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Careers and Enterprise Week

Careers Event - Monday 10th July 2023

On Monday 10th July seventy volunteers and STEM ambassadors from a variety of different employment sectors visited St Michael's to discuss careers and the world of work with our young learners. Our guests were truly inspiring with immeasurable passion for their chosen field of work. We would like to thank Miss E Clark (AECOM); Ronan Hanna (Atkin Chambers); Ms A Stamenkovic & Mr E Coulson (BakerHicks); Ms M Farrell & Mr J Asare (Apprentices @ BAM Nuttall); Mr E Sahyoun, Mr Ricardo Mr H Limbachiya, Méabh Browne & Marwa El-Sheemy (Bechtel); Miss R Norris (BPTW); Stg P Blakelock and his team (British Amy); Dr M. Daniele & Martina Kyoseva (City, University of London); Miss R Sackey & Miss A Hayton (Civic Engineers); Mr A Spurling & Dr Chris Malbon (Civil Aviation Authority); Mr PDA Erhiakporeh (Cloud System Engineer); Ms M Channer-McDaniel, Mr S Arloff & Mrs A Smallwood (Crown Prosecution Service); Stella Aboaba (Data Engineer, Deloitte); D Woledge & V Brenna (DHL (GB)); Sandy Idigbe & Ms A Sevoian (FouGen); Mr Colin Cook & Ms Judy Khan KC (Garden Court Chambers); Natan Battisti (Harbour Energy); Kate Jewell & Frankie Irvine (Jacob Solutions); Ms O Korenyak (JP Morgan Technology); Lloyd Graham (Keltbray); D Bolaji & Ms B Grant (KIER Construction); Namgyal Gonkatsang (King's College Hospital); Mr Freddie Wahid & Mr J Dsouza (Le Cordon Bleu); Mr D Vadher (Actuary @ Lloyds of London); Ms C Abela (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine & Parent); N Amavih-Mensah (Melanin Medics); Gareth Sheppard (Metropolitan Police (Forensic Science)); Ms N Ramlogan & Mr Kunal Chandra (National Film and Television School); Mrs S Veluswamy (Actuary @ OAC); Mr N Perry (Professional photographer); Chirag Karia KC (Quadrant Chambers); Dr C Perez-Ternero (Queen Mary University of London); Miss M Mai (Robert Bird Group); Sgt Campbell (Royal Air Force); CPO Zoe Roberts, A Bennett & Ms A Antrobus (Royal Navy); Caroline McManus (Thames Tideway Tunnel); Roshni Wijesekera (The Fire Surgery Limited); Akram Adan & Riley Rogers (The Ritz London); Ms K Byars (Turner & Townsend); Dr O Roche (University College London); Mr Luke Stone (West Ham United F.C); and Sarah Henley (Writer/ Director & Founder of Next Up Comedy).



Careers and Enterprise Week

Thanks to The Smallpiece Trust and National Grid our students are better aware of Renewable Energy. The various activities allowed our young learners to consider the benefits of a clean energy future and therefore in some small way averting the effects of the climate crisis. Mr Glyn Marsh packed with energy and passion created an impactful environment for learning. Our students are truly grateful.



Year 9 King's Scholars

Congratulations to the Year 9 King's Scholars who completed the three Year programme with a graduation ceremony in recognition of all the work that they have put into the programme since Year 7. Some of the students will be invited to join the scholars+ programme in Year 10 and all of the students can look forward to being able to being a member of K+ in the Sixth Form.

Well Done to all the students involved.

Ms Sayed



Geography Trip



The Year 10 Geography students visited Stratford to begin their preparations for the Paper 3 GCSE exam. The students collected data at three sites across the Olympic Park to investigate the environmental impact of urban regeneration. They completed a range of fieldwork data collection methods including environmental quality surveys, pedestrian counts, and questionnaires. The students worked incredibly hard and were commended by members of the public for how they conducted themselves. Since returning to school the students have begun presenting their findings and analysing their results. Geography Department.



Meet My Future Self



In the final Meet My Future Self session Hannah Awonuga led the discussion with two different speakers, Funmi Williams and Kirsty Pappin. Funmi Williams is a Distribution Director at HSBC UK and she communicates with different people and companies while showing her marketing skills. She let us know about the challenges she has faced throughout her career and how these strengthened her to be the person she is today. Kirsty Pappin is an award-winning legal practice manager who owns her own legal law practice called Aries Legal Practice Management. She explained more about her upbringing and her past which enabled her to be who she is today. They gave us lots of useful advice and answered our questions about work experience which we will be having next week. The advice they gave was to be enthusiastic and motivated, as well as asking questions and offering to help. We enjoyed ourselves very much and we learned a lot. Overall the sessions have allowed us to hear from women from diverse backgrounds who are in senior positions and we hope to use their advice in the future.

