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*A fortnightly Newsletter for the pupils, parents and staff of
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A Word from the Principal

It is with great sadness that we learnt about the news of the death of Canon Alan McClean, on Friday, 12th June.

Canon Alan was a wonderful friend of St Michael's for just over 30 years during his time as Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Church, Dockhead. He was actively involved in the Catholic Life of the school throughout this time, faithfully celebrating our annual Christmas and Lenten liturgies, welcoming each new Year 7 cohort at our Start of Year Masses, helping generations of students begin their journey at St Michael's rooted in faith and community. His positive presence, wise counsel and listening ear will be deeply missed by staff and students alike and we give thanks for his service, love and care to the St Michael's community over such a long period of time. Canon Alan's presence strengthened the Catholic life of St Michael's in so many different ways and he will be remembered with love and affection by current and former staff, students and families.

We continue to keep Canon Alan's family, friends and parish congregation in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. We have been offering our Friday morning Mass for him and will continue to do so up to and including this Friday 3rd July which is the day of his funeral.. We have also opened a Book of Condolence in our Chapel, where staff and students are invited to share their messages, memories and prayers. The Book of Condolence will be shared with Canon Alan's family.

'Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.' Amen.

Best wishes

Ms F. Corcoran
Principal



SSLP Student Voice AI Enterprise Challenge Graduation Day

I had a fantastic time working on the AI task. What I enjoyed most was seeing how creative we could get with the presentation and experimenting with different ideas. It was definitely a challenge to balance this with school work and especially to coordinate with our partner school, but it taught me a lot about the future of tech. I'm really proud of what we achieved and I still think PetPal should have won it!

Adham A, 10MA

During this experience, I learnt lots of different skills. I grew in confidence when pitching our business idea to the judges, I also learnt better communication skills when working with different schools on this project. Our project was based on the prompt of an AI based app or website that helps people in their everyday lives. We created a tutoring app that was aimed at secondary students to help and motivate them to revise through a leaderboard and points system that granted different rewards. Overall, I enjoyed this experience greatly as it helped me to become a better public speaker and allowed me to find out about different careers surrounding AI and businesses.

Agnes W, 10MA



Sports Award

GOLD

Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



SILVER

Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Sports Award



Year 8 Rugby MVP - Lucas G, 8BC
 Year 8 Rugby MIP - Stanley S, 8MA
 Year 9 Rugby MVP - Mickie R, 9MA
 Year 9 Rugby MIP - Adrian R, 9MA

Year 7 Female Footballer of the Year - Mavelle P, 7VI
 Year 8 Female Footballer of the Year - Mary-Oriane B, 8RU
 Year 9 Female Footballer of the Year - Victoria J, 9DA
 Year 10 Female Footballer of the Year - Angel O, 10DA

Year 7 Male Footballer of the Year - Oluwadarasimi S, 7RU
 Year 8 Male Footballer of the Year - Gabriel T, 8Da
 Year 9 Male Footballer of the Year - Hubert J, 9Vi
 Year 10 Male footballer of the Year - George M, 10RU
 Six Form Male Footballer of the Year - Thomas M, 10VI

Jr NBA Mixed MVP - Anthony-Jacob PP, 8SA
 Jr NBA Mixed MIP - Babatunde BA, 8VI

Jr NBA Girls MVP - Eliza AB, 8MA
 Jr NBA Girls MIP - Sophia S, 8DA

U14 Girls Basketball MVP - Sophia A, 9RU
 U14 Girls Basketball MIP - Ariella-Rose S, 8RU

Ruah Values in sports award - Fantay Chiamaka R, 10VI / Sadie E, 8MA

Sports Studies Award - Emmanuel A, 12D

Athlete of the Year - Alaia AG, 9BC

Swimmer of the Year - Oliver R, 10BC

Junior Sports Ambassador of the Year - Janka P, 8 RU

Sports Ambassador of the Year - Olivia GM, 10BC

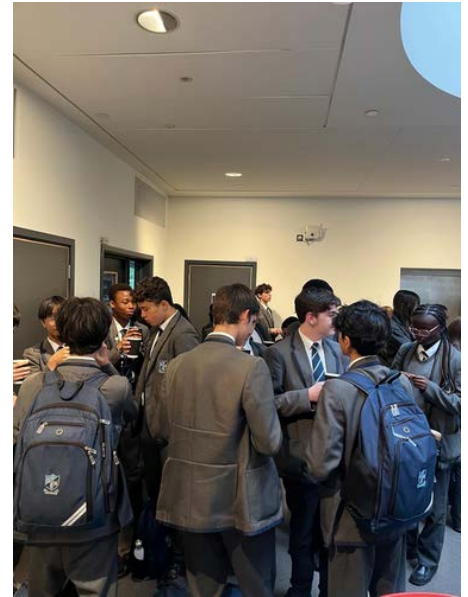
Sports Leader of the Year - Evelyn AE, 12B

Team of the Year - U14 Girls Basketball Team

Sports Personality of the Year - Sofia A, 9RU



Congratulations to the 50 Year 10 Students with No Mentions Last Half Term!



