

## Meeting Mr. Gove

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2014, the BBC school news report team at St. Michael's Catholic College was invited to interview the Education Secretary Mr. Michael Gove. The pupils selected were already familiar with high profile interviews, having taken on Jeremy Paxman earlier in the year with incredible professionalism, yet meeting Mr. Gove was a daunting task.

*The day started off early at BBC broadcasting house where we worked with a fantastic BBC crew and the students from the five other schools to create our questions. Following a tour we met Fiona Bruce who listened to each of our questions carefully and gave us tips on how to improve on them, before accompanying us to Westminster where the interview*



*was going to take place. So many photos were taken and everyone was concentrating on us, I felt like a celebrity. Nicole Koney - Year 9*



Mr. Gove faced an array of questions from these articulate youngsters with topics ranging from the problems of tuition fees to the extension of the school day, yet there was time for more light hearted antics too. Not only did the pupils manage to persuade Mr. Gove to share his favourite rap, but they also included him in a series of 'selfie' photographs.

The representatives of St. Michael's college were given the further honour of being the only school selected to return to BBC broadcasting house after the interview, and appear on live TV discussing the news report



project. During an interview with Huw Edwards, Nicole Koney and Derek Obaseki were truly professional, explaining why they think journalism and literacy is important today as well as highlighting the key policies Mr Gove had discussed with them. The news report project has been running for only two years at St. Michael's yet results have been fantastic, with pupils being allowed to demonstrate the skills they're learning across the board at college in a real working environment.



*By the time I realized the day was over I felt blessed and privileged. I had felt so many emotions in one day and can say it was one of the best experiences of my life. Taking part in the BBC*

*school news report with Miss Ballard has been such a great chance to understand the world of journalism and to prove what I can do – it's been amazing. Even now I still get people saying to me "I saw you on tv". I hope it won't be the last time I hear those words! Derek Obaseki – Year 9*

*The whole experience was out of the ordinary, it's not every day that young people are able to interview someone who plays a big part in our education, and be live on radio AND television, so for us to be able to do this was magnificent. The whole experience was stimulating, and enabled us to see journalism in a new way. I can definitely say it's a day I'll never forget. Nicole Koney – Year 9*





## Football round Up

On 24th April, Gabriel Kabia (9A) and Lucas Vasquez (9S) represented our School and South London District Football in the semi-final of the South East England Cup against Bromley.

South London started off fantastically well dictating the game in possession but Bromley looked dangerous with the counter attack early on. South London took the lead ten minutes into the game. However, Bromley's centre forward was causing South London's defenders some problems with his excellent movement. Bromley responded quickly, making the game level fifteen minutes in. Gabriel Kabia started off as a substitute but was brought on in the centre back position and player marked

Bromley's centre forward. Gabriel not only prevented this player from threatening South London's goal but was also excellent in supporting attacks when going forward.

As for Lucas Vasquez, this was his first game playing at district level and he looked confident and disciplined coming on to play in goal for the latter part of the game.

In the second half, South London didn't let up with pressing forward on Bromley's goal. The game finished 5-2 to South London, who will play in the final of this competition in mid May.

Players voted Gabriel player of the match and praised Lucas for his first game at this level. Congratulations to both.

*The Physical Education Department.*



## The Passion



In order to help us to reflect before Easter, Cleo, our chaplain, worked collaboratively with both the music and drama departments to create an imaginative depiction of the Passion.



It was nice to see a wide variety of students involved in such an important event in the Church and college's calendar. The production included the Year 10 GCSE drama group who provided the mime and narration,

whilst musicians from Years 9, 10 and 6<sup>th</sup> form recorded the soundtrack.

It was refreshing to witness a creative take on the traditional



Easter story as it was an engaging performance that allowed both students and teachers alike to reflect on the final journey in Jesus' life.



The production highlighted to me how important this season of Easter is and helped me to focus on what it means to me. All in all, it was great to see such a well thought out portrayal and I look forward to what comes next.

*Morgan Mitchell – Year 12 Student*



## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 19 May - INSET Day
- 23-28 May - Rome Trip
- 24-28 May - Paris Trip
- 26-30 May - Half Term
- 19 Jun - Yr 12 UCAS Evening
- 20 Jun - Yr 11 Celebration Evening
- 23-27 Jun - Yr 7-10 Exams
- 26 Jun - Yr 10 Celebration Evening
- 27 Jun - Yr 11 Prom
- 30 Jun - Yr 10 Work Experience starts

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