Year 10 Students

“Empower me” programme

The *Empower Me* program is about learning about several ideas toward the focus of professional workplaces.



On the first day, we learnt about *Just A Guy CIC's motivation*, and were then taught about power skills, disadvantages to those from Low Socioeconomic Backgrounds (LSEBs), and using the services of C-Me, a tool which identifies people's positions on a four-colour spectrum from a fifteen question survey which we completed prior to the day. Each colour usually shows a group of characteristics related to their leadership skills, points of improvement and communication strengths. This tool provided a detailed report and detailed analysis on my professional skills and weaknesses. It allows for a deep personal reflection, as well as help with finding yourself and thinking ahead with self development. On the second day, we visited a local consultancy firm called Alchemmy, who were sponsoring Just A Guy at the time, which focuses on a very connected approach to consulting for firms by working alongside, rather than for them. We were

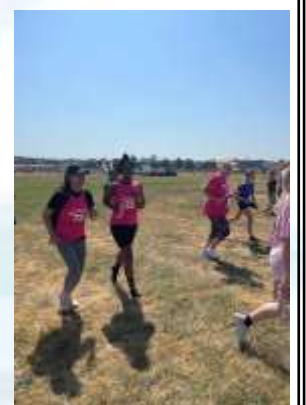
allowed to use one of their boardrooms to learn about similar ideas to the first day such as code switching and presentation skills. We also demonstrated presentation skills by giving two minute presentations about Empower Me to our peers and to some of the Alchemmy staff, while also having the ongoing opportunity throughout that day to speak to staff there to learn more about the firm and workplaces in general. Towards the end, we met the founders of Alchemmy and received our certificates for attending Empower Me. Brandon D, 12C



Race For Life: Staff Charity Run

On Sunday 25th June, members of the St Michael's community took part in the Race for life on the hottest day of the year. Everyone completed the 5K course at Blackheath and did so in style. There was support from family, friends and other staff, and it was a great day all in all We've raised £1670 in total for Cancer research and are so thankful to everyone that sponsored us.

Here are a couple of pictures:



An exciting visit to the Old Vic's School Club

SCHOOLS CLUB

This month St Michael's Players were again lucky enough to take part in the Old Vic's Schools club. The students were part of an exciting workshop about set design which was messy but a lot of fun! The students got to work with professionals from the theatre and create their own version of the set for the hit music at 'Ground hog day' by Tim Minchin. A few days later they went to see the real thing on the stage at the Old Vic. The students loved the show and we will be singing the tunes for a while!

We have now reached the end of our school's club year and we have been so lucky to attend four shows and take part in four wonderful workshops which have deepened our knowledge and passion for theatre. Here are some testimonials from three students who have completed the program:



Ruta J. - "This program allowed me to see the drama world in a new perspective and opened my eyes to all the different types of plays and theatre you can see. I didn't know there were so many theatres in London and how many jobs there are in them"

Holly C. - "I have been so inspired by all the shows we have been to see and I am now very encouraged to carry on seeing theatre and studying drama at GCSE"

Ronan Mc D.P- "When I started Year 9, I wasn't as keen as I am now on drama and theatre, but as I have seen all the opportunities and routes in drama and the skilfulness of professional actors, I am now chasing a career in drama"

Bethan Coulbeck



St Michael's Summer Recommended Reading List!

Run Rebel

by Manjeet Mann

Praise for *Run, Rebel* - a Guardian best book of 2020:

A tightly crafted series of punchy, often heartbreaking narrative poems . . .

Mann's brilliant, coruscating verse novel lays out the anatomy of Amber's revolution, and the tentative first flowerings of hope and change.

A compelling and emotive verse novel about a young girl defining her place in the world which sensitively explores themes of bullying and domestic abuse . . . a powerful read. - *The Scotsman*

A tightly crafted series of punchy, often heartbreaking narrative poems - *Guardian*
Heart-breaking, inspiring, exquisite - *Liz Hyder author of Bearmouth (Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize).*

