

St Gregory's Catholic Science College Newsletter



Summer 2023

From the Headteacher

This has, as ever, been an extremely busy term for the school, with a huge amount of time and energy being devoted to Public Examinations (particularly for Year 11 and the Sixth Form). We hope that all the hard work of pupils and staff is rewarded with good GCSE and A-Level examination results in August. Although in the meantime, I would like to thank Mr Sinclair for the organisation and smooth running of exams at the school.

Sports Day was a huge success in all respects. Although very competitive, it was a day filled with fun and laughter and pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day. Congratulations to Benedict House who were the overall winners on the day. My thanks, also, to Mr Francis and the P.E. Department for the superb organisation of the day.

We are delighted that our work as part of the DfE Behaviour hubs programme has continued to grow. We have hosted 3 excellent Open Days for 7 schools. Following these Open Days, we have had extremely positive feedback from our visitors in respect of the fantastic behaviour of our children. We were also extremely pleased to receive a National School Attendance Award from the Fisher Family Trust organisation, placing us in the top 25% of schools in the country for the attendance levels of our students. As you are probably aware from reports in the media, pupil attendance levels in schools across the country have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. So it is very pleasing to see that this has not been an issue for St Gregory's, especially in light of the impact that poor attendance has on examination results.

Other successes this term have included the Year 11 and Year 13 proms, the Art exhibition of Year 11 and Year 13 work, the return of our Annual International Evening with entertainment and food from many countries around the world, and the excellent contribution our Parents' Forum makes to the life of the school.

At their most recent meeting, the Parents' Forum discussed our RSE policy, our Uniform policy, the monitoring and assessment of Equality of Opportunity at the school, our School Development Plan and the annual report of the Special Educational Needs Department (if you would like a copy of the minutes of the last Parents' Forum, please contact Ms Meah).

Unfortunately, in July, we have to say 'Goodbye' to a number of staff: Mrs Azevedo-Gilbert, Miss Baverstock, Mr Francis, Ms Hafsi, Miss Halladey, Miss McAree, Miss McQuaid, Mr Richardson, Mr Sathian, Miss Simon-Thomas, Mrs Kanani and Miss Dee.

We also send our best wishes to Mrs Cooney, Mrs Sharma and Ms Keely who are currently on maternity leave.

The school is extremely grateful to all of these members of staff for the work they have done for our students and we wish them well in the future.

I am pleased to report that we will be fully staffed in September and will be welcoming the following new teachers to the school: Miss Baker (Maths Department), Ms Farrell (RE Department), Mrs Halai (Maths Department),

Ms Henry (English Department), Ms Muha (PE Department), Ms Nowakowska (French Department) and Mr Obeng (Science Department). We hope that they all have long and successful careers at St Gregory's.

Finally, on behalf of the Governors and staff at St Gregory's, I would like to wish all pupils and their families a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you again in September.

Andrew Prindiville, Headteacher



Coronation Competition Winners receiving their prizes from the Headteachers of the All Saints Trust Schools.
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Headteacher's Awards



Community Service

Jack Botros Y8
Jaden Roncon Y8
David Simion Y8
Emma Scorer Y8
Saviour Hinneh Y8
Nikola Klesiewicz Y8
Jan Kieltyka Y8

Orchestra

Benedicte Miesi Y12
Elias Do Rosario Y12
Jhamiera Esprit Y12
John Mukola Mutombo Y12
Kyra Anigbogu Y12
Mariah Nimo Y12
Nathanael Agyemang Y12
Paulus Kulanthai Y12
Rebecca Slack Y12
Lovlyn De Braganza Y10
Andrei Dumea Y10
Ellie Durkin Y10
Calvyn Dias Y10
Mehara Fernandes Y10

Dominic Istoc Y10
Nathan Kumar Y10
Razvan Lembac Y10
Finnoula McCafferty Y10
Nadia Sima Y10
Sammy Whitcombe Y10
Outstanding Performance in Rugby

