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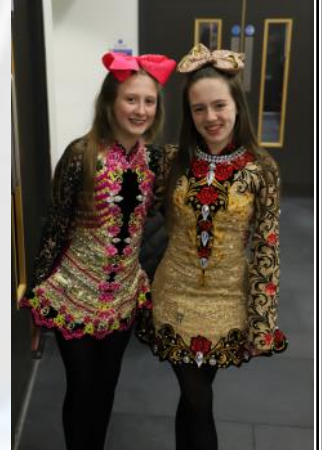
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Senior Citizen's Dinner

The Senior Citizen's Party took place this week and as ever was a great success.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the OAP Christmas party.

As always our students were the stars of the show, acting as fantastic ambassadors, hosts and performers for our guests- true faith in action, showing the very best of St Michael's. *Ms Corcoran*



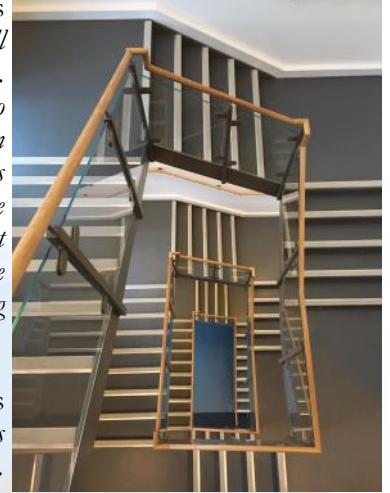
SSLP Street Photography competition

Congratulations to our year 7 pupil Caspar Glemser (7G) and our art teacher Mr Lomax who both achieved first prize in their respected categories for this month's SSLP Street Photography competition. Students and staff from schools across Southwark were invited to participate in this five-month photography competition. Each month they are set a challenge by the SSLP resident *Street Photographer* and are judged by an expert panel. The theme for November was 'Stairway' - 'set(s) of steps or stairs and its surrounding walls or structure'.



On Caspar's winning entry judges stated that his photo was "A well composed and impacting photograph. Good depth of field draws the viewer into the scene and beyond that into the human story. The contrast of light and dark gives dramatic emphasis to the poignancy of the situation for the wheelchair user. It speaks a thousand words in one single photographic statement. A very deserving winning entry."

About Mr Lomax's photo judges said "This is a striking image. By its composition it poses a geometric puzzle. It's visual design draws you in and evokes



a sense of vulnerability suggesting the viewer is leaning over, looking down and has the potential to fall through the stair well. A highly deserving 'Best of Bunch'."

The theme for December is 'Outside Looking In: Inside Looking Out' so we look forward at seeing the latest entries.

Chaplain's Corner

10 Ways to Keep Christ in Christmas

- 1) Give God one very special gift just from you to him.
- 2) Set aside a special time to read the Christmas story in Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20.
- 3) Set up a Nativity scene in your home.
- 4) Plan a project of good will this Christmas.
- 5) Take a group Christmas caroling in a nursing home or a children's hospital.
- 6) Give a surprise gift of service to each member of your family.
- 7) Set aside a time of family devotions on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning.
- 8) Attend a Christmas church service together with your family.
- 9) Send Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message.
- 10) Write a Christmas letter to a missionary.

No Room

A Christmas Poem by Kathryn Slasor

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| No room for Him," cry men today, | And have our lives so crowded That we have no room for Him. |
| As through the world they plod; | But now may we, thy children dear, |
| "My life is crowded, don't you see? | Unworthy though we are, |
| I have no room for God. | Become as shepherds long ago, |
| How could I dare explain to all My friends who question me, | And follow now His star! |
| That Jesus came to save my soul | |
| From sin, to set me free?" | |
| O God, forbid that we become As keepers of the inn, | |



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