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HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Year 11 students recently attended a fantastic subject fair organised by Miss Lovelock, Key Stage 5 students presenting to their younger peers to inform their post-16 choices, whilst Mrs Lusby & Mr Marsh presented online to parents of Year 9 students about Key Stage 4 options

It was lovely to attend the Civic Theatre for the annual Jack Petchey Awards in January. We congratulate our winners and we thank our dancers for a beautiful interlude performance.

Last week's performances of High School Musical were a wonderful culmination of months of hard work that showed our students' gifts & talents in great abundance.

It is always lovely to welcome visitors for such occasions, and especially nice that hundreds of local primary school children were able to attend morning performances. We were delighted to welcome the Mayor to Friday evening's closing performance following her recent visit to our Sports Readers' club, featured on BBC East in November.

We thank Mrs Nowlan and her team for providing us all with a wonderful experience. The arts at SJP continue to flourish under the guidance of our fantastically professional and expert team, all dedicated to supporting and inspiring the children in our care to display their creativity, craft & God given grace.

On Monday 30th January a group of students attended the city's Holocaust Memorial. Our horror at the atrocity must never be allowed to diminish, and to each generation must be entrusted the responsibility to challenge persecution in all its forms.

God bless.

Thomas Coen

Headteacher.

CHAPLAINCY FAITH LIFE

This Half term, we have marked the Feast of Epiphany through Bible Reflection and the feast days of some of our school saints with Prayers on their Feast Day – St Thomas Aquinas, St Angela Merici, St John Bosco and St Anne Line.

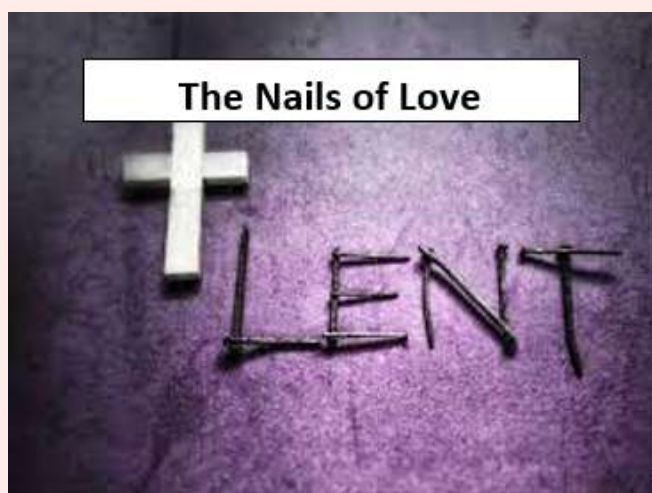
The Tuesday prayer group in the chapel at lunchtime is ongoing and we invite all students to attend and pray the rosary with the legion of Mary.

We have been very pleased to welcome the local clergy in to celebrate Friday Form masses for our students – Students and form tutors have helped prepare the Masses. As always, we are so blessed and thankful to our deanery priests for bringing us Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Upcoming Events: Lent

The Lenten Service will take place on Thursday 30TH March at 6pm, with the whole school attending the following day. All families are warmly invited to attend this service, followed by refreshments.

If any students would like to take part in the Lenten Service by doing a reading, music, IT, drama, scene setting, creating prayer cards, please see Katy to put your name down. This year the service will focus on the nails that Jesus chose, how they bring forgiveness to all who believe in him. Between his hand and the wood was a list of all sin; yours, mine, the world's. All our weaknesses, failures, misdoings, and selfish lusts were put to death as his hands were nailed to the cross.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 22nd February. We will have services for the whole school to mark this Holy Day, focussing on the Lent observances of Fasting, Penance and Prayer. Reconciliation – As part of our Lenten observances, students will also be invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 9th March. More details will follow on this. Retreats – This coming term, Year 8 students will all go to Ingatestone Hall and Year 9 will visit Walsingham House at Abbotswick for their retreat days with their form.

Holocaust Memorial 2023

This month a group of students stood in solidarity together with members of the Jewish community to pray and remember the darkest times of the holocaust. Our students read and remembered the 6million by lighting candles and remembering they were ordinary people as this was the theme for 2023. Upon listening to the main speaker, we shared our tears and our hearts.



LGBTQ+ History Month

February is LGBTQ+ History Month. Working with some of our LGBTQ+ community in school, we will mark this with assemblies and opening discussion for students on how people of all backgrounds are welcomed as members of the Catholic Church and of our Catholic school community. We believe we are all born in God's likeness and image and that He is pleased with what He has created.

