



Message from the Headteacher

'Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ Jesus and has given us the work of reconciling others to Him'

2 Corinthians 5:18

I am delighted to tell you that pupils raised a total of £967.85 for the Bishop's Lent Appeal and #TeamSeas. A huge proportion of that came from the fundraising efforts of Year 7, so well done for coming out in your house colours Year 7! All the money raised for the Bishop's Lent Appeal will be shared amongst the Bishop's homeless charities. Not to be out done by younger pupils, Head Girl and Head Boy, **Lydia** and **Dereiss**, led the Sixth Form through a week of fundraising for Ukraine. This included a charity netball match, debate, Growing the Biggest Sunflower competition, and 'wear yellow and blue' day. All proceeds will be donated to the NGO Sunflower of Peace, who are providing humanitarian relief and medical aid to Ukraine.

On Wednesday evening we were treated to another opportunity to see Saint Cecilia's Choir, Jazz Band, Strings and Musical Theatre Club perform. This time at the Fairfield Halls, as part of Wandsworth Music's 'Brighter Sounds on Stage and Screen'. It was great to see so many parents and friends coming out to support our young people at such a key event. Thank you.



We gathered together today to celebrate Easter. Led by Jake Moore from Hillsong, the service gave pupils and staff an opportunity to reflect on the term, and look forward with hope to the summer.

As always, we are grateful for the support of our parent body, and on behalf of teaching and support staff, I wish you all a restful and peaceful Easter break.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you are well. It was a pleasure to be able to meet with a few of you on Zoom on Wednesday morning, for the combined staff and parent prayer time and to be able to give thanks for all that this term has given. One thing I've been really thankful for is the amount of prayer we have as a school from parents, local churches and leaders, as well as staff and students.

I am reminded of the verse that says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the labourers labour in vain" (Psalm 127:1). I really have the feeling that with prayer being such a foundation for our school, God is building with us. So I continue to value your prayers and support for our staff for the term ahead and for our Leadership Team as they make staffing plans and decisions

for the next school year.

As I mentioned in my last piece, Friday was tagged 'Colours Day' - a day dedicated to fundraising for the Bishop's Lent appeal. The Bishop's focus for this year is Homelessness and you can read more about the cause and the charities that have been supported here: <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/>. We raised £675 for this, so thank you all for your support.

Year 7s also did a fun run on Friday, which raised an additional £293 for the eco-charity '#TeamSeas' and we are really proud of their efforts too.

I am looking forward to our end of term assemblies on Friday where we will be rounding off our Easter theme of Reconciliation. I'm praying that it will be a great finish to the term for us and then a great Easter break for you and your families.

Every blessing to you until next term,

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

V&A Innovate National Schools Challenge - Best Pitch Winners!



Well done again to Team Manypen! The team came away at the end of the day at the V&A with the Best Pitch Award. The team had rehearsed and honed their pitch and pulled off this dramatic and well-earned victory. They had the chance to take part in creative workshops with designers, saw their work on display and stood up in front of a full auditorium to showcase their brilliant design ideas to a panel of industry judges.

The blog about the day is now live; click [here](#) to read about all the winners and the experience the team had at the V&A. We will be building on this experience for next year.

Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design



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Spanish Reading Club

I will be holding a book club with some Year 11 and Sixth Form students after the Easter holidays. The first session will be on Tuesday 19th April, at 3.10pm in room 0.1. The book we will be reading and discussing is *Largo Pétalo de Mar* by Isabel Allende. Please encourage your child to come along— it is a fantastic book!

Sava Navarro Martinez
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages



Jack Petchey Winners

Every term, I have the privilege of awarding three pupils a Jack Petchey Award. The winners are young people who have gone above and beyond to achieve, perhaps when others thought they might fail. They are a wonderful example of how, as a school, we recognise bravery, role models, kindness, volunteering and overcoming personal challenges. This term, I am proud to announce the Jack Petchey winners below with the compliments that have led to their selection.



Cara, Year 7

Cara is amazing! She comes into school and gives of her best, always. She is a mentor representative and has been delivering speeches in mentor time showing us her great public speaking skills. She has been a great friend to others in times of need, showing so much kindness to others. Cara is always cheerful, hard-working and willing to get involved in everything we do and do the right thing. She has amazing resilience and such a great infectious positive attitude. She demonstrates amazing resilience and such a great infectious positive attitude.

