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EXAM RESULTS

Continued A Level success

Staff and students are celebrating another outstanding set of results for our Sixth formers.

The college congratulates all the students who will be taking up places to begin their undergraduate studies in such diverse subjects Law, mathematics, History, Politics, Computer science, Psychology, French and economics, to name but a few.

The students will be joining their fellow St Michael's Alumni at prestigious institutions such as Warwick, Southampton, Cardiff, Leeds, Keele, Sussex, Kent, Nottingham and Queen Mary's. We wish them every success in the future.

Particular congratulations go to:

Bryan Amores; N'Douba Marie-Dominique Asseman; Aaron Enaharo; Ryan Long; Bailey Masson; Katherine Duff; Robert Newman; Derek Obaseki; Tishalina Reddie; Martin Rivera; Bilikisu Salami; Millie Toomey; Jed Young.

The average grade for students completing technical qualifications is Distinction* and congratulations go to: Jan Aguilar, Wiktor Antczak, Miroslav Cizmar, Mateo Guembe Young, Shannon Payne and Patrick Wojciechowski for their outstanding achievements.

Other subjects that performed extremely well, with A and A* grades awarded to students were Maths, Computer Science, History, Law, Economics, English Literature, Business, Chemistry, French, Government and Politics, Geography, Philosophy and Ethics and Spanish.

Grade 8 and 9 GCSE success

Grade 9 Success at St Michael's Catholic College

St Michael's Catholic College is delighted to build on its outstanding A level performance with a sensational set of GCSE results. The number of 7 – 9 grades awarded (equivalent to A and A**) has increased by a third to over 30%, alongside substantial increases in the percentage of students achieving every grade above grade 4. The 81 % of students entered for the EBACC also performed strongly.

Toni I. who achieved an incredible 9 grade 9's said 'I'm proud of myself – I worked really hard for these and I am glad that it paid off. When I told my mum she screamed!'



Other highly successful students were Matthew H. who said 'I feel really proud of myself – I am shocked at how well I have done. My Mum is delighted! Aalia C., who achieved the equivalent of what would have been 10 A* grades is also delighted 'I expected to do well but not THAT well! I have already told my parents and my sister who feel really blessed by these grades.'

Congratulations also to Ioannis Emmanouilidis who was awarded his cello Diploma in Music performance by Trinity College London. He has received a scholarship at St Albans School where he will move to.

The Principal Ms Corcoran said 'Congratulations to all of our students. They have risen exceptionally well to the challenge of the new, harder GCSE qualifications. We are proud of them all.'



A warm welcome to the new Year 7

Summer school

When I went to summer school it was really fun because I went to different classes like we do now.

I really liked summer school because it prepared me for now. My favourite lesson was PE where we did trampolining.

Another lesson that was really fun was science because we got to use different chemicals and we saw that they have different reactions. Summer school really helps you

when you start Year 7 in September. *Kiyan SJ - Year 7*



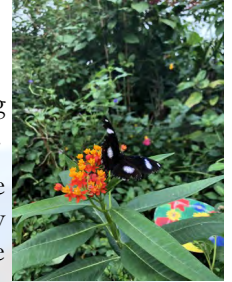
Trip to the zoo

For me the best thing about going to the zoo was the freedom and fun.

The trip was definitely worth it once there. At the zoo we obviously saw animals but we also had the chance to bond with our other classmates.

If I were to rate the trip I would certainly rate it 5 stars!

