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# THE LINK

***A fortnightly Newsletter for the pupils,  
parents and staff of St Michael's Catholic  
School***

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## GLOBAL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP AT ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

### St Michael's Go Global!

What is the total population of India? It's capital city? Who is the Prime Minister of India? Students from Year 8 will be delighted to tell you. A quiz on India is one of the fun, fascinating, India-themed activities that staff and students have enjoyed over the past few weeks as part of our Global Partnership with an international school in Bangalore.



### Global School Partnership

We have also made some new friends across the globe from a school in India. Teachers and pupils from GEAR Innovative International School in Bangalore are partnering us in a project that we hope to run for four years.

Year 8 students from both schools will be working on a Geography curriculum project and tutor time activities based on sustainable development and diversity.

Indian pupils then sent a blouse piece from a sari, challenging our pupils to get creative with it. In the spirit of sharing our diverse cultures and backgrounds, pupils and staff used the blouse piece to create African headdress and robes, Vietnamese inspired



costume and even replicated a scene from the nativity! Ms Delaney then became the model for re-creating a sari piece.



Photographs were taken and we hope to share these with our Indian friends as part of a scrap book describing aspects of life in the UK.

### Ms Delaney Flies south for half term...

Following a successful bid for funds from Global Schools Partnership St Michael's was awarded £2000 for reciprocal visits for teachers.

Ms Delaney will visit our friends in Bangalore during in February half term and Savi, teacher from GEAR School, Bangalore, will visit us in April. The purpose of the trip is to plan the Year 8 Geography curriculum project and share good teaching and learning practice. With Ms Delaney's expertise in dance and voice, we are also hoping she will bring some traditional Indian dances and songs for us to try!

### IndiPartnership Works!

Partnering with a school in India adds an exciting dimension to our Geography teaching and learning. Learning comes to life through real connections with real people. Students gain new insight into the places, peoples and cultures of our diverse world. As a Business and Enterprise School we have a special responsibility to prepare students for the working world. India is a magnet for manufacturing and IT



industries and it is important that our students have exciting opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that best prepare them future success.

(Parents/Carers wanting more information or wishing to give feedback on this initiative may telephone or email Mrs Smith at St Michael's).

## ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations from the Science Department to all the pupils in Year's 9, 10 and 11 who achieved an A\* in the latest Science Modular GCSE Exams, with many pupils achieving 100% in the exam. This is an outstanding achievement, of which both you and your parents should be very proud. If you were not lucky enough to achieve a top grade this time, there is plenty you should do between now and the next module exams (which take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March).

### TOP TIPS TO GET AN A\*

**Always** complete your class work to the best of your ability. **Revise** thoroughly at home, using your Revision Guide and practise questions in the Workbooks. **Use** the topic checklists to make sure you know everything you need to. **Test** yourself on the definitions of all the keywords. **Practise** lots of past papers".

The following pupils achieved an A\* in their Science GCSE Exam. Pupils achieving 100% are asterixed.

### YEAR 9 CHEMISTRY MULTIPLE CHOICE PAPER

Morgan Mitchell\*, Keifer St Louis\*, Patricia Cabiles\*, Olugbenga Balogun\*, OImolade Adekanmbi\*, Shane Ifill, Sam Bangura, Melisa -Jayne Idemudia, Shannon Denning, Ibrahim Elamin, Rita Adeyosoye.

### YEAR 9 BIOLOGY MULTIPLE CHOICE PAPER

Shannon Denning\*, Johnathan Kirk\*, Luisa Patterson, Patricia Cabiles, Joshua Onuoha.

### YEAR 10 CHEMISTRY MULTIPLE CHOICE PAPER

Yitian He\*, Keisha Renaud\*, Liam O'Callahan\*, Tochukwu Mbanasor\*, Harriet Swale\*, Joshua Landicho\*, Kevin Rodriguez-Ladino\*, Daniel Igbinedion\*, Genet Gezhav\*.

Adem Veli\*, Emma Fee\*, Odera Edwekwu\*, Mica Dickson\*, Michael Cullinane\*, Ivan Beckley\*m, Charlie Beales\*, Blessing Bakare\*, Blessing Kapembeza, Charlene Misago, Bejji Mulenga, Tomas Philogene-Modeste, Kayo Koney, Joan Tello.

### YEAR 10 BIOLOGY MULTIPLE CHOICE PAPER

Pedro Nasimento\*, Evette Osafo\*, Charlie Beales\*, Yitian He\*, Michael Cullinane, Amani Mwinvi, Liam O'Callaghan, Odera Edwekwu.

### YEAR 11 CHEMISTRY MULTIPLE CHOICE PAPER

Doreen Boeteng, George Marino, Gabriel Bracken, Alexander Williams, Tommy Wildego, Michael Zopola, Jack Bannon, Oluwagbeminiyi Tinubu, Cindy Duong, John Patterson.

### YEAR 10 MATHEMATICS GCSE UNIT 1 EXAM-

Congratulations to: Charlie Beals, Michael Cullinane, Yitian He, Adem Veli who were awarded grade A\*.

Also to: Blessing Bakare, Ivan Beckley, Joshua Carr, Siem Efrem, Emma Fee, Joshua Landicho who were awarded grade A.

### The Chaplain's Corner:

In assembly Mr. Buckley reminded us that 27<sup>th</sup> January is Holocaust Memorial Day which remembers victims and survivors of the Holocaust, Nazi persecution and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Darfur. We must listen to the voices of victims and use our voices to speak out against discrimination and exclusion.

Here is an amazing example of forgiveness from a young girl killed in a concentration camp.

*'Lord, remember not only the men and women of goodwill, but also those of ill will.*

*Do not remember all the sufferings they have inflicted upon us;*

*remember the fruits we bear, thanks to this suffering—our comradeship, our loyalty, our humanity, courage, generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this.*

*And when they come to judgement, let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness. Amen'*

*A prayer found on a scrap of paper beside the body of a girl who died at Ravensbruck(one of the concentration camps)*



Congratulations to **Mr B. Bassey** duly elected as the new Parent/Governor following the recent election

### ATTENDANCE FIGURES

18/01/10 - 27/01/10

Year 7	93.7
Year 8	95.4
Year 9	91.5
Year 10	95.4
Year 11	95.0
WHOLE SCHOOL	94.1

### DROP IN CENTRE

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

Every Thursday between:  
10—11 a.m.

We offer advice and support on attendance or other related issues.

### Key Dates for your Diary

2/2/10 (6 pm)	-	Parents Forum Mtg
3/2/10 (4.30.pm)	-	Yr 11 Parents Eve.
15-19/2/10 (HALF TERM)	-	New York Trip
3/3/10 (a.m.)	-	Science Mod.Exam
4/3/10	-	Science Mod.Exam
5/3/10 (a.m.)	-	Science Mod.Exam (Provisional)
10/3/10 (4 pm)	-	Yr 9 Parents Eve.
11/3/10	-	INSET DAY
23/3/10 (6 pm)	-	Parents Forum

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