



# THE LINK

*A fortnightly Newsletter for the pupils, parents and staff of  
St Michael's Catholic College  
Issue 209 - 15th December 2022*

## Brilliant Scholars Go to Oxford University!

Fourteen Year 7 students were selected to enroll on the prestigious Brilliant Scholars programme this term. This project aims to introduce students to an experience of university learning that will not only widen their understanding of further education but to also develop a range of valuable transferable skills. These students attend six small group university-style tutorials with a university lecturer, who is an expert in their field and will support them to produce a formal university-style assessment. This term's topic will be History – “Windrush, Migration and Belonging in Modern Britain.” As part of the programme, these students attended an inauguration day at New College, University of Oxford. Please do congratulate these students if you see them and ask them about what they are learning! *Mr Magnoff*

When we started our trip to Oxford University it was very exciting as nobody has really seen the interior of the university in-person before. Once we arrived there we looked through a presentation explaining the different activities we would be doing around the college. We progressed through activities of remembering certain key points which was a technique used for revision and reminding ourselves how we could remember key terms and items from lessons at school. After several activities we strolled down to the lunch hall where we ate appetising dishes in a large lobby.

After lunch, we toured around the college and saw many key marks and interesting backstories of the college such as chapels, graves inside the grounds and many more.

It was very fascinating to learn about the lore of the college. After the tour we entered back into the room that we went into at the start of the trip where we asked questions to the ambassadors. Later it was the end of the trip and we took the train back home. I can't wait to get started on my project! *Kai N., 7RU*





## STEM invite to the House of Commons

### An event to raise the profile of engagement in engineering and technology within schools



Our STEM club members were invited to the House of Commons by the IET (Institute of Engineering and Technology) to help raise the profile of engineering and technology in schools - **Engineering Kid's Futures**. Attended by some MPs (keynote speaker MP Chi Onwurah) and engineers from across England working in interesting and exciting areas of the engineering sector - eg Vincent Coombs working in Ballistic Sciences with the Ministry of Defence and Sam Cunningham and colleague Denise both working in the science and practice of Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) with Denise, in particular, working on Submarines.

Our students were presented with the opportunity to showcase their experience with building and coding their LEGO robot. Guests at the event commented on their amazing ability to communicate and explain the coding. Our STEM team were outstanding in managing conversations with adults with impressive levels of politeness and decorum. It truly was a great night and one which will be etched on our memories.

I would like to say a massive thank you to my STEM members for giving up their time generously especially given we were in the middle of assessment week. Special thank you to Mrs Weatherley for accompanying us.

*Ms C. Roshier*



## A visit from Google



On 25<sup>th</sup> of November, St Michael's hosted primary and secondary school teachers from far and wide as part of a public event for our Google Reference School status. Teachers from as far afield as Oxford and Southampton came for tours, workshops and panels to show the innovative work we do to improve learning with technology. We were proud to show off our students in lessons, as tour guides and on our staff and student panel, as they answered questions about the future of learning with tech. Huge thanks to all involved. *Ms L Casey*





### Trip to Kingsdale Foundation School in Dulwich



On 17<sup>th</sup> November 33 pupils from Year 8 and 9 went on a trip to Kingsdale Foundation School in Dulwich to attend a workshop for Gospel Singing organised by the Southwark Schools Learning Partnership that included secondary schools from across the Southwark area. Below are some pictures from the day and reports from pupils.

*Mr D Laurence*

Jonathan A.-Year 8 (also a member of Inner Voices Choir)

"The trip to Kingsdale was exciting and I really enjoyed it. By the end we really sounded like a real gospel choir. We practiced and learnt the songs really quickly; there were five songs in total including "He Is So Marvellous", "Your Love Rains Down On Me", "Every Time I Get the Opportunity To Warm Up My Voice", "He's Good, So Good" and a gospel version of "Amazing Grace". Overall, I really enjoyed it and liked the trip. I hope we get to do it every year!"



### St Michael's vs Ark Putney Academy

At the end of November Year 7 played against Putney Academy winning 4-0. Here are some shots of the match.





