



Message from the Headteacher

'The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...'

(Galatians 5:22-23)

There was a real buzz around school this week. We welcomed over 300 guests to our Open Morning for Year 7 entry in September 2023 on Monday. On Tuesday, our 'almost Year 7' cohort were in school for their induction day. Once relaxed, they settled well, and made the most of the opportunity to taste what learning will be like when they join us in September. They certainly rose to the challenge and showed teachers the very best version of themselves and made a positive start.

Mid-week I had the pleasure of hosting pupils in Year 7 for an afternoon tea in the Library. These Year 7 'superstars' were nominated by their Year Leader, Ms Moulard, because they have quietly made a positive contribution to the school and our community over the year. It was lovely to hear them talk about their highlights of the year, and some areas where I could make a few tweaks to help pupils settle into school life faster. They have certainly appreciated having the Year 7 toilets, all the extra-curricular activities and caring teachers. I was really touched to hear from one pupil who had joined us from abroad, who felt she was 'warmly welcomed'. Well done to the following pupils:

Cara, William G, Ava, Emily, Bea, Sura (7S) Joe, Abigail, Spencer, Jedaiah, Yvette (7A) Naomi and Suki, (7I) Jessie, Marco, Lily, Julia, Elianna (7N) Ermuun and Gael (7T) Gwenie, Abi, Otis, Evie, Phoebe and William B (7C).

We are so proud of **Sami** in Year 7 and **Jaden** in Year 10 who performed beautifully this week, in the final of Wandsworth Young Musician of the Year. The competition was won by two fantastic pianists, however all musicians, including **Sami** and

Jaden, were superb.

If you were able to join us on Thursday evening, I am sure you will agree the creatives across the school put on a fabulous Art Exhibition and Summer Concert. I am very grateful to Mr Wells, Ms Allen and the Music and Art teams, who continue to provide pupils every opportunity to showcase their talent. I was reluctantly persuaded to have my picture taken by **Darcey** and **Elizabete** in Year 10 at the exhibition!



Final plans are underway for the End of Year assembly and Collective Worship on Wednesday 20th July, the final day of the academic year. All pupils and students will be in lessons periods 1-3, followed by a whole school assembly and dismissal from 12.50pm onwards. Please remind your sons child to make their way home directly after dismissal by their Year Leader.

We are excited to get Activities Week underway on Monday. If you still need to give consent and make final payment, please do so, as soon as possible. Pupils will not be able to take part in off-site events without consent. Do get in touch with Julie Peterson in the Finance department, or your child's Year Leader if you require support. Culminating in Sports Day, it will be a brilliant week.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, in concluding our Fruits of the Spirit series, we've looked at 'gentleness' and 'self-control.'

Gentleness is allowing God to deal with others so that we don't have to take matters into our own hands. It has been said that gentleness is the grace of the soul. Gentleness includes being calm, serene, and tranquil. Being gentle doesn't mean someone is weak. Quite the opposite - it takes great strength to be gentle when our tempers

want the opposite. Gentle people are not harsh, nor are they calloused.

Self-control is being able to keep oneself in check. It is not letting our circumstances cause us to lose control. Self-control exhibits moderation, temperance, and discipline. It is choosing, under significant pressure, to chase after the important instead of the urgent. Self-controlled people show restraint and are not impulsive.

Quotations from Youversion Bible App

Every blessing to you,

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Future Cheerleading National Schools Competition

On Friday 1st July 2022, the Saint Cecilia's School cheerleading team 'STC Sparks' participated in their first ever cheerleading competition. The Future Cheerleading National School's competition was held at the Bournemouth International Centre. The squad were entered into the Junior Level 1 category and were competing against 14 other schools from around the country. The routine, which the team have been working on since the beginning of the academic year, included an array of jumps, tumbles, stunts and choreography skills. The hours of training, the hard work, commitment, and dedication from the girls has been impeccable and they should all be extremely proud of their individual and team progress from start to finish.

Once we had arrived in Bournemouth, we had about an hour until we had to go to warm up. This gave the girls the opportunity to watch a few of the other teams in the competition. This was extremely useful as every member of our team this year was completely new to the sport! It gave us an idea of what we had to do and how the competition works.

We headed to the warm up area that had a set of mats to practise our stunts and pyramid, a tumble track for jumps and tumbles and then a full-size sprung floor to practise our routine before the competition. We had a slightly rocky warm up, which we agreed was definitely down to nerves! Before we knew it, we were waiting in the holding area ready to run onto the stage to perform!

