



# THE LINK

*A fortnightly Newsletter for the pupils, parents and staff of  
St Michael's Catholic College  
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## Christmas Focus in the Art Club

The art club has got festive this term with a Christmas focus. Students painted wooden decorations for their tree and will be continuing with other projects every Tuesday in the art room. Even with other schoolwork, it's really important to spend some time creating things when you can: not only for the end product, but also simply to enjoy the process and maybe develop new skills; something separate from grades, purely for the fun of it. Whether you just want to enjoy creating something with instructions, to pass the time and relax, or you have something clear in mind and just need the means and space to make it, feel free to drop by our art club and try something new. *Mika C (Year 12)*



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St Michael's presents:

**INVESTIN'S CHARITY COMPETITION  
FOR WORLD KINDNESS DAY**



## The Young Photographer Challenge

**Charity Competition for World Kindness Day**



In honour of World Kindness Day, we invite students aged 12-18 to enter our competition, The Young Photographer Challenge. Students should submit a photograph they have taken of an act of kindness, along with a short caption explaining what's happening. Creativity is highly encouraged!

The competition is free to enter and for each submission we shall make a donation to Mind, the mental health charity. The deadline for entries is 5pm on 2nd December.

The winner will receive a free place on one of our weekend career masterclass programmes and all shortlisted entries will be shared on our social media channels.

**To book an entry, please see the Nurse in G23**





The college magazine, the St Michael's review, is now accepting submissions for the next issue.

If you have any interests and things that you are passionate about, this is your chance to write about it freely. You may be a talented photographer, a football fanatic or creative writer, and this is your chance to express yourself !

Please submit to the English department – more details are below.

Mr Bourke

**Do you want to see your work in print?**  
If so – we want it! **Deadlines for submission – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**The St. Michael's Review (the college magazine) is now open for submissions from all students from Year 7 – 13!**

For more info, speak to  
A member of the English Dept

**What Are We Looking For?**

- Art
- Book reviews
- Opinion pieces on social/ world issues
- Creative writing
- Poetry
- Cartoons
- Satire

**The St. Michael's Review**

Your first source for the opinions and stories of our students, our very own school newspaper

Now open for submissions!

### Luso Club

St Michael's has a fairly significant population of Luso speaking students, this means pupils with a Portuguese speaking background. In order to encourage their interest in their own cultures and expand their cultural knowledge, the MFL Department -in collaboration with the Geography Department- is running every Tuesday a weekly 30-minute club in which we introduce KS3 students to a wide variety of subjects connected with Brazil, Portugal and beyond.

The club started late in September and so far, we have discussed issues related to literature, architecture, sports, music and history. The club is run by William Martin and Juan Toledo from the Geography and MFL departments respectively.

*Canção do exílio* is arguably the most well-known poem written in Brazilian literature. It was composed in 1843, and published three years later, by Brazilian Romantic poet Gonçalves Dias while he was studying law at the University of Coimbra in Portugal. It is a romantic poem exemplified by a strong sense of nationalism and even patriotism.

It can be said that the poem contains elements of the "Saudade" which is a peculiar term in Portuguese culture denoting yearning and homesickness. Here those sentiments are amplified and elevated almost to an extreme. It is such a popular "song" that the lines "*Nossos bosques têm mais vida, / Nossa vida mais amores*" are even used in the national anthem of Brazil. - *Mr Toledo*

<p><b>Canção do exílio</b></p> <p>Minha terra tem palmeiras Onde canta o sabiá. As aves que aqui gorjeiam Não gorjeiam como lá.</p> <p>Nosso céu tem mais estrelas, Nossas várzeas têm mais flores, Nossos bosques têm mais vida, Nossa vida mais amores.</p> <p>Em cismar, sozinho, à noite, Mais prazer encontro eu lá; Minha terra tem palmeiras Onde canta o sabiá.</p> <p>Minha terra tem primores Que tais não encontro eu cá; Em cismar – sozinho, à noite – Mais prazer encontro eu lá. Minha terra tem palmeiras Onde canta o sabiá.</p> <p>Não permita Deus que eu morra Sem que eu volte para lá; Sem que desfrute os primores Que não encontro por cá; Sem que ainda aviste as palmeiras Onde canta o sabiá.</p>	<p><b>The Song of the Exile</b></p> <p>My land has palm trees Where the thrush sings. The birds that sing here Do not sing as they do there.</p> <p>Our skies have more stars, Our valleys have more flowers. Our forests have more life, Our lives have more love.</p> <p>In dreaming, alone, at night, I find more pleasure there. My land has palm trees Where the thrush sings.</p> <p>My land has beauties That cannot be found here; In dreaming – alone, at night – I find more pleasure there. My land has palm trees Where the thrush sings.</p> <p>May God never allow That I die before I return; Without seeing the beauties That I cannot find here; Without seeing the palm trees Where the thrush sings.</p>	<p><b>Migration Stories entry</b></p> <p><b>Grandes Clássicos</b></p> <p><b>GOLÇALVES DIAS</b></p> <p><b>Canção do Exílio</b></p>
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### Sports Fixture results