Pope Francis has given clear direction that he wants to establish an inclusive church. As Catholics we know that more than the places in which we worship, this means us. Our hearts must be always open, radiating fellowship and love. Our Holy Father has said, 'homosexual people have a right to be in a family. They are children of God. Nobody should be thrown out or made miserable over it.'

We are proud of our diversity, proud of our difference, proud of the love and welcome that defines our community, and proud to live Christ's greatest commandment, Love one another as I have loved you.

With prayers,

Katy Adams School Lay Chaplain

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

**Eleanor- Pastoral
Mentor &
Attendance**



**Tracey- Pastoral
Mentor**



B Purcell- Site



**R Odendaal-
Librarian**



**W Hockaday- IT
Technician**



S Murray- LSA



S Baker- LSA




STUDENT AWARDS



Student Awards



	Total Year Group Achievement Points	Highest Form Achievement points	Highest Achievement Points In the Year
Year 7	18810	7D 4051	Michelle O-7S 223 Achievement Points
Year 8	8992	8S 1899	Freddie G - 8S 219 Achievement Points
Year 9	8147	9C 2557	Ariel O - 9A 183 Achievement Points
Year 10	4118	10C 1073	Victory M- 10B 106 Achievement Points
Year 11	1439	11B 687	Edward W- 11C 88 Achievement Points

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SJP Linguastars- Autumn term 1b



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<i>Year 7 French</i>	<i>Year 8 French/German</i>	<i>Year 9 French</i>	<i>Year 9 German</i>
Anna S 7A	Ananya D 8A	Maria I 9C	Ariel O 9A
Anme C 7C	Connie W 8S	Lyla K 9S	Joe T 9D
Molly C 7D	Dominic K 8A	Thomas D 9B	Ella O 9S
Orla M 7F	Faith B 8C	Christina J 9D	Karol K 9C
Ayobami O 7S	Orlagh N 8S	Ryan D 9F	Jessica W 9F

Moreover, SJP Top Linguastars are chosen amongst all others for their excellence.

Charlotte C (7B) Excellent class participation and written work

Quynhvy L (8D) Calm participation and concentration on accuracy.

Kieran S (9B) Excellent attitude to learning and homework.

Teslimi B (9B) Resilient and good attitude to leaning.

Georgia M (10F) Conscientious attitude to language learning to produce excellent written work.

Natalia G (10F) has worked quietly and conscientiously to produce excellent written work.

Olivia G (11S) Fantastic attitude to learning. Ability to take feedback on board to improve work.

Hala B (11C) has attended all the revision sessions and has worked hard to produce excellent spoken and written German.

Joshua L (12F) Consistent positive attitude and attention to detail.

Hannah Y (12C) Hannah has worked conscientiously - always going the extra mile.

Jasper M (13F) Good recall of vocabulary and ideas to argue point of view.

Isabel L (13B) Isabel has continued to work hard this term and is becoming more confident when speaking German.

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Nanaserwaa A (7A)	Abigail B (8B)	Jamie A (9A)	Erin W (9A)
Jessica M (7B)	Freddie G (8S)	Kai G (9D)	Joe T (9D)
Harrison H (7D)	Robert R (8A)	Taymour B (9S)	Lyla K (9S)
Emma M (7F)	Katy O-C (8D)	Dominic P (9B)	Charlie M (9B)
Eddie C(7S)	Sarah D (8F)	Matthew D (9F)	Abigail P (9F)

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Maja F (7C) - Excellent class participation and written work.

Kobie E (8D) - Ability to link language from one context to the next and apply grammatical rules with ease.

Dominic P (9B) - Quick understanding of pronunciation and how to apply rules to communication.

Chido M (9D) - Clear linguistic ability and excellent recall of new vocabulary.

Ethan L (10S) - Hard graft outside of lessons and diligent active participation in lessons.

Elsie W (10S) - Elsie has worked very hard this term and has produced excellent written work.

Lilla P (11F) - A joyful flair for languages evident in her wonderful MOCK results.

Nathan S (11C) - Nathan has moved to higher their and is working hard to master new grammar and tenses.

Nicole B (12F) - Cheery approach to vocabulary application and excellent summary skills.

Joshua L (12F) - Gained confidence in his spoken German. He always works hard and strives to use all the grammatical structures covered in his own written work.