Jaden, Year 10

Jaden is a hard-working and most diligent pupil. She is always willing to take part in so many of the extra-curricular activities at school, including music and languages. She has shown resilience and real grit by juggling school work whilst entering language competitions and keeping up her correspondence with her French pen pal. All she does is delivered to such a high standard. Well done Jaden!

Edward, Year 11

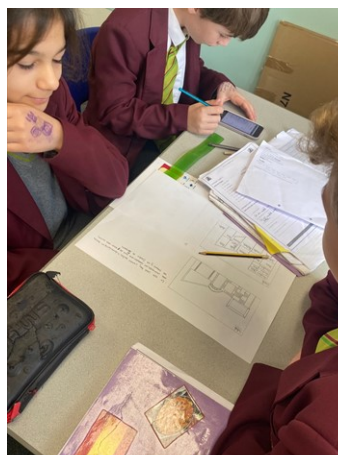
Edward is a great pupil. He is simply one of the most polite, kind and considerate boys ever. He never complains and just gets on with whatever he is asked to do. He has been getting really good grades, proving that an excellent attitude to learning and hard work pays off. He is keen to improve and will ensure to ask questions to clarify anything he is not sure of. He is also always well-mannered and a pleasure to teach. A model pupil!

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Selling Spanish Sunset



Gael, Amaru and Matthew



Maya, Henry and Tintin



Jesiah, Christy, Adam and Chukwuka

After learning about houses in Spanish, Year 7 have created adverts to sell or rent their dream house. I was particularly impressed with how well they worked as teams, and they were each able to choose a different role (editor, architect and salesperson). I was also very happy to see how creative they were, especially **Christy, Adam, Chukwuka and Jesiah**, who were advertising a mushroom house, "Una casa seta" for 9 million euros. They all wrote lovely descriptions of these houses in Spanish and managed to use this language in a fun and descriptive way. Well done Year 7!

Sara Navarro Martinez
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Fairfield Halls Concert - Brighter Sounds 2022

It was fantastic to perform at Fairfield Halls on Wednesday night. Our choir started off the evening performing with other schools in the Wandsworth Secondary Schools choir. All our pupils did so well and gave brilliant performances of *Another Op'nin'* and *You Will Be Found*. Next up was our *La La Land Medley* performed by Musical Theatre Club, String Group and Jazz Band. Our soloists **Matthew** and **Jaden** delivered wonderful performances and all pupils - singers and band members - really excelled and gave a fabulous performance. The entire Music Department is extremely proud of all our performers who really are a credit to the school. Thank you to all and thank you to my incredibly hard working team consisting of James Robinson, David Sugden, Rachel Skinner, James Thompson and Charlie Hodgkiss. We have had so many compliments from other schools about how impressive our repertoire was, which is always lovely to hear. Please click [here](#) to watch the full recording.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to support. Have a wonderful Easter break and do congratulate your talented children who are always an absolute pleasure to work with.



John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Performing Under Pressure

On Wednesday this week, Year 13 benefitted from a 90-minute workshop led by Inner Drive on 'How to Perform Under Pressure.' Year 13 students did not go through the stress of sitting GCSEs, therefore we felt they would benefit from expert advice on how to deal with stress and how to perform to the best of their ability in stressful situations. The sessions were interactive and engaging and very well received by the students.

To learn more about the work Inner Drive do see their website <https://www.innerdrive.co.uk/>

Paul Bishop
Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form



Wandsworth Schools FAB Book Awards 2022

A library report written by **Darcey** and **Ruby** in Year 10 on the Fabulous Book Award or FAB, a completely student led book award run by the Wandsworth Secondary School Librarians Group:

“Over the past two terms, a group of us from different year groups have been meeting in the Library to discuss a shortlist of seven books chosen for this year’s competition. Encompassing a mix of fantasy and Young Adult titles that explore a variety of modern issues such as racism, refugees and identity, we read the books and voted for our favourite – along with similar teams from five other Wandsworth schools.”