#### Year 7/8 Girls Southwark Schools Football Tournament

It was a great first tournament for the girls and they all enjoyed it! The nerves were tingling amongst our players when they drew the first group stage game against Haberdashers 0-0. These nerves continued to take a toll on them when they lost the second game 1-0 to Charter East. However, due to external results, it meant one win and we could progress to the semi-final. A collective team talk by the girls and things turned around drastically. In the last group stage, the girls demolished COLA 4-1, with Michelle L. scoring an outstanding hat trick! The girls reached the semi-final, where they met eventual winners Kingsdale, and played superbly but lost 2-0. **Player of the Tournament from St Michael's: Michelle L.**



#### Year 7/8 Southwark 3x3 Basketball League

Domination! The Year 7/8 boys dominated their league and announced themselves to all schools in Southwark. A nervy start to the league saw St Michael's draw the first game 0-0 against Ark All Saints. This will have to go down as one of the greatest team talks by Mr Murungi as he inspired a turnaround of events that no one could have imagined. From Joshua's outrageous shooting blocks and glorious lay-ups to Nathan's play making and Dominic's delicious dribbles. A spitting image of the famous trio of Klay Thompson, Stephen Curry and Draymond Green! St Michael's would go on to beat Compass 4-1, Newlands 3-0 and Sacred Heart 5-2.

**Player of the Tournament from St Michael's: Joshua A.**

#### Year 7/8 Rugby Festival

Superb performance from the rugby boys! It's becoming a habit of winning games in St Michael's and the sports teams are sure loving it! The boys blitzed Haberdashers 5-0 in the first game. It was men against boys! The next game was the El Classico, St Michael's vs Bacons and it proved to be a feisty game indeed. In the end, St Michael's tumbled over Bacons winning 4-0. **Player of the Tournament from St Michaels: Ethan C.**



#### Year 9/10 London Schools FA Cup Football Fixture

The girls proceed to the next round of the cup after Harris pulled out of the game!

### Two halves. Two different stories



Thursday 17th of November St Michael's travelled to face their opposition with a losing mentality due to the lack of players. Players lacked confidence and will and they conceded 5 in the first half. However Elijah was able to get one back just before halftime, beating the defender and doing one-two with Aaron before slotting it bottom corner. After an inspirational half time talk with Mr Ferguson & Mr Parker we came back with confidence and Aaron was able to score a wonder goal soon after with an elite assist from Ronnie. Ronnie was able to get a goal himself blasting it from outside the box with an assist from Uyi. With 10 minutes left Elijah was once again able to beat his man and pass to Anthony who chopped the centre before drilling it in the goal. Unfortunately the Year 11s were unable to equalize however they were still able to hold their heads high after an impressive second half. **Elijah C.**



## Chaplain's Corner

### The Word of the Lord

Isaiah 11:1-10

The royal line of David is like a tree that has been cut down; but just as new branches sprout from a stump, so a new king will arise from among David's descendants.

The spirit of the Lord will give him wisdom and the knowledge and skill to rule his people. He will know the Lord's will and honor him, and find pleasure in obeying him.

He will not judge by appearance or hearsay; he will judge the poor fairly and defend the rights of the helpless.

At his command the people will be punished, and evil persons will die. He will rule his people with justice and integrity. Wolves and sheep will live together in peace, and leopards will lie down with young goats.

Calves and lion cubs will feed together, and little children will take care of them. Cows and bears will eat together, and their calves and cubs will lie down in peace. Lions will eat straw as cattle do. Even a baby will not be harmed if it plays near a poisonous snake.

On Zion, God's sacred hill, there will be nothing harmful or evil.

The land will be as full of knowledge of the Lord as the seas are full of water.

A day is coming when the new king from the royal line of David will be a symbol to the nations.

They will gather in his royal city and give him honour.

### A reflection on this...

Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God, that you died on the cross to rescue me from sin and death and to restore me to the Father.

I choose now to turn from my sins, my self-centeredness, and every part of my life that does not please you.

I choose you. I give myself to you. I receive your forgiveness and ask you to take your rightful place in my life as my Saviour and Lord.

Come reign in my heart, fill me with your love and your life, and help me to become a person who is truly loving—a person like you.

Restore me, Jesus. Live in me. Love through me. Thank you, God.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

*Miss Casey, Head of Chaplaincy*

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

\* The Year 12 Chaplaincy had their first training session to become CAFOD Young Leaders, this is the third year that we have started this course. They had a great day mixing with other schools and spoke about plans for this year, with their first event coming up in Advent.

\* Miss Stewart and Year 7 and 8 Faith in Action groups are working in anticipation of their assembly on Advent.

\* As we are approaching this special period of the year, we have been planning several events to celebrate it with a daily Advent Calendar, a charity fundraiser and assemblies.

\* Mr Kelly led assemblies on Sports washing and the World Cup in Qatar: whilst it is something to celebrate together, we look to the principles of Catholic Social teaching to remind ourselves all people should stand together in solidarity.

*Miss Casey, Head of Chaplaincy*







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HOLIDAYS

## MATHS CLUB

Want to revise or be  
challenged  
with some Maths?



Want to complete your  
Maths homework?



Need help with  
a certain topic?



**Open to all years (year 7 to year 11)  
Every Friday 8:00am – 8:30am in G13 (Ms Mansoor)**



## CHRISTMAS BREAK

From Monday 19th December 2022  
to Monday 2nd January 2023

## 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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