James Brigo Nunn Y9
Joseph Gordon Y9
Malachy Hession Y9
Tiernan Hession Y10
Adam Jarszak Y9
Cyprian Mbogo Y9
Conor McConnell Y9
Sean McConnell Y9
Christopher Monaghan Y9
Aaron Murphy Y9
Dennis Patynek Y9
Fabio Vullo Y9
Thomas Whitaker Y9
Robert Wrona Y9

Outstanding Work in Textiles

Julia Bachulska Y9
Stacey Fernandes Y9
James Brigo Nunn Y9
Christian Patthini Kuttige Y9
Caitlyn Fernandes Y9

Basketball Champions

Troy Dalope Y9
Miguel Aldridge Y9
Brayden Rodrigues Y9
Alex Aina Y9
Sharun Patrick Y9
Jaden Edebiri Y9
Thomas Whitaker Y9
Myles D'Costa Y9
Jude Effah Y9
Shay O'Connor-Curneen Y9

Eco Schools Champions

Calista Fernandes Y10
Veroshka Rodrigues Y10
Swetha Fernando Y10

Chaplaincy

This term, Key stage 3 pupils have been instrumental in serving our school and deanery events. Our Proclaimers (the pupil chaplain representatives in each form) travelled to Willesden to represent St. Gregory's at St Mary Magdalen Church, where they were able to celebrate mass together and meet other pupils from the surrounding Catholic schools. They also played an important part in our annual summer concert, acting as the Masters of Ceremony for the evening.

Key stage 4 retreats have continued and our pupils have been exploring the theme of being chosen by Jesus. Connecting with our local Methodist Church, they have also had the opportunity to visit a place of worship from another Christian denomination and to experience prayer in a new environment.

With the conclusion of public examinations, our Year 11 and Year 13 students also concluded their time at St. Gregory's, fittingly, with a mass which was celebrated by one of our local parish priests from Harrow on the Hill, Fr Derek Maguire. Music at these masses was provided by the Maranatha band and choir which continues to bring students from our eldest and youngest years together in worship. *Julian Carlsson, School Chaplain*



Time Capsule

On 11th July the Headteachers from the All Saints Trust Schools joined pupils and staff from St Gregory's (including Year 7 past pupils of the Trust Schools) to bury a time capsule in St Gregory's Remembrance Garden, to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and the Coronation of King Charles III. The time capsule included examples of work submitted by pupils for the various competitions held across the Trust for the Jubilee and the Coronation. Competition winners were presented with prizes by Mr Prindiville.

Mrs Hovey, Science College Project Manager



UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge 2022



On 26th April, pupils from Years 7 & 8 took part in the UKMT Intermediate Challenge, a national event which takes place annually. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think hard. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience. We are delighted to congratulate the following students who achieved either a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate. The Gold award is achieved by the top 8-9% of the entrants. The Silver award is achieved by 16-17% of the entrants. The Bronze award is achieved by 25% of the entrants.

Year 7 Bronze Winners: Samuel Ampomah, Malesa Coelho, Amber Cully, Rafael Eghet, Caryn Fernandes, Joltan Fernandes, Fabiano Fernandes, Jehara Fernando, Livia Gazsi, Michal Harabasz, Johann James Joseph, Emilia Kieltyka, Thomas Lee, Jan Parzynski, Fabiola Praela, Fraser Rajalingham, Agustin Sasiskumar, Kanaiyah Scarlett, Jakub Sienko, Nicola Wisniewska.

Year 7 Silver Winners: Senon Crasta, Isla Curson, Jeno Jebaharan, Florence Nyein, Krzysztof Rzasa, Milosz Zdeb.

Year 7 Gold Winners: Inioluwani Benson, Kingsley Tsui, Ashane Welikala.

Year 8 Bronze Winners: Qudzen Alex Quintan, Ashley Anderson, Aaron Augustyniak, Gabriela Bonadeo, Jerel D'Sa, Ciara Dunne, Aron Fernandes, Ashwin Fernandes, Saviour Hinneh, Steffan Jogarajan, Erin Joseph, Kacper Kazrat, Jan Kieltyka, Melrich Martins, Teddy O'Sullivan, Jeremiah Odame Antwi, Reisten Pereira, Wiktoria Pietka, Treivon Robinson.

