

### Welcome Back!

I'd like to welcome everyone back to school for the summer term and hope that all members of our school community have had a truly restful and peaceful Easter.

Last half term was packed full of exciting opportunities for our students across all subject areas and many are named and have their achievements recognised in this newsletter. Our big events last half term were undoubtedly World Book Day and Science Week – both were embraced enthusiastically by students and staff alike!

In this edition several students have contributed reviews: Brian Jones (7M) wrote a review of his visit to St Osmund's primary school where 15 KS3 students took part in the Stations of the Cross, Luke Bunn (11V) reviewed the Catenian Public Speaking contest, Natalia Malart (9T) has written a review of a Year 9 visit to the theatre and Will Alexander (7T) reviewed his Spanish cooking lesson!

### Achievement Point Raffle Winners!

Each week in KS3, each form has its own weekly competition where the top point achieving girl and boy for the week each win a chocolate bar! These 2 winners from each form then qualify for the weekly raffle to win a £10 shopping voucher.

Last half term's lucky winners were:

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| Emilio Snelgrove | 7M |
| Josh Stroud      | 9V |
| Maggie Miles     | 7T |
| Niamh Stewart    | 8V |
| Riley Lamb       | 9F |
| Kornel Vakulya   | 8T |

Well done to all winners and keep getting those achievement points!

### News from all of the Subjects

#### Maths

20 Year 9 pupils took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge with Joseph Weedon scoring the highest in Year 9.

#### Science

##### Year 9 Biology Challenge Results

Top set year 9 took part in this National Challenge along with Year 10. It involves two on-line quizzes of 25 minutes each and tests pupils on a wide range of biological subjects and Joe Thompson actually got the highest score for our school this year. The results are as follows:-

| Bronze        | Highly Commended | Commended       |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Myles Baker   | Leon Akpan       | Catarina Borges |
| Luke Passmore | Alfie Cridge     | Izak Gilpin     |
| Joe Thompson  |                  | Russell Read    |
| Jacob Varney  |                  | Amelia Scott    |
|               |                  | Tyler Leigh     |
|               |                  | Ronan Pickering |
|               |                  | Lewis Proctor   |
|               |                  | Oliwia Stasila  |

## Science Week

This year we saw another successful week of activities at St. Joseph's from Monday 13th to the 17th March. Over 30 year 8 pupils started off the week with a dissection of an eyeball during their lunchtime. There were squirms and screams as the eyeball was popped and the jelly inside oozed out. Some pupils found a lens and magnified the newspaper print. Later in the week a small group of year 9 pupils carried out a dissection of a pig's trotter. They were able to identify tendons, ligaments and cartilage and got a real insight into how to move the trotter in all sorts of directions.

The week culminated in our Year 7 Diorama competition where pupils had been asked to design their own project in a shoe-box for homework over a month. Mrs. Shuttleworth and Mr. Rooney judged the competition and all staff commented on the high standard of work the pupils had made. Pupils from all year groups came and looked at the projects and there was a pupil vote too. Thanks to the parents who came after school too to look at the amazing work the year 7s had produced.

The results were :

1st Prize Rebecca Mallo 7T – Model of the earth layers

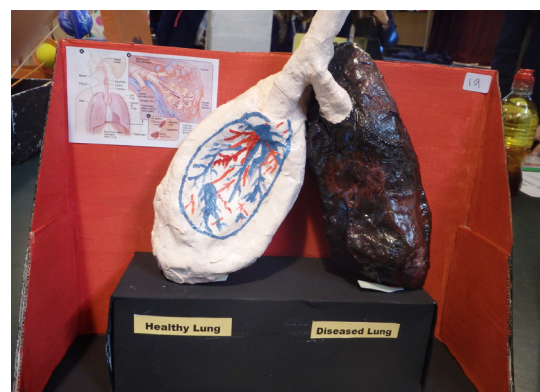
2nd Prize Ajwad Bilal 7F – Model of an animal cell

Best for Vincent house to George Herbert – Model of a tree as a habitat

Best for Margaret house to Kyle Lucas – Lava lamp model

Pupil and parent vote to Isobel Humphreys 7T with her model of the Water Cycle.

Well done to all the 109 pupils who took part in Year 7.