The routine looked absolutely amazing! It was, without a doubt, the best routine that the girls have ever performed! They didn't have a single drop or fall and therefore hit what's called a 'zero' routine. The atmosphere in the arena was fantastic and the crowd were going crazy, absolutely loving the routine!

It was an intense couple of hours waiting for the other teams to perform, as well as waiting for the award ceremony. We took the opportunity to go to the beach, just 50 metres from the venue. The girls made some friends from other schools and had lots of fun, stunting and playing in the sand. We headed back up to the award ceremony and anxiously waited for the results! Our aim was to place in the top ten, and that is exactly what we did! STC Sparks placed 10th in their division, bringing home the National Schools Cheerleading 10th position title!

I am so proud of every single pupil who participated in the competition. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment this year is something to be so proud of, let alone the result that they managed in their first ever cheerleading competition!

Trials for the 2022/2023 season will commence in September. If your child would like to be a part of STC Sparks, information regarding trials will be released before the end of the academic year. A list of skills required for cheerleading are available from me, so if your child is keen to start practising, please ask them to speak to me next week. Well done girls! You absolutely smashed it!

The team consisted of:

Amelie, Anna, Beth (Vice Captain), **Beulah, Drew** (Captain), **Florence, Lili, Manduhkai, Mary, Matilda, Phoebe, Roisin, Rosabel** and **Tayja**



Imogen Hamel
Teacher of PE

Year 6 Induction Day

This week we welcomed our new Year 7 cohort for their Induction Day at Saint Cecilia's. The day was a huge success with pupils trying out new lessons, taking part in a whole year quiz challenge, meeting their House Leader and their fellow house members, before coming together at the end of the day for their first year assembly. We were incredibly impressed with their enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour and can't wait for them to start in September.

Rosie Lonsdale

Teacher of Science and Year 7 Year Leader



July Open Event

Our first open event for prospective parents and pupils for entry into Year 7 in 2023 took place on Monday this week. Over 300 people attended and 90 Year 7 pupils were on hand to give them guided tours of the school. We received wonderful feedback from the parents about many aspects of the school and they were especially complimentary about the tour guides, their knowledge of the school and how enthusiastic and engaging they were. If your child was in one of the three Year 7 classes that were used as tour guides, please do congratulate them on their efforts. They were an absolute credit to themselves and the school.

James Owen

Deputy Headteacher

Artist of the Week



Year 7 have been learning about composition through abstract art and looking at the work of Beatriz Milhazes, a Brazilian artist. Here is **Sienna's** fabulous mixed media piece which will be part of a large scale Year 7 display. **Sienna** is my Artist of the Week.

Victoria England

Teacher of Art and Design

Year 7 Geography Fieldwork

As part of our fieldwork lessons this term, Year 7 spent a period this week conducting a litter survey in and around the school grounds. They suggested a hypothesis of what they would expect before conducting the research and then spent time counting litter in different areas of the school to assess where most of the litter was found. We now expect them to be litter picking experts!



David Iannarelli
Teacher of Geography and Ives House
Leader

Philosophy Club End of Year Party

This week, we had our biggest ever turnout (which I am sure had nothing to do with the sweet treats on offer). We took part in a debate circle game, where pupils formed into groups of four and had to spend a few minutes debating a particular prompt before moving on to the next. The room was electric with the buzz of passionate arguments being put forward by all. We saw the year off with a slice of cake and a song. I would like to extend a massive thank you to my Year 12 students for facilitating the club this year, in particular to **Joshua** and **Helena**.

I hope to see many more inquisitive faces next year.

Kaan Cengiz
Teacher of Religious Studies



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



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

Thank you in advance for all donations received at the school. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 11th to snap up a bargain or two.

Valente Panattoni
The Friends, Chair

Wandsworth Young Musician of the Year 2022 Finals



Enormous congratulations to **Sami** (Year 7) and **Jaden** (Year 10) for performing so beautifully in the final of Wandsworth Young Musician of the Year 2022 which took place on Monday 4th July. If you'd like to see their performances, please go to [this YouTube link](#). **Sami** performs on the cello about 10 mins 30 seconds in and **Jaden** sings about 1 hour 12 mins in.

Two pianists won the competition, but all the musicians, including our own performers **Jaden** and **Sami**, were fantastic – it must have been very difficult for the adjudicator to choose the winners!

