



Message from the Headteacher

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Micah 6:8

As we head towards half term, our Chaplain, Alex Shoderu, challenged me to focus on all the things our school community could be thankful for. It's often harder to do that, than dwell on the challenges that we all face at this present time. However, so many events, meetings and activities came to mind.

It has been a fantastic first half term to 2022, with trips and activities across every curriculum area, and the buzz of engagement from pupils well beyond the end of the school day, as they take part in clubs, sports and music events.

I am incredibly proud of Years 11 and 13, who continue to amaze me with their resilience. Beginning the first of three

planned assessment windows has not been easy, however, we hope the advanced information relating to their summer exams, will give them a boost, and help focus their preparation.

As we head into the half term break, my message to staff and pupils is to rest, and take time to recharge their batteries ready for another busy half term. There are more exciting activities and events taking place after the half term break. Not least, the Window Wanderland, which returns to Southfields on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th February. The Friends of Saint Cecilia's Quiz night is happening on Friday 4th March. It will be a great opportunity for parents to come together, and all are welcome.

Have a restful half term break.

God bless

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

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Warm greetings to you at the end of this first half term and blessings to you and family for the half term break.

I've really enjoyed being back at school after my extended break in the lead up to Christmas. I hope you are able to take some time to reflect on these first few weeks of 2022 and remind yourself of the good things that have happened and the reason why you do what you do. I've been taking time to do just that with pupils, students and staff alike in the various prayer meetings I've led this week and it has been so encouraging.

I've been thankful for how everyone has engaged with the collective worship themes this half term. We asked mentors to gather reflections from their mentees from our 'Act Justly' focus on Martin Luther King's *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*

and it's been great to look through. One Sixth Former wrote to me separately in an email:

I just wanted to email you and say thank you for the book you gave out to everyone. I read it in one sitting and was completely captivated by it. Obviously I knew who Martin Luther King was before, but I'd never done any further reading or research about him. I found his letter an incredible read. His writing style and use of language was amazing and I will definitely be re-reading it soon. The courage of his convictions is something I will aspire to mimic in life and although I am not a Christian myself, I was very moved by the faith he had in what was right and good." Such an encouraging message to get at the end of a term and it fills me with anticipation for next half term.

Peace and blessings to you.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Window Wanderland in the Making



A team of lower school pupils have come together with Year 10 Art pupils to help create the stained glass windows needed to cover the front of the school inspired by Antonio Gaudi's Sagrada Familia. We will finish making the window panels this week and are very excited about what we have created together as a school!

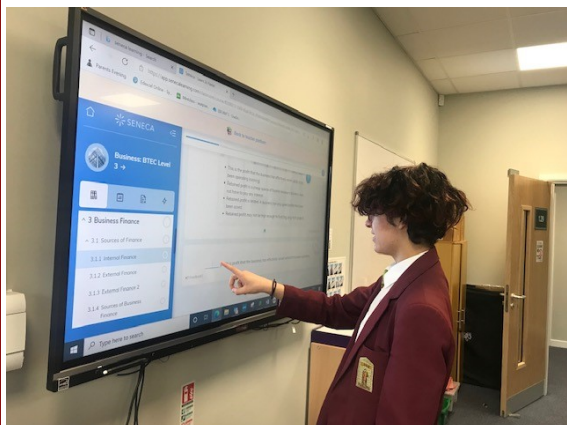


We'll do the big reveal after half term, but here is a sneak preview of some of the windows. We'll thank all those who've been involved with this mammoth task by name after half term. Pupils have truly taken on board the community spirit of Window Wanderland in Southfields.

Stella Allan, Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design



Business Studies—online revision



Last week, pupils in BTEC Business Studies created accounts on a great website called Seneca Learning (www.senecalearning.com) to help them with their understanding of Business Topics. Seneca has free revision materials for GCSE and A Level subjects. They are allocated courses and assignments that they can work through in their own time. Quizzes and tests are also available for them to complete to check their understanding. We have been using these in class as starters, and as whole class activities to recap topics.

Pupils have also been given a QR code so they can sign up for Seneca on their phone. There are courses for many of their other subjects, so it's worth checking it out even if your child doesn't do Business Studies.