### Trip to Dulwich College: Brass Instrument workshop and collaboration between St Michael's and Dulwich College Music Departments.



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of November, brass instrument pupils from Year 8 and 9 attended a workshop as part of an ongoing partnership between the music departments of St Michael's and Dulwich College supporting the development of brass playing. Pupils learnt ensemble skills in a workshop setting as well as given the opportunity to join in with Dulwich College's Symphonic Wind band rehearsal. A fabulous opportunity for all involved!

Mr D. Laurence, Head of Music



### Borough Market project

25, Year 8s were selected to represent the College in the Borough Market Business Project on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Our students firstly competed in groups to come up with a creative business idea, they then met with the Southwark Business Alliance manager to finalize their presentations before meeting with the business entrepreneurs to pitch them.

The winning group from our College had to design their product and then they had a day where they sold it at Borough Market and they competed against 6 other schools in Southwark.

They spent the day selling their fabulous, winning design, tote bags with an ecological message, at Borough Market, had a brilliant day and ended up meeting the Mayor of Southwark. They also managed to sell out of all of the 60 bags they hand made in school, making a total profit of £161.92 for charity!

A big thank you to Mrs Brissaud and Miss Walker for accompanying them on the coldest day of the year!

Also a thank you to Miss Aofolaju and Mr Lomax for the technical support that they gave the students over the past week in getting the design together.

Here are the words of Mrs Brissaud:



*"The were fantastic! When we arrived to set up the stand, they even helped the other team. I told them it was a competition and that they should not lend our tape and decoration, but they reminded me of our RUAH values and decided to support them. They managed to sell all their bags, making some sales in Spanish and French (without my help), I was really impressed. At the end of the day, they tidied everything, while the other school left an absolute mess and left.*

*We received much praise from the organisers, members of the public, the press and the Mayor.*

*Mr Daly*



## From the DT Department

### Textiles



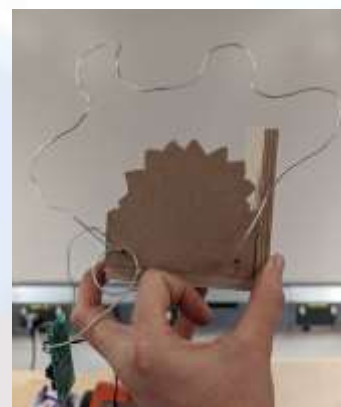
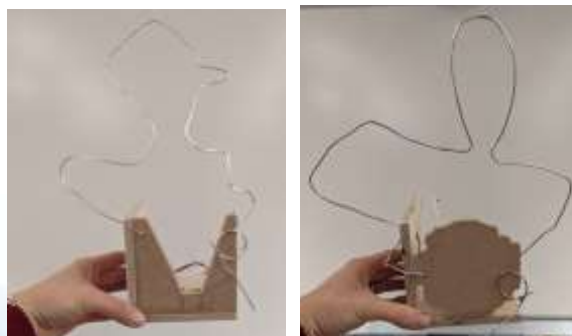
Year 10 DT students have spent the last half term working on their hoody projects.

This is the final outcome for Ruby T. and Rahelyn A.



Year 7 - Best of Britain Cushion, Miss Aofolaju's Year 7s have been inspired by all things Britain to create unique cushions this term.

### Carpentry



Year 9s Steady Hand Games are very nearly complete, the echos of Art Nouveau, Art Deco and Bauhaus are clear in these examples.

### Food Tech



Year 8 Stir Fry: Mr Lewis's Year 8s have been cooking up an Asian Storm and cooking some delicious stir fries.



Year 12 Calzone Pizza, Mr Lewis led a calzone pizza session with the Year 12 Enrichment class, the end results looked incredible!



Meanwhile Year 9 were getting to grips as pastry chefs and making apple turnovers.

## Chaplain's Corner

### *The Word of the Lord*

Luke 2: 4-12 (Second Week of Advent and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

### *A reflection on this...*

O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit,  
look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother,  
receive my prayers as I present them to God.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,  
you intercede for us with your Son.