Katie T (13S) - Excellent MOCK results due to hard graft at home.

Isabel L (13B) - Gained confidence in her spoken German. Working very hard and is producing detailed and analytical essays on the set text and film.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



SPORTS READERS by Mila S 12D



Getting teenagers of any age to wake up earlier than demanded is a foreign concept to most, let alone coming into school and opening up a book out of their own volition. Yet, against all odds, our students in years 7, 8 and 12 have proven the majority wrong and have done just this. From nothing but a drive to learn, improve and mentor, our pupils within the school community gather on a biweekly basis to attend a programme called Sports Readers with the sole objective of improvement. Each Wednesday and Thursday morning, if you were to go to the school's library before students begin to fill the playgrounds and hallways, prior to the start of school, you would find a strong and surprisingly large group of students fuelled by pastries and hot chocolate reading with one another in their buddies. The younger pupils attend with, we hope, the purpose of growth and the sixth form students are there to facilitate this growth with an environment where each pupil has a space and the right of belonging.

This programme began as a hope for academic growth and has, due to its noble cause, caught the attention of a number of people, eager to share and support the students in their efforts. The launch of the programme was set off with a video where several successful athletes and public sporting figures wished our students luck in their journey, and each spoke about the importance of reading in their own lives. We also were visited by Chelmsford City F.C. player, Simeon Jackson, who shared his success story and his love for literature. And it has only been within recent weeks, that we were honoured to have the Mayor of Chelmsford, Sue Dobson, who was eager to speak to the students about her own journey to leadership and learn more about the Sports Reader's programme.

The programme was originally orchestrated with the aim to help younger secondary school students to improve their reading and comprehension abilities in order to ensure that they were equipped with the needed skills to support them as they continue through their school career. The importance of reading has become significantly more crucial for students' success across all areas of education as exam questions within almost all subjects have become increasingly more word based and require an added level of understanding of what the question really requires. Although we understand that encouraging students to read twice a week will not ignite a love for literature amongst them all, we do not doubt the impact that this will have on their school careers and further outcomes.

It is through the students' attendance, sixth former's willingness and the members of staff's diligence and efforts that this programme is possible. We are not only already seeing growth academically but are also witnessing a closeness of community as the students work together and enable one another.



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**Mayor of Chelmsford
visiting our students.**



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Thank you Mark Foster for your message. 🙌❤️



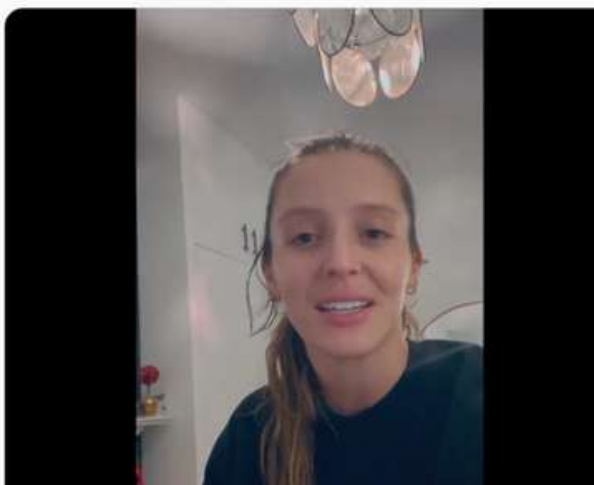
Mark Foster

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Andy Jameson

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Thank you @laurarobson5 for your message. 🙌❤️



Laura Robson

SportsReadersBC @SportsReadersBC · 2 Dec 2022
@Adam_Gemili thank you for your message and we look forward to getting you in school. 🙌



SJP Catholic School and Official Account of Sports at SJP

Adam Gemili



"We are so proud of you all." Mrs Gosling & Mrs Peach

Sporting Achievements

Our Year 7 netball team are on a winning streak, beating Beaulieu 19-0. They have won all their games so far, with only 1 left against Sandon. They are on track to be promoted! Please share your congratulations to: Sienna Wt (c), Juliet J, Charlotte B, Anna S, Francine N, Lily P, Jess D Olivia I, Lydia B

Our year 8 netball team also won against Beaulieu 6-5.



Y7 and Y8 girls took part in the District indoor athletics competition with 9 other schools in Chelmsford. The girls have been putting in several hours of training during lunch time practices over the recent weeks.