Year 8 Silver Winners: Angel Asoegwu, Jack Botros, Daniel Clarke, Chenoa Fernandes, Henry Horaczko, Edward Ikenwilo, Patrick Masterson, Anson Mendes, Lansley Njom, Leona Noronha, Kristian Parra, Eduard Pascaru, Jonathan Pires, Ryan Premachandra, Jared Rendo, Frazer Rocha, Oliver Sieraga, Owen Sritheran, Cecil Whitaker.

Year 8 Gold Winners: Victoria Kocioruba, Bartosz Kowalczuk, Jakub Buda, Renzo Batta and Leo Gill.

In addition, we would like to say a very special "Well done" to the following students who qualified for the next round – Pink & Grey Kangaroo Level: Rayhan Mendes, Kingsley Tsui, Victoria Kocioruba, Bartosz Kowalczuk.

Mr Lall, Maths Department

TMUA/MAT Club – Y12 Maths Problem-Solving

This year, the end-of-year sessions of the TMUA/MAT club were celebrated with the help of a special guest and our summer intern, Mr Christopher Olusesi. He is a first-year Maths student at Oxford University and someone who actually has the experience of taking TMUA and MAT (university entrance examinations). He helped our Year 12 students by talking through the steps of approaching seemingly complex questions. He also talked about the typical exam question styles of MAT (Oxford Maths Assessment Test). Chris demonstrated how these tough questions are made to look more challenging, however, they are in fact, very much solvable once deciphered. Our students very much appreciated Chris' guidance and gained more confidence for trying out the tests in future.

Mrs Fader



Literacy

Comic Book Day

Our final Literacy Theme Day this half term was the return of Comic Book Day. On 28th June, all Key Stage 3 lessons were connected to comic books. This took the form of learning about Climate Change Superheroes in Geography, designing 'courageux' superheroes in French, and even reading comic book versions of Bible stories. It was a wonderful day that, hopefully, reminded our students that Literacy and different forms of reading and engaging with texts are not just limited to the English classroom.

Over the summer, please continue reading for pleasure - see the Library section of the website for a reading list for each year group. Why not get a head start on topics for September by doing some wider reading? *Miss McSweeney, Literacy Coordinator*



All Saints Trust (AST) Public Speaking Day

Earlier this term, nine pupils from Year 9 mentored pupils from the AST Primary Schools in public speaking. The Primary pupils had been studying a wordless book called Shine, which inspired speeches about kindness.

Before walking down to St Bernadette's, Miss Spain organised us into pairs and gave us some question prompts to prepare us. When we arrived, we were greeted by the Headteacher, Mr O'Farrell. He was really welcoming and friendly. We then met the children and wasted no time getting straight to work. We stood in a drama circle and worked on voice projection. At first the primary school pupils were shy but, with our encouragement, they found their confidence.

As Year 9 pupils, it was our aim to help nurture and improve the primary school children's public speaking skills. I was extremely impressed by how intelligent and well spoken the children were. They really wanted to do well. At the end of the day, all the primary pupils were ushered into the hall and we watched all the pupils we had mentored perform their fantastic speeches, which made us all really proud. Working with the children for the day was such a privilege and I really enjoyed going back to primary school for the day. *Cyprian Mbogo 9A*

Spoken Word Poetry

On Friday 28th April, 20 Year 7 pupils and 20 Year 8 pupils participated in a creative and thought-provoking Spoken Word Poetry workshop focusing on the theme 'Identity'. This workshop was held by the English Department and led by Lashay Green, a Spoken Word poet from North-West London.

Pupil comments about the workshop:

Leona: I would describe the workshop as expressive, exhilarating and informative.

Julia: I learnt what Spoken Word Poetry is and how to craft my own Spoken Word poem.

Ezra: I enjoyed the fact that we were able to share our poetry aloud.

Dynero: I was able to write about my own identity in poetry, which I also performed.

Miss Simon-Thomas, English Teacher

Equality, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI) Club

EDI clubs give students a place to bring up and find solutions to issues that they have. We learn more about how EDI affects our lives and our social responsibility. This also helps students feel more involved with the school community.

