



THE SACRED HEART Language College

Newsletter - July 2019



Message from the Headteacher



This time of year we say a special farewell to our Year 11 students with their wonderful Achievement Evening and, of course, their Leavers' Ball. It was wonderful to see how they have grown into such confident, warm and strong young women that fill us with pride.

This Summer also sees some staff moving on. As always I would like to thank all our staff for their commitment and dedication to all our students this year. In particular, we have four key members of staff who are retiring after 108 years of selfless service to our school community between them which we celebrated with a special Mass of

thanksgiving. On behalf of us all I would like to wish Mr Surrige (Premises Manager), Mrs Quinn (Head of Year 7), Mrs Hartley (Student Services Manager) and Mrs Hennah (School Business Manager) a wonderful retirement.

Very best wishes for a peaceful, fun-filled and restful summer holiday.

Geraldine A. Higgins

Sports Day



Our annual sports day was held on Monday 8th July at Bannister Sports Ground. The weather was perfect and the Houses were well represented. Everyone ran, jumped or threw really well and there were some fantastic performances. The results were as follows – Year 7 Best Athlete was Owusuwa Asante; Year 8 Best Athlete – Shannon Forde

and Year 9 Best Athlete was Ashley Ganas. The Senior Pentathlon was won by Gracie Walsh, the Victor Ludorum by Rachel Irabor and the 300m plate was won by Sara Budzinska. The overall winning house was, once again, Tatiana. Well done everyone – it was a great day. Many thanks to all the staff and past pupils who helped run the events on the day, your help was much appreciated.

The PE dept



Summer Concert

In the penultimate week of the summer term, the music department held their annual summer concert. The evening's entertainment included wonderfully diverse styles of music in the form of the choirs, the orchestra, Irish music group, Samba group and the R'n'B Band. The concert began with an explosive performance of 'This is the Greatest Show' from the Greatest Showman by the Samba Group and Singers. The concert choir followed with subtle performances of "Love Story" and "Way Back Into Love", then the Irish Music Group had the audience tapping their feet again with a rendition of "Out On The Ocean" & "The Rattlin' Bog". The harmonious Gospel choir sang beautifully "A Million Dreams" and "A Thousand Years" followed by the orchestra, continuing the theme of music from TV and Films, performing "SOS" from Mamma Mia. The musical celebrations were continued by the R'n'B Band performing "The Real Thing", "Titanium" and "There's Nothing Holding Me Back". To conclude the evening the school orchestra and choirs, with soloist Jilliane Dela Cruz performed "This Is Me" to rapturous applause.



Mr D. Starling - Head of Performance

Feast of The Sacred Heart Celebrations



Traditionally, we celebrate our Feast Day of the Sacred Heart on the last Friday of June. This year for the first time in many years the feast day occurred on the feast of 'The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus'. We are thankful to Father Frank of the Salvatorian Fathers for celebrating the Mass for us. In his Homily, he spoke about the symbolism of the heart as the sign of love. God showed His love for us by giving His son to redeem us by His death on the Cross and His Resurrection from the dead. We share in God's love every time we take part in the Mass and as Christians must share our love with our neighbours through our good words and deeds



After Mass and a short break, we gathered together to reflect on the year and show our appreciation of successes achieved, in the Awards and Rewards Ceremony. Each subject nominates one pupil for Attainment and one for Achievement (positive Attitude to Learning) for which they receive a certificate and a voucher; some pupils are nominated for several subjects so they are presented with special award trophies. For the first time, Progress Awards were presented. One pupil from each year group won the inaugural progress shield to signify the greatest progress made across all subjects for this academic year. In addition, we also debuted the House Progress Shield which was won by **Adelaide** House, representing the excellent progress made by the combined effort of the learners in the house. Awards for 100% Attendance, which has a huge impact on success in school were presented. Two special awards: the Barbier Award, bearing the name of our Foundress, Euphrasie Barbier, acknowledges excellence in Learning; Lena Hoang was the delighted recipient this year. The Headteacher's Award was presented to Anna Moniuszko in recognition of her contribution to the school community; she too was quite overwhelmed by the honour. During the ceremony representatives of each year group made presentations on their work to raise awareness and funds for their charities supporting the common good. The range and success of individuals and groups was truly impressive and greeted by appreciation and enthusiasm; the Sacred Heart is a truly vibrant community of which we are proud.