Year 7 Results:

1st - GBHS

2nd - SJP

3rd - CCHS

Year 8 Results:

1st - SJP - District Champions! - They will now go on to represent the Chelmsford District in the County Finals. This will be on Tuesday 7th March.

2nd - CCHS

3rd - GBHS



An excellent team performance!

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 boys athletics squads for representing the school. Year 7 results: 2nd - SJP - (only 3 points away from winning) Year 8 results: 1st - SJP - District champions! - **They will now go on to represent the Chelmsford district in the County Finals**



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Superstars Event

An update from the Superstars Event. Our students led a morning session to over 300 students through different sporting events. They have been a credit to the school.



"Well done SJP students." Miss Cracknell



Equestrian Centre Jumpcross Cross

Congratulations to Theo ER in Year 11 who recently took part in the Barleylands Equestrian Centre Jumpcross Cross. Theo came 2nd out of 43 competitors in the 70cm jump and 4th out of 56 in the 80cm. A fantastic achievement!



"Well done Theo!" Miss Cook



KEY SCHOOL EVENTS





February 2nd & 3rd saw 81 talented SJP students take to the stage and the orchestra pit to perform this year's musical **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ONSTAGE**. The cast of 81 consisted of 72 performers, 4 musicians and 5 back stage crew from Year 7 to Year 13, a real 'whole school production'.

The students performed 4 shows in 2 days to over **1,000 audience members** including the Mayor. 450 of these were primary school children from local schools who were experiencing live theatre for the first time. The final night was a sell out, so much so, that for the first time in SJP history, we had to turn people away as we could not fit another seat in the auditorium!

Feedback from all audience members has been amazing. **Commenting on the wonderful energy, talent and professionalism** the whole cast exuded.

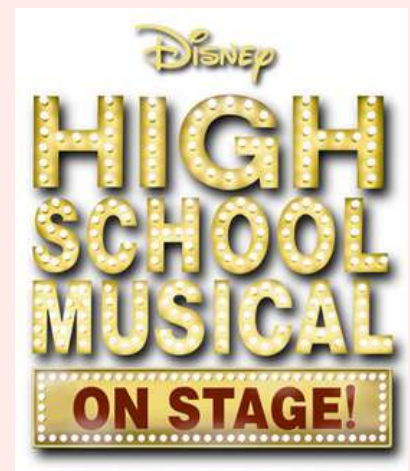
We would like to congratulate every cast member; performer, musician and back stage crew, for their astounding commitment to making this show a success. Rehearsals began at the start of October, resulting in many of the cast and band rehearsing twice weekly afterschool and during many lunchtimes for the past 4 months. All the students have shown such resilience, dedication and **positivity** throughout the whole rehearsal process which resulted in an electric performance they all should be proud of.

As always, these large productions are a huge undertaking and would not be possible without the help of so many from the SJP community. We would like to thank the SJP site team, the Art department, the PTA, the PE department, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs Wright, Mrs Daly, the local primary schools, the finance department, tutors and Heads of Year, all staff who came to watch **AND FINALLY** all parents, carers and friends who supported those in the show by not only coming to watch the performances but also in many other ways during the rehearsal process.

**BRING ON THE NEXT SHOW! WELL DONE AGAIN TO ALL INVOLVED!
'WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!'**



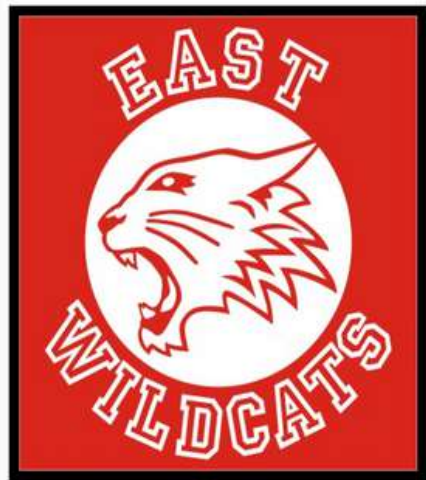
***The Performing Arts Department
Mrs Nowlan, Mrs Adams, Mr Sullivan,
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Sixth Form Student Subject Fair

A group of BTEC Business students hosted and ran the Subject fair event as part of their UNIT of Managing an event. On January 27th, the Year 11s all had a great experience attending the event and asking the current 6th formers about the steps to take for specific A level courses. The entire event turned out to be a success.