Pictured left: **Jake** in Year 11

Lisa Morris

Curriculum Team Leader for Business Studies and Computing

Spanish Performers



On Tuesday, pupils learning Spanish in Year 8, Year 9 and some in Year 11, saw a play called *En el Campamento* (In the camp). The hour-long play was performed by a company of Spanish actors. It was an interactive show and the actors asked some of our pupils to help them during the play. It was a great opportunity for our pupils to practise their listening skills whilst having fun. Here are some comments from teachers about the Spanish play:

"It was brilliant— pupils were really engaged across year groups, and were happy to participate. They were really clear at communicating a fun story within the hour in another language" (Megumi Davis, Maths)

"I really enjoyed the play and was very happy because I understood most of it." (Sarah Mulvey, Art)

"Very entertaining and reminded me of pupils doing their first Duke of Edinburgh camping experience!" (Rachel Skinner, Interim Acting Curriculum Team Leader for Science)

"The pupils were clearly enjoying the play throughout, and were captivated by the story and acting. It was great to see our pupils responding to the actors in Spanish and seeing them laugh at the comedy." (James Robinson, Assistant Headteacher)

Francisco Jimenez Aranda and Sara Navarro Martinez

Modern Foreign Languages Department

Artist of the Week

Here is a fantastic drawing by **Alan** in Year 8 exploring mark making using pencil and charcoal in the style of Hockney and Van Gogh. He is my 'Star Artist of the Week'.



Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

STEM Club



Last week, pupils in STEM club built a device that reflected an image in multiple ways, creating an apparition (hologram) with exciting results. Pupil recorded the results on mobile devices.



This week, they extracted limonene from an orange. Pupils were exploring how to use distillation apparatus to isolate substances.



Tessa Lashley
Assistant Curriculum Team Leader for Science

Calling all French Pop Artists

FRENCH POP VIDEO COMPETITION 2022

INSTITUT FRANÇAIS

Give the mic to your students and shoot a music video with them!

Do you believe your class's got talent? Do you feature your students sing or rap in French? If so, this competition is for you!

For whom? All students in British schools and Channel Islands, from 7 to 18 years old

What about? A music video of your students' French rap or song showing their talent

When? Submit your video by 15 April 2022

Win books, tablets and attend a live Fête de la Musique concert!

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/french-pop-video-competition-2022-tickets-21460233047>

Why not encourage your child to use their half term to start preparing an entry for The Institut Francais French Pop Video competition? Students and pupils need to create their own original pop video in French (no copyright material allowed). As we have so much talent at Saint Cecilia's, we would love to have as many entries as possible.

Last year, we had two entries win the regional competition for their age range (please click on the links below to see **Grace** and **Martha**, and **Heejin's** entries). For more info, students and pupils can speak to me, or John Wells, Curriculum Team Leader for Music.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GScdMgjq09U&list=PLFuH7kW4lWkwYEakqXfqKivb2rT7tC4Zo&index=6>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVAwN-NmEYc&list=PLFuH7kW4lWkwYEakqXfqKivb2rT7tC4Zo&index=15>

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Sylvia Basilious
Interim Curriculum Team Leader Modern Foreign Languages

Scintillating Science

Crimefighting Chemistry!

Year 11 appeared to re-enact an episode of CSI as they used a series of chemical tests to deduce the composition of an unknown compound.



Amanda and Georgia



Natalie and Mia



Emma and Hadley



Joshua



Grace, Laya, Josephine, Ella and Samara

Paper Proteins

Year 12 got creative in their Biology lesson by modelling the primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structure and bonding of proteins:



Ellie and Isabelle



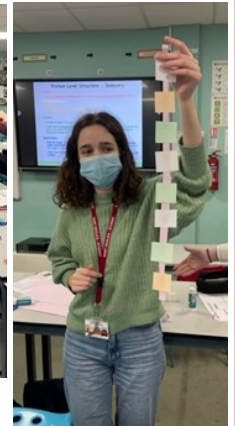
Aminta and Tiffany



Ruby and Dimona



Reuben



Isabelle

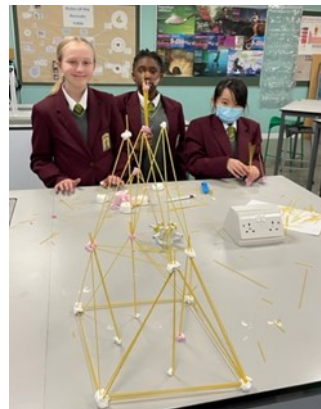
Spaghetti Skyscrapers!

