



Message from the Headteacher

*'Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
but whoever hates correction is stupid'*

Proverbs 12:1

I was thrilled that, following the disappointment of having to cancel the formal Presentation Evening, we were able to hold a Celebration Evening on Tuesday. We enjoyed debut performances from the newly formed Gymnastics and Cheerleading squads, as well as contemporary dance solos from Year 7 and Year 13. We were joined by Femi Oresanya, an alumni from the Wandsworth Boys' School that was originally located on this site. Femi spoke to pupils about 'raising their minimum,' or in other words, focusing on their areas for growth. As a trustee of the Old Wandsworthians' Memorial Trust, Femi's deep and close connection to the school was evident as he included anecdotes about his education and progression to become one of the leading architects in the country. A full list of all award winners is included in this newsletter.

On Wednesday, the entry music to Year 11's Collective Worship was the 'The Final Countdown'. Very apt as pupils head towards their Religious Studies GCSE examination on Monday. We were able to give pupils an opportunity for reflection and some final words of reassurance, as well as practical advice in preparation for Monday. My key message to Year 11 was to get plenty of rest, exercise and stay connected with friends in a positive way. If that means

avoiding the distraction of social media – all the better. Year 11 should continue to attend school as normal, up to and including Friday 27th May. After the half term break, pupils should still attend lessons where the examination has not yet taken place. We strongly encourage pupils to attend their lessons during this time, as their teachers will be available for advice and support.

In the coming week, we are looking forward to the launch of the Jubilee Portrait Competition. There are lots of house points on offer for the winning entries, so do encourage your children to get involved and help us turn the school into a huge gallery during Jubilee week.

Have a lovely week.

God bless,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher



Pictured right:
Destinie receiving
her award

Chaplain's Corner

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.'

Proverbs 3:5-6

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well. In our Collective Worship this week, we continued our Wisdom series with a focus on helping our pupils and students think wisely about their futures (very apt particularly for Year 11s and 13s).

Often anxiety about the future comes from feeling we need to have Plan A, B, C all the way to Z for our lives. The weight of expectation can sometimes come from within ourselves, from friends/family or from wider society. Wherever this expectation comes from, it can be a very heavy weight to carry. The question for them to think about is: what is a wise approach for thinking about the future as a teenager? Some principles were explored by Year Leaders and House Leaders, but ultimately a lot of it comes down to the daily choices they are making in the present.

Solomon, the writer of the verse above, encourages his readers to involve God in the process, rather than just go solo or 'lean on your own understanding.' Those who do involve God, will find that God 'makes your paths straight'.

I have been taking the opportunity, whenever it arises, to share key experiences that I've had with pupils and students, and I've been encouraging colleagues to do the same. My hope is that they will feel supported and guided whenever it comes to making important decisions. I was delighted when a Year 13 student asked me recently, "Sir, is there someone I can talk through some career options I've been thinking about?" Please pray for more of these type of conversations and for God's light to shine on the future paths of our pupils.

Blessings to you in this new week.

Amen.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain

Celebration Evening

Celebration Evening on Tuesday 10th May was an uplifting occasion. It was wonderful to see such an array of talent being celebrated and we were delighted that we could welcome so many parents back into school again. The evening started with Concert Band entertaining their audience in the Refectory with upbeat repertoire and parents were able to see the Pop Up Art Exhibition displaying artwork from current Year 9, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13. Thank you to the Friends for setting up the bar and serving drinks and snacks as it really added to the occasion. It was the first time the Cheerleading squad and Gymnastics team had been able to showcase their skills and endless training and they really did themselves proud by wowing their audience. I must take this moment to thank Imogen Hamel who has not only inspired these teams, but dedicated a lot of her own time and effort into honing their performances and giving them the confidence to perform publicly. Well done to everyone who won an award and we hope that the event inspires all our pupils and students to strive to do their best. Finally, I would like to thank our budding photographers, Joon-In (Year 9), Patrick (Year 9), Sam C (Year 8), Rex (Year 8) and Henry (Year 8) who, under the direction of Stella Allan, have really excelled with the photographs they took on the evening; a selection of these can be seen below.