Goodness and Mercy

Ms P Belvett

**I have nothing.
No sheep to count when sleep evades.
No pastures green in which to be led.
No pillow on which to rest my head.**

*However
The Lord's my shepherd
I shall not want
He restoreth my soul.*

But
**My soul was sold to the highest bid
And the profit from the taxman hid.**

Still
*He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness*

Though
**From the righteous path my feet did veer
Seduced by folly
And caught by beauty's snare,
Close to the cliff's edge I careered.**

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:*

So
**Sure-footed I trod
Fearless of His rod
Of evil spirits and ghosts I was not
dismayed.
Invincible I stand fearing neither devil nor
man.**

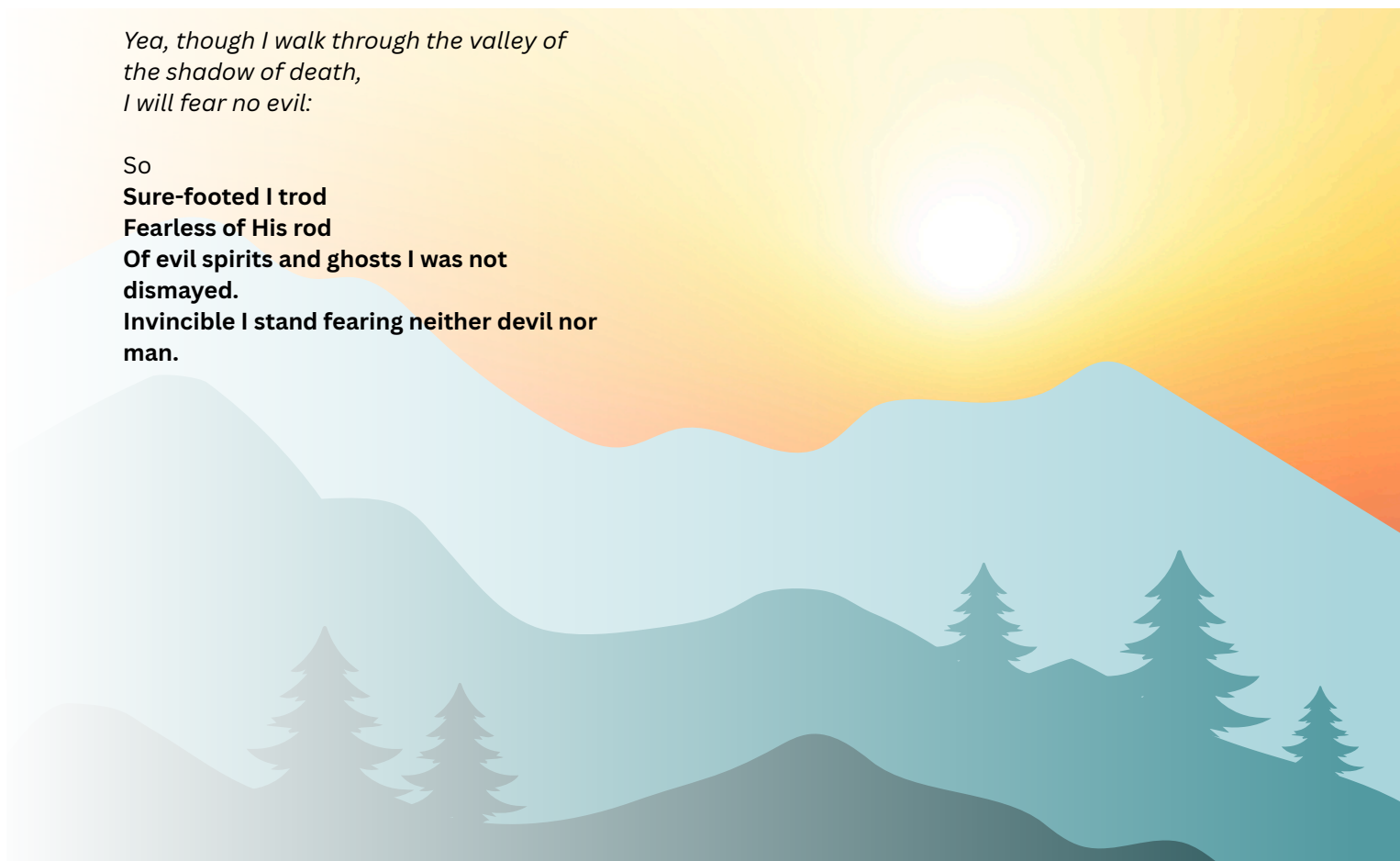
*For thou art with me; thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me.*

**And yet
I fall
For Hubris delights in the braggart's
plight.**

*Thou preparest a table before me in
the presence of my enemies...*

And so
**With haughtiness I
Feasted with my enemy
Your compassion and care I
mistook for the alchemy of eternity.**

For
*Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life.
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever.*



Winners of 2026 HMD Competition

Congratulations to Natalie TC, 8VI who was awarded 500 House Points and a £25 Amazon gift voucher as winner of this year's HMD competition.

