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St Michael's Catholic College nationally recognised as transforming educational practice

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St Michael's Catholic College has recently achieved accreditation for transforming practice under SSAT's Framework for Exceptional Education. The Framework for Exceptional Education is a self-review and planning tool incorporating SSAT's 30 years of experience in school improvement. Co-developed with a group of high-performing schools and reviewed by leading academics, the framework supports schools in quality-assuring their work and sharing effective practice. To achieve accreditation as transforming in practice, St Michael's Catholic College was reviewed by another high-performing school and an independent moderator from SSAT. SSAT's Chief Executive, Sue Williamson comments "for a school to be accredited for transforming practice is a real credit to their team and the quality of the work that they are doing."

We are delighted that our excellent work in this area has been recognised as different and moreover transforming educational pedagogy and practice.

About SSAT: SSAT (school, students and teacher's network) enables ambitious schools to break through by thinking differently. They help by providing knowledge of what works in schools, world leading CPD and thriving networks of school leaders and teachers – the most extensive in the country.



A trip to Stockwell Bus garage

On Wednesday 10th May 2017 we were invited to Stockwell Bus Garage to film a video as part of our awareness work on road safety. Our video focuses on good and bad behaviour on London buses. We had a fantastic fun day shooting the video. This video is part of a project which helps us educate our peers on how important it is to behave well on London buses for everybody's safety and well-being.

Year 9 Youth Travel Ambassadors: Sarah, Shokare, Edonis, Thomas, Jacqueline, Humu, Jason, Campbell and Lashae.'

Concert at St Michael's Catholic College

On Thursday 4th of May the Music Department held a concert for family, friends and staff and the whole evening was a great success!

The concert showcased the range of musical talent across the College with solos, groups and ensembles of every size, representing each year group. The music was equally diverse including a medley from "Phantom of the Opera" by the Senior Wind players and the band offering "Uptown funk" and "Thriller". Mr Ballard's Year 9 Drummers performed a grime-based number that raised the roof, while the newly formed choir led by our wonderful new singing teacher Miss CJ performed a range of songs with a full and confident sound and led the whole audience in a rousing encore.



Katharine Duff – Deputy Head Girl and first clarinettist in the band commented, "This has to be the strongest concert I have had the pleasure to be involved with in my six years at St Michael's. The wind ensemble had the opportunity to display our musical training, with my favourite piece of the evening being "Phantom". It required us to show our musical capabilities, as well as technical and expressive control on our instruments."

Overall, a wonderful evening and our thanks go to all the performers as well as to the Music Department.

Chaplain's Corner - Good Samaritan Mass 25th April



We were invited by Archbishop Peter Smith to the second 'Good Samaritan' Mass, which relates to a new initiative of the Diocesan Education Commission and the Catholic Children's Society.

Students and staff from Catholic Secondary Schools across the Diocese gathered together on Tuesday 25th April at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. St Michael's was represented by 15 students from Years 7-10 and two members of Staff.

The Mass was a beautiful celebration and included contemporary music, thoughtful readings and bidding prayers. All schools were asked to produce a banner for the entry and final processions and a candle with the schools name on it as part of the offertory.



Brilliant scores for brilliant scholars



We want to wish warm congratulations to our group of Year 9 Brilliant Club Scholars who have now completed their university-style tutorial and assessments.

They were guided through the process by their PhD tutor in Bio-engineering Fiona Kenny.

Students had a series of tutorials and then were asked to write a 2000 word assignment using their new knowledge. These were marked using high level criteria and degree-style ratings.

We are delighted that all of our students passed with flying colours, gaining a 2.2, 2.1 or in the case of Grace Nyamugabo and Adonai Habtom, firsts. This is an excellent achievement. The scholars now look forward to their graduation trip to Sussex University on the 25th May.



Upcoming Exams

As some parents will be aware the public examinations have just started. Years 12 and 13 students will be on study leave over the next month or two—just coming in for exams. A copy of the external timetable is available on the College Website at www.stmichaelscollege.org.uk. Exams begin at 9.00 in the morning and 1.30 in the afternoon. We would like to remind students that they need to be in College half a hour before the start of the exams.

Parents can help with revision by making sure students have somewhere quiet to study and are eating properly. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing great results in the summer.



Safeguarding

Important Notice from the Safeguarding Officer - there is a copy of our Safeguarding Policy on the College Website. A hard copy of this is available in the College Office.



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