We then enjoyed our 'fun' session. Traditionally, the school treats us to a barbeque which was, as always, well received whilst our school R&B band entertained us with exuberance. In recognition of the Netball World Cup, the pupils and staff played their own World Cup. The pupil teams were Jamaica and New Zealand with Jamaica winning that tussle; the Staff teams were Australia and England with Australia taking the honours. Finally, we all joined in and danced the 'Candy' with again, varying degrees of ability but plenty of 'joie de vivre'. It was a memorable and joyous occasion with a half day into the bargain.

Mrs M. Wright - Chaplain



Adoremus Mass

The Cardinal invited the schools of the Diocese of Westminster to celebrate the Adoremus Mass at Westminster Cathedral on June 18th 2019 to mark the end of the year dedicated to the Holy Eucharist. The Blessed Holy Family Catholic Academy Trust sent a group of pupils from each of our four schools; St George's, St John Fisher, St Joseph's and The Sacred Heart to represent us. We travelled by coach through the rush hour traffic, arriving for Mass at 10:30 and took our places in a packed cathedral. It was awesome to be part of this great celebration including the procession at the beginning of Mass; two children, chosen from each Deanery of the Diocese, carried folders representing the schools' work to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, followed by the altar servers, Deacons, Priests, Bishops and the Cardinal to the powerful sound of the organ, the choir and congregation singing with great gusto, 'Sweet Sacrament Divine'. We sang the 'St Anne's Mass' and many beautiful hymns and listened attentively to the Readings read by pupils. The Cardinal in his homily, took a word from each verse of 'Sweet Sacrament Divine' upon which to meditate: he spoke of the Eucharist as being our spiritual 'home' where we are nurtured and grow in faith; the Eucharist is a 'shelter' for us from harm and 'jubilee' is a time to celebrate God's love for us, who gave His beloved son, Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist, for our salvation. We prayed for the intentions of all our families, our schools, and communities. On departure, each school was given an Adoremus candle to mark our participation in this great event.

Mrs M. Wright - Chaplain

Year 11 Awards Evening

This special evening was held on 27th June and was a wonderful opportunity for students, parents and staff to come together and celebrate the fantastic achievements of our Year 11's. The evening started with a liturgy followed by a presentation of certificates and trophies awarded by our special guest of honour, Mrs Quinn. Following this we watched a presentation looking back on the Year 11's journey from Year 7 to where they are now, which was a great trip down memory lane. Finally, we shared a delicious buffet in the canteen which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion.



Miss S. Moran - Head of Year 11

Boulogne Trip

We were blessed with blue skies and glorious sunshine on our annual Year 8 trip to Boulogne, and this year it was the largest cohort ever going with over 150 students enjoying a little slice of French life across the Channel just before they broke up for the May half-term.

Mrs Alexander - MFL Department

"On Thursday 23rd May, the Year 8's travelled to Boulogne-sur-Mer by Eurotunnel, having to be present at 4am which certainly was not pleasant for any of us. From here to Boulogne and back again, was accompanied by perfect warm weather, unlike last year, according to what I gathered...our final destination was a Creperie, where we enjoyed making, flipping and eating some appetising pancakes, trying out different toppings. We even received a souvenir of the Boulogne cathedral handmade in marzipan and designed on the spot by the shop owner. On arrival back at school we were each given a croissant or pain-au-chocolat to take home. Through this trip, we were introduced to the French culture and learnt what it is like to live in France as well as being able to develop our language skills, all while having great fun.

Mina Ebrimgeel 8A

I learnt so many things from the bakery and the pancake shop, as I am very inexperienced in the kitchen. There were funny moments where I would not stop laughing on the coach, and overall I had a great time.

