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CAFOD Young Leadership Training Program

On Wednesday 5th October 2022, 12 pupils in Year 13 attended their graduation ceremony for their CAFOD YLT course at Amigo Hall at St George's Cathedral. The pupils have been signed up to this course since November 2021 and whilst it got off to a shaky start being all on Zoom, they persevered to showcase their amazing leadership skills.



It was in January 2022 when they first came up with the idea of a summer festival and whilst time ran away from us, they were finally able to put on their festival for St Michael's Day. Their idea was simple: fun, games and activities for all and any proceeds were to go to CAFOD's Step Up To The Plate Campaign. This campaign was close to their hearts, as at their training day in May 2021 they got to see the hard work CAFOD does to ensure global food equality and where as one world we are failing. During the day itself, the Year 13s (then Year 12) mingled with pupils from other schools, engaged in hearty

debates and activities to explore the great work CAFOD does. One thing they took away from the day was the idea of teaching younger pupils all about the CAFOD Step Up To The Plate Campaign, and through much meticulous organization, the pupils of the Sixth Form Chaplaincy Team delivered lessons to all classes in Year 7 and Year 8 across one week in June in RE lessons. CAFOD kindly provided the lessons we adapted and Miss Casey arranged the resources. The activities were designed to make the pupils in KS3 think about the fairness of food in the world and the final task was to write a message to the government to explain the need to overcome injustice in food worldwide.

The representatives from CAFOD were completely amazed with the work our pupils had done and even shared their work at national conferences the next day, showcasing just how brilliant our St Michael's pupils are!!

It has been a delight to watch them grow over the year and take part in so many activities and become outstanding leaders, and now they hand the mantle over to the Year 12s as the Year 13s focus on their A Levels, CTECs and University applications.

Miss Casey, Head of Chaplaincy

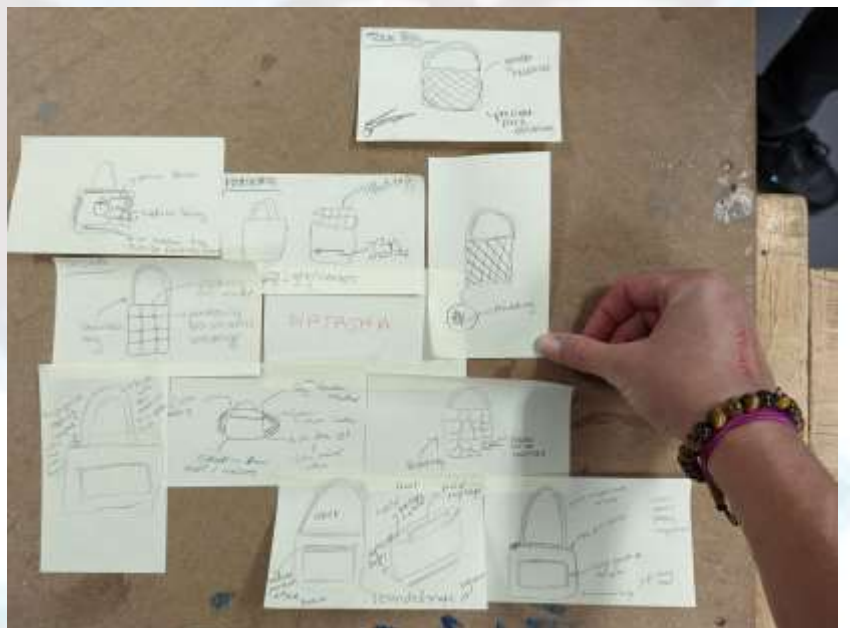
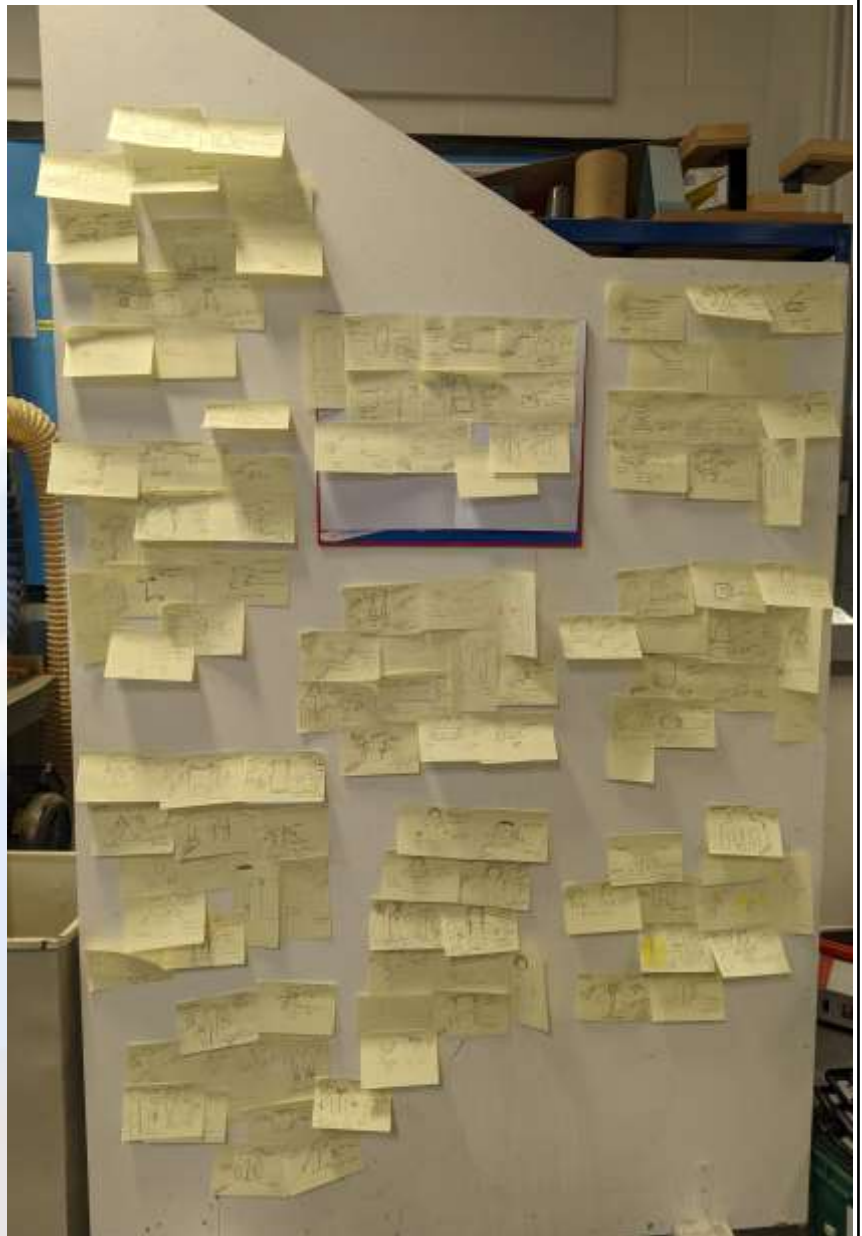