Saint Cecilia's Celebration Evening
Academic Awards for Year 2020-21

Year 7 Awards

Art & Design - Miranda
Computing - Martha
Drama - Hannah
English - Eleanor
French - Ana
Geography - Amelie
History - Cristina

Mathematics - Laurence
Music - Jasniq
Physical Education & Games - Alexia
PSHE - Hannah
Religious Studies - Ivy
Science - Ana
Spanish - Jude

Year 8 Awards

Art & Design - Bethan
Computing - Sophie
Drama - Benoit
English - Jade
French - Erin
Geography - Jamie
History - Sophie

Mathematics - Patrick
Music - Sebastian
Physical Education & Games - Barnabas
PSHE - Esther
Religious Studies - Sharelle
Science - Kiara
Spanish - Phoenix

Year 9 Awards

Art & Design - Deya
Computing - Oliver
Drama - Jonas
English - Grace
French - Jaden
Geography - Emma
History - Billy

Mathematics - Surafel
Music - Isaac
Physical Education & Games - George
PSHE - Drew
Religious Studies - Megan
Science - Ruby
Spanish - Amelie

Year 10 Awards

Art & Design - Ysobel
Biology - Sophia Berg
Business Studies - Elly
Chemistry - Josephine
Computing - Lily
Drama - Josephine
English - Samara
French - Katarina
Geography - Grace

History - Molly
Mathematics - Natalie
Music - Gwendolyn
Physical Education - Maximus
Physics - Emma
PSHE - Olivia
Religious Studies - Ella
Science - Ella
Spanish - Liza

Celebration Evening award winners

Year 11 Awards

Art & Design - Eve	History - Ruby
Biology - Jake	Mathematics - Jude
Business Studies - Eve	Music - Charlotte
Chemistry - Joel	Physical Education - Elizabeth
Computer Science - Mortimer	Physics - Zoe
Drama - Jack	PSHE - Nicholas
English - Grace	Religious Studies - Isabelle
French - Natalie	Science - Sheanine
Geography - Helena	Spanish - Natasha

Year 12 Awards

Applied Science - Maria	History - Victoria
Art & Design - Harriet	Mathematics - Moudood
Biology - Alexia	Music - Nathan
Business - Isabelle	Music Technology - Judah
Chemistry - Frederick	Physical Education - Ignatius
Computer Science - Nathan s	Physics - Jamal
Drama & Theatre Studies - Josefina	PSHE - Blake
English - Kamila	Psychology - Shamama
French - Heejin	Philosophy & Ethics - Claudia
Geography - Lydia	Spanish - Destinie
Government & Politics - Destinie	Travel & Tourism - Abigail

Year 13 Awards

Applied Science - Maia	History - Joss
Art & Design - Andrei	Mathematics - Hector
Biology - Zoe	Music - Tomas
Business - Faras	Music Technology - Tom
Chemistry - Scout	Physical Education - Scout
Computer Science - Eryn	Physics - Wasil
Drama & Theatre Studies - Eloise	PSHE - Hector
English - Rayyan	Psychology - Basima
French - Sara	Philosophy & Ethics - Joss
Geography - Kayleigh	Spanish - Eve
Government & Politics - Grace	Travel & Tourism - Rex

Specialist Awards

The Extended Project Qualification Award - Wasil
Jack Petchey Awards - Layla, Samuel and Paige
The Music Specialism Awards - Ethan and Jamie
The Mathematics Specialism Award - Nathan
The Niall Gallagher Fruits of the Spirit Award - Billy
The Bishop of Kingston Award - Heejin
The H.R. King Award - Dereiss
The Headteacher's Award - Ignatius

Celebration Evening award winners

Saint Cecilia's Celebration Evening Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

Bronze	Daniel Edward Ella M Ella W Emma Esther Eva Ezekiel Finlay Georgia Grace E	Grace G Grace K Isabella Jacob Jaimie Jake James Johnathan Joshua D Joshua F Joshua S-C	Katarina Layla Lily A Lily D Lucia Maddie Mark Maximus Mickayla Molly Naomi	Ned Olivia Raphaela Rhianna Sophia Taylor Teniola Tristan Vernell Vinicio
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Silver 2019-2020

