



Message from the Headteacher

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2 Corinthians 9:10

It was lovely to meet so many new, and not so new, parents over the past few weeks, at the Year 7 and Year 8 Parent BBQs, supported by the Friends of Saint Cecilia's. The BBQs were a great opportunity for parents to touch base with teachers and governors, as well as connect with each other; something we know many have missed.

As the term progresses we have planned Parent Partnership events for parents of pupils in Years 9,10 and 11. We hope

these events will help set the scene for the year ahead, and update parents on issues specific to their child's year group. It is a full on term for teachers, however, they are committed to reconnecting with parents, and I am grateful for their willingness to lead these additional events.

As you take a look inside this week's newsletter, I hope you feel as proud of the pupils as we do, as they go from strength to strength.

Have a lovely week.

God bless,

**Renata Joseph
Headteacher**

Chaplain's Corner

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Warm greetings to you at the end of this week. I have chosen the theme verse for this week to reflect the 'Harvest' focus that House assemblies will have. We have been collecting foods for a couple of weeks now and pupils have until Friday to bring in any donations. Huge thanks to all those who have brought items in already and for your encouragement with this.

I'm thankful for the reminder in this verse that "*God is the one who provides...*". I understand 'seed' and 'bread' in this verse to be an analogy for the fact that God is able to provide for our basic needs. I may not always have all that I want, but God is able to provide what I need. The verse goes further to say that God is able to '*increase your resources...*'

This feels like such good news right now given that my wife and I have our first baby on the way! The need for more resources (finances for one) has definitely been on our minds!

The verse finishes with what I think is a bit of a disguised challenge: "*...and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.*" God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others. God provides for our needs, so that we can help meet the needs of others.

In view of God's generosity towards us, most clearly displayed through Christ Jesus, I pray that we and our pupils will be freshly challenged towards generosity in this harvest season. Amen.

**Alex Shoderu
Chaplain**

New Building Dedication Service in Full

As promised, please find a selection of photos taken last Wednesday at the Dedication Service for the opening of the new wing. We are extremely proud of all the pupils and students who helped make it such a memorable day. A special thank you to Ezekiel and Jaden for their readings, Ermuun for playing so beautifully, the students who performed in the band and all the pupils who gave tours to our distinguished guests.

Pictured Right: Renata Joseph, Ana Popovici (Director of Children's Services at Wandsworth Council), Cllr Ravi Govindia (Leader of the Council) and The Venerable John Kiddle, Archdeacon of Wandsworth.



Alex Shoderu, School Chaplain



Ezekiel



Joseph and Louis



Jaden



Ermuun



Dave Cobb
Business and Development Manager

Jaden, Amelie, Chukwudi, Lily, Ezekiel, Alice, Heather, Bethany, Billy and Ella

Saint Cecilia's student, a published author!

Sam in Year 10, has written and published his own book.

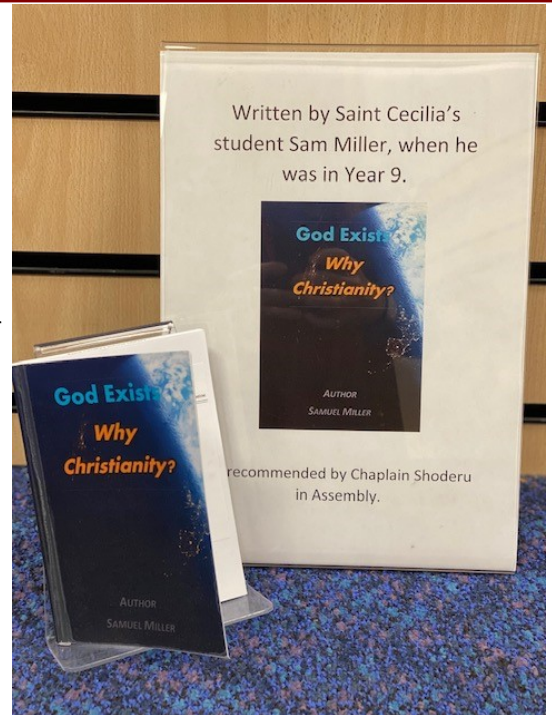
Sam's book, titled ***God Exists, Why Christianity?***, sets out to explain some of the evidence for God's existence and key beliefs of Christianity. Sam wanted to write the book to challenge the view that science has disproved Christianity. He writes in his intro, "It has become a basic assumption in Western society that science has displaced theism; it's in our education, it's on the internet, and it's on the news."

Chaplain Shoderu has spoken about Sam's book in House Assemblies as a springboard to encourage students not to settle for assumptions - whatever they may be, but to be willing to engage in the questions they have about faith.

