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A fortnightly Newsletter for the pupils, parents and staff of
St Michael's Catholic College
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Year 7 extreme reading

Our new cohort of Year 7's were asked to participate in an 'Extreme Reading' challenge over the summer holidays.

The requirement was to have a picture taken whilst reading a book in an unusual place. This was a great reminder to everyone that reading can be done **anywhere** and **any time!**

Students were asked to submit their photographs during the first week back on the Google Classroom for judging and the winner was awarded 100 house points!

Here are some of the brilliant entries and our winner. Congratulations to Filip in 7VI!



Trip-Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music to concert -London Schools Symphony Orchestra



On the 20th of September, the Music Department took pupils from the GCSE Music classes, to a concert at the Barbican Centre to hear performances by the London Schools Symphony Orchestra. Hailed by Sir Simon Rattle as “an incomparable ambassador for the dynamism and excellence of British youth”, the London Schools Symphony Orchestra has for over 70 years been regarded as a potent symbol of the talents and achievements of London’s finest musicians.

Founded in 1951 by Dr Leslie Russell, to give young musicians from schools in London the opportunity to perform with professional conductors and soloists.

One of our GCSE Music pupils, Caspar G. in Year 11, is a member of the LSSO and plays in the French horn section. This was our second trip to the Barbican to cheer him on! A wonderful evening of classical music making was experienced and greatly appreciated by pupils who were astounded by the virtuosity of Londoner Leia Zhu, the violin soloist in the Brahms Violin concerto. At only 15 years old, Leia has already become an international performer at the highest level and inspired our pupils as well as helping them to understand more deeply, key components required for their listening exams.

Mr D Laurence



Hamilton Review



On Thursday 8th September, we had the opportunity to go to Victoria Palace and see Hamilton, which was one of the most magnificent trips we have ever made.

It was great to see everyone in Music enjoying themselves at Nando's first and later at the musical. When we entered the theatre and the performance began, I was immediately captivated with the live orchestra under the stage whilst the way the actors managed to sing and rap was very memorable due to their engaging lyrics and change in pitch as well as pace was simply incredible.

Also, the choreography of the whole performance was extremely well-rehearsed causing me to sit at the edge of my seat waiting eagerly for the next song and what was going to happen next. All the plot-twists, dancing, stage lighting and the enthusiastic actors throughout the entire musical makes this a must-watch play. I am extremely thankful to have seen it with the Music Department and everyone enjoyed the high level of skill involved. **Ryan B, 11DA**



St Michael's Competition WINNERS!

Congratulations to all our CHALLENGE competition winners!!!

If you want to be cool, win free money and gain my respect, you too can be a winner this term:

- 1 – Migration Museum Competition: Deadline 30th September
- 2 – Black History Month Competition: Deadline 31st October
- 3 – “What is Reality?” Competition: Deadline 16th December

Mr Magnoff



Casper G. – Year 11

Challenge Competition Winner - Summer 2022

What is 'The Future'? – outstanding composition of music set to esoteric images and philosophical reflections

£50 Amazon Voucher!



Stephanie C. – Year 9

Holocaust Memorial Day – KS3 Competition Winner 2022

‘We will remember them’ – moving and thoughtful artwork and poetry on suffering, loss and hope

£10 Amazon Voucher



Nathan A. – Year 13

Essay Writing Competition Winner 2022

What is the purpose of education? – absorbing meditation on the power of education

£20 National Book Token

Chaplain's Corner

The Word of the Lord

A reading from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a season for everything,
a time for every occupation under heaven:
A time for giving birth,
a time for dying;
a time for planting,
a time for uprooting what has been planted.
A time for killing,
a time for healing;
a time for knocking down,
a time for building.
A time for tears,
a time for laughter;
a time for mourning,
a time for dancing.
A time for throwing stones away,
a time for gathering them up;
a time for embracing,
a time to refrain from embracing.
A time for searching,
a time for losing;
a time for keeping,
a time for throwing away.
A time for tearing,
a time for sewing;
a time for keeping silent,
a time for speaking.
A time for loving,
a time for hating;
a time for
war,
a time for
peace.



A reflection on this...

What does a man gain for the efforts that he makes? I contemplate the task that God gives mankind to labour at. All that he does is apt for its time; but though He has permitted man to consider time in its wholeness, man cannot comprehend the work of God from beginning to end.

At St Michael's we have been remembering the life of Queen Elizabeth and all that she had done as the monarch of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth
We remember that whilst in life, there is often sadly death, but we should recall the greatness and the glory of the life that has been lost, and celebrate that we knew them, not that we lost them



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May they rest in peace. Amen. Miss Casey, Head of Chaplaincy

What's been happening in the faith life of the school?

As a college we remembered and commemorated the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Mrs Bryant created special lessons which we delivered to Key Stage 3 and Core RE (Sixth Form) lessons. Pupils had the opportunity to reflect on the life of the Queen and create some work to reflect this – be it via prayers, poems or commemorative artwork.

Miss Casey and Miss Stewart formally launched the chaplaincy teams across the school, with lots of applications in Years 7, 10 and 12. New teams are forming imminently.

The Year 13 Chaplaincy Team have been busy working on their St Michael's Day Festival plans, taking place on the 29th September after school. A whole range of activities to unite the college in celebration of our patron Saint will take place, with some efforts to raise money for CAFOD's Step up to The Plate Crisis appeal.

Fr Keith continues to lead Mass every Friday for us in the Chapel, with a special focus recently on the Mourning period of Queen Elizabeth II and the Season of Creation as is being highlighted by the Church

 **Feast of Archangel St. Michael**

Thursday 29th September

Celebrating St Michael's

This Thursday 29th September was the Feast of St Michael and to celebrate this, as a College, we hosted a festival party with a range of events. Any proceeds raised are going towards CAFOD and their 'Step Up

To The Plate' campaign, aiming to solve world hunger. However, the bigger aim of the event is to focus on the importance of St Michael and coming together as a college to celebrate his motto of overcoming evil by showing goodness in the world. *Ms L. Casey*



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AUTUMN TERM 2022-2023

OPEN DAYS

6th Form Open day on
17th November
From 4:30pm to 7pm

HALF TERM

Monday 24th October 2022
To
Friday 28th October 2022

INSET DAYS

Friday 21st October 2022

CHRISTMAS

Monday 19th December 2022
To 2nd January 2022



Breakfast Club Reminder

Breakfast club is running from 8am every morning

All students can get **free** porridge or toast

Free fruit now available at the request of the Student Parliament



Lost property

Please make sure your child's property has their name on, this makes it easier to reunite lost property to its owner.

Please don't bring expensive property to school;

Please note that all lost property that is not collected will be disposed of at the end of each half term.



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