

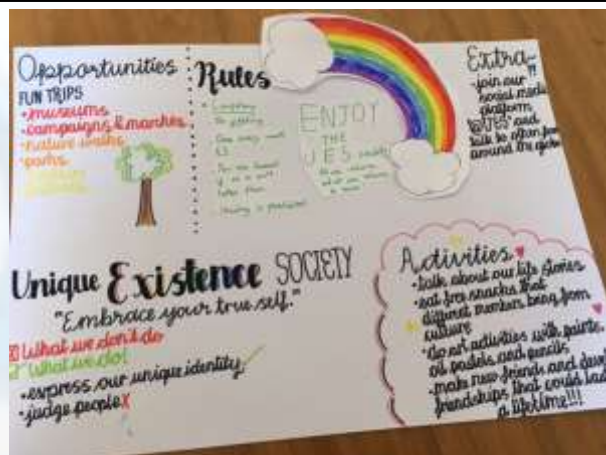


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*A fortnightly Newsletter for the pupils, parents and staff of
St Michael's Catholic College
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King's Scholars

Year 7 King's Scholars had their first visit to King's on Tuesday 7th February. As well as brushing up on their metacognitive skills, they had a tour of the Strand Campus and listened to a presentation about University Societies. In the afternoon, the scholars worked in groups to design their own society and presented these to the whole cohort. Congratulations to the winning Team – Emmanuela B, Filip S, John W., Zachary O, Shyann M and Sebastian VL. Further congratulations to Aliannah A, Thomas M and Justin J for also being awarded gold scholars badges for their contribution throughout the day. King's loved having our students there and the scholars were a credit to St Michael's! - *Ms Sayed*



Show us the Money - London is our Classroom

Year 13 CTEC students recently toured London to further their understanding of Economics and the supply of money.

Firstly there was a visit to the Bank of England Museum (free to enter if anyone is interested in doing this), where a greater perspective of the supply of money and inflation was gained. (Pictured: Mateusz is testing the security of an actual pound of gold).

Next was a visit to the Money exhibition at the British Museum, where students gained an insight into the development of monetary systems.

Finally came a well deserved trip to the infamous Wong Kei restaurant in China Town, which is described by TripAdvisor as the "rudest restaurant in London". As a public facing qualification, CTEC students are always keen to keep gaining insight into how NOT to make business mistakes, as that informs better behaviour from ourselves. Which of course has a much wider meaning than merely the Business World. *Mr Davis*





February Book Review Winner

Lauren B. in Year 13 won house points and a free book for her excellent review of 'The Confessions of Frannie Langton' by Sarah Collins

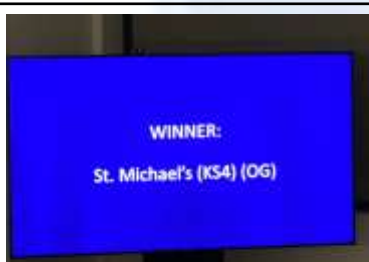
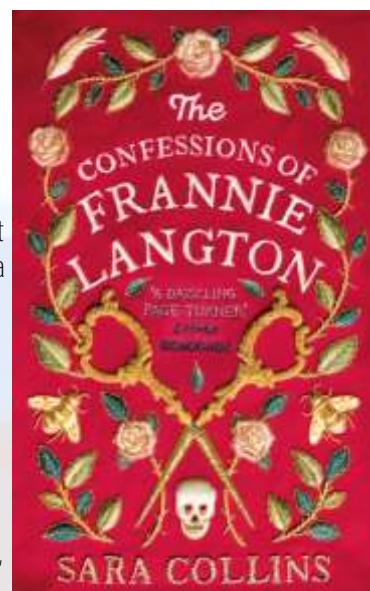
Short blurb: "Enslaved Jamaican woman, Frances Langton, is accused of murdering her employers, the Benhams."

Score: 7.5/10

I was recommended 'The Confessions of Frannie Langton' by my History teacher and found it immensely enjoyable. I particularly liked the unconventional narrative in which the author, Sara Collins, twists typical stories about slavery, crime and love.

The outspokenness and resilience of the female protagonist really resonated with me and I think also gives a voice to the many voiceless people in her position. This novel is not just an enjoyable read but an educating one too; for instance, one of Sara Collins' intentions in writing 'The Confessions of Frannie Langton' was to demonstrate how anger unites women in response to being denied an outlet for their own talents and desires.