EDI club has been a pleasure. It has truly allowed conversations about issues that are close to me. I enjoyed sharing thoughts, opinions and culture with my peers. I appreciate that this club always strives to be a safe space for students. Nothing is disregarded and all members are taken seriously.

EDI club allows us to discuss topics that would not otherwise be spoken about in school. It is a safe space where our voices are heard. We recommend it! *Students of the EDI group.*

Languages News



Fantastic French Awards

Every term we nominate students who have gone above and beyond in their French studies to receive a Fantastic French Award for their efforts and achievements. A huge congratulations goes to this term's winners. Remember to collect your certificates from your teachers!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Samuel Eden-Kyle Jan Parzynski Laura Jasinska Tevin Mascarenhas Lena Grzesik Conor Quinlan Seina Sequiera Emily De Luca Aysel Fernandes Lidia Ozdoba Calaeb Ryan Martyna Maziarz Rylan Rodrigues Ezra Arthur Tomas Vitoria	Duelin Shelke Wiktoria Pietka Leona Noronha Lansley Njom Ellisa Pereira Bartłomiej Szczepan Leisha Chand Gabriel Ardelli Renzo Batta Edward Ikenwilo David Simion Aurora Armetta Blessing Fuka Jonathan Pires	Thomas Whitaker Miguel Aldridge Fabio Vullo Magda Knapik Gabriel Dan Janifa Pereira Troy Dalope Sonali D'Souza Blaze Dias Ben Drugan Amelia Kotlarz Daniel Horan Elithea Pereira Melissa Miceli Roisin O'Brien	Wanika Botelho Victor Aniche Natalia Scorer Aniston Fernandes Niki Adomene Caylyn Po Swetha Fernando Calista Fernandes William Chan Fabian Prela Martyna Kaluzna Jaden Batra Francesco Patthini- Kuttige

La Journée de Bandes Dessinées

As part of comic book day, our Key Stage 3 students created their own superheroes and wrote descriptions of them in French. They had some wonderful, creative ideas, and wrote some excellent descriptions in French.



The Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators

Every year, we enter many of our students for the Anthea Bell Prize for Young translators. This is a prestigious competition run by the Translation Exchange at The Queen's College, University of Oxford. The competition is judged by a panel of undergraduates and professional translators. This year, Richard Aylward in Year 8 received a commendation for his translation of a poem. This is a huge achievement, especially given that over 15,000 students participated in the prize this year. Well done, Richard!

Madame Baverstock, 2nd in MFL

International Evening

The 13th International Evening, which took place on Wednesday 12th July, was a great success, with over 180 people attending. 19 countries were represented and everyone was treated to a variety of entertainment and samples of many different dishes. *Mrs Young, Head of MFL*



Summer Concert

On 6th July the Performing Arts Department held our final musical celebration of the year - the Summer Concert. It was a wonderful evening, hosted by three of our Proclaimers (Keely Doherty, Maisie Ellis and Casimier Walker), full of performances by our incredibly talented students (and staff). The highlight of the evening was the world premiere of St Gregory's Brass Band, who have been preparing for this event since September. Thank you, as always, for your support of our young musicians! *Mr Eccles-Cannon, Head of Performing Arts*



Debatemate Cup

On Thursday 11th May we had the opportunity to compete in the Debatemate Cup. It was held at the University of Law, Bloomsbury. We were competing against a number of other London schools. St Gregory's entered two teams: a novice and a more experienced team. Throughout the day we prepared and took part in three debates.

Motion 1 was "This House believes strikes are the most effective way to make change." This was a motion we had pre-prepared. We received feedback throughout the day, which was beneficial to us in developing our confidence and debates going forward. The two teams both won at least one of the debates and we also had an opportunity to watch experienced debaters in action. *Caylyn Po, 10M*



Careers Department Update

We would like to thank all the employers and volunteers who have made the following activities possible.

Year 10 Mock Interviews: During the spring term, Year 10 students were busy writing their CVs ready for their mock interviews at the beginning of the summer term. A number of employers came into school to conduct the interviews and every Year 10 student was able to take part in a one-to-one interview. As well as being interviewed, students were able to ask the employer questions about their job and discover the career path that led them to where they are today. The students said they found the experience very inspiring.