Harvey & Ollie Year 13



"An excellent experience, very insightful and useful." Yr 11 student

Fundraiser for Turkey and Syria



Our wonderful student leadership team held a bake sale at break time, to raise money for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. They raised £187.81. It was also their idea for members of the community to come to school wearing an item of red and make a donation on ParentPay. Once all the money is in, we will report the final total. It's not too late to donate!



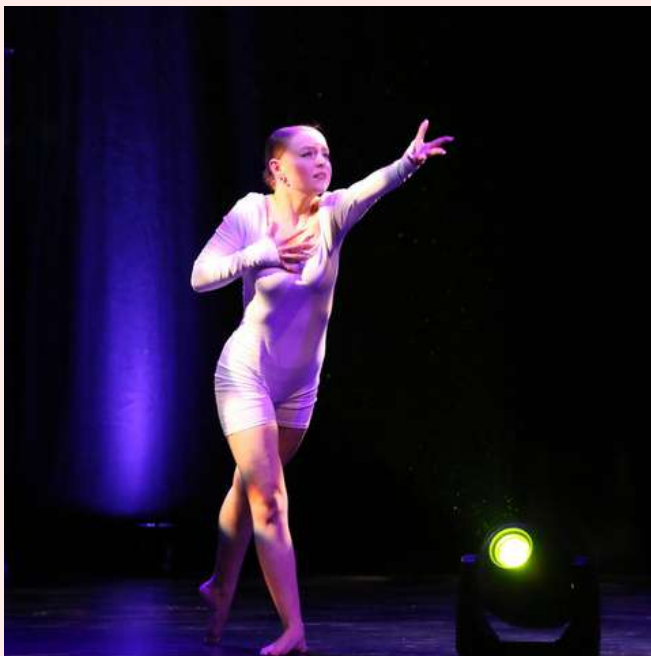
**TURKEY - SYRIA
EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

National Apprenticeship Week

We had a week of activities to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week, culminating in a presentation to Year 11 and Year 12 students by Kelley O 'Donovan from First Intuition. Kelley gave a really interesting talk about the different types of apprenticeship and the benefits of taking this pathway. She encouraged students to think about the transferable skills they are already developing, and how these are applicable in the work place.