Lastly, the excessive level of research that was put in by the author in writing this novel alone, makes it worth the read. A strong recommend.



St Michael's are Imperial University Debating Champions!

Congratulations to Ryan B and Jayden F-M in Year 11 who took part in their first debating competition at Imperial College (one of the most important STEM-focused universities in the world)and won the cup beating Eton, St Paul's and Tiffin on the way! Mr Magnoff

Please find Ryan's reflections below:



The debate competition at Imperial Schools was an unforgettable experience. Going in, Jayden and I had no clue of what to expect and very little knowledge of this style of debating, known as British Parliamentary. We were humbled to say the least in that first debate, with competitors from the country's top private schools speaking at a pace so fast they gave Eminem a run for his money. Nevertheless, we endured 3 more rounds of debating, very much learning the rules (both spoken and unspoken) of this peculiar art form on the go and with the help of a very kind judge (Stefan) who gave us invaluable feedback, we were able to win the 3rd round (beating a team from Eton), allowing and qualifying for the grand final! With a motion on the topical debate of inheritance tax, we clawed our way to victory over Tiffin Grammar School as the proposition, ending the night on a high. Not bad for two Year 11s from a state school in Bermondsey. *Ryan B.*



Chaplain's Corner



The Word of the Lord

The Way of the Cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life ³⁶ will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the

gospel will save it.³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."



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

- * Ash Wednesday services were carried out for all Year groups on 22nd February.
- * Reconciliation Services will take place throughout Lent for all Year groups each Thursday starting on 23rd February.
- * A space of 10 minutes for Morning prayers has been created in the Chapel at 8:15am starting on Ash Wednesday, open to all students and staff.
- * Each Friday in Lent will be a dedicated day of fundraising for the catholic Children's Society. Each House will be given a Friday to fundraise as much as possible – with all money raised during the period of Lent going to support the Building Bridges campaign
- * The Year 12 CAFOD team continued with their training, as well as some of the group being chosen to record a voiceover for a brand new campaign for CAFOD which will premier at FLAME 2023 at Wembley don't forget to get your tickets!!



Lent Begins and Ash Wednesday

As Lent begins we are reminded of the call to Pray, Fast and Give Alms. Ms Corcoran and Year 12 pupils lead assemblies about the true meaning of Lent and how we can be called to reflect at this time.

The period of Lent reflects the time when Jesus spent in the desert and how he was tested; we look to this story as inspiration in our own lives so we can grow in spirit during the Lenten period.

Ms Corcoran asked pupils: What are you doing for Lent? Why are you doing this? What does scripture tell us?

It is important at this time to look inwards and consider the actions we might undertake to better understand the mission and sacrifice of Christ. By denying and dedicating ourselves to certain things, we are better versed to grow as individuals, as we begin to consider the needs of others before ourselves.

On Wednesday 22nd February, Lent officially began with Ash Wednesday. The Ashes of Ash Wednesday are the scorched Palms of last year's Palm Sunday. These events are full circle, as Palm Sunday begins the period of Holy Week. Miss Casey and pupils from the Year 12 Chaplaincy team lead the liturgy and shared this with all students and staff across the college. We listened to words of Jesus in Mark, that those who would like to follow Christ must be prepared to 'Carry their own cross'. This yet again is a reminder of the small sacrifices and challenges we might take on in Lent to help our relationship with the Lord grow. Year 12 shared the Ashes and asked all to 'Give into the Gospel', a cue for us all to recall the true meaning of Lent. Miss Casey, Head of Chaplaincy





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SPRING TERM 2022-2023

HOLIDAYS



Year 10 Kings' Scholars Programme

Year 10 Kings' Scholars should meet
from 3.30pm-4.30pm on each of the
below dates;

Thursday 19th January
Thursday 26th January
Thursday 2nd February
Thursday 9th February
Thursday 23rd February
Thursday 2nd March
Thursday 9th March
Thursday 16th March
Thursday 23rd March
Thursday 30th March

EASTER

Monday 3rd April 2023

To

Friday 14th April 2023

Bank Holidays

1st May

8th May (King's Coronation)

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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