busy with events, trips and planning for the year ahead.

This morning Year 7 had an amazing opportunity to hear a NASA space engineer speak. Jonathan Black was inspirational. Explaining both his role in building space craft for NASA, and the ingenuity of engineers in overcoming the challenges of operating in space.

At the start of the week we were joined by pupils from St Michael's Primary School, who attended a taster day experience of lessons in Science, History and Music, and were able to chat with St Michael's alumni about school life at Saint Cecilia's.

Pupils were out and about town to see 'My Fair Lady' at the London Coliseum, and Year 11 were on the Thames to celebrate their prom - the pictures portray happy faces.

We welcomed back all Year 11 with offers to the Sixth Form for Fresher's Week, which we hope will support their transition to Year 12 in September. It was encouraging to see many new faces, as students from other schools choose to join us to continue their education.

Looking ahead, we have a special evening planned on Thursday. Everyone is invited to the Art & Design and Textiles Annual Exhibition from 4.30pm - 7pm where all the thought-provoking GCSE and A Level work will be on display in the Drama room. Following this, our fabulously talented musicians will be performing at the Summer concert. It will be a lovely evening, with a relaxed and sociable table setting, and refreshments provided by the Friends of Saint Cecilia's. All parents and families are welcome, whether you have child performing or not. Maybe your son or daughter, would like to come along and support one of their friends? Please purchase your tickets on ParentPay if you would like to attend.

Finally, we are confirming arrangements for the new academic year, which for next year's Year 7 and Year 12 starts on Monday 5th September, and for the rest of the school on Tuesday 6th September. Full details will be published before the end of term.

God bless

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Warm greetings to you. Our Year 11 pupils have been saying their goodbyes and had their prom on Wednesday night and it made me think about the staff members who have known many of them since Year 7. Today I'm thinking about the pride the Year 11 parents will feel at seeing them get to this stage of their education and life. Thank you for the many ways you've helped shape their character, even when they've been kicking and screaming! Thank you for persevering, thank you for your faithfulness.

'Goodness' is truly desiring to help others. It doesn't approach or entertain sin. Goodness does the right thing and challenges other people to do the same, even if the conversation is uncomfortable. It is decent, honest, moral,

honourable, virtuous, and full of integrity. Good people don't just do the right thing; they make things right.'

'Faithfulness' is being dependable in our relationship with God and others. It's choosing to be true to our word and following through with our promises. Faithfulness possesses a constancy, devotedness, fidelity, and steadfastness in all its interactions. It's being reliable in a world that isn't. Faithful people are not disloyal nor are they flippant with their commitments.' Quotations from Youversion Bible App

Peace and strength to you for the weekend and the week ahead.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

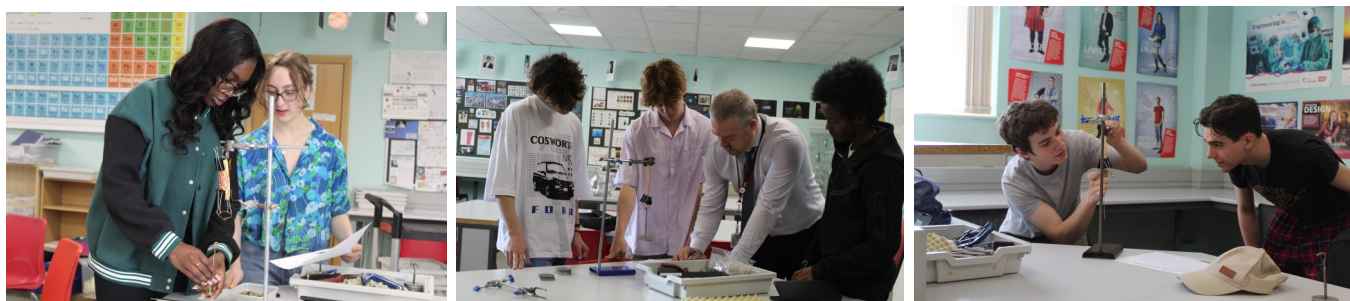
Freshers Week - Taster Sessions

Every year we invite Year 11 pupils back into school after their exams, to come and experience some lessons in the subjects they are considering taking for A Level. Pupils have the opportunity to come in their own clothes, as they will in the Sixth Form, have taster sessions and discuss their options with teachers. It is a fun week.