John Wells

Curriculum Team Leader for Music

Combining French and Art

The GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition was really impressive and it was lovely to see the following piece by **Eve** in Year 12. As a former GCSE French student, she combined both her French and artistic skills to create this 3D artwork. Here is her explanation of what inspired her: *"When developing ideas for my project on 'distortion in my environment,' I had taken photos of various faces from my environment to experiment with. During my experimentation with the inclusion of words in my work process, my classmate and good friend, Natalie, seamlessly fitted with the lyrics of the French song, 'Tilted,' by one of my favourite artists, Christine and the Queens. This connection stemmed from my memories of French GCSE lessons as I always used to sit next to her and that helped me develop a friendship with her that I have held onto. The creation of 'The Natalie Box' was strongly inspired by the association of Natalie with the French language due to all the time we spent with each other and all the memories we created while studying the subject together."*



Sylvia Basilious

Interim CTL Modern Foreign Languages

Library - Summer Reading



The summer holidays are a great time to read and pupils and students may borrow **three** school library books for the holidays. If they are not sure what to choose, how about encouraging them to choose something from [The Week Junior's Summer of Reading competition](#). Read three books from the list, submit a review of each and be entered into the magazine's prize draw. Submit the same reviews on [Accessit](#) to gain house points! We have lots of books from This Week's list in the Library, and others will be available at your local library.

For pupils in Year 9 or above, we've put together a list of books they might enjoy – and there are plenty of others on the shelves. Do encourage your child to come and browse before the end of term. You can find the list on our Library web app.

We've got our own Saint Cecilia's library competition too: pupils and students can email a photo of themselves reading somewhere this summer: at home or on holiday; on the sofa or on a beach; in the park or at a famous landmark; wherever they find themselves reading! There will be **prizes** in September for the best photos.

Rachel Goodhart

School Librarian

Wandsworth Summer Camp



Following the success of last year's event, Parallel Youth Enterprise, in association with the Metropolitan Police, is again running a summer camp for youngsters aged between 9 and 16 who live or go to school in Wandsworth or Merton. The event is based here at Saint Cecilia's and runs 10am-4pm from July 26th to August 18th. You can find more details, including an application form, at www.wandsworthsummercamp.org. To reiterate, this is not a camp being run by the school, but Saint Cecilia's is being used as the venue.

James Robinson

Assistant Headteacher

Summer Concert Programme Design

Victor in Year 12 was very happy to receive his reward of a £50 Amazon voucher for illustrating the Music department's concert programmes this year. One of Victor's favourite tools to work with is a fineliner pen, which he used to create all three designs.

This was a great opportunity for Victor to experience working to a design brief and to a deadline. Well done to **Victor** from the Art and Design department, Marketing team and the Music department for having created such beautiful designs, one of which has now been framed and hangs in the Headteacher's office.



Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

Activities Week 2022

Activities week is nearly upon us! During the week, pupils will be free to wear their own clothes each day, except for Sports Day on Friday 15th, when they are required to wear their full summer PE kit. Mr Luke will be writing to you with more details about Sports Day in the next few days. On the days when your child is wearing their own clothes, it is important that they are dressed appropriately for the activity. I would also suggest that they bring an umbrella/raincoat or sun cream/hat should the weather forecast suggest it be required.

As you will appreciate, the week will involve much walking both to and from venues, around Chessington World of Adventures, and participating in the House Rounders Tournament. Therefore, it is essential that your child wears appropriate footwear (trainers) all week. This means that footwear such as sliders will not be permitted at all during the week, as they are not suitable attire. Please be aware that if your child turns up to school and is not dressed appropriately, they may miss out on their activity and possibly be sent home.

Packed lunches will be required by all children across the whole week. For any pupil eligible for Free Schools Meals, a packed lunch will be provided for them each day (unless they have stated they do not wish to have this). This will need to be collected by pupils each morning before they depart school for their scheduled activity.

The rules around mobile phones will be the same as a normal school day. If pupils have them, they must be kept in their bag and switched off. However, during the visit to Chessington World of Adventures, although pupils will go around in small groups, they will be allowed to have their phone switched on to contact the staff leading the trip in case of an emergency.

Please click [here](#) to see the precise sessions and timings.

Andy Gillespie
Assistant Headteacher

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 11th—Friday 15th July:** Activities Week
- **Friday 15th July** - Sports Day at Wimbledon Park. Pupils dismissed from Wimbledon Park from about 2.30pm
- **Wednesday 20th July** - End of Term Assembly, Collective Worship and pupils and students to be dismissed about 12.50pm