Dear Parents and Guardians,

Once again, the exam season is upon us. May and June see the culmination of eleven and thirteen years of school, respectively for our GCSE and A Level candidates. After the many years of hard work and determined effort, it all comes down to this next six weeks.

Please can I ask for all in our community to keep our exam candidates in their thoughts and prayers, I know they will all appreciate it greatly. Both Year Eleven and Year Thirteen were given their traditional send offs from school with a service where it all began, in our chapel.

This was followed by a leaver’s assembly giving them the chance to reminisce fondly over their many years with us, not to mention laugh at their year 7 photos. Whilst the assemblies were joyous occasions, it was, as ever, sad to see them go.

Best of luck to all of them!

Mr C Smart
Deputy Head

Dates for Your Diary

- Year 13 Leaver’s Prom: 27.06.19
- May Half Term: 27.05.19 – 31.05.19
- Year 8 Options Evening: 12.06.19

Remember to also check the website regularly.
On Friday the 26th of April, myself and those on the Oxbridge Pathways Programme travelled to Imperial College London in South Kensington- a prestigious Russell Group university- for a lecture about Electrochemistry.

It was a chance for us to enhance our enrichment as we approach Sixth Form and the A-Levels next year. It was also a good chance to socialise and meet with future members of our year group from other schools.

As for the lecture itself, it wasn’t entirely what we had been expecting, for example, it began with quiz. This was much more interactive than we expected and I was struck by the enthusiasm of the other attendees about Chemistry (some more than others). The lecture ended with a Professor of Electron Chemistry, with over 40 years of experience, talking to us about his field of work. As this was my first lecture, I found this experience interesting as it gave me an insight into university life.

Ryan Pereira
Year 11

Regeneration has been seen all across London over the last decade; however, our year 12 students had never imagined that they would see this first hand so close to home! Spending the afternoon in Dalston visiting four different locations allowed the boys to discover the causes, impacts and responses to regeneration and gentrification on local communities and businesses. With the students confidently collecting their own primary data by conducting interviews, environmental quality surveys and land use maps, they are now able to use their findings as evidence in their essay writing to highlight the positives and negatives of changes made by external forces.

Ms S Smith
Teacher of Geography, Rewards Manager
Farewell to Year 13

Good luck to the Year 13 leavers!
Geography

Geography is best experienced at the soles of our feet and a series of students in years 7-11 were put to the test when they were given the challenge of building an erupting volcano. The boys worked in teams of three and used their prior Geography knowledge to build a variety of shield and composite volcanoes using soil, leaves and sticks. Four simple ingredients later, the volcanoes were spilling out bright orange lava and volcanic bombs.

With first hand knowledge of what an eruption may look like, the BBC Yellowstone Super Volcano documentary then further illustrated the severity of tectonic activity on a global to local scale. I think the students of STAC are now fully prepared to be volcanologists in the future.

If you’d like to try this out safely at home, come and see Miss Smith

Ms S Smith
Teacher of Geography, Rewards Manager

Rewards

Whole school initiative
The two week competition finally came to an end and the mystery prize was finally revealed. The top 20 students in each year group were given a sticker in their planners Thursday morning and directed to go and collect their prize Friday lunch time. With the sun shining all week, what better way to end the toughest term of the year than with an ice-lolly. With 100 students parading around the playground with their treat, the competition is now on to remain at the top and earn their place on the big end of year rewards trip!

Year 7 and 8
The number of places available has increased! On June 28th 2019, 90 students in both Year 7 and 8 will be taken out of school for the whole day for their end of year reward trip. The top 20 students have already been given letters, so it is time to earn your place!

IT’S A RACE TO THE TOP!