Careers Fair: On May 5th students in years 8, 9, 11 and 12 visited our Careers Fair held in the hall. Visiting employers represented careers in construction, engineering, retail, police and the voluntary sector. The students listened to a short talk from the employers and were then able to ask questions. Feedback from students, staff and employers was very positive.

Year 10 Enterprise Day: On June 30th our Year 10 students took part in an Enterprise Day, "Invention, Invention", which was run by a group of the school's business partners. This activity was designed to help students use their thinking, team working, presentation and enterprise skills to devise a device/gadget which could benefit the lifestyles of others and to learn the importance of innovation and invention.

In order to be successful and complete the tasks, the students needed to work as a team, using their communication, time management and decision making skills. It was evident that all the teams were thinking about energy saving, using recycled and recyclable materials and the cost to the environment.

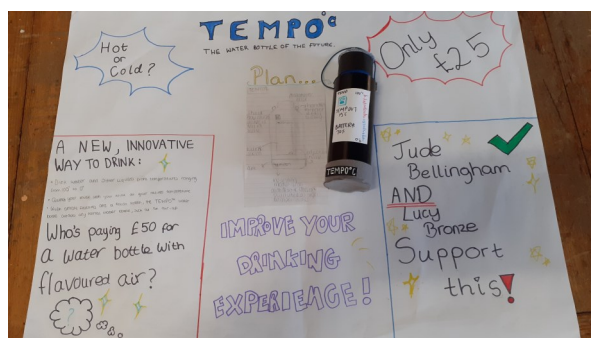
Each form group sent one team to the final, where each team presented their product and marketing plan to a panel of judges. The winning team was "Tempo" from 10L who designed a water bottle which would heat or cool the contents to any temperature from 0° to 100°C. They were presented with vouchers.

Well done to all of our Year 10 students and congratulations to the winning team from 10L.

Year 12 Work Experience: During the last full week of term, Year 12 students undertook a work experience placement. Some students found their own placements, while others were provided by the school and our business partners.

The wide range of placements included engineering, architecture, law, accountancy, hospital, pharmacy, retail, schools and nurseries. Well done to year 12 on a successful week.