In Biology, pupils explored the various sources of information available to them in their A Level studies. These involved visiting eight stations around the room, which included models, scientific journals, online resources and a sheep's heart and lungs. They then discussed the pros and cons of each source.



Paul Bishop
Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form



Some students took the A Level Physics taster lesson because they were thinking about taking Engineering at university, while others just found Physics interesting. Either way, it's a challenging but very rewarding course. It prepares students with skills and knowledge needed for university, and teaches them how the universe works.

For this taster lesson, students were first introduced to two new terms: stress and strain. They measured the 'tensile stress' and 'tensile strain' on different sweets. Those two terms can be used to determine 'Young's Modulus'. Knowing those properties means you can design everything from roller coasters, to bridges, to computer chips!

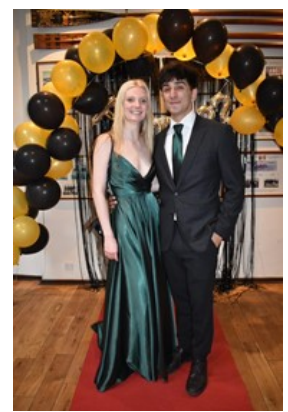
There were opportunities for pupils to try Applied Science and Chemistry too.



Rick Leitch and Paul Mannix
Teachers of Science

Year 13 Prom

On Friday 24th June, Year 13 held their prom at the London Rowing Club. As you can see from the photos, it was a fantastic occasion enjoyed by both students and staff. We wish all the Year 13 students the best with their results and their next steps post Saint Cecilia's.



Paul Bishop
Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form

My Fair Lady Trip



On Wednesday 22nd June, 40 pupils were fortunate to have a trip to see 'My Fair Lady' at the London Coliseum. It was a fantastic production and everyone enjoyed the classic songs. Several pupils didn't realise just how many famous melodies they already knew. We hope to do many more theatre and concert trips next year as they are such a valuable and enriching experience for our pupils.

John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Year 7 Spanish Project

Year 7 have been working on a group project this term, learning about Spanish cities with the end goal of going on a 'fictitious' trip to that city. On Monday 27th June, pupils presented their cities projects. Some of them were able to do this without reading any notes and just by memorising the information. Mr Aranda and I are so impressed with how brave they all were to speak Spanish in front of everyone and how much work they put into this project. Well done Year 7!



Sara Navarro Martinez and Francisco Jimenez Aranda
Teachers of Modern Foreign Languages

Artist of the Week

Well done to **Martha** in Year 9 for an amazing landscape painting inspired by David Hockney. Fantastic use of depth, colour and texture! **Martha** is my Artist of the Week.



Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

Year 8 Djembe Drumming Workshop

On Wednesday 29th June, we were very lucky to welcome back Mohamed Gueye to deliver more djembe drumming workshops to Year 8 pupils. We are very grateful to the Friends of Saint Cecilia's who funded this and, as I mentioned last time, we are hoping we can continue to offer a regular weekly djembe club in September, open to all pupils throughout the school. More details will be shared next term about this. Here is what two pupils thought about the experience:

Aurelia: "It was very interesting and a fun to do. Definitely a new experience for me. I recommend it!"

Leiah: "This workshop was very inclusive and I really appreciated the opportunity to try something new with different people in my year."



John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Second Hand Uniform Sale - 11th July 5-8pm

The Friends will be running a Second Hand Uniform Sale on Monday 11th July from 5pm-8pm in the Refectory.

If you have any items of school uniform (in clean and good condition) that you no longer need, please drop off to the school Reception between now and Friday 8th July.

Thank you in advance for any donations and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 11th.

Valente Panattoni
The Friends, Chair



Volleyball Victory

A huge well done to **Tristan** in Year 11 who was selected to represent Wandsworth at the London Youth Games last weekend in volleyball. **Tristan** and the team fought a tense semi-final against Lambeth, winning in the final set which went to 15 points. They then beat Brent in straight sets in the finals, winning Gold for Wandsworth! This is a massive achievement and it is wonderful to see children participating in sport outside school, especially at such a high level.