- Franklin Kosia
- Kieran Christopher Cheyne
- Gabriel Santana Sanchez
- Milo Gray
- Fabricio Pinto Pedreira
- Kijani Benskin
- Oliver Toure
- Laquarn McQueen
- Moseray Bangura
- Rionne Budgeon
- Edmilson Justiniano Zeballos
- Ibrahim Sharief
- Tyler Whatie
- Grant Davis
- Adeyemi Odunayo
- Leandro Barros Sousa Nunes
- Eric Samuel Marques
- Zaine Thomas
- Nathan Mensah
- Jonathan Otolorin

HOW WILL YOU EARN YOUR PLACE?

- Oluwatobiloba Adelagun
- David Ubaze
- Charlie Sinclair-Blunt
- Ezekiel Kale
- Uriel Sanni
- Jeremiah Paul Dodoo
- Blake Parker-Wilde
- Nnaemeka Odirichukwu
- Kevin Barrazaeta Piedra
- Hugo Plaguano Almachi
- Josiah Gyasi-Sundu
- Osarosa Akhuenokhan
- Leroy Anyadie-Chima
- Patrick Burns
- Al-Amin Nurudeen
- Russell Chukwuma
- Jordi Alejandro Espinoza Salinas
- Oluwatobiloba Akinrinola
- Raymond Awusu
- Kodwo Bondzie
Year 9
On June 28th 2019, 90 students in Year 9 will be taken out of school for the whole day for their end of year reward trip. Students will be allowed to wear their own clothes and spend the day with their friends at Thorpe Park. The number of places have been increased to 90! And the top 20 students have already been given letters, so it is time to earn your place!

Year 10
The number of places has increased to 120! On June 7th 2019, 120 students in Year 10 will be taken out of school for the whole day for their end of year reward trip. As a massive congratulations for their hard work throughout their RE exam period, students will be allowed to wear their own clothes and spend the day with their friends at Thorpe Park. Letters have already been given out to the top 100 students, so the last few places are in high demand!

Dear Students,
So many competitions have taken place over the past few weeks. Here is an update of the situation.
First of all, thanks to all the ones who took part to the Spelling Bee and thanks to all teachers involved for helping out.

Tobi 7.1 (Gunstone) came first, with Abrose (Gunstone) in second, Daniel B 7.1 (Jones) in third and Elijah (Jones) 7.2 in fourth place.

Points
Rigby: 50 participant + 200 points = 250 points
Griffith: 40 participant + 100 points = 140 points
Gunstone: 70 participant + 400 = 470 points
Jones: 40 participant + 300 points = 340 points

An update on our house rugby event. In the lovely warm weather conditions some good rugby was played by the boys who participated. Outstanding performance being Giuseppe, brilliant attitude and very good performances see his house win the competition overall.

1st Place – Gunstone: 400 points + 60 participation = 460 points
2nd Place – Rigby: 300 points + 90 participation = 390 points
3rd Place – Griffith: 200 points + 90 participation = 290 points
4th Place – Jones: 100 points + 60 participation = 160 points
Thanks to Ms Afolayan who helped out and joined in with the games.

Regards,

Mr J Lemaire
Head of House

### Art and Graphics Exhibition

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YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO:

The 2019 Art and Graphics Exhibition

Friday 7th June
4.00-6.30pm
Refreshments will be available

We look forward to seeing you.
Aspirations Evening

You’re invited to be part of our annual careers and employability event at
St Thomas the Apostle School and Sixth Form College
Thursday 4th July 2019
5.30-8.00pm
Refreshments will be served

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All students are welcome to attend clubs for their respective year groups. They need PE kit including trainers, and swim wear including a towel for swim clubs. Thank you, The PE Department.
Congratulations to Lenny Cole in Year 10 for getting into the National Youth Theatre. NTY seek out talented performers through a very competitive audition process. Lenny will initially take part in the summer school and then become a member of the company of young performers. He will get the chance to work with some of the UK’s leading professional directors, writers, producers, designers and stage managers. Notable NYT alumni include British actors Sir Daniel Day-Lewis, Dame Helen Mirren, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Daniel Craig. A huge congratulations for this achievement and we wish him the best of luck!