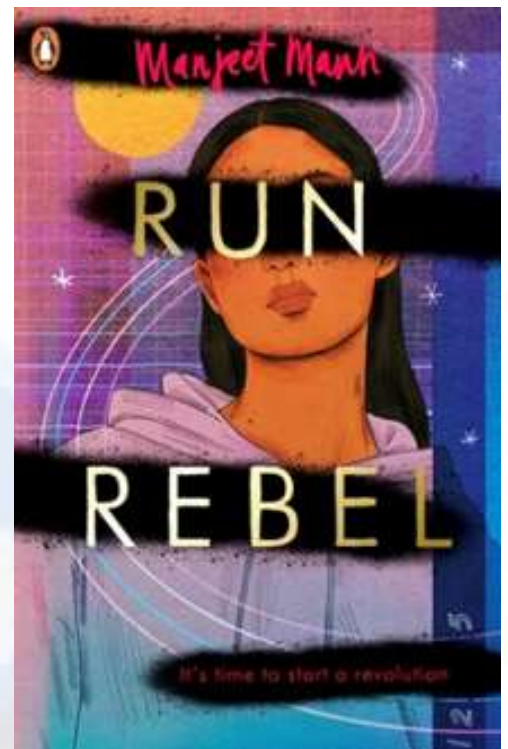
WINNER OF THE SHADOWER'S CHOICE AWARD, FROM THE
CARNEGIE MEDAL 2021

WINNER OF THE UKLA BOOK AWARDS 2021

WINNER OF THE DIVERSE BOOKS AWARD

SHORTLISTED FOR THE BRANFORD BOASE AWARD 2021

WINNER OF THE SHEFFIELD CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD 2021



Moonrise

by Sarah Crossan

Shortlisted for the YA Book Prize 2018.

Shortlisted for the 2017 Costa Book Awards Children's Award

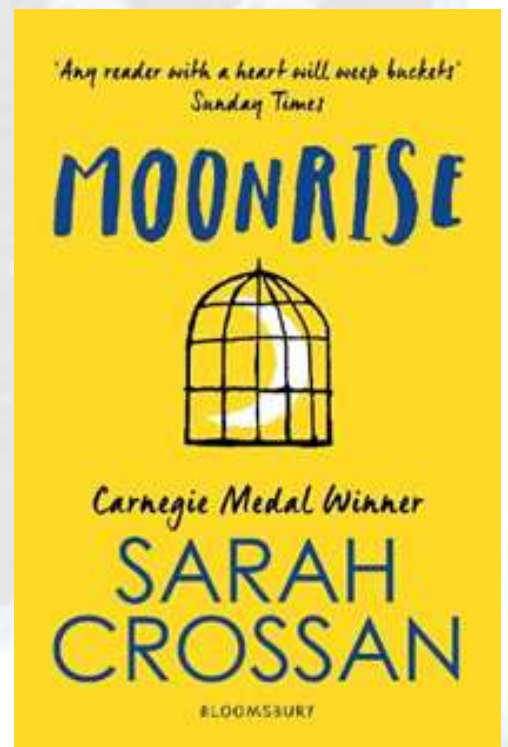
The astonishing new novel from Carnegie Medal, CliPPA Poetry Award, YA Book Prize and CBI Book of the Year Award winning author Sarah Crossan.

They think I hurt someone. But I didn't. You hear? Cos people are gonna be telling you all kinds of lies. I need you to know the truth.

Joe hasn't seen his brother for ten years, and it's for the most brutal of reasons. Ed is on death row. But now Ed's execution date has been set, and Joe is determined to spend those last weeks with him, no matter what other people think ...

From one-time winner and two-time Carnegie Medal shortlisted author Sarah Crossan, this poignant, stirring, huge-hearted novel asks big questions. What value do you place on life? What can you forgive?

And just how do you say goodbye?



Year 10 Students Graduate from University of Southampton!



Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who graduated with distinction from the Brilliant Scholars programme. This term, students worked closely with neuroscientist Dr Andrew Graham on “Why we age and how we can stop it”, with research focused on the treatment of dementia and other conditions associated with ageing. As part of the programme, these students attended a prestigious graduation ceremony at the University of Southampton, one of the top seats of learning in the UK and the place of work of world famous academic Professor Tim Berners-Lee - the inventor of the internet! Ash G-O'D and Sedonna H further excelled by delivering speeches on their experiences to an audience of academics and students.

Please find the reflections of Crystel G below

The brilliant scholar's graduation trip to the University of Southampton was a very memorable and eye opening experience. Once we got there, students from the university were there to walk us through an informative presentation about the school. They answered so many of our questions, including advice that they would give to us about university. This allowed all the students that were there to see what life was like for a Southampton student and helped us to see ourselves in university in the future. Then we went on a tour of the beautiful campus where we saw the massive libraries that are filled with around 2 million books. To conclude the day, we went back to the main hall and graduated. After being in the Brilliant Scholars program this year and learning about the different aspects of ageing, the graduation was a brilliant way to end the course. It allowed all the students to acknowledge all the hard work we had put into the program and in the course we took. The ageing course St Michael's students took was something that has trained me and other scholars alike in the discipline it takes to write a 2,000 word essay. It also taught us how to organise information and structure essays in a way we can use for university. Overall, the experience allowed students in secondary school to learn about and write university level material. It grants us the opportunity for all of us to be well rounded scholars and shows us and others what we were capable of.