Sandra Moscaliuc 8S



Celebrating Reading at The Sacred Heart Language College - The Carnegie Medal

The Carnegie Medal is awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding book for children and young people. Thirty five Year 8 students and nine members of staff took part in the

Carnegie Shadowing group. They read and reviewed eight books and awarded points for style of writing, characters and overall enjoyment. To celebrate this event a lunchtime 'Winners' Party was held on 18th June where the winner of the Carnegie Medal 'The Poet X' by Elizabeth Acevedo was announced. This was our group's individual favourite. Our winner was 'Long Way Down' by Jason Reynolds. Both the girls and staff who took part were enthusiastic and committed to reading a book a week. Well to done all who participated.



Mrs S. Pickering ~ Information Resources Officer

KS3 Reading Awards Assembly

Every year KS3 come together to celebrate the achievement of those students who received an award after participating in the Reading Challenge over the course of the academic year. This year students from Year 7, 8 and 9 collectively read 4,798 books! We also had 38 outstanding achievers who received a Special Award for completing over 20 books from at least 6 genres in just under one academic year. I would like to congratulate all of our award winners, and hope that all of our students



take the opportunity of the summer break to challenge themselves in their reading – exercise your mind, lose yourself, think outside the box.

Miss Allen - English Department

The Leavers' Ball

On Friday 28th June the Leavers ball took place at The Village Hotel, Elstree attended by Year 11's from both The Sacred Heart and Salvatorian. The girls looked amazing in their ball gowns and beautiful hair and makeup, whilst the boys wore an impressive selection of suits. Most of the girls' heels were abandoned as we entered the ballroom and a night of dancing began. The ballroom was decorated beautifully, and there was a finger buffet served as well as a photo booth that provided lots of entertainment. A great evening was had by all.

Miss S. Moran - Head of Year 11

YEAR 11



LEAVERS' BALL



Year 8 Independent Research Project

Year 8 students: Ella Moore-Martin, Alicia Grillo, Grace Kind, Dhallesha Gangatharan, Julia Dymniska, Zara Weerathunga, Ava Ruddy and Catalina Chelaru successfully completed their Year 8 Independent Research Project and were presented with copies of the booklet compiled to mark their successes, at a celebratory assembly. The variety of tasks and quality of their final essays is truly inspirational and we look forward to the next academic Year 7 maintaining the high standard as they work on their IRP this year.

Ms Healy - Assistant Headteacher



2019 GCSE Art Exhibition

After school on Thursday 25th June, prior to the Year 11 achievement evening, the Art department welcomed the families of Year 11 students to the annual GCSE Art and Design Exhibition. This was a wonderful occasion for the girls to showcase the beautiful work that they have created over the course of the past two academic years. The exhibition was also opened up for staff and pupils to view during Wednesday lunchtime so they too could share in the hard work and achievements of the Year 11s. Ms Valli and Mr Day would like to thank all the participants for the positive atmosphere and feedback! It was especially pleasing to see so many year 11s and their families attend as well as many pupils from other year groups



Ms Valli - Art Department



Hampton Court Palace Trip

I feel that going to Hampton Court Palace was an amazing experience! It was a great way for us to learn about life for people who worked there like cooks (which also let us know what food people ate in the Tudor period), to learning about how Henry VIII had put work into putting the initials "A" and "H" to symbolise Anne and Henry, showing us how much he had loved her. With Miss Olaoshun leading us along the way, we saw many interesting things, which we might have not been able to cover in class. For example, the portrait of Henry, Jane Seymour (his 3rd wife), their son Edward, and his two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth showed us what Henry imagined his perfect life would be. This gave us all a great opportunity to learn outside the classroom, with the

Ashera Katambay 7T

plus of the palace being quite breath-taking. It was definitely a day that I won't forget any time soon.

