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and staff of St Michael's Catholic School*

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St Michael's GCSE Art Exhibition

The 25th of June saw the opening of the fourth annual GCSE Art Exhibition and everyone in attendance agreed that this was the biggest and best so far. Many of the artworks on the night were sold with Goncaolo Neto's Jimi Hendrix painting, pictured far right, being the subject of fierce negotiation between the artist and a number of keen buyers.

The theme of this year's GCSE exam was 'Work, Rest, Play' to which pupils responded in a wide variety of ways from Arrdi Crescini's study of superheroes when not on call to Gabriel Luchmun's business man working himself to an early grave.



Another recurrent interpretation of the theme was looking at people's commute to work as seen in the works pictured (right) by Bogdan Protsenko and (left) Ella Defalco



The heads of the Creativity and Technology Faculty, Mr Lewis and Mr Lomax, really went to town with the curation of the exhibition transforming the Drama room into an industrial site housing the various art. They would like to thank everyone who attended and gave their support. Special mention must go to art teacher Mr Aldridge for helping to set up and Mr Woods for providing an eclectic set of musical sounds which added to the special vibe of the evening.

KS3 Prizegiving

Huge congratulations to all our pupils who won an award at the annual prizegiving celebration last week! Again the music department shone out and the wealth of talent displayed by our pupils was truly inspirational. We were very lucky to have Simon Hughes MP come to present the awards and speak to our pupils about realising their potential throughout their lives. In particular, St Michael's would like to congratulate Danny Lush, Kaelan Wade and Morgan Mitchell who received the headteacher's award for outstanding contributions to school life over the last year. The event was a huge success and would not have been possible without a massive input from many of our support staff and the sterling efforts of Ms Rughooputh. Thanks to all who made this possible and congratulations to all the award winners!



Jack Petchey Awards Evening

St Michael's School is very proud of its 9 Jack Petchey award winners for this year – Erlla Caramber-Coker, Michael Prempeh, Reece Bayne, Jack Bannon, Morgan Mitchell, Shannon Wade, Barney Williams, Romay Efrem and Kemi Idowu. They have all been nominated by either staff or their peers and have been excellent role models in some aspect of school life over the year. We had an excellent evening and the entertainment was also provided by the school band who opened and closed the event. We would like to congratulate Ms Nottage who won an outstanding leader award, and pass on our thanks to the music department for all the hard work that went in to producing a very high standard of performance on the night. Well done all of you!

Year 7 trip to Paris

Some of Year 7 went to Paris over half term and all of them had piles of fun. On the first day it was travelling for hours and on the way we came across some really unhygienic toilets. On the ferry there was lots to do: Arcades and an outside deck. We got to the Hotel and went to bed to wake up to Miss Grabowski banging on our doors.

We travelled to Disneyland and we all went on rides even Mr Mahon. In the studios we saw a show about cowboys, it was great. We went on the Hollywood Tower of Terror which wasn't that scary.

The next day was the city of Paris.

We had a tour boat all the way through the River Seine and went up the Eiffel tower - unfortunately not to the top! The very last day was all travelling and shopping and all the way Mr Mahon was making jokes and insulting people. A great ending to a phenomenal holiday.

(Luke Vella 7S)



Year 10 mean business!

Thursday 10th June saw 37 year 10 students take part in an exciting all day business event run by 'Business Dynamics'. They are part of the Enterprise Education Trust, which is one of the UK's leading business and enterprise education charities.

The Trust empowers young people to realise their potential through business and enterprise.

The event did just this as volunteers from PriceWaterhouseCoopers, one of the world's largest professional services firms, gave up their time to nurture the enterprising skills in St.Michael's students.

This resulted in many of the year 10s giving a very professional performance, impressing the visitors and giving them a glimpse of the entrepreneurs of the future.

The day was centred around the Olympics and started with a challenging task requiring students to use communication skills to solve a puzzle of information on companies sponsoring the Olympics – each student had a card of information that gave clues of how to use information on the other cards.

A tough challenge that was taken in the year 10's stride as they moved swiftly on to the next activity



concerning the design and development of a new Olympic souvenir.

Here the students showed their creative side, while still being capable of grounding their ideas in the business environment, which presented the challenges of considering costs and competition. Subsequently the students gave professional presentations while confidently fielding various questions from the PwC volunteers. The following task promoted economic understanding and risk taking among students as they bought in paper, created egg cups from it and sold it to the PwC volunteers who judged their worth. The students had to work strategically and consider whether they should spend more time on them to gain more money, or spend less time on them to increase production. This led to the final task focused on Sales and Marketing where the students again had to be creative in coming up with an Olympic café and particular menu while also managing constraints such as budgeting for their venture. Again this was followed by some excellent presentations.

The admirable performance shown by all the year 10s was rewarded by the Business Dynamics team, who handed out certificates of achievement highlighting all their sponsors in the business world who endorse it.

Chaplain's Corner:

Pray at all times asking for what you need (Ephesians 6 v 18)

Dear Lord, today let me make someone's day happier.

I pray that your light will shine through me, that your love will flow through me and that I may be ever aware of your spirit within me.

Amen

DROP IN CENTRE/PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

**Every Thursday between:
10—11 a.m**

If you have any concerns about your child please 'drop in' to speak to Mrs Carr and Mrs Mulock.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5/7/10 (6 pm)	- Yr 6 Parents Eve
5-16/7/10	- Yr 10 Work Exp.
13/7/10 (6pm)	- Parents Forum

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