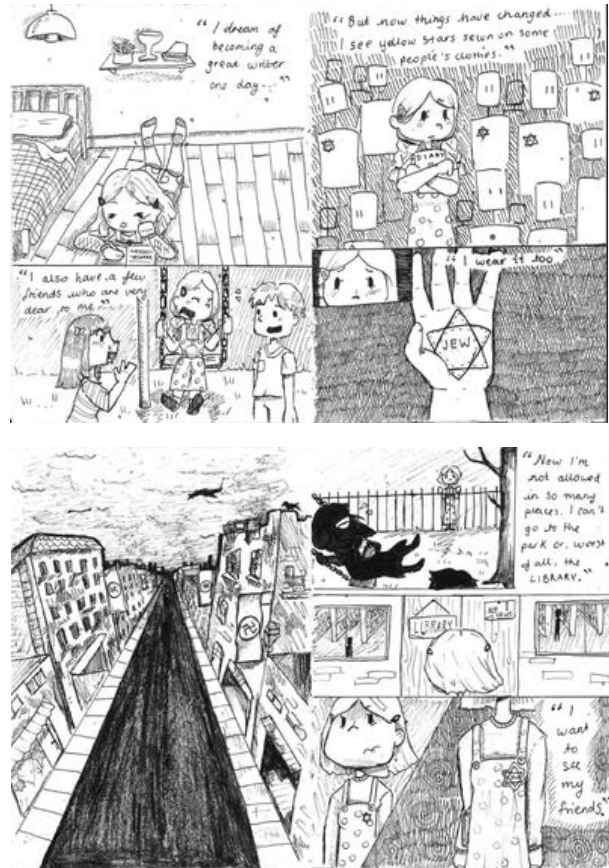
Students were invited to produce a graphic novel depiction, based on a given biography, of one of three young people whose lives were irrevocably changed by the events of the Holocaust: Victor Perez, Hannah Senesh or Anni Hazkelson.

Natalie's moving entry focuses on Anni Hazkelson. Anni Hazkelson was born on January 25, 1924. She lived in Riga, the capital of Latvia and the cultural center of Latvian Jewry. Anni's father, Shaya Benjamin, was a doctor, and her mother, Maria, taught English. Her sister, Lucy, was 2 ½ years younger than she was. Anni began keeping a diary two days after her 10th birthday.

Runners up who each received 250 House Points:

Michelle O, 8VI
Greta M, 8MA
Ayomide O, 7MA
Elizabeth R, 8SA

Ms S Connelly



Support for Families

www.contact.org.uk a charity for families with disabled children

www.fledglings.org.uk (Contact's online shop which has all things useful and practical for families and practitioners)

Family Fund UK charity which offers help once families have completed a form (with school and other health professionals being a referee about the child's needs) - this can be in the form of money towards a holiday, a giftcard for electrical items etc. It is targeted towards those that are in need so if you are claiming Universal Credit/Tax Credits and other benefits or have low income/low savings; it is always worth a try for all families. Parents need to provide evidence and it is a very simple process. It is currently capped every 2 years for reapplying

Little Village - help for those families who have young ones (pregnancy-birth-5 years old). This may be of help to those students with siblings in their family.

Thames Water also can help with money off bills for low income families.



Chaplaincy Corner



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you, and
with lively sorrow for my sins,
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure
and wholly obedient to you will.

Grant, good Jesus,
that I may live in you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger.

Comfort me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessing on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.

Amen

Faith life of school-

As a school we have mourned the loss of Canon Alan Parish Priest at Most Holy Trinity Dockhead, a book of condolences has been placed in the college chapel.

Mr Kelly along with Year 12 Chaplaincy led assemblies on loving thy neighbour for the start of Pride Month, reminding us All Are Welcome and loved by God.

Year 7 Savio had their first form Mass, marking the final form Mass of the Year with readings, prayers and music chosen by the form class.

Year 12 Cafod Ambassadors completed their leadership course and attended their graduation last week and this week they will be putting what they have learnt to the test by delivering workshops to students at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Gomm Rd who are part of the St Benedict Catholic Academy Trust Family.

The St Michael's Liturgical Choir performed at the St Benedict Catholic Academy Trust and Christ the King Art Exhibition opening at Lewisham shopping centre last Thursday. It was a great way to showcase their talents and support this event celebrating students' art work.

Amen.

Miss Casey
Chaplaincy Coordinator



Upcoming Events



June

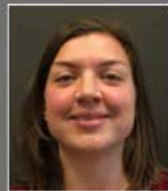
Tuesday 30th New Year 7 Evening

July

Wednesday 1st	New Year 7 Induction
Monday 6 th - Friday 10th	Years 10 & 12 Work Experience
Thursday 9 th 16:00	Parent Showcase Evening
Monday 13 th - Wednesday 15th	Arts & Enrichment Week
Monday 1th - Wednesday 15 th	Geography Field Trip
Thursday 16th	Sports Day
Friday 17th	End of Term

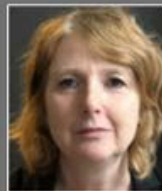


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