Sam has gifted a number of copies to the school library, which are available for staff and pupils to borrow. Congratulations to Sam for this impressive achievement!

Sam's book is also available to purchase on Amazon [here](#).

Rachel Goodhart
Library Assistant



Year 11 French Breakfast



Last week, 112/Fr2 were treated to a French breakfast at the start of their period 1 lesson. On the menu: "croissants au beurre, Nutella, confiture à la fraise, pommes, bananes, brioche, jus de fruits et fruits."

The class enjoyed socialising at the breakfast buffet whilst listening to some French jazz music. Unfortunately, they were all too camera-shy for a class photo. We'll try again in Year 12!

Lydia Julan
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

European Day of Language competition winners

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the European Day of Languages competitions. All entries were rewarded with two points. The winners got an extra three points (so five in total). They are:

Cooking competition: **Yvette** (Year 7) who cooked a mouth-watering boeuf bourguignon. **Malak** (Year 7) who cooked a Spanish seafood paella, (my favourite dish). I was very impressed with both girls' cooking skills at such a young age!

Singing competition: **Amalia** (Year 12) who sang an Italian song: "La musica non c'è" by Coez.

Quiz: **Grace** (Year 10) who answered every single question correctly! **Lily** (Year 7) came 2nd.

Although they did not win this time, a special well done to Class 7S1 who all entered the singing competition as a group and sang "J'aime les fruits." Other notable contestants were: **Sophie** (Year 9) with her German apple strudel and **Alan** (Year 8) with his Kruche Ciastka biscuits, and **Habeba** (Year 7) who cooked mahshee, a dish that Mrs Basilious promised to cook for the whole Modern Foreign Languages Department!

Lydia Julan
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

Mini Marathon Runners

Jack (Year 10), **Sammy** (Year 8) and **Grace** (Year 10) were selected to represent their boroughs at the London Mini Marathon on Sunday, where they raced the last three miles of the London Marathon course. It was a fantastic event with a great atmosphere. Well done to our students for being chosen to run in this prestigious race!

Pictured left, Jack and right, Sammy.



Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Netball Glory

Year 11 A and B netball teams took part in the Wandsworth borough annual netball tournament on Monday and Saint Cecilia's came 1st and 2nd overall!

The A team won all their pool games so qualified for the final. The B team played against only A teams of other schools and still won all their pool games, apart from one, which they drew. This meant they also qualified for the final, so it was Saint Cecilia's A against Saint Cecilia's B in the final. The girls showcased some fantastic netball skills with the A team winning by one goal. A fantastic result for the school to place 1st and 2nd. This shows great depth in our Year 11 netball teams, thanks to their hard work at training sessions each week. A huge well done to all players involved.



Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Year 8 Parent Partnership Event

We were delighted to be able to welcome the parents of our Year 8 pupils into school last Friday for the Year 8 Parent Partnership Event. Due to the pandemic, for some of them it was their first time in the building!

A massive thank you to the Friends of Saint Cecilia's for supporting the event by providing the barbeque, bar and raffle.



Andrew Gillespie
Assistant Headteacher

After School GCSE Revision Café

To support our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils with their language GCSE courses, we are hosting 'Revision Cafés' throughout the week. Pupils are welcome to bring their own snacks to enjoy whilst revising. MFL teachers may also have some treats on offer for pupils if they have productive revision sessions! Please encourage your children to come along. They are after school sessions, beginning straight after Mentor meetings/Assemblies.

French
Every Tuesday in Room 0.4 with Mrs Basilious
Every Thursday in Room 0.3 with Miss Julian



Spanish
Every Tuesday in Room 0.1 with Miss Navarro Martinez
Every Thursday in Room 0.2 with Mr Jimenez Aranda



Sylvia Basilious
Curriculum Team Leader for MFL

Artist of the Week

A fabulous drawing of a boot using all the formal elements by **Alice** in 7G

My 'Artist of the Week'.

Vicky England
Teacher of Art & Design



Science Club Acids in Action

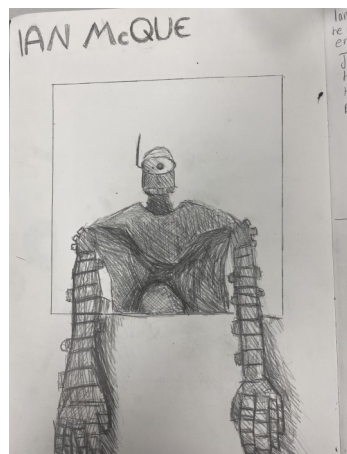
Year 7 and Year 8 learnt about acids, alkalis and neutralisation in Science club this week. After creating their own neutralisation circles, they worked as a team to try to create the pH scale using only sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid.