Pictured above: **Darcey, Ruby, Levi**, Lisa Heathfield (previous winning author), Lisa Williamson (author of shortlisted book *First Day of My Life*), **Evelyn, Dominic**, and **Jayda**



“At the Wandsworth Schools FAB awards ceremony, we participated in a quiz which tested our knowledge of the books, we heard from two authors and had a chance to purchase books from the shortlist and have them signed. Our top choice was ‘The Crossing’ by Manjeet Mann, an eye-opening narrative poem account of the horrendous journey of a refugee trying to reach the UK. However, the overall winner was ‘The Inheritance Games’ by Jennifer Lynn Barnes – a thrilling novel about a girl thrown into a world of wealth, corruption and secrets!”



*“It was lots of fun meeting Lisa Williamson and talking to her about the process of having a book published. I was interested in her experience of channelling both boredom and random comments into ideas and inspiration.” **Darcey** Year 10*

*“I was excited to hear about how Lisa Heathfield (last year’s winner) went about writing her book; however, I wish a different book had won overall!” **Levi** Year 10*

*“A wonderful and very interesting morning.” **Dominic** Year 8*

*“Great fun and I left with lots of books!” **Evelyn** Year 7*

*“I found Lisa Williamson’s description of being an actor and then writing Paper Avalanche very funny.” **Jayda** Year 7*

*“I really liked hearing Lisa Heathfield talk about her ‘writing spirit’, which gives her insight into her characters’ perspectives; she is one of my favourite authors and I was able to get two books signed.” **Ruby** Year 10*

Rachel Goodhart
Library Assistant

Artist of the Week



Sienna in Year 7 painted this self-portrait in response to Les Fauves. She has used mixed media and a dark background to great effect. Well done **Sienna**.

Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

GCSE Drama at Group 64



On 25th March, Year 10 spent their Friday night watching 'This Changes Everything' by Joel Horwood at Group 64 Youth Theatre in Putney.

All the pupils had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of their first theatre trip for GCSE.

Sophie Mouland
Teacher of Drama

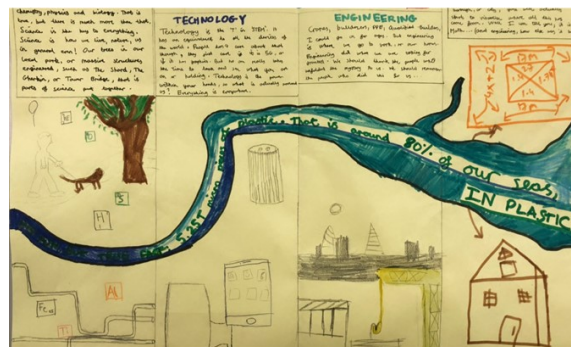
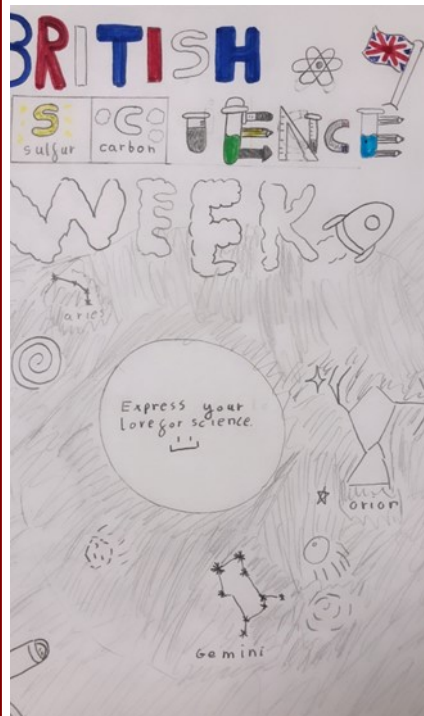
British Science Week: competition winners



We are very pleased with the entries we received from pupils and students for the British Science Week competitions. The theme this year was 'Growth' and we received some stunning poster entries about science, STEM, and Growth, as well as terrariums. Congratulations to our winners:

Marty in Year 12 with his stunning terrarium (picture below, right) and **Coco** in Year 7 for her expressive poster on growth (pictured left). Both our winners will receive Amazon vouchers.

All our poster entries from our Year 7 - 9 pupils will be submitted to the National Poster Contest run by British Science Week – we wish them luck on winning some additional prizes for their fabulous work!