## English

World Book day was celebrated with great success by the students in KS3 on March 2nd. Students and staff dressed up as their favourite characters from fiction and took part in a number of different competitions on the day.

Tutor groups decorated their doors in the lead up to the day with some amazing results. A special mention should go to 7V and 8V who won the competition.

Students across the key stage were also read instalments of a short story during morning lessons and were fantastically receptive.

Well done KS3.



### PE

#### Basketball

Congratulations to Rhys Waters, Leo Hannah and Andrei Arago who are now playing for Salisbury Sparks Basketball Club.

#### Year 7 Football

Year 7's have finished their first season of Football with lots learnt from the season. They have had tough competition against neighbouring schools and have battled well with lots to build on for Year 8. Players of the season go to Charlie McClure (who has also played in the Year 8 team this year) and Rhys Keating as our Goalkeeper.

#### Year 8 Football

Year 8 has had a successful season with their highlight being a very competitive game with Bishops School, the game ended 1-1 with Bishops equalising in the final minutes. The team have improved immensely this year and have shown great commitment to training and the futsal sessions in the hall. Player of the season goes to Finn Russell who has played superbly as goal keeper.

#### Girls Football

KS3 girls played in a School Tournament on Laverstock fields last term against Sarum, St Edmund's and South Wilt's School among others. With both teams finishing high up on the leader board. St Joseph's has seen a growth in interest in Girls Football this year partially down to our link with Salisbury Rovers FC. We look to continue this next year – well done girls!

#### Gymnastics/ Trampolining

We had a team compete at St Edmund's School last term in a School Games Gymnastics and Trampolining Competition. Are students represented the school excellently with the Gymnasts qualifying through to the School Games final which is taking place in the summer at Marlborough College!

### Year 11 Dance Off

#### Congratulations to Teresa House

Although it's a Year 11 event, lots of KS3 pupils were in the audience watching the annual inter-house Dance-Off. It was a great competition this year but Kaysha Targett (11M) stole the show with her dance moves!

### RE

#### Pupil Contribution

On Friday the 6th of April, a group of students from our school visited St. Osmund's Catholic Primary School to do the stations of the cross. As we passed each station, it became more reflective and also had a deeper meaning. On each station, there was a paragraph that we would read to meditate, and also a prayer to reflect upon. There were 14 stations, and each with a piece of artwork based upon the station. All of the artwork, meditations and prayers were created by the pupils of St. Osmund's School. After the stations of the cross some of our students joined the Y6 class of St. Osmund's in a football match on the playground and managed to win! Overall this trip was very reflective and intuitive, and I believe that everyone who attended took something back from the trip to St. Osmund's School.

Written by Brain Jones, 7M

### The Catenian Public Speaking Competition

#### Something for our current Year 9's to aspire to for next year!

The Catenian public speaking competition took place in March 2017 and was a new and exciting experience for me. It involved 8 schools and sixth forms with 2 pupils from each. Jack Travers and I represented St Joseph's with topics of our personal choice.

The competition was held in Poole at St Peter's school, and we were all seated in an auditorium. We listened to each student's individual speech of their choice one by one. Some of these were extremely impressive and engaging. My topic was 'the media: a terrorist in society?' and Jack Travers focused on the 'Catholic tradition versus appeal.' Although I did not win the competition it was a thoroughly engaging experience and it helped me build my confidence further in the field of public speaking.

Written by Luke Bunn, 11T

## Spanish and Food Technology Combination

The Spanish cooking was really fun, we made lemon cakes. The whole lesson was taught in Spanish. Some people (including me) weren't being taught Spanish at the time, so I didn't know what was going on but Mrs Barratt helped us out, we learned a couple of words in Spanish. If I was able to do the whole lesson again I would!



## Morocco Expedition

We are pleased to announce that there are 10 pupils across Year 9 attending the Outlook Expedition to Morocco in the summer of 2018. These pupils will be spending 2 weeks in Morocco exploring the country whilst carrying out a community project to support the local people that they meet. Fundraising will be starting soon and all your support would be hugely appreciated.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Early Update: The Duke of Edinburgh Award will be available to current Year 9 pupils as they start Year 10 in October 2017. Keep an eye out for pupils setting up tents and cooking their meals on the field this term as current Year 10s prepare for their Expedition. More information to follow at the start of KS4.