Houses of Parliament visit

On Tuesday 25th June, 12 girls from Year 8 went on a visit to the Houses of Parliament. The trip had been offered to us by Mrs Crook, mother of Jemima 8S. It was a fantastic opportunity and one that all the girls found very interesting. After a lovely lunch and a talk from Mrs Crook about the workings of Parliament we went on a guided tour of both houses. She told them about the history of the Palace of Westminster and how the great hall was 100 years old. They were able to watch live debates in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and found out why the seats were either green (the Commons) or red (the Lords). It was all due to the cost of the material. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

Mrs Quinn - Director of Studies Year 7 and 8



Paris Trip

Finally the day had come when 37 Year 9 and 10 students would get the Eurostar to Paris. The excitement was unbearable. The hostel in which we stayed was great and the facilities were superb with a garden and a table tennis area. As the days went on, all the monuments that we visited were everything and more than we expected. We got to see so many things such as the Louvre museum, Notre-Dame cathedral and the palace of Versailles. Our personal favourites were the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and the Sacré Coeur basilica. We can honestly say that we have never taken so many pictures in 5 days. Overall, the trip was an unforgettable experience we will cherish for the rest of our lives. We are so grateful to Mrs Starling for organising this wonderful adventure and we also thank Miss Rodrigues, Miss Woldu and Miss Healy who came to help.

Keela McDaid 9T, Paige Perkins 9T and Izabella Podwiazka 9R



North London Collegiate Visit

On Tuesday 11th June, 20 Year 9 pupils went to North London Collegiate for the day. The aim of this Partnership Day was to develop the skill of evaluating a philosophical argument, developing the skill of responding to arguments and reaching independent philosophical conclusions. The key question of the final debate was, 'Is it reasonable to believe in life after death?' The pupils had to analyse different sources when offering an evaluation of the different arguments and when deriving a final conclusion, the strengths and weaknesses of these had to be taken into account.

Ms Rodrigues - Deputy Director of Studies Year 9 & 10

Geography Field Trip to Swanage

As part of the GCSE Geography course, students are required to undertake a fieldwork enquiry where they have the opportunity to explore physical and human processes and interactions between them. The fieldwork enquiry will be assessed in Component 3 of the Geography GCSE examination in June 2020 and will make up 30% of the final result. During the first week of July, 95 Year 10 Geography students took part in a 3 day residential enquiry in Swanage Bay, Dorset. Swanage is in the perfect location to study the physical and human geography of the Jurassic Coast. They investigated the sustainability of coastal management strategies in Swanage Bay as well as how the sand dune ecosystem of Studland is being affected by visitors to the beach. The four mile coastal walk back from Studland beach enabled the students to marvel at coastal processes at work on Old Harry's Rock.

Once again we were extremely lucky with the glorious weather. The students were able to see geography in action and develop their knowledge and understanding of essential fieldwork skills as well as sample the delights of local Dorset ice cream.

The Geography Department – Ms O'Boyle & Ms McCarthy



Coding Club

Coding Club at The Sacred Heart Language College has enjoyed continued success. Many members have participated in the HTML (Hypertext Mark-up Language) Below are some examples of what has been created:



During future club weeks we intend to attempt some even more exciting projects. Coding club will reconvene in September for Years 7 and 8 after school 3:30 – 4:30 on Tuesdays in Room N25 ALL are very welcome.

Mr Lee - Computer Science Department

Year 8 Debate Final 2019

The debate final went ahead smoothly in the gym once all had arrived.

Form 8E – prepared by Ms Olaoshun fought a very well prepared 'FOR' the introduction of **legalising Marijuana**.

Form 8S – prepared by Mrs Pasha defended also with an extremely virtuous 'AGAINST' argument.

Both teams were prepared impeccably. Some great issues were raised and debated to and fro from each of the teams.

The rebuttal and the way it was presented including an enormous amount of detail and answering questions from the audience (in Mr Lockwood/Lee's opinions) just and only just, gave the slight edge to 8S. So well done, 8S – Mrs Pasha and commiserations to 8E – Ms Olaoshun, maybe next time.

