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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to commend our students who attended the Easter intervention sessions over the recent holiday period, and all the staff who came in over their break to ensure our students are supported and prepared in their GCSE and A-Level revision. Tailored revision sessions are continuing each day, after school. A detailed timetable has been sent to all parents with exam information.

A special thank you to Mr Nelson, Miss Wilkins, Mr Mbewe, Mr Black and Mr Egbuna, for taking a group of students on a wonderful skiing experience to Northern Italy over the Easter holiday – many magical moments which our students will treasure. The college has been thriving with activity since the start of the summer term. The Student Union have been busy organising a Culture Day to end the week - a vibrant showcase of cultures, traditions, and talents, uniting us in the spirit of appreciation and diversity.

Thank you to our Year 12 parents who attended parents' evening on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many 6th Form parents in person. It is important that we continue to build on these relationships throughout our students' post-16 journey, and in preparation for university.

On Monday we warmly welcomed Brother John Deeney to the college, who delivered our 6th Form Chapel assembly on the Lasallian Project. Our College Mass on Wednesday morning was attended by students, parents and staff, all coming together as one Lasallian Community.

Safer streets workshops have been taking place all week, with our safer schools Police Officers talking to year groups about keeping themselves safe outside of school and when using certain online applications.

The expected warmth of spring has been less than forthcoming of late - as the summer season looms, we hope for the sun shining down on our Year 11 and 13 students, as they begin final public examinations. 'You have to be where you are, to get to where you are destined to go'.

Lord our God, we thank you that we have often felt you close to us. We thank you that you are near us and that you strengthen the weak. Remember us and give each one the help needed to be true to their calling. Remember all humankind and grant that we may go forward in spirit and in truth.

With warm wishes,

God bless.

Mr G Mantillas

As we return from the Easter break, I extend a warm welcome back to each of you. I hope this time of renewal and reflection has brought you peace and joy.

The resurrection signals the triumph of life over death, light over darkness, and love over despair. It is the ultimate demonstration of God's power and mercy, showing us that even in our darkest moments, there is always the promise of new life and renewal. Here is few news from the chaplaincy:

Visit of Brother John Deeney and Lasallian Projects Presentation - 22nd April

I am thrilled to share with you the success of Brother John Deeney's visit to our college on Monday, April 22nd. Brother John captivated our Sixth Form students with his insightful presentation on the impactful Lasallian Projects, inspiring them to consider participation. During his talk, Brother John shared compelling stories and examples of how the Lasallian Projects are making a real difference in communities around the world. He encouraged our students to embrace the values of service, compassion, and solidarity championed by Saint John Baptist de La Salle. We hope lots of students will sign up!

St George's, Patron Saint of England – 23rd April

Saint George, patron saint of England, was a Roman soldier known for his bravery and faith. He is celebrated on April 23rd. Famous for slaying a dragon to rescue a princess, his emblem, a red cross on a white background, is depicted on England's flag, known as the St. George's Cross. He symbolizes courage, chivalry, and the triumph of good over evil.



Brother John Deeney with Mr Mantillas

Passover - Jewish Holiday

Wishing all our Jewish students and staff a joyous Passover! May this special time be filled with happiness, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones. Happy Passover to all our Jewish Students, staff and the community at large.

Holy Mass – Last Wednesday of the month

Due to Father Luke's illness, we had a Liturgy of the Word service this last Wednesday instead of Holy Mass. We are grateful for your understanding and participation at this time. We extend our prayers and well wishes for Father Luke's swift recovery. The next Mass will be Wednesday 22nd May @ 7:40AM in the chapel.

TRIPS AND EVENTS



Splashing about

Geography Field Trip

On Tuesday, half of year 10 geography completed their physical geography fieldwork at Juniper Hall in beautiful Box Hill Surrey. Our students investigated how the River Tillingbourne changes as it flows downstream. Our students got into the river at various sites and measured the depth, width and speed of the river.

Adam 10 Netherton said "I loved walking through the river and seeing the different geographic features including the river cliffs and slip off slopes. It was a joy to see lots of wildlife".