Jack Petchey- SJP

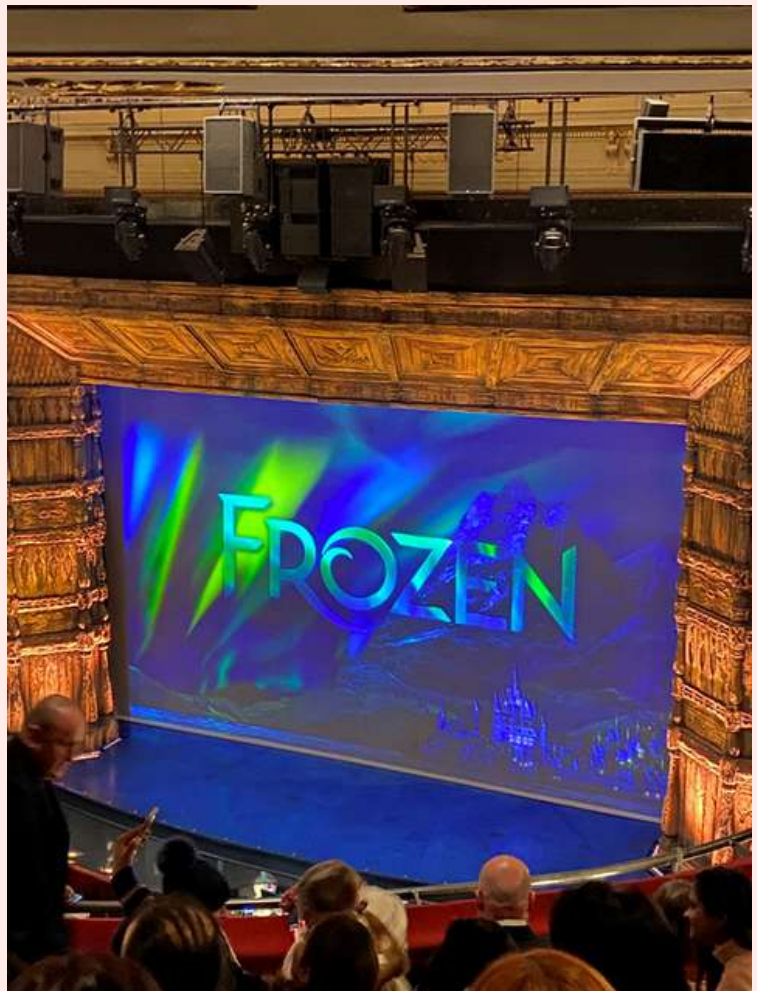


"A breath taking performance! We are so proud of you all." Mrs Adams

A trip to Frozen



On Friday 13th January, we were able to take 32 students to watch the Disney Theatre production of Frozen. This was a funded trip by the Jack Petchey Foundation for students who has been recognised for their kind attitude, hard work and resilience. A fun evening was had by all.



***Jack Petchey Co-ordinator
Katy Adams***

Lille Christmas Market 2022

Year 8 Modern Languages French Christmas Market Trip in Lille

In December 2022 SJP travelled abroad for the second time since the pandemic! 50 year 8 students and 5 members of staff enjoyed a first-hand French experience interacting with natives in northern France for the day. Not only did the students use French to get by, but they absorbed the local culture and its Christmas traditions. For some it was their first time travelling by Eurotunnel and for others they would never have before tasted local delicacies such as crêpes and gaufres or walked the streets of such a beautiful city.

"I thought the trip was really fun and I found it really enjoyable. The Christmas Market was full of loads of hand-crafted gifts and delicious food. My friends and I found a food stall and we all ordered a crêpe each, which were amazing and we got to watch them make it in front of us. After a while we got to explore the shops on the main roads. After, as a group we all walked down to a huge shopping centre and got to look at all the shops. Once we all registered again we walked back to the coach. It was a really fun experience and I would really like to go there again."
Aoife P 8S



Debating Society

We have been pleased to see the return of a Debating Society to St John Payne School during this academic year. Each Thursday lunchtime students from Years 10, 11 and 12 gather to debate topical issues. There is usually a short input on a particular debating skill and then two teams of three do battle "on their feet". Proposition and opposition speakers tease out the truths of their particular stance, with persuasive arguments and often lively exchanges with the opposite team whose members are allowed to offer points of information during speeches. This gives plenty of opportunity for participants to hone their speaking and listening skills and helps to develop skills of analysis and evaluation.

There is always a floor debate to extend the argument, and this gives new speakers the chance to find their voice with a short contribution. To close, the House votes upon the motion and results are published weekly.

Motions have covered a range of topics, including negotiating with terrorists, adopting a 'no touch' policy, the school leaving age and the merits and pitfalls of social media.

Pictured are some students debating the relative merits of capitalism and socialism. .



"Congratulations to all our speakers and for those who officiate as chair and timekeeper." Mrs Webb



Year 11 trip to Poetry Live! In Cambridge



Above the murmuring and chatter of the students, a sense of excitement and expectation filled Bosco hall that Wednesday morning. This sense of anticipation only grew stronger as we drove closer and closer to Cambridge a city renowned worldwide for its university and academic excellence. As we got off the coach to travel to venue, where we would hear world famous poets such as Simon Armitage (poet laureate), we could almost hear the history of Cambridge speaking through the walls. The first speaker to address the multitude of students gathered from across the region was the exam officer who gave us great insightful advice on how to ace the upcoming exams this May. This was followed by some of our nation's finest poets including Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage, Imtiaz Dharker and John Agard all of whom had written poems that we had studied in class. As these poets offers advice, the only thing that could be seen was everyone from Saint John Payne frantically making detailed notes and occasionally looking up to take in even more information. We then had a lunch break where students could socialise or buy concessions (which I have to say we're very reasonably priced) after which we returned for the last hour and a quarter.

The last poet of the day was John Agard whose word in particular encapsulated the whole trip: "let language be part of your living" showing that whatever we do whatever path we follow poetry can be part of all our lives.

After the event ended some of our fortunate students took a selfie with him and then finally with the poets' words still ringing in our ears we left the city of Cambridge; a city captured in the fading light of a winter's afternoon.

On behalf of all the students I thank the amazing members of staff who made this possible and in particular Mr Godfrey who organised the trip. I am hopeful, nay certain that the next year group to go on this trip will have just as a fantastic experience as we did.



