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

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## Where The River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari



This book is an inspirational read that inspires young people to make a difference and defeat climate change. A girl called Shifa and her brother Themba live with their dad on the future Earth which has been hurt by climate change. Many families sign away their rights to an organisation called Freedom Fields that 'claims' to keep them safe as long as they opt in.

One day Shifa and Themba are sent away to work but in doing so they discover a cruel system that is full of corruption as well as secrets. They go on an adventure to find a fairer future.

I enjoyed this book as it helped me understand that no matter what age or gender you can have an opinion and make a difference in the world. Take Greta Thunberg she was only 15 when she started making a stand (now 19) she started outside the Swedish parliament and ended up becoming a famous worldwide figure **By Riley A.**

## Chess Competition results: Staff versus Students Year 8 and Year 10

Out of 41 games, the average student score was 1.32 and the Staff average score was 1.31.

Although close, the Students just won!

Top Scorers were: Matteo O.B; Albert James M., Stephen M-C., Eyitemi A., Sean F.

Well done to the Staff for a (thankfully) much improved performance since the Sixth Form competition!

Thank you to the many of you who supported: our students really do appreciate it. **Mr Mullik**



This chess competition was a way for everyone who attended to develop their skills in chess, no matter how many times they had played before. Miss Stewart for example who hadn't played in months, ended up winning all of her games and Mrs Weatherley who won even though she had never played before. Just the atmosphere of sportsmanship and friendliness that the whole event gave off was amazing to witness. I can't wait for the next time and I hope to see more people there getting house points and winning some games. **Luiza L. 10DA**



## International History Research at St Michael's

The History Department is delighted to announce that St Michael's has been chosen to represent the nation taking part in ground-breaking research at UCL, University of London.

This project will start in the autumn term with a focus on Key Stage 3 History curriculum. This work will also involve students

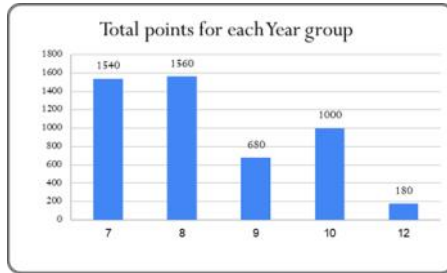
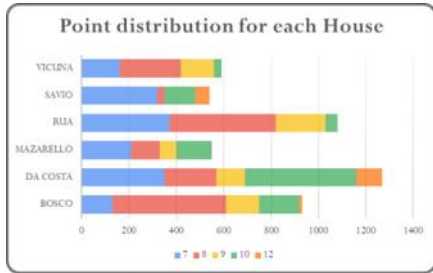
and universities from The Netherlands and Germany in a pan-European study that will contribute to the development of History teaching globally in the years to come. Congratulations everybody! **Mr Magnoff**



## Maths Challenge 7 Results



**Top Scoring House: DA COSTA**  
**Top Scoring Year: Year 8**  
**Top Scoring tutor group: 8 BOSCO**



### Winner of the RUAH Prize

This is for the best answer to the 'special question'. This question asks students to make links with a contemporary mathematical or scientific event and our RUAH values.'



This is the largest and most powerful space telescope ever build, the James Webb space telescope.

It was launched after 25 years of development, showing the RUAH value of Humour through resilience, teaching us to work hard and to not give up even if it takes you a long time to achieve your goal. This was used to try and discover when the first galaxy was formed in the Universe. **Jessica A, 8RU**

### Top Scorers

BOSCO	Ms Main	10
BOSCO	Ksusha D.	9
DA COSTA	Albert James M.	10
DA COSTA	Arielle O. P.	10
DA COSTA	Jayden F-M.	10
DA COSTA	Roger J.	8
MAZARELLO	Peter D.	7
RUA	Jan U.	9
RUA	Maria N.	8
RUA	Mrs Garcia	8

### Athletics in St Michael's

Year 7's are learning various disciplines within athletics and recently learning sprint start skills in athletics this term. This is ahead of sports day, so students can get practicing to compete for the sports day house competitions. Key discussion points were components of fitness, such as; reaction time, power and speed. Tatyana O won in Mrs Weatherley's PE lesson with Kingsley O. coming in a photo finish second place. **Ms Weatherley**



### It's happening at St Michael's

#### Cambridge University Trip

Year 12 – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June



6th form students will be travelling to Cambridge University on Thursday 30th June to take part in a tour and workshops on preparing them for university life



#### Finance Workshop by MyBnk

Year 9 – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Period 1-3



MyBnk will be visiting our Year 9 on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June from P1 to P3. On the day Year 9 will be engaging in a series of engaging actives over 3 sessions outlined below:

**Session 1:** The functions of money, understanding their relationship with money and the impact that advertising, peer and media pressure, and shopping deals can have. Alongside comparing costs and benefits of a range of goods and services.

**Session 2:** Exploring the cost of living, wages and income to learn budgeting skills, differentiating needs from wants and making financial decisions based on their circumstances.

**Session 3:** Making good money decisions based on current and savings accounts, interest, flow of money, understanding bank statements, overdrafts and the future of money.

### St Michael's Drama Club!



Open to Year 7, 8 and 9

Sign up for drama games, skill building and upcoming drama performances!

If you have any questions please see Mr Kose or Ms Coulbeck in the drama office (G25)



Every Thursday 3.30- 4.15

Sign up in G25 (Drama Office) by Thursday

## Year 11 Prom

Year 11's enjoyed their Prom last week to celebrate their GCSE exams coming to a close and the end of 5 years at St Michael's. They arrived in style in their Rolls Royce cars and limousines and Mercedes to mention a few. They were dressed to impress and had an amazing night with their; peers of 5 years, their teachers and heads of years. They started the night off with a welcome mocktail and photos on arrival. The evening then proceeded with a trip down memory lane as the students reminisced on photos from when they were in year 7 all the way through to year 11. They then enjoyed a delicious 5-star buffet before dancing the night away in stunning prom dresses and tuxedos at the Hilton Hotel by the river Thames.

We would like to thank the Year 11's for the great turn out and exemplary behaviour!

A good time was had by students and staff all round.

*Ms Osei and*



*Mrs*



## Chaplain's Corner

### The Word of the Lord

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them .

### A reflection on this...

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, Lord, and take over my life you are true love, love divine.

Flowing and glowing, brightness in my darkness, power in my weakness, peace in my troubled life.

What beauty and purity, sweet fragrance and harmony what splendour and wonder, such joy and glory, Lord.

You are so brilliant and illuming so caring and comforting, so gentle and renewing so patient and liberating, so motherly and wise.

You are true love, divine Lord, come and take possession of my soul.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Amen.

*Ms R. Casey, Head of Chaplaincy*

### What's been happening in the faith life of the school?

- Miss Casey led assemblies on the importance of the Ascension and the connection to Saints of the world – pupils discovered that St Mary, Queen of Heaven, is the most popular saint in the world and the patron saint of many of nations
- The Year 12 CAFOD Youth team went on their second training day and shared the work they have been doing with representatives from other schools and the CAFOD team, they really enjoyed meeting other young Christians and understanding the importance of CAFOD's work worldwide
- The Church celebrated Pentecost, a theme we covered in assemblies with all year groups.



### Lost property

Please make sure your child's property has their name on, this makes it easier to reunite lost property to its owner.  
Please don't bring expensive property to school;

Please note that all lost property that is not collected will be disposed of at the end of each half term.

### 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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