O Mary conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.

*Miss Casey, Head of Chaplaincy*

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

\*The Senior Citizens Party due to take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> December had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions. In its stead Chaplaincy teams across the school, led by Year 12 Chaplaincy as part of their Young Leadership Training, will prepare hampers using the Advent Fundraiser raised for the dinner.

\*The school wide Advent Calendar went live!! – Each day it tells the Christmas story and Form classes can share in a prayer, as well as appreciating Nativity Artwork from around the world.

\*Miss Casey led assemblies about Christmas around the world, supported by Chaplaincy students. This, along with the diverse artwork of the Advent Calendar are an ever present reminder of the communities we share in our college.

\*Miss Stewart and pupils from Year 7 and Year 8 Faith in Action groups designed and led assemblies on Advent and the hope this time of year brings for us all.

\*Fr Keith kindly turned Friday mass, into Thursday mass so the college could celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception – 9SA helped to lead in this service.

\*We are looking forward to the final week of term, for lots of fun events and a week culminating in our Christmas services at Dockhead, led by Father Alan.







# Safeguarding Officers



**Designated  
Safeguarding Lead:**

**Ms Jo Nottage**

Contact: 0207 237 6432 or  
j.nottage@stmichaelscollege.org.uk



**Safeguarding officer &  
Deputy Designated Lead:**

**Mrs Debbie Freegard**

Contact: 0207 237 6432 or  
d.freegard@stmichaelscollege.org.uk



**Safeguarding Officer:**

**Ms Tania Rughooputh**

Contact: 0207 237 6432 or  
t.rughooputh@stmichaelscollege.org.uk



**Mr Allan Daly**

Contact: 0207 237 6432 or  
a.daly@stmichaelscollege.org.uk

**Overall Responsibility:**

**Ms Felicity Corcoran - Principal**

Contact: 0207 237 6432 or  
Email: [contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk](mailto:contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk)

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

## HOLIDAYS

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Time	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12/13
8.40-9am	Morning Reg	Morning Reg	End of Term Assembly 8.40am - 9.15am (MH)	Morning Reg	Morning Reg	Morning Reg
9am-10am	End of Term Assembly (Gym)	Christmas Quiz	Christmas Quiz	Christmas Quiz	End of Term Assembly from 9.15am (MH)	Christmas Quiz
10am-10.45am	Walk to Mass 10am (Meet Undercroft)	End of Term Assembly (Gym)	Walk to Mass 10am (Meet behind ICT)	Walk to Mass 10am (Meet Basketball Ct)	Christmas Quiz	End of Term Assembly (MH)
10.45am-11am	Mass	Break 10.45-11am	Mass	Mass	Break 10.45-11am	Break 10.45-11am
11am-11.30am	Break 11.15-11.30	Walk to Mass 11am (Meet behind main hall)	Break 11.15-11.30	Break 11.15-11.30	Walk to Mass 11am (Meet Basketball Ct)	Walk to Mass 11am (Meet Undercroft)
11.30am-12.15pm	Christmas Quiz	Mass	Sports Gym	End of Term Assembly (MH)	Mass	Mass
12.15pm-12.30pm	PM Reg - SLT to Director	PM Reg - SLT to Director	PM Reg - SLT to Director	PM Reg - SLT to Director	PM Reg - SLT to Director	PM Reg - SLT to Director

### CHRISTMAS BREAK

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

### Return to School Details

Date/Day	Year group	Activity
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023	Years 11/13	8.40am start
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	Year 7-10 + Yr12	8.40am start

### 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.



Contacting the College - Direct parents access to college via email  
[contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk](mailto:contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk)

For absence please phone: 0207 237 6432 Option 1



Llewellyn Street, London SE16 4UN

Tel: 020 7237 6432

[www.stmichaelscollege.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelscollege.org.uk)

Please see our Privacy notice on this link: <https://www.stmichaelscollege.org.uk/gdpr/>