Rebecca Butlin
Teacher of Science

Steampunk Continued

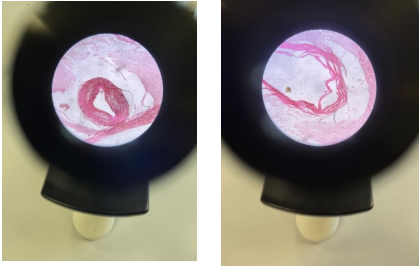
Some more brilliant responses to the Steampunk theme – a great mindmap from **Louis**, an Ian McQue robot from **Liam**, as well as some mechanical observational drawings from **Lily** and **Joon-In**. Well done to Year 9 for embracing the theme; they are firmly on the creative journey of developing a Steampunk-themed mask by Christmas.



Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

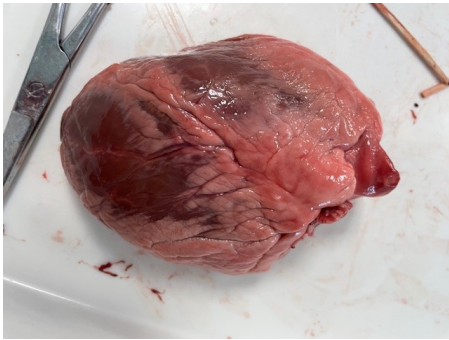
Dissection in the lab

Year 10 have been learning about the cardiovascular system. They were able to view cross-sections of arteries and veins under the microscope and got their hands on lamb's hearts during their dissections in their Science lessons this week.

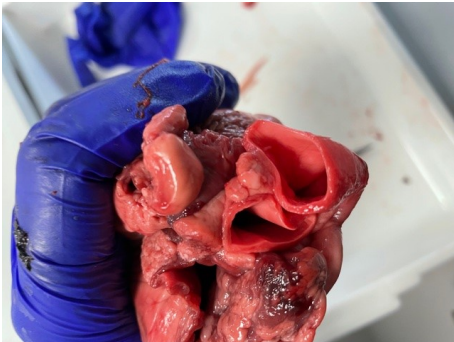


They were able to compare arteries and veins. They found that arteries have a much thicker muscular wall and a narrower lumen (left image) than veins (right image)

Pupils had to identify the coronary arteries that run across the surface of the heart to deliver blood, oxygen and nutrients to the heart tissue itself. These are much smaller when contrasted with the large arteries (the aorta and pulmonary artery) coming from the heart itself .

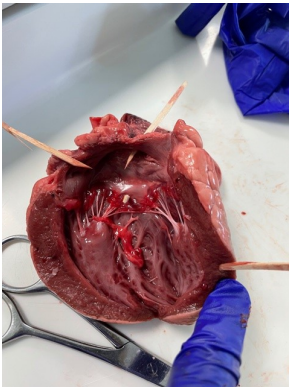


Front view of the external surface of the heart. Coronary arteries running diagonally across the surface.

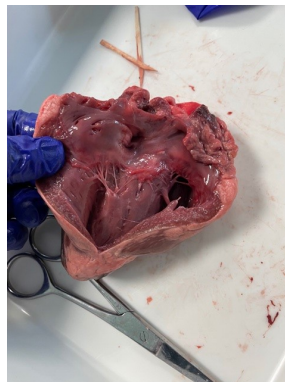


Top of the heart with the aorta and pulmonary artery visible

Pupils then dissected the heart to see the atria, valves, chordae tendineae and ventricles. They noted the much larger left ventricle (below left) that pumps blood around the body vs. the right ventricle which is much less muscular (below right).



Left side of the heart



Right side of the heart

Rebecca Butlin
Teacher of Science

Lost property to claim

There is a collection of more than 20 unnamed coats, PE kit and PE shirts in Reception. With the cold weather beginning to kick in, we are sure that these will be needed. Please ask your children to come to Reception to collect them. We will hold on to them until half term.

Thank you

Reception Team

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 11th October:** Final open morning for Year 7 entry in 2022
- **Tuesday 12th October:** Year 13 trip to Thorpe Park
- **Thursday 14th October:** Sixth Form Open Event 6.15-8.30pm
- **Monday 18th October:** Special General Meeting of the Friends of Saint Cecilia's at school and via Zoom 7pm
- **Thursday 21st October:** Trials for our Rugby Academy at London Irish's training ground 4-6pm