## Visit from Lord Geddes

On Friday 03 March, we hosted a talk from a member of the House of Lords, in order to encourage pupils to become more engaged with the political and parliamentary process. Lord Geddes met with Pupil Parliament and Able Gifted and Talented (AG&T) pupils from Years 7-11 for an hour to talk about the work and role of the House of Lords. This was followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life at Westminster generally.

Pupils commented that the talk was both interesting and inspiring, and many felt they understood the importance of both Houses of Parliament to a greater extent after the talk.



## Shakespeare's Long Lost First Play

On Saturday, the 18th of March, I and a couple of others, along with Mrs Nobis and Mrs Cullis went to the Play house, in order to watch "William Shakespeare's long lost first play", by the Reduced Shakespeare Company. It was such a good show to watch, yet it was probably very difficult for the actors. The costume changes had to be quick, as there were only seconds in between each change of character, and it would've been so easy to put on the wrong costume or not get it on in time, however the 3 guys that performed it did it so well and really quick. I don't remember laughing so much in such a short amount of time. It was very comical from the very beginning, and one of the most memorable parts was when they started spraying the audience with water guns. They never failed to make us laugh, and even though some 'Shakespearean' words were included from time to time, it added to the humour. I absolutely would see it again if I had the chance. It was one of the best performances I've seen. It was such a great experience and I definitely recommend going along and watching it if you get the chance to do so.

Written by Natalia Malart, 9T

## Fundraising

### 20p Towers!

We are incredibly proud of the fundraising efforts of the students at St Joseph's. The pupils participated in a house competition to build the tallest towers out of 20p, with Teresa house being the most generous house and winning first place. We also had a non-uniform day at the end of term. In total £740 was raised to support CAFOD in providing emergency aid in East Africa.



## Elevate Session

The Year 8s had a fantastic session with Elevate on the final Wednesday of last term. They have been given tips on how best to use their memory for revision purposes – all good practice for the forthcoming end of year exams!

Many thanks to all those parents who made voluntary contributions to the event.

Year 9 will be having a session led by Elevate when they begin their GCSEs in September – their session will be focusing not only on memory techniques but also study skills.

## KS3 Options Process

A huge thank you to all year 9 parents for their support during the options process. The year group are in good shape and are excited about beginning their GCSE subjects soon!

Also, a reminder for all year 8 students who are also making their GCSE options this year, all the resources you need can be found on our website by downloading our curriculum booklet.

**If you have not yet arranged your personalised curriculum meeting with Mr McHale, please do so as soon as possible.**

## The New Build!

The new build will commence Tuesday 2 May 2017. This means that parking on the school site will be severely restricted during the coming ten months. Could you please therefore avoid parking on site at drop off and collection times. Anyone who is seen taking up a parking space which prevents staff from parking will be asked to move on. Could you also remember that parking next door at Ennovation is strictly prohibited as this is private land and your vehicle could be clamped.

Please note the school has agreed to be involved with in a pilot scheme for an exciting innovation called 'Homerun' which aims to reduce congestion at Laverstock schools. We hope to provide information to parents in the near future!



## What's Happening

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| Monday 1st May                       | Bank Holiday; School Closed   |
| Tuesday 2nd May                      | Rock Challenge Presentation Evening 5.30, School Hall                   |
| Thursday 4th May                     | KS3 Mass; English Martyrs   |
| Tuesday 9th May                      | 7F & 7M Parents' Evening; 5pm – 7pm                                     |
| Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May | MasterChef Heats Year 8   |
| Monday 15th May                      | 7T & 7V Parents' Evening; 5pm – 7pm                                     |
| Monday 15th May                      | County Combined Events Athletics Competition at Marlborough College     |
| Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May | MasterChef Heats Year 9   |
| Thursday 18th May                    | Vaccinations Year 8 Girls   |
| Wednesday 24th May                   | Year 7/8 Super 8's Athletics Competition at Five Rivers Athletics Track |
| Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th May | MasterChef Heats Year 7   |
| Friday 26th May                      | Barcelona Trip Departs<br>Pentecost Balloons of Hope Release            |



Please note: After half term, week commencing 12th June all Key Stage 3 pupils will be taking end of year exams. Revision booklets providing revision tips and also revision checklists from each subject area will be available on the school website from Monday 15th May (4 full weeks before the exams begin).