Ciara Kate L. -Year 7

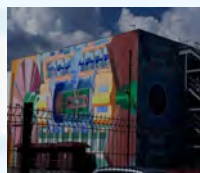
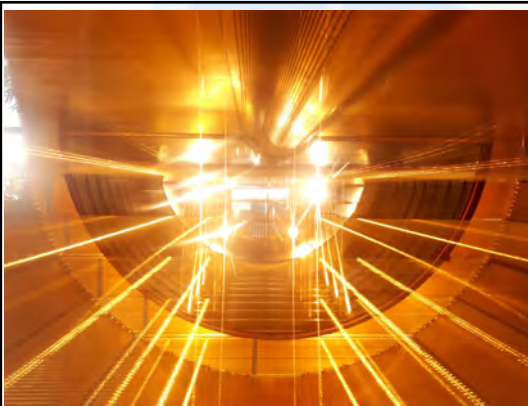


Learning over the summer: Year 13 Visit to CERN (UEuropean Organisation for Nuclear Research)

The trip to Geneva, Switzerland to visit CERN and do workshops based around particle physics was a once in a lifetime opportunity. We had a lot of talks about fascinating topics in physics from the taboo topic of super symmetry known as SUSY to the unknowns of neutrinos and how all these things are being worked on at CERN by multiple people. The surprising fact to me was that only 5% of the staff at CERN are physicists,

whereas the other 95% are software engineers, mechanical engineers all with the pure objective of maintaining the Large Hadron Collider known as LHC. There are four experiments currently in operation at CERN; ATLAS, ALICE, LHCb, and CMS. All of these detect different parts of the interactions in different ways. For example, ATLAS was built to detect all of the data that is produced from colliding the hadrons, whereas LHCb only detects one field of view of this collision but with a much larger range within this direction than ATLAS. Spending a week talking with a PhD student and a few other postgrad students who all are working at CERN was extremely interesting. They talked to us about all the different fields of CERN they work in and seeing how different the detection of a neutrino is compared to attempting to finding proof of SUSY. This was a fantastic experience and I am very thankful that I was able to attend and I will be going back at my own discretion in the future.

Xavier M.-Year 13





Year 12 Teambuilding

On Friday the 14th of September as part of the Sixth Form's enrichment programme, Year 12 came together for team building activities on the new astro turf. With help of Mr Parker the students were set a variety of tasks which challenged mental, physical and logical skills. The main purpose of the day was to build team working skills and formally welcome returning and new Year 12 students.

Mr Merrigan



Chaplain's corner

Welcome back to all!

And an extra special welcome to all our new students, staff and parents.

As we begin this new school year, we take a moment to pray for all former pupils who will be starting new adventures in the world of work, 6th form, colleges and universities. We wish them all the best.

And finally, we pray for all of us and the amazing year ahead. We know that God loves us all and has a plan for us all.

F.O'Sullivan

**O God of all knowledge and love,
walk with us each day in this new
school year.**

**Help us to realize how blessed we
are to give and receive the
wisdom and knowledge**

**that will come to us through
textbooks, the media, our
experiences and the people in our
lives.**

**May we always give You honour
and praise for the gift of our
intellect and will as we strive to
better know You and ourselves.**

**We ask this in the name of the
Holy Spirit Who continually fills
our lives with wisdom and grace.
Amen.**

St George's Cathedral Mass

On Tuesday the 11th of September we attended the commissioning Mass for the start of the Academic Year with our Principal Ms. Corcoran. This was held at St George's Cathedral and was led by the Archbishop of our diocese.

When we arrived the Cathedral was already full with many different Southwark Schools, the range of colours in their uniform was truly amazing. The mass was lovely as we prayed for God to guide us through the new academic year. This was accompanied by beautiful singing from the young choir and everyone in the congregation.

Overall it was a fantastic experience to be able to represent our college here and it was great to see how religiously involved a lot of the Catholic Schools in our diocese are.

*Toni I. - Year
12*



**DATES
FOR YOUR
DIARY**

OPEN DAYS AND EVENINGS for Year 6

24th September (9.30am-11.30am AND 4.30pm-7.30pm)

26th September (9.30am-11.30am)

1st October (9.30am-11.30am)

OPEN DAY for 6th Form: 17th October (16.00 - 18.30)

Key Dates for your diary

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 24th to Friday 26th of October

AFTERNOON CLUBS until Half Term

Go to: <https://www.stmichaelscollege.org.uk/trips-dates-and-events/>

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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