Aurelia	Joshua
Edwin	Leo
Ellie	Matthew
Enguun	Neriah
Ethan	Nicholas
Freya	Rebecca
Helena	Ruby
Joel	Tsemaye

Silver 2020-21

Amy
Daniel
Ella M
Ella W
Eva
Layla
Lily
Mark
Molly
Tristan

Gold

Freddie
Louis

Celebration Evening award winners

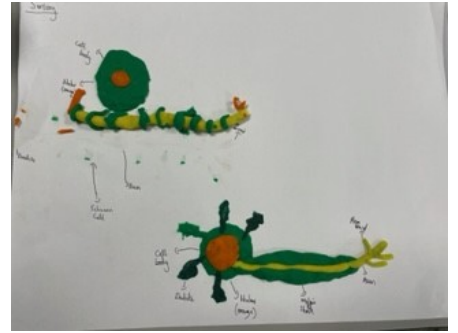
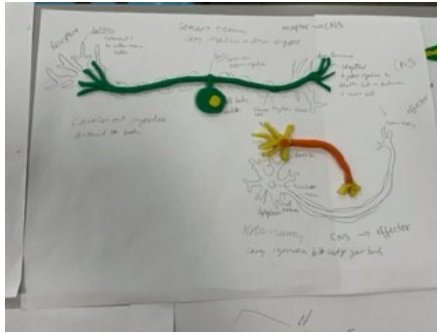
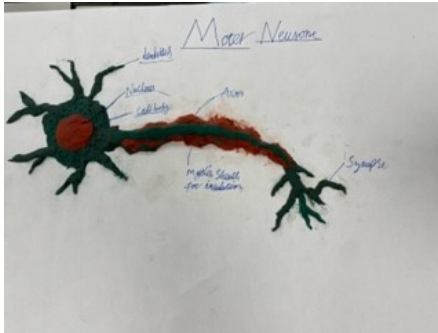
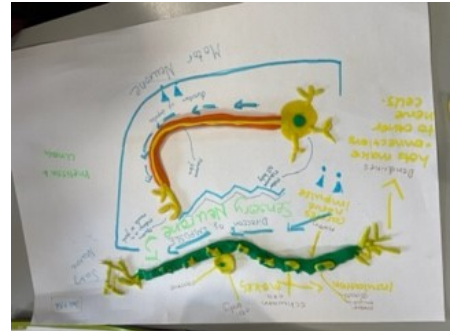
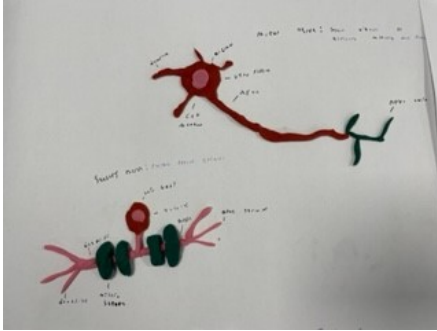
Saint Cecilia's Celebration Evening Sporting Excellence Awards

Year 7 Boys' Football Player of the Year Otis	Year 8 Boys' Football Player of the Year Sammy	Year 9 Boys' Football Player of the Year Ashley	Year 10 Boys' Football Player of the Year John
Most Improved Player William	Most Improved Player Max	Most Improved Player Alex	Most Improved Player Alexander
Year 7 Girls' Football Player of the Year Sharon	Year 8 Girls' Football Player of the Year Aurelia	Year 9 Girls' Football Player of the Year Ruby	Year 10 Girls' Football Player of the Year Talitha
Most Improved Player Naomi	Most Improved Player Alexia	Most Improved Player Faith	Most Improved Player Heather
Year 7 Girls' Netball Player of the Year Yvette	Year 8 Girls' Netball Player of the Year Talia	Year 9 Girls' Netball Player of the Year Isabelle	Year 10 Girls' Netball Player of the Year Samantha
Most Improved Player Tehya	Most Improved Player Phoebe	Most Improved Player Erin	Most Improved Player Melody
Year 11 Girls' Netball Player of the Year Amy	Senior Netball Player of the Year Olivia	Year 7 Boys' Rugby Player of the Year Bertie	Year 8 Boys' Rugby Player of the Year Sam
Most Improved Player Amanda	Most Improved Player Ruby	Most Improved Player Nahshon	Most Improved Player Harry
Year 9 Boys' Rugby Player of the Year Barnabas	Year 10 Boys' Rugby Player of the Year Sam	Cheerleading Cheerleader of the Year Florence	Gymnastics Gymnast of the Year Lili
Most Improved Player Jezeel	Most Improved Player Thomas	Most Improved Cheerleader Matilda	Most Improved Gymnast Gael
Boys' Cross Country Athlete of the Year Sammy	Girls' Cross Country Athlete of the Year Grace	Overall Sportswoman of the Year Alexia	Overall Sportsman of the Year Barnabas
Most Improved Athlete Louis	Most Improved Athlete Bethany		

