

## Last day before Christmas

Moments of fun and devotion have characterised the last day of school before the Winter term. Students and teachers have joined in the celebration with cheerful spirits and moments of reflection.



## Government Economists Visit

On Friday 30th of November St Michael's College was being visited by Government Economists from the Department of Work and Pensions.

They presented before a group of Year 10 all the way to the Sixth Form. Amongst the numerous topics discussed in the assembly hall was a typical day for a civil servant economist from the numerical analysis along with the broad range of departments that they work with. What stood out the most was the brand new apprenticeship scheme offered by the DWP after A-Levels to work and study at University for 4 years, allowing pupils to gain money, experience and

possibly work elsewhere. Overall, what I took personally from the presentation is the value of our education which allows us to progress and achieve what we put our minds towards and work to inspire not only the next generations in this academic institution but children nationwide. - **Bless N. Year 12**



## 'Psychology and Science' conference

The Psychology department took a group of 14 students (predominantly Year 13 with some Year 12) to the 'Psychology and Science' conference in Euston at the 'Friends House' conference hall. There was quite an array of talks that ensued, ranging from malpractice in psychology ('bad science'), to using music to improve cognitive abilities, to the science behind magic, to a live demonstration of hypnosis and how it works. There was certainly much for the students to debate, enjoy and consider, all within the realm of science in the psychology world.

The students thoroughly enjoyed a fairly lengthy day of talks, which also

reflected university-style learning. They had differing opinions on the best or most interesting talks, with some preferring the strictly scientific talks, whereas others enjoyed the talks that delved into the science behind 'alternative' pursuits such as magic and hypnosis. All in all an enormously worthwhile trip, which struck a good balance between the academic and fun sides of the science involved in psychology. **Mr N.Cook**







### My Experience in the Christmas Play

I am someone who loves Drama and goes to Drama class after school, so as soon as I heard that there were auditions for the Christmas Play, I had to take part! I have never been at an audition and I was a bit nervous, but still very excited. I really wanted one of the main parts but wasn't sure if Miss Viveash would notice me. I tried really hard to stand out and get noticed, but I wasn't sure if it was working. When it was time to audition in our pairs, I knew that I just had to try my best and be myself. Afterwards I felt good inside, but didn't know if I would get a main part because there were many other excellent people. In the next few days I was constantly checking the drama door to see who got what part and I was so excited to

get the part of the Angel Gabriel.

During our rehearsals on Thursdays after school, we had so much fun putting this play together. I was constantly worrying about learning my lines because I had so many and they were very difficult. We had many practices including Mondays, so we had extra time. When we were at our last practice, I was so nervous that I would mess up on the real performance.

On the day, we had multiple practices and my lines were shaky, I was even more worried. We had some dinner and had our make up done which made us look fabulous! Once we were in position and the lights were down, I was scared but also excited. My lines went perfectly and I was so happy! Overall the performance was absolutely amazing!!! This was an amazing night and experience. I wouldn't change it for the world...

- Nicola L. Year 7 -



fantastic rendition of the classic Christmas song. The hosts for this year also created a nice atmosphere for all the performers; making them stomp their feet or move about to help calm their nerves and help them to relax, which I think is very considerate of them. The feeling in the church was very nice, and watching each performance created a united audience between parents and the other schools who watched. The final hymn "Ding Dong Merrily On High" also brought the different choirs together as a collective, which was a nice and joyful way of bringing an end to the Catholic Music Festival. -

*Keturah E. Year 11*

### Catholic Music Festival

The Catholic Music Festival was a spectacular event! It was a thrill getting to see different schools showing off their different talents; singing a wide range of songs. It was a place that allowed individuality to be shown, and yet had aspects of unison between the many schools that attended. The wide range of ages between the different schools highlighted the talent and effort that each school had put into their many performances. Getting to actually take part in the performances was like a rush of joy, and was a great addition to all the memories of past trips that we have attended. There were many schools that stood out, one of them being a junior school who had sung silent night, not only in English, but also in French! And I must say, it was a





### Entrepreneur Visit

On the 27th November the Business Studies students were lucky to have a talk by former pupil, Corrine Mensah, who is now a successful entrepreneur and plus size model. Ms. Mensah discussed her achievements and long term goals with the students - one being she wishes to open her own store within the next five years and her recent success of winning the award of Ms. Curvaceous, which lead to an interview with BBC3. Ms Mensah's journey of, hard work and determination left the students asking endless questions. Ms. Mensah's motivational discussion with the students was very knowledgeable and informative, we hopefully wish to be working with her in future. **Michelle W.**



### Rowing Competition

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Eighteen, St Michaels students took part in the South London Regional Youth Indoor championship held at Elephant & Castle. Over 20 schools took part with St Michaels College finishing in a respectful 10<sup>th</sup> place .

The team consisted of: Caleb Akoto, Eseosa Osarumwense, Flavio Nardone, Gerald Peralta, Gideon Oni, Hubertas Bartninkas, Issac Sotomayor, Jack Wojciechowski, Joshua Sama, Larry Adai, Max Smith, Prince Eduzor, Quadi Okunuga, Shaun Taylor, Teddy Lusham, Timi Osbingbade, Victor Turner, Maliki Groucher.



Well done to all who took part especially to Qudri in Year 7 for winning a gold medal in the KS4 SEND caterogory rowing in the older age group race.

### Year 7 Football Showcase

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November St Michael's hosted the group stage of the ESFA South 5 a side tournament.

The show piece event provided the opportunity to officially showcase our new flood lit Football Pitches. Our students responded to the occasion putting in an excellent performance all round. St Michael's were competing against London Nautical and Bacon.s College for the right to qualify for the Finals event held at the Lions Centre Millwall. St Michael's won both their games to qualify for the final, beating London Nautical 1-0 in our opening game and coming from behind to beat Bacon's college 2-1 in the final to cap a wonderful evening of Football played in good spirits by all involved.



A big well done to Paul, Arron, Matteo, Conor, Elijah, Prince, Ronnie, Eniola, Ade, Edem and Francis who all played superbly.

**Mr R Gavin, Head of PE**



### Christmas Doors competition

Congratulations to the students of 7BC, 8BC, 9BC and 10VI for the best Christmas Door decorations!

The points have been assigned as follows: 1st place to 7BC; joint second to 8BC and 10VI and 3rd place to 9BC



### Reflective poem - a recipe for a Happy New Year

Take twelve whole months,  
clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy.  
Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.  
Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-one  
different parts,  
but don't make up the whole batch at once.  
Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.  
Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of  
patience, one part of courage, and one part of work.  
Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness,  
generosity, and kindness.  
Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one  
good deed.  
Season the whole with a dash of Christian spirit, a  
sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play,  
and a cupful of good humour.  
Pour all of this into a vessel of love.  
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.



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