Science Club demonstrated their engineering skills by building tall structures using only spaghetti and marshmallows.

Becky Butlin
Teacher of Science, House Leader for
Carter House



Sharon and Ava



Ava, Sharon and Amber

Maths

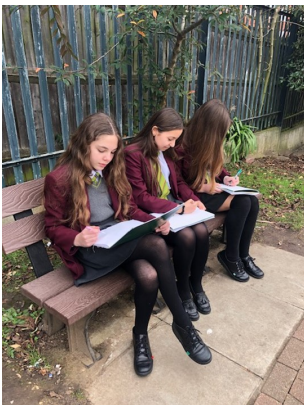
On Wednesday, pupils in Year 9 got active in their maths lessons as they enjoyed a maths treasure hunt as revision for their end of term test. It involved pupils going around the room working in teams with calculators, racing to try and complete the loop of questions first!



Megumi Davis
Teacher of Maths

Open Air Artists

On Tuesday, Year 8 experienced drawing 'en plein air' in our Peace Garden for their Hockney and Van Gogh landscape project.



Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Scientific Energy and Exercise

Year 8 enjoyed putting their cardiovascular systems to the test this week. Pupils had to take their baseline heart rate, then do varying amounts of exercise and record the impact on their heart rate.

Pictured below left: A photo-finish for the sprint between **Romel, Ryan and Felipe**. Below right: **Ivy** takes **Ana's** pulse while **Antonija** keeps a record.



Becky Butlin
Teacher of Science, House Leader for Carter House

Senior Netball News

On Wednesday, the Senior A and Year 11A netball teams played against Cardinal Vaughan senior teams at home. The Senior A team made a great start to the game, pulling ahead by five goals after the first quarter. The second quarter became erratic at times, but the girls flew ahead in the final quarter to win 20-8. **Olivia** showed great leadership throughout the fixture and it was great to see lots of different combinations out on court too. Well done to **Charis** for being selected as Opposition's Player of the Match.

Pictured right: **Charis, Claudia, Elizabeth, Freya, Jasmine, Lydia, Olivia, Precious, Ruby, Sadie** and **Victoria**.



The Year 11A team took on Cardinal Vaughan Senior Bs. They made a fantastic start to the game. At times they made some poorly placed passes, but the girls continued to push throughout the game and won a very impressive 41-6. This is the highest scoring netball game at Saint Cecilia's so far this season! Well done to all girls. This team have really started to gel this season, thanks to their outstanding commitment to training.

Pictured right: **Amelia, Amy, Bonnie, Clementine, Ella, Emma, Grace, Layla, Lily, Molly** and **Olivia**,



Harriet Field
Teacher of PE

Football Fanatics



Alexander, Ashley, Barnabas, Dylan, Jade, Jake, Joshua, Joshua, Louis, Martin, Nathan, Phoenix, Robin (Captain) and TJ

Robin in Year 9 reports from the football pitch: "On Wednesday 2nd February Saint Cecilia's U14A played against Graveney School. We started off strong with some good passages of play and came close to scoring a first-half goal many times. Although Graveney had one or two chances, we were unquestionably the dominant team in the opening period. After more of the same in the second half, we pulled ahead with **Phoenix** linking up with **TJ** down the wing and a good ball then put **Ashley** in a great position to swivel and shoot. 1-0 STC. After that, Graveney had some promising chances, which our solid Goal Keeper (**Jack**) expertly saved – because of this, he received a well-earned player of the match. Final score: Saint Cecilia's School 1 - 0 Graveney School."

Alex Bishop
Interim Assistant Headteacher

Rugby Year 8

On Monday 7th February, Year 8 took part in their first Rugby 7's tournament at Ealing Trailfinders RFC.

The boys did really well playing in this format of Rugby for the first time, finishing 3rd overall by beating Radnor House in the 3rd and 4th play-off match.