HOUSE CHALLENGES



Staff versus Students- the chess results!



Out of 27 games, the average student score was 1.57 and the average staff score was 0.63.

Again our students won twice as many points as the staff!

Thank you to all who supported,

Mr Mullik.

"Remember, God does not pay us for results, but for effort."
Don Bosco.



Top Performers	
Sean F	9MA
Roger J	9DA
Matthew M	9MA
Aron V	10RU
Stephen M-C	9DA

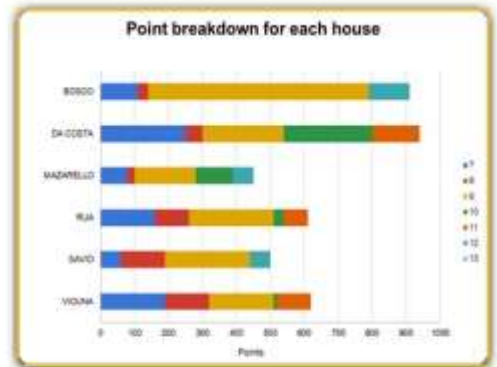
"This chess competition was a brilliant house competition with many people coming from different houses to compete. By the end, everyone was happy and enjoyed themselves. It's the taking part that matters!"

Ellis Baker 9BC

Maths Challenge Results



Top Scorers		
RUA	Mr Devine	9
VICUNA	Mr House	11
MAZARELLO	Miss Banks	9
DA COSTA	Paul G.	10
DA COSTA	Roger J.	9
BOSCO	Daniel A.	9
BOSCO	Matey Y.	9
SAVIO	Chanelle M.	9
DA COSTA	Albert James M.	11
MAZARELLO	Peter T.	10



Thank you to all those that entered and for the support from the following :

- Miss Banks
- Mr Devine
- Mr Fellows
- Mr House
- Mr Walker
- Mrs. Mundy
- Ms. Yon

Top Scoring House: DA COSTA
Top Scoring Year: Year 9
Top Scoring tutor group: 9 BOSCO



Winner of the RUAH Prize

This is a fusion reactor. This creates energy by the use of nuclear fusion which is a sustainable source of power as it does not emit carbon dioxide, making this a better choice than the fossil fuels widely used today. This shows affection to others due to the protection of habitats for animals as well as for humans due to the climate crisis that the use of nuclear fusion helps to respond to. This also brings people together due to the skilled scientists needed to make these reactors work and be effective. - Luiza L. 11 DA



	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
BOSCO	110	30	600			120	
DA COSTA	250	50	240	200	140		0
MAZARELLO	80	20	180	110		80	
REA	160	100	250	30	70		
SAVIO	80	130	250			80	
VICUNA	190	130	190	10	100		

Chaplain's Corner

The Word of the Lord

Matthew 16: 13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



A reflection on this...

**God our Father,
Today, you give us the joy
of celebrating the solemnity
of the apostles Peter and Paul.
Through them,
your Church first received the faith.
Keep us true to their teaching.
Amen.**



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

- Year 7 Faith in Action team have been busy finalising their final piece, recording the song they've written for their Bronze Graduation in the next academic year.
- Leaders of Learning shared special assemblies focusing on World Refugee Day; we discovered that so many important figures and influences in modern Britain came from a background of migration. It was a great reflection of understanding that all people deserve human dignity and that modern Britain is as it is, due to the positive impact and influence of refugees and migrants
- The 29th June was the feast day of St Peter and St Paul, form captains shared a special presentation in form time about the importance of these saints, as Cornerstones of the Church. Ibrahim T, form captain of 10MA, led a wonderful reflective presentation on behalf of his form. As an active member of the Chaplaincy team it was great to see Ibrahim's faith in action and the foundation of faith for his form class.
- The final Friday Mass of the year took place with all students in Chaplaincy teams across the school asked to lead and attend. The Mass, on Friday 30th June, was in honor of St Peter and St Paul. It was a lovely opportunity to come together and reflect on the year of service the students have had and to thank Fr Keith for his ongoing support.



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SUMMER TERM 2022-2023

Monday 17th April

To

Tuesday 18th July

(SPORTS DAY)

INSET DAYS:

Wednesday 19th July 2023

(Staff Retreat)

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 4th September

Staff Inset Day

Tuesday 5th September

9:30 am Start of Term

for Year 7 and Year 12 only

Wednesday 6th September

8.40 am Start of Term

for Year 8,9,10,11 and 13

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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