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THE LINK

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

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South Korea Exchange Trip

St Michael's Students have just come back from an exciting exchange visit to South Korea. St Michael's hosted the South Korean students earlier this term and on 14th November our students travelled out to South Korea to stay with their host families. Mr Mahon and Miss McConologue accompanied 12 Year 10 students on the 10 day visit. Our students had a brilliant time sightseeing, learning about a new culture and making new friends. Look out for more on this story including pictures in the next edition of 'The Link' coming soon.



The Great Exhibition



90 have been studying the Great Exhibition of 1851 as part of their wider studies of the Industrial Revolution and the British Empire. They made their own exhibits with accompanying written plaques and invited teachers to their Friday lesson whilst they turned S09 into 'The Great Exhibition' of 1851.

Here's an eyewitness account from one visitor – a Mrs Chilton-Higgins who was transported back to

1851 by 90's 'Great Exhibition'.

June 1st 1851

When I stepped off the omnibus and observed the glittering palace constructed of glass and iron, stretched up higher than the trees, I knew I was in for an indulgence I had read so much about it in the preceding month that I had to perceive for myself what all the commotion was about. There was so much to see that I doubt that any mere mortal could resist a return visit. In fact I know our very own Queen Victoria has been back several times but it was so busy that even if she had been standing next to me I would not have noticed. Mind you I am certain she did not have to pay the one shilling entrance fee.



With over 100,000 objects to see I hardly knew where to start and the more I saw and read the more amazed I became by our great inventors and engineers. Did you know that a thing called a 'boomerang' returns to you if you throw it? Or that there is such a thing as an entire egg made of chocolate called an 'Easter egg'? Miss Keisha Sandy's Postal Office was astonishing and I could have listened all day to Mr Jayden Lewis Esquire talk about his exhibit.

Although I must say I cannot imagine that the camera or phonogram will ever become very popular, except as a novelty item.

The Koh-I-Noor diamond was so popular that I could not see it properly so I think I will have to come back. I learnt so much from the demonstrators and exhibitors that it was like being back at school.

By the end of the ten miles I was more than ready for my glass of Messrs Schweppes lemonade.



Chaplain's Corner

The shoebox appeal is an amazing way for people to give, at this festive time of year, to those children who wouldn't normally receive a gift this Christmas.

As soon as we saw the picture of that little boy's happy face, we knew that we wanted to be involved. As part of the chaplaincy team, our first task was promotion! We split into teams and got the word out through assemblies, powerpoints and class visits, to the whole school and encouraged them to fill shoeboxes.

The response from students and staff was very encouraging as everyone got on board and started bringing in boxes and gifts. Steadily the pile grew until Wednesday afternoon when two volunteers from the Samaritans Purse came to load the 134 boxes in to their van.

Through the process of promoting, wrapping and collecting shoeboxes, our hearts were warmed by the generosity and good will of the staff, parents and students of our college community.

Please go to <http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> for videos, photos and details on how to donate.

Kerry Mulvihill and Monica Rafla – Year 13 students



Numeracy

Recently, the mathematics department have been entering some of our pupils into UK Mathematics Trust competitions.

Yesterday, four of our sixth formers took part in the Regional Finals of the Senior Maths Challenge where they competed against a wide range of pupils from South London. **Daniel Adelodun, Josh McInerney, Omar Shehata-Mauri and Tony Nguyen** formed the St Michael's Team. They all trained hard in preparation for the event at which they did really well.

We also had the opportunity to enter pupils into the UK Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, where pupils competed individually, showing off their mathematical understanding and reasoning. **Eleni Christofi** scored the best in

the school, followed closely by **Hyacinth Cabiles, Dina Dawit, and Joanna Woznicka**. The other pupils selected to take part in the challenge were **Emily Bryne and Victoria Nwaesei** from Year 11, **Zoe Alison, Anita Duong, Pauline Okeke and Remi Pasha** from Year 12, and **Maira Amaya-Garcia** in Year 13.

They all worked very hard for this and did exceptionally well. They were all a credit to the college.



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Forthcoming Dates

4 Dec	- Yr 11 Parents Evening
8-9 Dec	- Yr 9 Core Exams
12-17 Dec	- Yrs 11-13 Mock Exams
12-18 Dec	- Yrs 7-10 End of Term Exams
17 Dec	- Sixth Form Christmas Dinner
19 Dec	- Last day of Term
22 Dec - 2 Jan	- Christmas Holiday
5-6 Jan 2015	- Inset Days
7 Jan 2015	- Students return to college

Calling all Parents!

We have an e—suggestion box on our website where you can post any helpful suggestions that you have or any feedback on our policies or procedures to help us to improve. We would be grateful for any constructive suggestions that you give. The e – suggestion box can be found in the 'Contact us' section of the College website.

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