Team Pictured Right: **Alex, Ben, Giovanni, Harry, Joa, Joel, Nicolo, Reece, Riylie, Sammy, Samuel** and **Sonny (Captain)**



Christopher Luke
Interim Curriculum Team Leader for PE

Netball News



On Tuesday Year 7A and 7B teams played in a netball match against Hollyfield School in Surbiton. Both teams played exceptionally well and dominated both games. Keep up the hard work girls! Well done!

The A team won 8-4 and the B team won 16-0.

A team (Pictured left) - **Eliza, Lucy, Yvette, Tehya, Martine Lightning, Naomi, Gabrielle (Captain),** and **Abigail.**

Players of the Match were awarded to - **Naomi** and **Martine**

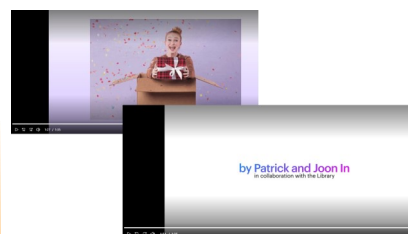
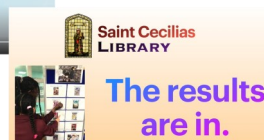
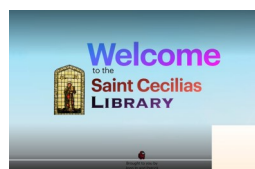


B Team (Pictured right) **Coco, Sophia, Neema, Siena, Mary-Joy, Evie, Olivia (Captain)** and **Nadia.** Players of the Match were awarded to - **Mary-Joy** and **Neema**

Imogen Hamel
Teacher of PE

Photography and Film Club pupils in action

Manga books are currently very popular and the library invited children to nominate a series they would like to read. Ten series were suggested, and children had two votes each, showing their choices by sticking dots alongside the ones they wanted. Two series came through as winners: *Promised Neverland* and *Classroom of the Elite*. Well done to **Patrick** and **Joon-In** in Year 9 for creating a fantastic film to promote this! They were commissioned via the Art Department's Photography and Film Club to help with the announcement. Here are some snapshots of the film and there will be more commissions soon for school events and more for the club to get involved with.



**Stella Allan, Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design and
Susan Derby, School Librarian**

Confirmed Exam Timetable

The GCSE and A Level summer exam timetable has now been confirmed and published on our school website. Please click [here](#) to review.

**Sandra Page
Examinations Manager**

The Friends' Fiendish Quiz—Sign up!

The Friends are delighted to announce our first social event in school for over two years! Please come and join us for an evening of fun and games on Friday 4th March from 7.30pm. The premise for the evening is a quiz, but really the aim of the social is for us to have fun and mingle, so questions will be along the lines of *Catchphrase* and *Name that Tune*, rather than brain-busting *University Challenge*!

We welcome parents who want to bring a table of friends along, as well as people who just want to come along and join in with others. To buy tickets, please go to the link or scan the QR code on the poster at the end of this newsletter. Alternatively, please hand an envelope in to Reception with FOSTC Winter Quiz 2022 written clearly on the front containing payment of £5 for each person you are buying a ticket for, your email address and the names of people coming. We would like to get as many people from the school community along as possible. We will have a bar selling drinks and snacks, and promise prizes and accolades for the winning team – can we tempt you? Come along and support The Friends and the school!

**Valente Panattoni
Chair, The Friends**



Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 14th to Friday 18th February:** Half term
- **Friday 25th February:** Final chance to sign up for Year 11 Prom via ParentPay
- **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th February:** Window Wanderland - come and see Saint Cecilia's window display
- **Tuesday 1st March:** Year 8 Geography Field Trip—please ensure permission is given via ParentPay
- **Tuesday 1st March:** Year 11 - 13 Maths Inspiration Show
- **Thursday 3rd March:** Astronomy Club Trip
- **Friday 4th March:** Quiz and social night hosted by The Friends 7:30—9:30pm @ Saint Cecilia's

Friends of Saint Cecilia's

presents



4th March, 7:30pm

at

Saint Cecilia's

Early Bird Tickets £5/person

at the door you pay more

<https://bopp.app/link/3aity> or scan QR code

Drinks and refreshments will be on sale



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