Everything our students learned will help them next year in their GCSE where they will be asked about their experiences.

King's College - Digital Futures Workshop

Digital Futures is a project in which Year 10 pupils learn about topics such as digital humanities, coding and bias in technology. On Wednesday, a group of our students travelled into the centre of London for a workshop on working with data and careers in computing. Students were very well behaved and it was an interesting and inspiring day!

The logo for King's College London, featuring the text "KING'S College LONDON" in white serif font on a red background. "KING'S" is in large, bold letters, "College" is in a smaller, italicized font, and "LONDON" is in large, bold letters below. There are two horizontal lines under "LONDON".



Learning about safety

Crime Prevention Assemblies

This week, we welcomed our Safer Schools Police Officers to the college to deliver a very important assembly to Year 7-10 around crime prevention and keeping safe in the community. Students were very well behaved and these were educational and productive sessions.

SIXTH FORM



Sixth Form Culture Day

On Friday, the Sixth Formers transformed the Sixth Form Centre for Culture Day! This was an event organised by the Student Union in order to celebrate the diversity and inclusivity within our school community.

It was joyous to see all the different cultures, traditions, and talents celebrated and respected. There was music and dancing, games and food and drink that different Students had prepared! Well done to everyone who helped organise such a brilliant event.



Staff v Student Football Match

The biggest football fixture of the term happened in the first week back, with the annual Staff v Sixth Form football match. The Staff had been on a good run of wins, but this year's Sixth Formers were had just completed an excellent season so were a force to be reckoned with.

Ultimately, innocence triumphed over experience with the students running out 4 - 0 winners at the end of the match.

Only one team ever looked like they were going to win this. From the first whistle the boys demonstrated why they had already won so much silverware for the college and were able to capitalise on some early defensive errors. Once the second had gone in just after half time, the floodgates opened and the Sixth Formers were able to finally achieve a much deserved win. Well done, we are already looking forward to next year's rematch.

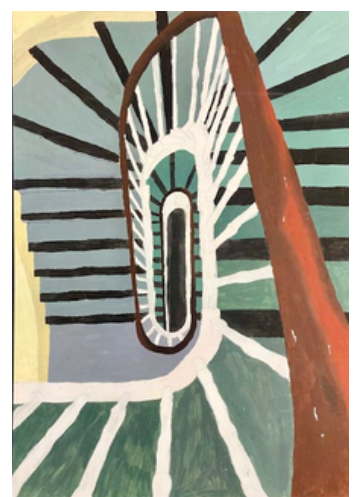


A quiet match for the keeper



Great game!

We are delighted to share some of our A Level Art paintings that our Sixth Formers have been working on. Here is a gallery of work from Dilaxsan, Faith and Dante. This is truly excellent work!





Will we ever get off this coach?

Easter Ski Trip

Over the Easter break, 42 students and 5 staff travelled all the way to Aprica in Italy for a fantastic week of skiing!

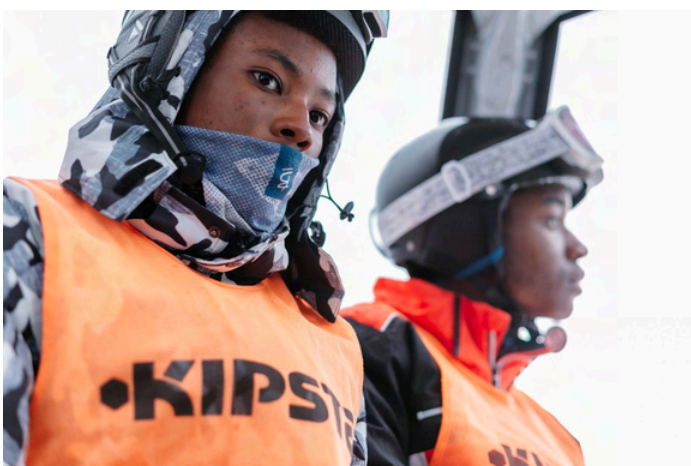
A fantastic time was had by all and we had generally good weather despite a very wet first couple of days. I look forward to seeing many of them on the Ski trip next year which will be launching in the next week or so!