Full Sports Colours - **Turner and Destinie**

Year 10 Model Scientists

Year 10 have been learning about the nervous system and enjoyed modelling neurones out of plasticine. Here are some pupils at work and their final models:



Becky Butlin
Teacher of Science

Alumni perform in world-renowned theatre



We are delighted to hear that **Esmonde Cole** and **Baker Mukasa**, alumni of Saint Cecilia's, will be performing as Surrey/Cromwell and Norfolk/Sands in *Henry VIII* at the Globe Theatre in London. The play runs from 19th May to 21st October 2022. More information is [available here](#).

They will also be performing *I, Joan* at the Globe Theatre between the 25th August and 22nd October 2022. More information about *I, Joan* is [available here](#).

Both plays would give an excellent opportunity for pupils and students to go and watch these talented actors in action on the big stage. Photo on the right taken during rehearsals.



Jacquelin Johnson
Learning Support Assistant

Science Club Update

Pupils and students have been busy practising their Chemistry skills in Science Club. They have used Bunsen burners to study the combustion of ethanol and paper, investigated effervescent acids and have skilfully manipulated equipment to complete distillation of inky solutions. See a snapshot below:



Billy Year 10



Adam Year 9



Amber Year 7



Dominic Year 8



Henry Year 7



Dominic Year 8



Evie and Amber Year 7



Evie Year 7

Becky Butlin
Teacher of Science



Ava and Dominic Year 8



Amber Year 7

Backgammon Tournament

On Thursday, the Backgammon Tournament, which has been running for several weeks, finally came to its conclusion. **Joe** and **George** battled it out in a very close match, in front of other Year 7 pupils. There was some excellent play and lucky rolls of the dice and, in the end, **Joe** was triumphant and has been crowned the Backgammon Champion. A new tournament will start after half term. If pupils in Year 7 would like to come along and learn how to play, please come to room 1.24 at lunchtime on Friday Week A or Thursday Week B.

James Robinson
Assistant Headteacher

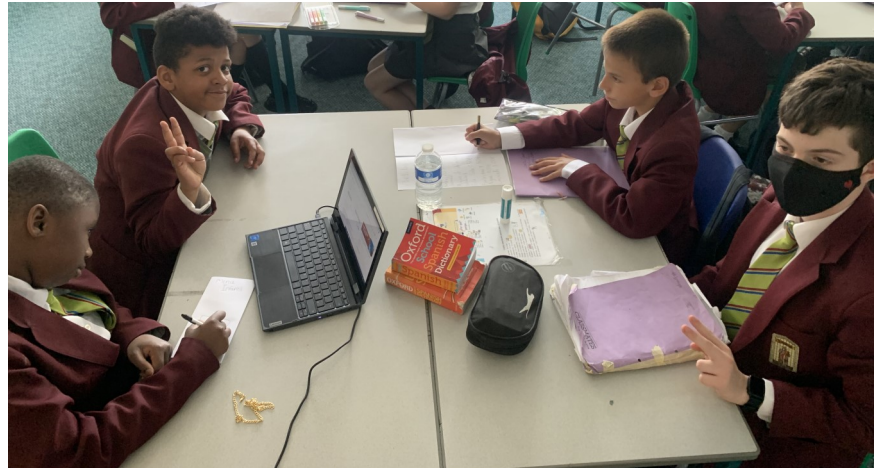


Year 7 Spanish Menu Planning

As part of the curriculum, pupils in Year 7 have been designing their own Spanish menu. Firstly, they researched some traditional Spanish meals online and then designed their own menus. Many of them were very creative and we were impressed with some of the extensive research into Spanish traditional food. Working in groups of four, they all took responsibility for having a role within their team. They were allowed to use an electronic device in each group to do their research.