Tristan is a member of Richmond Volleyball Club and he was part of the U16 National winning team on 23rd April 2022. Well done **Tristan**.

Chris Luke
Interim Curriculum Team Leader for PE and Year Leader of Year 10



Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 pupils looked fabulous on Wednesday 29th June, and really enjoyed their prom. They got to dance the night away on the river boat, whilst stopping at regular intervals to take note of the amazing views that a boat trip on the Thames has to offer. We also had a memorable disembarkation as, upon our return, we were locked on the pier and the Fire Brigade were called to rescue us! I would like to say a special thanks to Meg Fry, and all the staff from Home Café, for providing a delicious buffet. Home Café is a non-profit organisation in Earlsfield, using locally sourced food. On top of this, Meg also runs a foodbank. It was great to work with this company again and the Year 11s really enjoyed all of their fabulous food.



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

Athletics Update: Team and Individual Success



It has been an impressive athletics season so far at Saint Cecilia's for both our teams and individual athletes. After the Year 7 and 8 Wandsworth individual athletics competition in Battersea Park, six of our pupils were selected to represent Wandsworth at the London Youth Games against the other boroughs in London. A huge well done to **Amaru, Ella, Elizabeth, Sebastian, Nahshon** and **Harry** for competing at this amazing event where the standard was extremely high.

Pictures left: **Ella** in her Wandsworth Team t-shirt after winning her race comfortably

After the Wandsworth individual athletics event for Year 8 to 10 in Battersea Park, the following pupils were selected to represent Wandsworth at the 'London Schools' as part of the English Schools Athletics Competition: 200m: **Jade H**, 1500m: **Barnabas**, 100m: **Ella**, 200m: **Moyin**, 300m: **Issy**, 400m: **Jack**, 800m:

Charlie, 100m Hurdles: **Ollie**, Shot Putt: **Alex A** and 100m: **Melody**. Really well done to all who competed.

Ella, Alex and **Freddie** have been selected to represent London at the English Schools Final. This is the biggest athletics competition in the country for pupils and students, so a huge congratulations to you all and good luck at the event next month.

Earlier this term we entered an athletics team into each age group for the English Schools Athletics Cup competition. After competing against many other schools in the first round of the competition at the Linford Christie Stadium, all four of our teams (junior girls, junior boys, inter girls and inter boys) came in the top two and therefore qualified for the next round of the competition. Special well done to our junior girls and inter boys' teams who won the event!

The next round was where our junior boys, inter girls and inter boys qualified for the English Schools Athletics London 'B' regional final held at the Croydon Arena. The standard was a lot higher, and there were some fantastic individual and team performances by our pupils. We had top 1st and 2nd places with **Alex A** in shot putt, **Jack H** in 1500m, **Tom W** in javelin and 300m, a relay win by the inter boys, **Charlie** in high jump, **Kevin** in 200m, **Nahshon** in 100m, **Melody** in 100m and triple jump, and **Issy** in 300m. Well done to all who competed at this high-quality event with over 12 schools. Final results - the junior boys came an impressive 3rd overall, inter boys came 4th overall and inter girls 10th.



Tayja, Amaru, Harry and **Alex B**



All our athletes



Inter girls: **Chloe H, Bethan, Sophie, Bethany, Azzura, Ruby** and **Mia**

In an earlier newsletter we reported that our junior girls qualified in 1st place in the English Schools' Cup 1st round at the Linford Christie Stadium. This qualified them for the 'A' regional final which was held at Lee Valley Stadium. It was one of the hottest days of the year, and the girls' team competed well all day. Most notable performances were from **Nyah** winning her 200m race, **Ella** winning her 200m race, as well as the junior girls relay team winning their race, which was a great way to finish the day. Well done to everyone for getting through to this prestigious regional A final against some of the strongest athletics schools in London. Overall, the girls came 10th.