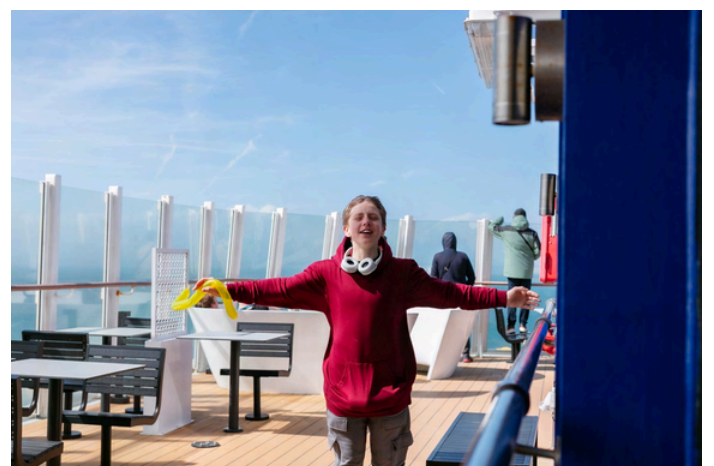
Looking determined



A well earned rest



Feeling the chill



King of the world

Insight Into University

Help students decide whether university is the right route for them. This course is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects can lead to. It will also give students access to information on student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers and current students.



The course will run during the period 1st July – 23rd August 2024 and can be completed flexibly to fit around other commitments. On completion of the course, which involves 30hrs of study, students will receive a *Silver Industrial Cadets Award. [Follow this link for more information:](https://www.etrust.org.uk/insight-into-university)
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Cambridge University Opportunities

Cambridge University are offering some fantastic courses for Year 11 and Year 12 students. We urge you to get involved if you are interested.

Subject Focus Sessions: Information sessions running from May-July 2024 to learn more about a particular subject! For Y11/12. Link here: <https://www.homerton.cam.ac.uk/events/subject-focus-sessions>

Cambridge University Open Days: Come and visit the Colleges and departments on Thursday 4th July, Friday 5th July and Friday 13th September 2024. Booking opens: end of April 2024. Link here: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/cambridge-open-days>

Subject Masterclasses: Subject-specific events that offer students the chance to experience typical undergraduate teaching at Cambridge. For students in Y12. Funded places available. Link here: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses?>

Project Access Mentoring: Receive 1-to-1 mentorship with a mentor studying at your dream university! Link here: <https://projectaccess.org/join-our-program>

ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE

Here is the updated enrichment timetable for the summer term!

There are loads of really fun activities to do so please come along!

Extra curricular clubs are a great way to try new things, make new friends and share your passions with others.



