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and staff of St Michael's Catholic College*

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## Youth Travel Ambassadors



### Together Safer

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 a group of Year 8 pupils participated in the Youth Ambassadors Pitch event organised by Transport for London. The group chose Road Safety awareness amongst peers. All the pupils confidently presented their project in front of a panel of

judges from Transport for London and Southwark and Bexley Road Safety Officers. The judges were very impressed by the idea and outline of the project. The pupils' presentation skills as well as their team work were also praised. St Michael's College was awarded money to finance the project and our Youth Ambassador project will go from strength to strength.

*Ms Chabaud College Nurse*



### St Michael's Celebrates the Skill of Public Speaking



Over the course of the last half term, students in each year group have been working, during form time, on their public speaking skills. Given the topic: What Would or Does Make the World a Better Place? Or Who Has Made the World a Better Place? Students discussed, debated and researched and finally, wrote a speech, using a range of rhetorical devices, to promote their point of view. Was that the end? Oh no. Students then had to work on their speech delivery – eye contact, gesture and use of pause for emphasis, as well as their volume and clarity, to prepare themselves to deliver their speech to the form group.

The competition has three heats. Heat one: the form group competition - for which there can be only one winner to represent their form in .....heat two: the year group semi-final from which (because of the quality of the speeches being so brilliant) two students from each year group went on to the ....Articulate Grand Final!

The final was held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March and the quality of speeches from the 10 finalists was brilliant. Topics chosen ranged from: 'Who has made the World a Better Place?': Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Michael Collins and Steve Jobs or for 'What Makes the World a Better Place?': learning from our mistakes, being passionate and using our own imagination, video games, banning smoking and music. As you can see, imagination was applied to these topics too.

The finalists were: Year 11: Conor Walsh and Robert Quainoo

Year 10 : Mercy Frimpong and Brandon Ontama

Year 9: Jed Young and Ryan Kiely

Year 8: Shaun Sevume and Lacie May Lusham

Year 7: Esther Adeyemo and Emmanuel Ogunfuwokan

Huge Congratulations go to Jed Young – who was the overall winner!

*Ms Sayed*



## Basketball

ADEWODU Oluwamuyiwa	10A
ALVAREZ Brian	10A
ANDRADE Richard	10S
BELLENIE Ryan	10A
BRUCE-TAGOE Daniel	10A
BUTLER Emmanuel	10V
EWING Daniel	10I
FERGUSON Ryan	10V
KANKAM Kwame	10I
MANNION Padhraig	10S
OBAHOR Daniel	10V
ROBERTS Gabriel	10V
STEVENS Harrison	10V
VENTURA-BILGIC Leonardo	10V
WILSON Harry	10S

On 11th March the Year 10 GCSE Physical Education group (names to the left) had a Basketball fixture against Addy and Stanhope School.

The Year 10's are not a team per se but are doing Basketball as one of their four sports for their practical component of GCSE PE. It was the students first Basketball match against another school, who were an accomplished team.

The students showed a positive attitude towards the game and although going behind early on (0-8), they managed to make a come back and get the score to 9 - 15 by the third quarter.

In the final quarter, St Michael's performed their best, scoring their free throws (fouls committed against them) and two fantastically executed three pointers.

Although St Michael's lost (16-19), it was a victory in so many ways.

Well done to both teams.

*The Physical Education Department*

## Numeracy

In the first week back after half term, pupils in Year 8 commenced a cross-curricular task between Maths and Art. They have been using their Mathematical skills in transformation to create enlargements at specific co-ordinates. These will then be turned into works of art in their Art lessons. The completed works will show everyday objects in three dimensions. In other words, the works of art will demonstrate perspective. This is a prime example of one way that Maths is used in Art and another example of numeracy in action across the curriculum!

Also, the St. Michael's numeracy competition has been launched! It is called GTA (short for Grand Tour of Algebra) and was inspired by the computer game Grand Theft Auto. Open to all students, the competition will see pupils embarking upon missions to crack codes that tell them which teacher they will need to go to get their challenge. Once they have successfully completed their challenge, they can go to claim their reward! There will be ten missions in total with the first pupil to complete all ten missions receiving the grand prize! Mission one has now been released with the rest to follow soon. Watch this space for further updates.

*Mr Irvine*

## Chaplain's Corner

An exciting date for your diary!!!

CJM's Born for This presented by Southwark Catholic Youth Service and Young People from our Catholic Secondary Schools and Colleges.

This is an amazing dramatisation of the stations of the cross set to beautiful music and dramatic story telling/narration.

There is no better way to prepare yourself for Easter.

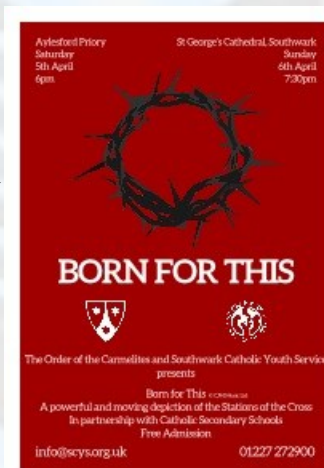
**Aylesford Priory -**

Saturday 5th April, 6pm.

**St. George's Cathedral -**

Sunday 6th April, 7:30pm.

Suitable for all ages. Free Admission.



## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**31 Mar-4 Apr - Yr 7-10 Exams**  
**3 Apr - Yr 10 Science Mock**  
**3 Apr - Yr 11 Mock Results Evening**  
**4 Apr - Last Day of Term**  
**7-21 Apr - Easter Holidays**  
**22 Apr - First Day of Term**

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