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Race for Life

21 girls and 11 staff took part in Race for Life on Sunday 7th July. Under extremely hot conditions everyone completed 5km!!! If you want to contribute to our group sponsorship the link is:

www.justgiving.com/stmichaelscollege

The Girls taking part from the college were Francesca Forster, Brogan Scott, Megan Tamplin, Eva Nenartaviciute, Victoria Nwaesei, Oliwia Bienkowska, Christel Koney, Rachel Atampugre, Charlotte Boot, Chelsea Holloway-Higgins, Emily Mackey, Kerry-Ann Bayne, Carlisle

Gervais, Natasha Lohan, Ellie Sweeney, Charlotte Christie, Michelle Nwaesei, Cassie Lusham, Isla Williamson, Casey Merrifield and Molly-Mae Wiltshire.

B&E Week 2013 - A rundown of the week's activities and trips

180 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed Young Enterprise activities during the week. Students had the opportunity to learn about entrepreneurship, marketing and advertising as well as thinking about future prospects and careers. Each day we were fortunate to have at least 10 professional volunteers from international businesses including Accenture and Goldman Sachs who assisted the students in their activities and evaluated their progress.



This year, the Year 7 world religion trips were incorporated into B&E week and all Year 7 students were invited to visit various places of worship including a Hindu temple, a Jewish synagogue, an Islamic mosque and a Sikh gurdwara! Students expanded their knowledge and understanding of other religions and reflected on their own beliefs and practices.



Rewarding students that excelled in last year's business and enterprise identity challenge resulted in 9S delighting in the sights and sounds of the London Dungeons— a real treat as the new premises on the Southbank meant they enjoyed an educational river walk.

30 Year 9 students visited the internationally renowned company Bloomberg; our business partners who mentor many of our GCSE Modern Foreign Language students. This was a taster visit for some of the students who will be improving their language acquisition skills in the project next year.

The students who have been working successfully with Bryanston Square throughout the year planned, organised and facilitated 2 programmes for all Year 7 students. These workshops comprised of team building, creativity, thinking skills and presentational skills. The feedback from both staff and students was very positive and the students who led this are to be commended for their organisational and leadership qualities.

A professional chef from a prestigious London restaurant taught 15 Year 9 students how to cook authentic, healthy Chinese cuisine which resulted in the production of a delicious Chinese Banquet including dumplings, chicken in black bean sauce, spicy vegetable noodles and chicken kung po – all made from scratch! We are proud that proceedings were captured on film and will be broadcast on BBC Europe; a very exciting prospect for our budding chefs. A fantastic day of learning and productivity ended with staff and students sampling the cuisine and an impromptu cooking demonstration for teachers.



This year's B&E challenge was very exciting. Each form group designed a publication outlining their successes and achievements. Some of the publications included achievements like sporting victory, debate triumph, Confirmation, class achievements, business accomplishments and sharing musical talents. The end product was truly inspirational and the judges found it very difficult to choose an overall winner as the standard was extremely high..... Winners to be announced in assemblies!

Diocesan RE Youth Conference

In the interest of developing student understanding of peace, tolerance and team building, 4 students from Year 7 and 8 attended the annual Southwark Diocesan RE Youth Conference at St. John's Catholic Comprehensive in Gravesend on Friday 12th July. Students from Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 from all over the diocese came together for a day of activities and reflection.

Students enjoyed a wide range of activities: manga art, football, origami, dance, skipping, rounders, sculpture, music, rock climbing, trampolining, circus skills and team building exercises! What made these events extra special was that sixth form students took responsibility, with the support of the education commission, for planning, organising and co-ordinating workshops on their day off and with great success!

The day culminated in a celebratory service where youngsters showcased their talents in song and worship to God and for the benefit of their fellow Christians. Our students particularly enjoyed the steel band, dance and gospel choir performance. During the service, white peace wrist bands were distributed as a reminder and aid to prayer. Students were encouraged to write a personal message of peace and pass it on in fellowship to their peers. We remember these intentions particularly in the light of the many conflicts and violent situations in our world today and would ask that you would continue to support peace through prayer.



Year 10 Football Tournament

On 7th June Year 10 took part in their annual inter-form Football competition. They all played fantastically well showing excellent attitude and behaviour. Some of the goal scorers of the tournament were Weyinmi Neburagho (3) Rianna Davis (1) Leon Macasa (1) Tunde Laja (1) and Aniel Thomas (1).

In the final excellent passing and movement was displayed by both teams, however it was the goals from Leon Macasa and Aniel Thomas that separated the two teams.



Winners - 10I (Pink) Runners-Up - 10A (Yellow) 3rd Place - 10V (Blue) 4th place - 10S (White)

Carlisle Gervais, Emmanuel Mokwa, Yusuf Elamin, Leon Macasa, Rianna Davis and Natasha Lohan were players of the tournament. A big thank you must also be made to Reiss Carroll, Connor Murphy and Koye Usanga in Year 13 who refereed the games. Well Done to All!

Mr Heasman

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 19 July** Last Day of Term
- 22-26 July** Summer School
- 3 Sept** INSET Day
- 4 Sept** Yr 7, 11, 12 and 13 Students back to College
- 4 Sept** Yr 7 Mass and Curriculum Evening
- 5 Sept** Whole college returns

Chaplain's Corner

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God: for all the teaching and learning that have taken place in our college both in and out of the classroom. We give thanks for the community that we are and we ask you Lord to bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out our love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together. Through Christ Our lord Amen

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