Designing Solutions

This week Year 11 DT students have been flexing their design muscles! Following brief presentations, each student made a visual response to the problem given by their peers. At the end of the lesson, each problem had 10 unique design solutions; the students will feed these ideas back to their Stakeholders and weave them into their design work. It was fantastic seeing the students enthusiastic about helping each other with their coursework. And hopefully, working with others' ideas will give the students a fresh perspective on their own projects.

Great work Team DT!

Ms R Shillito, Head of DT



Library news



Book Review: Lord of the the Flies

Lord of the Flies (LOTF) is a 19th century fictitious literary text by William Golding. It explores the main themes of human nature, natural instinct, relationships and the importance of democracy in society.

The novel follows a group of schoolboys that get stranded on an uninhabited island after a plane crash, and how they try to survive there whilst trying to get rescued. The protagonist, Ralph, is elected to be chief of the boys, but he doesn't fulfill his role that well due to his lack of experience and diminishing respect for the boys, and the island is eventually divided. There are a few character deaths, which occur under the boys' destructive tendencies and their true "savage" nature comes to light through their obsession with hunting. The boys' community is broken up, and there is a very climactic ending to the story, which had been built up to throughout the whole course of the novel. As studying this novel as a part of the GCSE English literature curriculum, my ideas and understanding of it has been quite developed. However, I will judge it as a general novel rather than a school assignment. I enjoyed reading this book. I tried to read it in Year 7, and it was quite a challenge (I don't think I even finished it) because I found it too difficult to understand and couldn't follow the plot line at all. However, reading it properly this time, I was able to fully understand and follow it, due to my increased experience in reading old-fashioned literary texts, and knowing beforehand what the main themes were. I think that it's really interesting, and it did make me contemplate aspects of human nature and the fragility of the way that society is constructed. The characters were all individually different and unique, with depth and positive and negative qualities about them. This made them more relatable overall, and added a deeper level of complex understanding. My favorite character in particular is Simon, who has a quiet but relevant presence in the novel, and acts as a source of peace and compassion - he is the only boy that respects and fully understands the importance of the island.

Year 11 Student



Reading Club



The Department of Modern Foreign Languages in collaboration with the English department has started a reading club called "Found in Translation" aimed at improving the appreciation of literature across the Curriculum. This takes place during lunch break, opened both to teachers and students from Years 10-13, short stories from around the world are read and discussed. Some of the titles that made the discussions are:

The Other by Jorge Luis Borges

A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings by Gabriel García Márquez

The House Taken by Julio Cortázar

The Continuation of Parks by Julio Cortázar

Mr Toledo

Sport in St Michael's : Year 11 Inner London Cup

Year 11s kicked off the season with a win.

On Tuesday 11th October we took a team over to Prendergast Ladywell School. Upon arrival, it was clear to see that they had a lot of enthusiastic home support. As the match started, after some initial pressure from St Michael's, Prendergast broke with the ball and scored the opening goal from a corner. It was to be an uphill struggle. A few minutes later, however, St Michael's responded with a brilliant free kick from Ronnie, making it 1-1. Not long before half time and with the match in the balance, the Prendergast forward was clean through to a one vs one with Lemuel [our goalkeeper] who succeeded to catch a very difficult ball, pulling off an outstanding save. This was the turning point of the game. Concede here and it could have been very different.

