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and staff of St Michael's Catholic College*

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## Yearly appointment with King's College



On the 31<sup>st</sup> October, we went to King's College for our 3-year program, King's Scholars. While we were there, we recapped what we had learnt in Year 7, and then we did some activities based on the King's Scholars skills, which are to help us learn and remember information. After, we were told that we would be designing our own university. We had a student ambassador from the University to help us and started by choosing a specific topic our university would specialise in. We later created the logo, name, architecture, study abroad programme, and business plan. We really enjoyed designing our own university, it gave us an opportunity to work as a team and learn more about what life is like at university. - *Jennifer Michalczyk, Year 8*

## Brilliant Scholars Launch trip to Kings College London



Recently, 12 of our Year 10's were selected to be a part of the Brilliant Scholars programme. Here is a write up of a recent event from one of our students.

Last Tuesday we visited King's College London, a University in London and one of the best in the country.

We were given a lesson with our tutors and they also told us about University life and our tutor told us how she worked hard for many years and received her PHD and now her title is Doctor. We also experienced University level work in some of their lecture rooms and went over some skills needed to help study. Furthermore, we were also given a tour of their campus and learnt about a fight between King's and UCL. This whole trip was to show us what university is like and we could understand the

importance of it to help us when we make the decision to go to university or not.

## Athletic Competitions

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys and girls who competed in the Southwark schools indoor Athletics competition held at Bacon's College.

The indoor competition included a variety of relay races and field events including standing, long and vertical jumps, speed bounce and shot putt.

Our girls fared well in many events displaying athleticism and our boys dominated the races and won Wednesday's competition, in which 11 schools took part.

Well done to all who took part. *PE Department*

St Michaels Girls team: Amarachi Ibe; Anya Cole-Wilson; Isabel Biakpara, Plamedi Kileke; Liana Okyere; Madison Maepa

Boys Team: Prince Kevin Ebirim; Melvyn M'Bolo; Dylan Agyemang; Solomon Olasupo



**Board Game project**

Miss Rule set us and the rest of Year 8 a project to create a board game based on “Franklin’s Castle”. We were given five weeks to complete this homework.



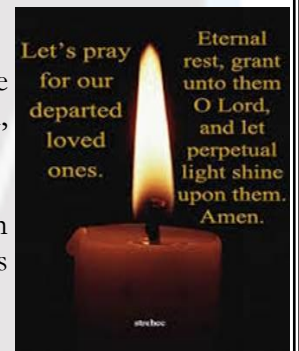
On the last day of term (our last drama class) we all brought in our board games and, in groups of four, we took turns in playing. Each of the board games is really good and I especially like Eronisa’s one as it has lights and little props. I also like Poppy’s one very much, as she won the prize and it was very colourful. My board game was based on the game called “Cluedo”. I typed up instructions and I created a board game with a pop-up castle and counters that were the characters from Franklin’s castle. I also had cards about the characters, rooms and weapons. In the envelope at the middle of the board game the players place three cards without knowing what they are because they need to guess who they are.

Now all of the board games from year 8 will compete with each other to find out the winner of the Year 8 on the whole.  
**Nancy Booker - Yr 8**

**Chaplain’s Corner**

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. It begins with the Feast of All Saints – when we recall all those great men and women who have reached their heavenly home. This is followed, on 2nd November, by All Souls Day – when we pray for all who have died.

In our chapel at St. Michael’s College we have a book of remembrance where students can write the names of people that they want to pray for. These prayers are offered up at Mass every week. The following is a traditional prayer for those who have died.



**The Last post**



The "Last Post" is a trumpet call used by the British cavalry and the Royal Regiment of Artillery at Commonwealth military funerals and ceremonies commemorating those who have been killed in war.

Mr. Laurence performed this call at the end of morning break on Friday 10th November as a mark of respect for the British victims of war and to help pupils and staff reflect on the forthcoming Remembrance Day.

**Year 7 St Michael’s student wins National Irish dancing competition!**

Maisie Ryan in Year 7 recently took part in a national Irish Dancing competition and was crowned U11 champion. Here is the article about her win in the Southwark news.

**Irish dancer Maisie crowned U11 champion**

By Andrew Phillips  
news@southwarknews.co.uk  
BERMONDSEY IRISH dancer Maisie Ryan is on top of the world after being crowned U11 Champion at this year’s 70th anniversary Manchester memorial competition. Maisie’s success came at this week’s competition - called a fás - making it her sixth championship win. The eleven-year-old, from Debenhams Whelan Dance (Dulwich), has also qualified for next year’s World Championships, representing the Southern Region, in the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, in March, 2018. Maisie thanked her teachers Debenhams Whelan and Caroline McDonald for their time, effort and support they have given her over the last three years. She also thanked her sponsors, Southwark News, A&E Ekins, Amneth, Star Cars, Eike Fish Bar, Vascular Mann, The Bridge café, The Good friend



We congratulate Maisie on her success and wish her the best in her future endeavours.

<https://www.southwarknews.co.uk/news/irish-dancer-maisie-crowned-u11-champion/>

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