Club/activity	Who is it for?	When is it?	Where is it?	Staff
Maths drop-in sessions	Year 11	Monday – Friday 7:30-8:15 & 12:45-1:15 (No lunch sessions on Thursdays)	N04	Various Maths teachers
Press Gang – newsletter and media club	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	Monday 3:00 – 3:30	N24	Mr Russell
Football	Year 8	Monday 3:00 – 4:15	Meadow	Mr Curwen
Football	Year 11 Team	Monday 3:00 – 4:00	Meadow/field	Mr Jones
Basketball	Years 7 and 8	Monday 2:45 – 4:00	Sports Hall	Mr Delaney
Cosplay & Costume design	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	Monday 3:00 – 4:15	DT – Tech 01	Mr Marshall
Debate Mate	Years 7, 8 and 9	Monday 2:45 – 4:00	S14	Mr Theophilou
Model United Nations	Years 11, 12 and 13	Tuesday lunch 1 and 2	The Parlour	Mr Austin
Digital Academy	Years 9 and 10	Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00	Off site	Mr Austin
Futsal	Year 10	Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00	Sports Hall	Mr Monk
Chinese club	Year 11	Wednesday 13:15 – 13:45	LS04	Mr Austin
Spanish club	Year 11	Wednesday Week 1 13:13 – 13:45	LS01	Ms Otero
Making Music (Who's Got Bars?)	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	Wednesday 2:45 – 3:45	H02	Ms M Osei
Reading for pleasure/discussion	Year 8	Wednesday 2:50 – 3:30	N15	Mr Dench
Football	Year 7	Wednesday 3:00 – 4:15	Meadow	Mr Curwen
Basketball	Years 9, 10 and 11	Wednesday 2:45 – 3:00	Sports Hall	Mr Delaney
Spanish club	Year 11	Thursday Week 2 13:13 – 13:45	LS01	Ms Otero
Coding Club	Years 8 and 9	Thursday lunch 2	S21	Sixth Form
Rugby	Years 7, 8, 9 and 10	Thursday 3:00 – 4:00	Meadow	Mr Lipscombe/ Mr Bradley
Table Tennis	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	Thursday 3:00 – 4:15	Gym	Mr Curwen
Badminton	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	Thursday 2:45 – 4:00	Sports Hall	Mr Delaney
Puzzle club	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	Friday lunch 1 and 2	SC01	Ms Wilkins
Anime club	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	Friday 2:45 – 3:45	LSR	Mr Keys
Chess Club	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	Friday 3:00 – 4:00	N13	Mr Barrett-Marshall

A welcome return to sport at SJC, after the Easter break. Hopefully not too many Easter eggs were consumed as we have many football fixtures to win prior to the seasons 1st May cut off point!

This term sees the reintroduction of athletics into the curriculum for the Year 7 & 8. Our Year 9s are in the pool, playing table tennis or competing in multi sports and our KS4 option blocks sees dodgeball, softball, athletics, futsal, swimming and table tennis on offer. Please make sure to bring the appropriate kit to lessons.

In our co-curricular provision, lots has been going on, and the outcomes to the league standings in football are slowly trickling in.

Year 7

Our Year 7s were triumphant against Quest Academy 12-0 at home on the 18th April, a fantastic win for Mr Curwens boys. The boys are also still in the semi-finals of the Croydon Cup.



Our Year 11s

Year 8

Our Year 8s had a mixed season, they know where they can develop, and as such have reached the semi-finals of the Croydon Cup. Hopefully they can challenge Riddlesdown all the way to try and make the finals.



The Year 9 team

Year 9

Our Year 9 team went through the season unbeaten, therefore winning the league. They take on Harris Merton next week in the Croydon Cup Semi-Finals.

Year 10

Our Year 10 team finish the season unbeaten in the league and as such; win it! A great return for these students who should have fared better in the cups that they played in.

Year 11

Our Year 11s go into the finals of the Croydon Cup – which will hopefully be in the next week where they will play either Quest Academy or Riddlesdown. The Year 11s have also won their league. Well done boys, an excellent season.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

SJC Second-Hand Uniform & PE Kit

Has your child grown out of his school uniform or PE kit? We are looking to build up our second-hand uniform and PE kit supply. If you have any items of school uniform or PE kit that is in good condition, please drop off to Mrs Barrow in the school reception.



Looking smart in the full uniform

School Uniform Sale

We have organised for a Uniform sale day on Saturday 29th June 2024. Previously this sale was for the new Year 7 students, but this year we would like to invite the parents and students for all years. It will be from 10:30 - 2:00 pm and will be a fantastic opportunity to buy everything in preparation for the upcoming school year. A price list will be sent out nearer the time.

GCSE PODs

*Well done to the top
achievers on GCSE POD this
week!*

Year 10

1. *Daniel Odongo*
2. *Samuel Shepherd*
3. *Jashik Mohamed
Jawahar Ali*

Year 11

1. *Artem Kolesnyk*
2. *Khalil Carrol-Thompson*
3. *Benicio Paredes Rojas*

UPCOMING DATES

28.04 - 04.05 - Week 1

Friday 03.04 - Big House Event

05.05 - 11.05 - Week 2

Monday 06.05 - May Bank Holiday