Mr R. Anderson  
Head of Drama

A message from the Head of Year 10

With the year 10 boys coming to the end of their first GCSE cycle it is important to reflect on what a momentous year it has been for the year group. The pupils across year 10 have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and have continually strived for success in their examinations. It is important now that as a year group we begin to look forward at some of the enjoyable events that the latter stages of the Summer term entail. Upcoming events include an exclusive trip to Thorpe Park for just Year 10 pupils, Aspirations Evening, Work Experience and Sports Day. It is important that you are as well organised for these events as you have been throughout the year for your RE exams and that you give yourself every opportunity to make the most of these fantastic days. Ensure that you are giving a big effort in your lessons for the remainder of the year as more serious work awaits us in September. Have a restful break and enjoy some downtime.

Mr R Hannan  
Head of Year 10, Acting Head of Resistant Materials
**YEAR 7**

Charlie Sinclair-Blunt for continued hard work and effort in his maths lessons. Samuel Ibrahim for his dedication to doing extra Hegarty as well as always working hard in his Maths lessons. Jordi Alejandro Espinoza Salinas for his excellent work in maths and giving 100% every lesson. Joshua Quartey in for homework in Maths. Hugo Pilaguano Almachi for academic achievement & exemplary behaviour all year.

*For always being hard working and good contribution in Geography:*

Ugo Ibukwe  
Omari Mills  
Ferdinan Almeida

Mukunga William-Peter for improved attitude which results in higher grades in Italian.  
Ibekwe Oluebebe for an improved attitude which results in higher grades in Italian.  
Juan Loaiza Villagomez for constantly excellent homework in Italian.  
Dakarai Dillon for being extra prepared for Classics Book Club and contributing a lot to the discussion.  
Emmu Eruemrejovwo for reading the book for Classics Book Club twice, and using his knowledge of the book to help other students.

**YEAR 8**

*Year 8 PE for consistent high standards of performance and effort:*

Rhys Denton  
Patrick Foday  
Morgan Francis  
Ewan Gauci  
Ruben Gifford  
Milo Gray  
Alpha Kamara  
Sahaid Mansaray  
Taylan Orakci  
Michael Purcell  
Oliver Toure  
Eric Marques

*Year 8 Athletics team For representing STAC in Southwark Championships last week:*

Issah Abdulakarim  
Emmanuel Adekunle  
Osarosa Akhune  
Daniel Awobimpe  
Martin Bunyasi  
Morgan Francis  
Ewan Gauci  
Milo Gray  
Joshua Ogundeyin
YEAR 9

Year 9 athletics team for representing STAC in Southwark Championships last week:
Jason Awolesi
Kwame Benskin
Alfred Conteh
Rodney Ekwoanya
Elvis Eyuna
Emmanuel Kwatchey
Abubakarr Mansaray
Francis Mila
Jonathan Osei
Thierry Owusu
Romadan Yesufu
Agegnehu Zangrando

YEAR 10

For excellent effort in RE:
Stephen Odeleye
David Benitez-Campoverde
Caleb Amukamara
Cameron Deleon-Jones
Jose Ismael Godoy
Samuel Sewell

YEAR 11

Gabriel Falade for fantastic contribution to the year 11 leavers service.
Hameed Yahaya for fantastic contribution to the year 11 leaver service.
Alan Yeo for leading the year 11 leavers service as head boy.
Nelly Agbonkhese for demonstrating significant revision for his history GCSE.
Shakiem Ellis for showing a marked improvement in his effort this half-term, arriving early for school and staying late, putting in significant revision.
Titus Ayorinde for his fantastic saxophone solo performance in the year 11 leavers service.

YEAR 12

Esther Kusimo for trying super hard in Psychology. She is asking great questions, doing preparatory work using her own initiative, listening so well. She is determined and resilient.
Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in our school is the responsibility of the whole school community. All adults working in this School (including visiting staff, volunteers and students on placement) are required to report instances of actual or suspected child abuse or neglect to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who is a member of the school’s leadership team.

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