A few minutes after half time a brilliant through ball from Tiago found Ronnie who lifted it over the keeper to make it 2-1. The pass had glimpses of vintage Xavi! It would have been very easy to switch off at this point but to make sure of the win, Elijah pounced on the fullback's mistake in the penalty box to score our third and final goal of the day.

A great performance today and some very hard work was put in to ensure the win. Next up in the Inner London cup will either be Southfields Academy or Archbishop Tenisons v Mossbourne Victoria Park

With some students unavailable for selection it is an exciting prospect to see a full strength Cup team in the next round.

Mr J Murungi, Sports Development Officer



PE MORNING CLUBS

DAY	CLUB	LOCATION
TUESDAY	KS3 FUTSAL	GYM
THURSDAY	KS4 BASKETBALL	GYM



PE LUNCHTIME CLUBS



DAY	LUNCH	CLUB	LOCATION
MONDAY	4A	KS3 BADMINTON	GYM
TUESDAY	4A	KS3 ROWING KS3 RUNNING CLUB	MAIN HALL GYM
WEDNESDAY	4B	YEAR 10 FUTSAL AND BASKETBALL	GYM
THURSDAY	4A	KS3 TABLE TENNIS KS3 GIRL'S FUTSAL KS3 RUGBY	MAIN HALL GYM ASTRO
FRIDAY	4A	YEAR 8 & 9 FUTSAL	GYM



PE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS



DAY	CLUB	LOCATION
MONDAY	KS3 MIXED YEAR 7 FOOTBALL KS3 TABLE TENNIS SOUTH FORM BASKETBALL	ASTRO ASTRO MAIN HALL GYM
TUESDAY	YEAR 10 FOOTBALL GIRL'S FOOTBALL KS3 MIXED BADMINTON KS3 TRAMPOLINING	ASTRO HARD COURT GYM MAIN HALL
WEDNESDAY	YEAR 9 FOOTBALL YEAR 10 BASKETBALL	ASTRO GYM
THURSDAY	YEAR 8 FOOTBALL YEAR 9 & 10 BASKETBALL	ASTRO GYM
FRIDAY	SOUTH FORM FOOTBALL MIXED BADMINTON YEAR 11 FOOTBALL	ASTRO GYM ASTRO



Chaplain's Corner

The Word of the Lord

Revelation 12:7-12

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power

and the kingdom of our God,

and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

They triumphed over him

by the blood of the Lamb

and by the word of their testimony;

they did not love their lives so much

as to shrink from death.

Therefore rejoice, you heavens

and you who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,

because the devil has gone down to you!

He is filled with fury,

because he knows that his time is short.”

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

On the 29th September we enjoyed a fantastic celebration festival for the feast of St Michael. The brain child of the Year 13 Chaplaincy Team, they hosted a range of events which managed to raise nearly £300 in just 1.5 hours. The aim of the event was of course to raise money for CAFOD's Step Up To The Plate Campaign, but the bigger aim was to bring together pupils from all across the college to celebrate the feast of St Michael. The events included:

Penalty Shoot Out

Basketball

Face Paint and Body Glitter

Tuck Shop

Karaoke (immensely popular!!!)

Just Dance

Carnival Games

Dodgeball

During the day itself, pupils and staff were invited to write messages on large wings in the main hall. The messages could be messages of hope, prayers, quotes from the Bible. Again it was really popular and seems to be quite a good tradition at the school now.

We welcomed Father Howard James to lead our Friday Mass on the 7th October 2022, he was greeted well by the pupils of 11 Savio who led the Mass. Thank you to the Music department as always for accompanying

- The Year 13 Chaplaincy Team officially graduated from their CAFOD training program and were excellent examples of what it means to be a world leader
- Miss Casey led assemblies on St Michael

Chaplaincy Reflection – Thursday's AM Reg

Starting Thursday 15th September, during AM reg, there will be time for quiet reflection in the Chapel.

To take part, please speak with Miss Casey (RE) to ensure there is space available.

This time will be used to reflect on any worries and provide a time for quiet prayer together



1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

A reflection on this...

- St Michael is an Archangel who battled Satan on behalf of God and mankind.
- In everything we do we should try to remember the motto of our school – ‘Overcome Evil With Good’; as this is the example St Michael sets for us
- Every action should be to showcase the best of ourselves and to highlight the good in the world

Miss R Casey, Head of Chaplaincy





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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.

AUTUMN TERM 2022-2023

OPEN DAYS

6th Form Open day on
17th November
From 4:30pm to 7pm

HALF TERM

Monday 24th October 2022
To
Friday 28th October 2022

INSET DAYS

Friday 21st October 2022

CHRISTMAS

Monday 19th December 2022
To 2nd January 2022



Breakfast Club Reminder

Breakfast club is running from 8am every morning

All students can get **free** porridge or toast

Free fruit now available at the request of the Student Parliament



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.



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