Well done everybody!

Francisco Jimenez Aranda
Teacher of MFL and Newton House Leader



Portrait Competition

We have launched a school Jubilee portrait competition, with the brief to design a portrait related to the British monarchy.

It is an Inter-House event so remind your child to have fun with their friends and encourage them to get as creative as possible! Also do remind them that there are prizes to be won!

Deadline for submissions is **25th May**. Our school will turn into an art gallery on 27th May, for pupils and students to view each other's work.

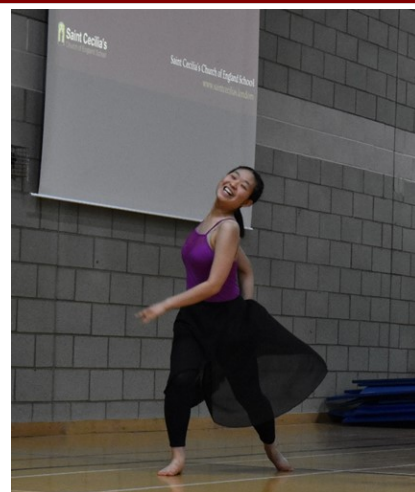
Francisco Jimenez Aranda
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Performing Success

We are really proud to promote the success of **Heejin** in Year 13 who has been accepted on the Contemporary Dance Course at the Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. This is one of the world's leading centres for studying performing arts. This is a huge achievement, well done **Heejin**! **Heejin** performed on Tuesday night at the Celebration Evening and it was obvious to all who watched her perform that she is a very talented contemporary dancer.

Paul Bishop
Assistant Headteacher, Director of Sixth Form



Artist of the Week



Well done to **Ema** in Year 9 – what a creative and imaginative mixed media final outcome, based on her research exploring her responses to conflict and protest! Ema put in so much time to complete this outside of the lessons, ensuring it was her best creative effort. She is my Artist of the Week.

Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

Movie Night

The BTEC Year 12 Business group are currently studying a unit called 'Planning an Event.' As part of their coursework, they have spent time planning, marketing and running an event. This group chose to run a 'Movie Night,' showing a Spider-Man film. The event was aimed at Year 7 and 8 pupils and all profits will go to Children in Need.

It was a really successful event. They sold 40 tickets which included popcorn and a drink and have raised over £100 for their chosen charity.

Lisa Morris
Curriculum Team Leader for Business Studies and Computing



Work for Us - Learning Support Assistant

We are looking to recruit a Learning Support Assistant to start at the school as soon as possible. The successful candidate will support pupils with Special Educational Needs, both with and without Educational Care Plans. Previous experience is not essential, but the successful candidate will have a genuine desire to work with pupils with a range of needs and a good standard of literacy and numeracy is required. If you are interested, or you know of someone who might be, please visit our website [here](#) to find more details on the role and how to apply.

Thank you

Nicola Anthony-Jones
HR Officer

Activities Week 2022 - Payment 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

Bookings are still open for Activities Week 2022. Please book and pay the first instalment via ParentPay.

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, 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 in a separate letter to parents/carers.

Andy Gillespie
Assistant Headteacher

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Monday 16th May:** GCSEs begin. First exam Religious Studies
- **Tuesday 17th May to Wednesday 18th May:** Year 10 Art day trips to Embankment and Tate Modern
- **Thursday 19th May:** Year 12 Biology trip to The Royal Parks Education Centre
- **Thursday 19th May:** Year 13 Leavers' Celebration Event in the Sports Hall from 3:30 - 4:30pm
- **Friday 20th May:** Year 13 Leavers' tea/assembly from 2:50pm
- **Monday 23rd May:** Year 13 study leave starts
- **Tuesday 24th May:** A Levels begin. First exam Psychology
- **Monday 30th to Friday 3rd June:** Half term. School Closed
- **Friday 24th June:** Year 13 Prom at The London Rowing Club from 7pm-midnight
- **Wednesday 29th June:** Year 11 Prom on a cruise from Millbank Pier leaving at 6:45pm and returning 10:30pm