A special well done to **Michael and Ermuun** in Year 7 for their poster entries too (pictured left and above)



Rachel Skinner
Interim Acting Curriculum Team Leader of Science, Turing House Leader, and Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator

Year 7 Inter-House Fun Run

Last Friday 25th March, we were blessed with glorious weather as 70 Year 7 pupils descended onto Wimbledon Park to take part in the inaugural Year 7 Inter-House Fun Run. All pupils showed excellent enthusiasm, chanting their house names and sharing their support for #TeamSeas. A special shout out to those pupils who really put the 'fun' into the fun-run: **Sharon** for her dinosaur costume, our 'banana-men,' **William** and **Alastair**, 'Super'-**Daniel** and our 4-legged ladies **Eliza**, **Siena** and **Bea**. Well done to our speediest racers too – **Spencer**, **Otis**, **Aksel**, **William** and **Toby** for the boys and **Jessie**, **Yvette**, **Gwenie**, **Evie** and **Olivia** for the girls!



Our winners, showing their position on the 'podium': **Evie**, **Gwenie**, **Yvette**, **Jessie**, **William**, **Aksel**, **Otis** and **Spencer**



THANK YOU!

#TeamSeas is a movement fueled by our power to inspire each other—every donation counts and every voice matters. Thank you for floating a brighter future!



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POUNDS REMOVED

Together, Year 7 managed to raise over £293 which has been donated to the charity #TeamSeas. This environmental charity aims to remove 1lb of waste from our seas for every £1 raised.

Well done everyone and THANK YOU!

Becky Butlin
Teacher of Science and Carter House Leader

School Science in Action

Science Club Bug Hunt

Pupils made the most of the good weather and investigated different areas of the school grounds to identify different critters in the different habitats.



Year 7 in a spin!

Year 7 students investigated seed dispersal by making their very own spinners in the style of a sycamore leaf.



Year 10 – Are you fitter than your friend?

Year 10 made their heart rates race by planking, squatting, jogging, star-jumping and even having a dance-off! They then measured the change in heart rate – those with the smallest percentage change were the fittest.



Becky Butlin
Teacher of Science and Carter House Leader

Linguists

The Year 11 pupils have their speaking exams after the Easter holidays and they deserve to do really well. They have been doing a lot of revision and have worked so hard this term for these assessments. We usually play Españolopoly, EspañolUno, Spanish Trivial and other games to speak in Spanish and practice, but on Tuesday they created chatterboxes with questions for their speaking exam. It was so lovely to hear everyone speak in Spanish and have fun at the same time!



Sara Navarro Martinez
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Netball News - successful end to a fantastic season



On Tuesday 22nd March, Year 9 A and B netball teams took on Bolingbroke Academy at home on a beautiful sunny afternoon. The A team (pictured left) won a convincing 10-2 against a tall side with great movement off the ball and the defence worked hard to keep them away from the goal. Well done to **Ruby** for being selected as Coaches' Player of the Match for her many interceptions in defence.

Our B team (pictured right) then went on to play the Bolingbroke Academy A team, and after a few minutes, found their stride. The score was close at half time, but they then pulled away to win the game by one goal! It shows great depth in our Year



9 netball teams that B teams can beat A teams of other schools. Well done to **Chloe** for being selected Coaches' Player of the Match, for her movement in attack!

On Wednesday 23rd March, the Senior squad had their last ever full netball fixture. It was a beautiful sunny evening for a game, and we had over 40 younger Saint Cecilia's School girls watching them play. We decorated the changing room and had music playing. The younger students even made banners, which created a great atmosphere. The Senior (Year 13 girls) team scored the opening goal. They pushed onto an impressive 16-3 lead after three quarters. With satsumas at half time, and a chanting crowd, the Year 13s gained confidence and even tried playing out of position in their last quarter. With yet another win under their belt, that concludes the Senior netball season. With only one loss (of just one goal) all season, this makes them **one of the most successful teams in school this year**. We are so proud of how the girls have played this year. They are a naturally talented group of players, and we are confident most will go on to play netball at university and further. Special well done to **Olivia** who was chosen as senior player of the season!



Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Final Surrey Storm Academy Trials



On Wednesday 30th March, we held the final senior Surrey Storm trials in our Sports Hall, to select girls who will benefit from being part of our Surrey Storm partnership next year. The selected girls will receive free kit, netball training from a Superleague player three times a week, weekly matches and complimentary tickets to watch Surrey Storm play at home fixtures.

At the trials we had guest coaches come to help coach and select the squads, including Surrey Storm player Ellie Kelk and, to great excitement, Surrey Storm and international netball player Peace Proscovia who also captains the Ugandan netball team!

