



THE LINK

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St Michael's Catholic College
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St Michael's Students debate at the US Embassy!



On the 24th of February, we were fortunate enough to participate in an annual debating tournament in honour of Benjamin Franklin. Held at the esteemed embassy of the United States, we first had to go through bag checks to even be allowed entry into the building! We were immediately overwhelmed and inspired by the beautiful architecture before the real fun had even begun but we maintained focus as we looked over our argument notes in preparation for the first round.

It was an amazing experience to debate against so many different schools, mostly being private and grammar schools. As our first official competition, it was new, nerve-wracking but also extremely mind-opening. It gave us insight into ways to go above and beyond throughout our academic careers; at the end where all the winners were announced we had nothing but respect for such brilliant, high-achieving students. The atmosphere was

phenomenal, we met and conversed with other brilliant students, learned from their styles and even though we didn't win, just watching the heated final debates was so interesting and motivating, giving us an insight into what to aim for and potential future competitions to participate in.

We were privileged enough to get a tour of the vast embassy building and were able to see their private American candy shop, glass bar, and multiple jungle-inspired balcony gardens!

We are so grateful for an opportunity like this, especially to our debate teacher Ms Casey for selecting us, Mr Devine for accompanying us and Mr Magnoff for making it happen! *Julia S (10BC) & Isioma A (10DA)*



Year 11 Student is Published Author in Academic Journal!

Congratulations to Ryan B in 11DA whose STEM article on "Regenerating Skin in the Laboratory" was selected by a panel of PhD tutors for publication in this year's "The Scholar" magazine. Competition was fierce with entries from across the UK. Ryan's tutor, Dr Eleni Drudi says:

"I really enjoyed my time at St Michael's Catholic College. The whole group was excellent and engaged throughout all the tutorials. Ryan showed a real in-depth understanding of the topic of regenerative medicine. He showed great critical thinking skills and proved to be an independent thinker, great characteristics to have for university. I am sure he will be successful whichever his next steps will be."

Mr Magnoff



St Michael's student winner at the The Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers' painting prize.



Congratulations to Year 13 student Maria M.G. who was one of this year's winners at The Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers' painting prize. The winners were invited to attend and exhibit an artwork at Painters' Hall where they were presented with a book and a certificate from Master Warden James Clover.

The Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers is the fifth oldest of the 110 Livery Companies in the City of London. The company, comprising fine and decorative artists, received its first Royal Charter from Queen Elizabeth in 1581 and today its energies are directed in the support of education in arts and crafts.

Maria spoke about her art practice "I am a person who always prioritizes creativity and loves to experiment and take risks. For me there is always a way out with art and I have always enjoyed it. My future plan is to enter university and study Fashion Design, then design exclusive garments for big brands like Louis Vuitton. I would also like to positively impact people with my garments and designs just the way art and creativity did to mine."

Mr Lomax



St Michael's awarded by LEGO



Congratulations to our STEM members for winning the Judges Award at the First LEGO League Competition.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Maria Carmona from Vattenfall, James Smith and Jessel Chandin from Hydrock (STEM ambassadors) for giving up their time to speak to our young learners. Our learners truly benefited from the experience.

Amazing day packed full of fun, excitement and competition. Massive thank you Roger, Dominic, Noah, Hannah, Maia and Paul – you were GREAT. Special thanks to Mr Khairi for accompanying us. *Ms Roshier*



Chaplain's Corner

The Word of the Lord

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.



A reflection on this...



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

- Lenten services took place, in the Most Holy Trinity Church Dockhead led by Canon Alan. Students from the Chaplaincy team-led the readings and the choir, band and music department led us all in song.
- All 6 houses ran fundraising events across Lent, resulting in hundreds of pounds being raised for the Catholic Children's Society.
- Miss Casey and the Year 12 and 10 Chaplaincy teams ran an event in celebration of Eid on the 20th April. Students and staff were invited to create traditional Eid) jars and shared in small sweet snacks and lemon juice. By sharing in this event, students were able to understand how other young children of faith celebrate their faith and reflected the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity
- Ms Corcoran led the first week of assemblies as term recommenced, she shared that the season of Easter is one of Hope! We have much to be hopeful for, and to continue to thank Christ for his sacrifice.



"Heavenly Father,

help me navigate whatever challenges I encounter this day. Be my comfort and my rock. Guide me to do Your will and be an instrument of your peace today and each day.

As I embark on this day, I ask for Your blessing. Help me feel near to You, with my eyes open to the ways that You are at work in my life. In Your name I pray. Amen."

Miss Casey, Chaplaincy Coordinator



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SUMMER TERM 2022-2023

Monday 17th April

To

Tuesday 18th July

(SPORTS DAY)

INSET DAYS:

Friday 26th May 2023

Wednesday 19th July 2023

(Staff Retreat)

HOLIDAYS

MAY DAY

1st May 2023

(Bank Holiday Monday)

HALF TERM

Monday 29th May

to

Friday 2nd June

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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