Pictured left: Winning Relay team **Ana V, Alexia, Ivy** and **Nyah**



Pictured left: **Abi, Alexia B, Alexia S, Ana V, Elizabeth, Ella, Florence, Ivy, Martha, Naomi, Nyah,** and **Tiwa**

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Art & Design and Textiles Annual Exhibition: 7th July

 Saint Cecilia's
Church of England School

Art & Design and Textiles Annual Exhibition Thursday 7th July 2022 4.30pm – 7pm Drama Room



Enjoy our exciting and thought provoking GCSE and A Level work. We are proud of their stunning achievements!

Enjoy refreshments and interactive selfie booth

Please come along to our annual GCSE and A Level Art & Design and Textiles Exhibition on Thursday 7th July between 4.30pm and 7pm. The exhibition is free to all pupils, students, and their parents/carers.

We are proud to exhibit such innovative and exciting artwork.

If your child is in Year 9 or 11 and has chosen GCSE or A Level Art or Textiles for next year, this is a great opportunity for them to experience the artwork and creative journey required at this level. We welcome all parents/carers and pupils/students to come along and see the artwork on show.


Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

Unity Allstars Cheerleading Club - Summer Camp

Unity Allstars Cheerleading Club, based in Carshalton, are holding a cheerleading summer camp for children aged 4-16 over the school holidays. This is a great opportunity for children interested in trying a new sport or looking to develop skills in gymnastics, tumbling and dance. All abilities are welcome! Unity Allstars are the largest and most successful cheerleading club in the country and we are so lucky to have it on our doorstep! They won gold at the World Cheerleading Championships in April 2022. They have top of the range facilities and coaches all the way from the USA. I would highly recommend this club.

They are also holding trials in the next couple of weeks. If your child is interested in joining a competitive team and take the sport more seriously, please encourage them to sign up [here](#) to trial. All information is on the website. If you or they have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Imogen Hamel
Teacher of PE



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SUMMER FUN

Cheer & Tumble

CAMPS

WEEK 1 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th August
WEEK 2 - 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th August

STUNT
TUMBLE
DANCE
JUMP
ARTS AND CRAFTS
GAMES AND MORE

AGE 4-16
SAT TO 3:30PM
@U-HQ

£30 A DAY OR
£120 FOR THE WEEK

U-HQ, David Weir Leisure Centre
Middleton Road, Carshalton, SM5 1SL

To book please visit unityallstarsld.simplybook.it
or email dave@unityallstars.com for further information

Pupil Librarians' Taster Session



It was great to welcome a crowd of enthusiastic prospective Pupil Librarians to the Library after school on Friday 24th June. The 'taster session' was designed to give them a flavour of some of the responsibilities that go along with this important role. Those who were interested had a chance to help shelve some of our fiction titles that had been returned, find books that had been requested, replace the slip covers on some books and prepare new bookmarks. I am grateful for their willingness to help and to learn new skills, and look forward to working with those who are appointed next year.

If anyone missed the session but is interested in becoming a Pupil Librarian, please tell them to come and see me in the Library for more information and an application form. Pupils/students from all year groups are welcome.

Rachel Goodhart
School Librarian

Somerset Tour Meeting Tuesday 5th July

All Parents/Carers of pupils attending the music tour to Somerset should attend a short meeting at school at 6pm on Tuesday 5th July to go over final arrangements. We are looking forward to the tour where we will perform concerts in Wells and Glastonbury.

John Wells

Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Summer Concert Thursday 7th July

We are looking forward to our final school concert of the year on Thursday 7th July from 7pm. It will feature our Concert Band, Jazz Band, Choir, String Group and Musical Theatre Club (performing a 'Matilda' Medley) and several soloists. Tickets are available on ParentPay for all parents/carers to purchase. Tickets will not be available on the door so please purchase before Monday 4th July to avoid disappointment.



John Wells

Curriculum Team Leader for Music

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 Church of England School

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

- **Monday 4th July:** Open morning for Year 7 2023 entry 9am - 12noon
- **Wednesday 6th July:** 9N trip to Wimbledon Synagogue
- **Thursday 7th July:** 9I trip to Wimbledon Synagogue
- **Thursday 7th July:** Annual Art Exhibition from 4.30pm - 7pm
- **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
- **Friday 15th July - Sports Day** at Wimbledon Park. Pupils dismissed from Wimbledon Park from about 2.30pm