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*A fortnightly Newsletter for the pupils, parents and staff of
St Michael's Catholic College
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A Word from the Interim Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to welcome back all of our students and staff this academic year, especially our new Year 7 and Year 12 students.

Before I move onto what has already been a very busy start to the year, I want to take this opportunity to share with you the great success of our GCSE, A-Level and CTEC results. In August, our Year 11 and Year 13 students were overjoyed with their results, and they had every right to be, having achieved the college's highest results to date. These fantastic results were down to the sheer hard work and determination of each student and the staff and parent/carer's that supported them.

See our press release here:

[St Michael's Catholic College Celebrates Best Ever GCSE Results!](#)

[St Michael's Catholic College Celebrates Best Ever Sixth Form Results!](#)

September is always a busy month in any school and St. Michael's is no different. In the first few weeks everyone was excited to see each other and quickly re-familiarised themselves with each other and school life in general. Some stand out events included the Year 7 in school Welcome mass, the Autumn fire drill, Open day events and St. Michael's day celebrations. During each of these events all students have shown their true RUAH values, they have shown the very best of themselves and demonstrated what we have come to expect here at St. Michael's – Excellence.

As I said to all students in their assemblies at the start of the academic year, I am looking forward to seeing each of them develop their talents and reaching their potential across this school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and as always, this will be done in partnership with you.

With best wishes,

Ms J. Nottage
Interim Principal



Friday before school mass being offered in celebration of St. Michael's feast day.

Year 7 Welcome Mass



Beginning of Year Mass - Southwark



On Friday 25th September, students from our Young Salesians and Chaplaincy groups attending the Beginning of Year Mass with all of the other Southwark Schools at St. George's Cathedral

Congratulations to Our New Year 11 Prefects!

Supporting our College Community 2026-27



We are incredibly proud to announce our new Year 11 Prefect team. These student leaders have been chosen for their dedication and outstanding attitude, and they are ready to step into their vital roles across the school.

Our new prefects will be taking on several key responsibilities to support our community:

- **In Form Time & Line-Up:** They will assist tutors during morning line-ups and provide valuable support to teachers across various subject departments.
- **At Break & Lunch:** Look out for them helping to keep break and lunch line-ups calm, fair, and organised. They are always there to offer a friendly, approachable face whenever you need guidance.
- **Recognition & Rewards:** Prefects will actively highlight great behaviour to teachers for **Merit Nominations** to help you earn rewards. They will also assist tutors with **uniform and standards checks** to ensure everyone stays on track.

Please join us in celebrating their achievement and supporting them as they take on these important roles!

Congratulations Vicuna House! Sports Day 2026



Congratulations Rua House! House Champions 2026





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Students are keen to be involved in everything the College offers them... they have many opportunities to take responsibility and are encouraged to show initiative.
- Ofsted

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday
19
November

3.40pm - 7.00pm

**Internals Students 3.40-5pm and
Externals students 4.30-7pm**

*Parent/guardian attendance required
(max. 4 students per parent)*



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Runner

Poem by Ms P Belvett



The pacemaker has sprinted away
Runners not yet on the track
But she has made her mark
For her there's no looking back
She sets the pace
It is all her race.

No cajoling
Nor calming words will woo this filly back
She tries to motivate me to up my speed
But there's no competing with this steed
There's no slowing her down.
While I trot, she gallops the uneven ground
She evades the corral
And I'm careful not to fall.
In a canter I break
trying to up my pace
The bronc pen in sight, she hastens her flight.

This equine
Taking steps
Two at a time
Evades the gates.
I cannot maintain the chase,
She's a thoroughbred
To whom I must concede.

Horse taming is not for me.

SYP: Southwark Talent Show!



Southwark Youth Parliament, is inviting all of the young people of Southwark to take part in and be a guest of A Youth Talent Show! It would be amazing if you all could scan the QR code to voice your opinions and inform us so we can best cater to you. It would be Amazing!



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Queries from parents/carers

We are introducing a new system to address parent/carer queries more quickly by providing direct contact to the relevant team to support your child.

Team Contact Form	
Year 7	https://tinyurl.com/2s3cm8wj
Year 8	https://tinyurl.com/88yj445n
Year 9	https://tinyurl.com/wke7z7t9
Year 10	https://tinyurl.com/yzhj4re5
Year 11	https://tinyurl.com/4yz28epw
Year 12	https://tinyurl.com/4rru4btf
Year 13	https://tinyurl.com/32dy3utt
Special Educational Needs	https://tinyurl.com/4pthnx5r

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

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

- The start of the year began as it always does with the Year 7 Welcome Mass in the College Hall, lead by Fr Keith. Miss Casey selected readers to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to lead the year group in Bidding Prayers. Mr and Mrs Laurence accompanied the congregation on the piano. We started with 'All Our Welcome' – the song chosen to represent our college ethos
- Preparations are underway for St Michael's Day, sixth formers and Miss Casey are working to arrange a host of fundraising activities to support the work of CAFOD
- Fr Keith returned to Friday Mass with the first Mass shared by 11 Bosco
- Ms Nottage, Mr Kelly and Mrs Bryant will attend the Cathedral start of the Year Mass along with 10 of our students. Daniel A, Chiamaka O and Sebastian H were asked by the Education Commission to Altar Serve
- John Nash from the Good News (formerly know as Gideons Bibles) came and delivered a wonderful assembly to our new Year 7s about the power of the Word of God, all students received a copy!
- Applications are open for this year's Young Salesians and Year 12 Chaplaincy Teams

A Reflection to start the year...

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for welcoming the children.

Forgive us for the times we hinder others from coming to you. Help us to have the humble, trusting faith of a child. Teach us to receive your kingdom without pretence.

Thank you, Jesus, for your boundless love and for welcoming all. Fill us with a gentle spirit so we may never hinder anyone from knowing you.

Amen

Miss Casey
Chaplaincy Coordinator



The Word of the Lord

Mark 10:13-16 – Jesus and the Little Children

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And she took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.



Upcoming Events

October

Monday 12th - Friday 16th

Year 7-10 and 12 In-class assessment

Monday 19th - Friday 30th

Half-Term break



Parent Focus Group

Thu 10th Dec @ 16:30-17:30 – at St Michael's

Thu 11th Mar @ 16:30-17:30 – via MS Teams online

Thu 17th Jun @ 16:30-17:30 – via MS Teams online

Friends of St Michael's PTA Group

Friends of St Michael's – all meetings via MS Teams

Thu 5th Nov @ 16:30-17:30

Thu 21st Jan @ 16:30-17:30

Thu 15th Apr @ 16:30-17:30

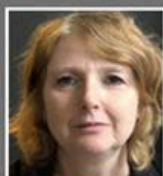


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