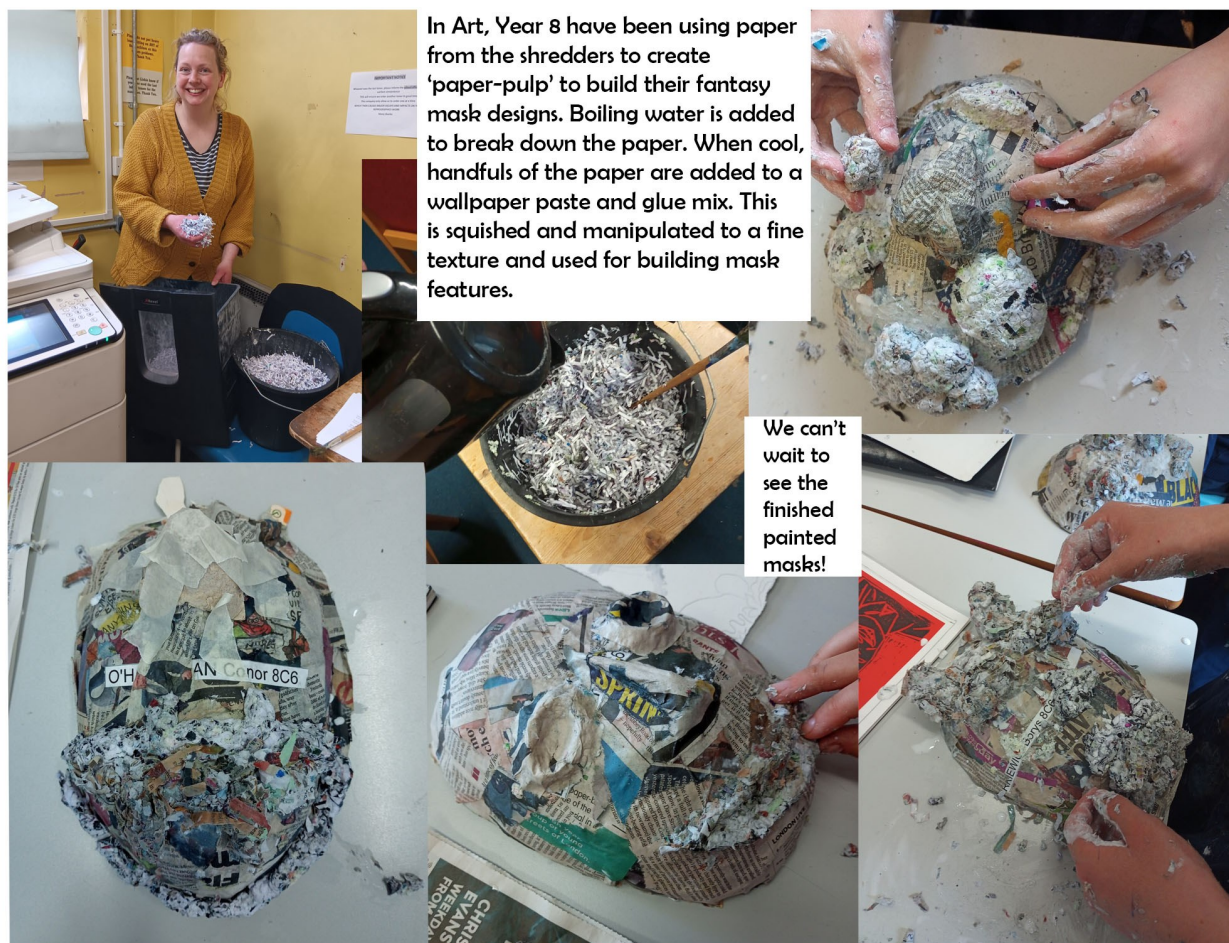
Mrs Crook, Careers Officer



UCAS Day

On Friday 30th June, Year 12 students took part in UCAS day. Prior to this, students had attended two presentations on the UCAS process and had begun to prepare for this day. During the day students took part in a personal statement workshop, where they were presented with guidance on what to include in their application, as well as being shown useful tools on Unifrog and UCAS Hub. Students also had an opportunity to talk to Year 13 students and current undergraduates about the process. Potential Oxbridge and medical students had the opportunity to work as a group and to gain tips and advice from Oxbridge applicants, medics and a current Oxford University student. *Mrs Woodhouse, G&T Coordinator*

Creative Key Stage 3 Pupils



RECYCLING THE RECYCLING!



Left are photographs of our top 4 finished 3D masks. They were made by Duelin Shelke 8J, Agata Wieremiejczuk 8J, Destiney Syvester 8L and Emma Scorer 8A.

The Art Department

Sticking with the creative theme; in Textiles Technology Year 9 pupils had to demonstrate a variety of decorative techniques through patchwork tapestry. There were a number of outstanding examples. Above right is a beautiful piece of work produced by Julia Bachulska, 9A. *Ms Wigan, Teacher of Textiles Technology*



Geography Field Trip

On our GCSE Geography trip we visited the River Tillingbourne in Dorking, Surrey. As part of our GCSE course, we had to complete fieldwork which, in this case, was measuring river depth, velocity and width. Our first stop was to get the essential equipment for our trip at the Juniper Hall FSC (Field Study Centre). We were soon out on the road again to our first location, which was the middle course of the river. Here we got into groups of four and climbed into the river eagerly to start measuring the river. As we were measuring the river the clouds darkened and endless rain started pouring down, however, that did not stop us from fulfilling our task. After this we visited two more locations along the river where we repeated the measurements. The water was freezing cold, however the excitement in everyone's voices was heard throughout the whole trip and encouraged the skies to become sunny again. *Julia Lenkiewicz 10J*



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions

Congratulations to the Year 12 Silver and Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award students who have just completed their assessment expeditions in Epping Forest and the Chilterns respectively. The attitude of those involved was a testament to them all. Students worked really well in their teams to make their way to the checkpoints and camp sites and did a great job setting up tents and cooking for themselves. With all the highs and the lows, as well as the exactitude demanded from assessor Neil, it is an experience which I am sure will stay with them. A special thank you to Mrs Kosina for volunteering, whose generosity of spirit has enabled the programme to go ahead these past two years. *Mr Bynoth*