Mr Lee - Computer Science Department



Year 10 Debate

The motion for the Year 10 Debate Final was that 'Homework enhances learning'. The proposing team was 10T: Natalie Botros, Molly Sullivan and Liza Yousf, while the opposing team 10 E included: Hana Mansoor, Emily Gunn and Mia Cameron. it was a very closely contested debate, with both sides displaying



excellent rhetorical skills. 10T emerged as winners.

Ms Healy - Assistant Headteacher

Summer 2020 Exams – Contingency Day

The summer 2020 exams may seem like a long way away at the moment, please be aware that all exam candidates must be available up to and including the 24th June 2020 to sit an examination. During the spring term year 11 students will be sent individualised timetables that will highlight when their final exam will take place. The summer exams usually run from early May, starting with Art, with formal written exams following throughout May and June. The Joint Council for Qualifications have decided that they need the option to postpone an exam in the event of an incident and rearrange for a later date to allow all students a fair and equal chance. A contingency day has been arranged by the exam boards and added to each student's timetable. The contingency day has been arranged for "GCSE and/or GCE examinations, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the 2020 June examination series". The date that has been set aside as the contingency day is **Wednesday 24th June 2020**. This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the start of the exams in May until Wednesday 24th June 2020. This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools.

Mrs J. McKeon - Examination Officer

Danceathon

On Thursday 27th June, the whole of year 8 participated in a Danceathon to raise money for the Catholic Children's Society. The competition consisted of six rounds in which a team of six from each form battled it out for points. Each round had a different theme this ranged from hits from the 80's to British Boy Bands. Throughout the day, we saw some amazing dance moves from pupils and staff. However, there can only be one winner and the 2019 Danceathon Champions were 8T. Well done to all the pupils and staff who participated in the event as we raised an impressive £320.

Mrs L Quinn & Miss H McCarthy

SPORTS NEWS

Triumphant athletes

In the league events held just before and after half term, we as a school, fielded strong teams in all four age groups. This was despite many obstacles being placed in our way before we even competed. These included only a small amount of year 8 girls being available to take part as the rest of the year group were in Boulogne and the coach not turning up for the first competition. The sight of the girls – along with Ms Lindsey – running for the 182 bus is something I will not forget. However they got there and were fantastic. We repeated our dominance in the second meeting and by the third one – which was cancelled due to rain – we were so far ahead we could not be beaten. Borough League champions once again. Long may this type of success continue.



London Youth Games Volleyball

11 girls from years 10 through to 12 represented Harrow in this annual competition. It was held on the hottest day of the year so far at The University of East London. The girls played magnificently and made it through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately they then played in the 3rd and 4th play-offs and despite a very thrilling match they finished 4th. This was a great shame as they really did deserve to go home with a medal. I was very proud of them and hope to continue working with them next year.

Mrs L Quinn - PE Department

Summer Term Merit Awards

Year 8 Bronze - Madeline Alfred, Abigail Ganesha, Amelia Godbold, Nicole Njoku, Iona O'Reilly, Isabel Thompson

Year 9 Silver - Oluwaseyi Adeyanju, Enya Dunne, Alysha Garcia-Ahluwalia, Rhianna Roche

Year 9 Gold - Milena Bilska, Anna Moniuszko, Molly Rochford, Hannah Ruck, Lauren Shaughnessy, Aldabra Stifiuc Andronic

Year 10 Silver - Amy Carolan, Corinne O'Sullivan

Dates for your diary

September

Monday 2nd	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3rd	New Year 7 Intake
Wednesday 4th	Years 8 - 11 return
Wednesday 11th	Open Evening 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday 19th	Open Evening 4:00-6:00pm
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th	Freshers' Week

October

Tuesday 1st	Year 11 Curriculum Evening
Thursday 3rd	Year 10 Whitechapel Trip
Friday 4th	Year 10 Whitechapel Trip
Tuesday 8th	Year 7 Curriculum Evening
Wednesday 9th	10H Retreat
Thursday 10th	10E Retreat
Friday 11th	10A Retreat Year 10 & 11 Netball Trip
Wednesday 16th	10R Retreat
Thursday 17th	10T Retreat
Monday 21st to Friday 25th	HALF TERM