The evening included a warm-up led by Peace, as well as some passing skills, followed by lots of match play where the girls were able to showcase their talents. We concluded with a team talk with the inspirational Peace, giving the girls some fantastic advice and feedback.



The girls played well, and our guest coaches were working hard to select the top players. Well done to all who took part. Letters for final selection will be sent out after the Easter break.

Pictured above: all the trialists with Peace Proscovia far left and Ellie Kelk on the far right

Pictured right: Peace and Ellie



Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Sixth Form Fundraising for Ukraine

The Sixth Form have been very busy this week raising money for Ukraine. They chose to support a NGO called Sunflower of Peace who are providing humanitarian relief and medical aid to Ukraine.

On Monday 28th March, the Senior A netball squad organised a charity mixed Sixth Form netball tournament. Six Sixth Form teams entered the tournament and they played in a round-robin. The build up to the tournament created a lot of excitement within the Sixth Form common room, with teams even practising after school the week before! It was a competitive and fun tournament, with some close games, and some not so close games. I was impressed with the standard of many of the players, both boys and girls. It was brilliant to see how engaged every single player was throughout the afternoon. The overall winners were the Year 13 netball squad who won all their games apart from one, which they drew. Well done to the girls for organising this fun charity event, to all the players, to those who helped umpire some 'heated games', and a particular well done to **Victoria** for doing a great job making the event run so smoothly.

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE



In the photos above, students embrace blue and yellow day and display the results of sunflower growing.

Paul Bishop
Assistant Headteacher

Activities Week 2022



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 at Wimbledon Park Years 7 - 10

Book on ParentPay from 5th April

Saint Cecilia's Church of England School

Activities Week 2022 will take place between Monday 11th and Friday 15th 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 this week, 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. Full information has been sent out today in a separate letter to parents/carers.

Andy Gillespie
Assistant Headteacher

Library Request - book amnesty

There are still a significant number of books that have not been returned to the Library (some since before COVID) and we would very much like to recover these for the Summer Term.

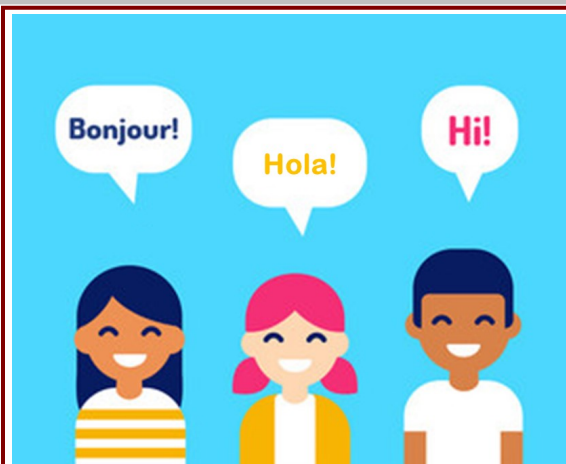
Please can everyone have a really good look at home for any school library books and return them by simply dropping them in the box outside the Library.

There are **no penalties for late books** – but we would really like to have them back as soon as possible. Thank you!

Rachel Goodhart
Library Assistant



French and Spanish Speaking Exams Notice



French and Spanish GCSE and A Level exams will take place w/c 25th April. The GCSE speaking exams count towards 25% of the final grade and the A Level speaking exams count towards 30% of their final grade.

We have revision classes every Tuesday and Thursday for students who would like extra practice. If your child is taking one of these exams, do encourage them to come along for extra practice—we are here to help them.

Sylvia Basilius
Interim Curriculum Team Leader Modern Foreign Languages

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Tuesday 19th April:** Summer Term begins (Week A)
- **Thursday 21st April:** Year 9 Parents' meetings to discuss GCSE choices 5-8pm
- **Tuesday 26th April:** Years 7-13 Music student trip to *Matilda*
- **Wednesday 27th April:** Year 9 trip to see *Dear Evan Hansen* at the Noel Coward Theatre
- **Tuesday 3rd May:** Saint Cecilia's Great Bake Off from 3.10pm in Room 0.14

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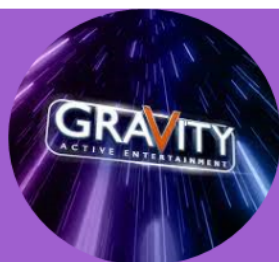
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