A review by Edward W (Year 11)

Literacy & Library News



Congratulations to students who have completed the Christmas reading challenge and received House Points and a certificate in assembly:
Freddie G 8S, Molly C 7D, Marta I 7F, Anthony M 8A, Natalia L 8D, Freya H 7B, Scarlet R 8F, Jessica D 7A, Tyson A I 8D, Amelia D 8F, Emma F 7D

STUDENT LIBRARIAN APPLICATION PACK

PLEASE READ THE FORM CAREFULLY AND THEN COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS AND RETURN IT TO THE LIBRARY BY 08/02/2023

NAME: _____ FORM: _____

1. WHY DO YOU WANT TO HELP IN THE LIBRARY?

2. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO TO HELP THE LIBRARY?

3. WHY SHOULD WE CHOOSE YOU TO WORK IN THE LIBRARY?

4. WHAT DO YOU LIKE READING?

5. HAVE YOU WORKED AS A STUDENT LIBRARIAN BEFORE?
WHAT DID YOU DO?

WHEN ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP IN THE LIBRARY?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	



Please check your library lesson designs to the best designs from each class will be added and given house points for effort and creativity.
Miss Odendaal

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Raising Boys

Monday 30th Jan/6th Feb 23
9:30-11:30am

Understanding Children

Tuesday 31st Jan/7th/21st/28th Feb 23
9:30 -11:30am

Confident Cooking on a budget

Tuesday 31st Jan
12:30-1:30pm

Fussy Eaters

Tuesday 31st Jan/7th Feb 23
12:30-1:30pm

Valentine's Family Day Ideas

Wednesday 1st Feb
9:30-11:30am

Top tips to make your money go further

Thursday 2nd Feb 23
12:30-1:30pm

Where to go for cost of living support

Thursday 2nd Feb 23
6:00-7:00pm

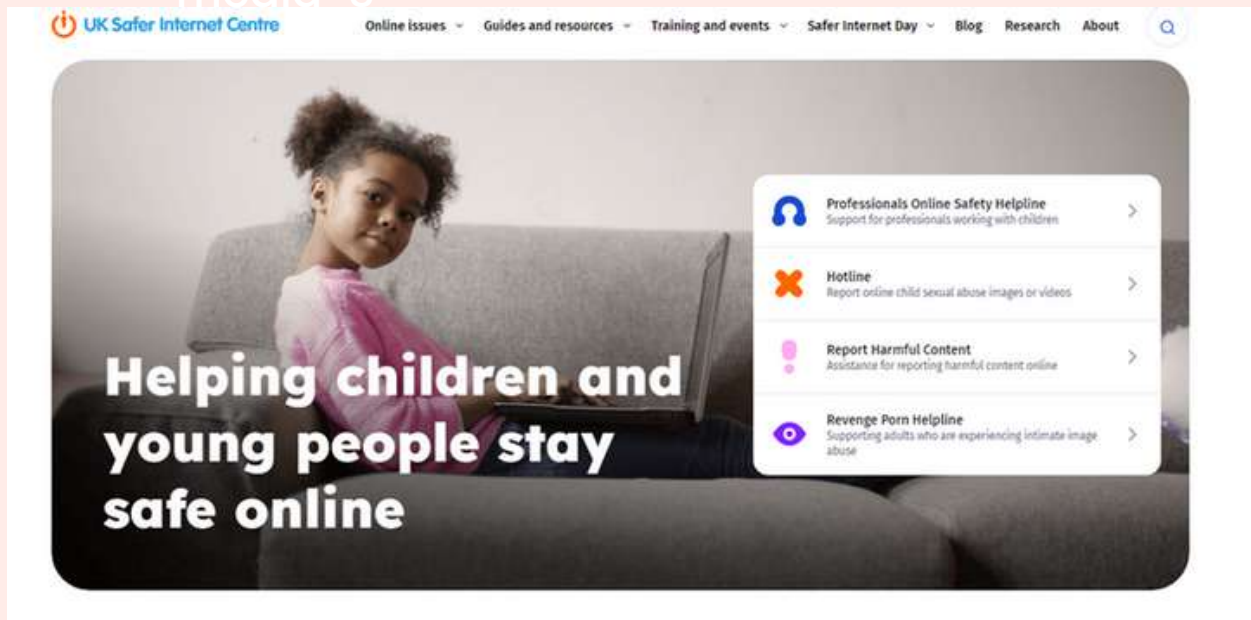
Explain cost of living to your child

Friday 3rd Feb 23
12:30-1:30pm



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Robert, former School Direct trainee

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