

The Week at Saint Cecilia's



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Headteacher's Message

'For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

A shorter newsletter this week to reflect the shorter week, but certainly not a reflection of the exciting end we have had to the Spring Term. Trips to the theatre, performances at Fairfield Hall, special guest speakers for Years 9, 10 and 11 and practical PE exams have meant pupils, students and teachers have had a busy run up to the Easter break.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank one of our SDBE appointed Governors, Mr Martin Andrews, as his second term comes to an end and he steps down from the Governing Body after eight years. Martin has served as Vice Chair of the Governing Body, and more recently as Chair of the Admissions Committee. In this voluntary role, Martin has made a significant contribution to the life of the school, visiting lessons, speaking to teachers, students and pupils, occasionally joining staff for Collective Worship and supporting me and members of the Leadership Team.

Following a very positive visit from the SIAMs inspection team, we hope to share the published report with parents, carers and the wider school community at the start of the Summer Term.

I look forward to seeing all pupils and students back for the start of the Summer Term on Monday 15th April at the usual time of 8.45am. Happy Easter! God bless.

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son...' (John 3:16)

Theme: Easter = Hope

Dear Parents and Carers,

"It looked as if all hope was lost Sir, but there is always hope when Jesus is around." This was the response of one of our Year 7 pupils last Monday at Christian Union after we had looked at the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11). As we look ahead to Easter weekend, those words strike me as being very apt again.

On Good Friday, as Jesus was crucified after being mocked, beaten and made a public spectacle, it seemed as if all hope was lost. One of the disciples described it this way: *"The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had **hoped** that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel"* (Luke 24:20-27).

That Friday did not seem very 'Good' at all. Thankfully, with the dawn of Sunday came the appearance of angels declaring to the grieving women, *"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."* The same Jesus, who raised Lazarus from the dead, put his words into action once more. He was alive and is still alive. For all those who believe He is who He says He is, sad Friday is now 'Good Friday' - the day that Jesus' great sacrifice brought great redemption for the whole world!

May the joy of this Easter be yours in abundance. Whatever *your* circumstances are, please know that "...there is always hope when Jesus is around." Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. Amen.

Alex Shoderu
Chaplain

Upcoming Event Reminders

- Monday 15th April: Summer Term begins at 8.45am
- Tuesday 16th April: Years 7-9 trip to Legoland
- Tuesday 16th April: Years 10 and 11 trip to '*The Play that Goes Wrong*' at the Duchess Theatre at 7.30pm
- Thursday 18th April: Year 9 Preferences Consultations 5 - 8pm in school
- Wednesday 24th April: Year 12 trip to '*Standing at the Sky's Edge*' at the Gillian Lynne Theatre at 7.30pm
- Thursday 25th April: Year 10 KPMG Workshops (information to follow)
- Thursday 25th April: Charity Book Sale
- Friday 26th April: Years 7 and 8 Junior Maths Challenge
- Tuesday 30th April: Year 7 BFI IMAX trip
- Tuesday 30th April: Year 12 visit to Crown Lane Studios
- Thursday 2nd May: Battle of the Bands at 6pm (information to follow)

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