My Silver DofE expedition was certainly an interesting one. From walking through pea fields to avoiding being stung by overgrown paths, my group stayed laughing and joking the whole time. Some moments were tense, like deciding which identical path to take in a big wood, but our communication skills helped us work as an effective team and enabled us to finish on time. Setting up camp after a long day walking was an exhausting task, but the time to relax and eat and play cards was extremely gratifying. To get off to an auspicious start, make sure you are well rested, have water on hand, and decide the songs you will sing along the way. One of the funniest moments during my three days was when a fox raided my friend's tent and stole eggs from the box. The second night we all sat around the warm campfire and had a great time talking and laughing. If I were given the chance to do DofE again, I would definitely take the opportunity, especially when undertaken friends. *Aoibhinn Ferguson Y12*

Key Stage 3 Trips Day

On 30th June, pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in St Gregory's annual trips day. Year 7 pupils went to either London Zoo or the Natural History Museum; Year 8 pupils tried Paintballing (picture right), Go Karting or visited the Science Museum; Year 9 pupils enjoyed Thorpe Park or the British Museum. The feedback from pupils as they returned was incredibly positive, as they had been able to visit venues and have experiences that were new to them. Furthermore, the staff that supported the trips and the staff at the venues were very complimentary about the excellent behaviour and respect that the pupils exhibited on their trips. A massive thank you must go to the trip leaders for ensuring that everyone had an excellent time on their respective trip.

Mr Byrne, Assistant Headteacher



P.E.

Sports Day—23rd June

With warm weather conditions, pupils from Years 7-10 took part in our annual Sports Day at Woodside Stadium, Watford. Pupils showed fantastic effort, resilience and teamwork and were a great credit to the school.

The day consisted of close battles with the highlight arguably being the Tug of War, in which Benedict House won in a closely fought contest. A long-held school javelin record was broken, with Adam Jarszak (9A) winning the event with a massive throw of 30.55, breaking the previous record which was set 19 years ago by S. Cosgrove. The overall winners of the day were Benedict House, but this year was the closest competition in terms of the margins between placings.

Final Scores:

6th-Hume-412

5th-Mary-420

4th-Joseph-428

3rd-Augustine-432

2nd-Bernadette-435

Champions-458-Benedict

The PE department would like to congratulate all pupils who participated and to thank staff who supported the running of the day. We would also like to thank Year 12 students who officiated, helping the day to run smoothly.

Mr Francis, Head of Physical Education

Basketball Triumph

The Brent basketball final between QPCS and St.Greg's took place on 11th July at Queen's Park Community School. The final score of the game was 54-31, with St. Gregory's emerging as the clear victors.

From the beginning, it was evident that the St. Gregory's team had come prepared and ready to dominate the court. They displayed exceptional teamwork and executed their strategies flawlessly throughout the game. Congratulations to: Troy Dalope, Miguel Aldridge, Brayden Rodrigues, Alex Aina, Sharun Patrick, Jaden Edebiri, Thomas Whitaker, Myles D'Costa, Jude Effah, Shay O'Connor-Curneen and Student Coach: Gian Aquino.

Mr Cullen, Teacher of Physical Education

London Irish Rugby Partnership

Over a period of 3 months, London Irish Foundation Rugby coaches came into St Gregory's to help promote and develop Rugby within the school.

This was extremely popular with our students and we were able to send two teams to the inaugural Foundation Tournament. Prior to the game, the students met with the Police Tactical Unit who were officiating the games. This caused quite a stir with the students, who were able to try-on the protective gear worn by the Police.

Our teams were very successful, winning their games. However, the overall winners of the tournament were St Gregory's B team, who narrowly defeated our A team. This meant that, as a school, we came first and second. The students absolutely loved the competition, with Fabio Vullo being named overall player of the tournament by the officials at the competition.

A big well done to all of them, showing true sportsmanship throughout the tournament and representing the school excellently throughout the coaching and games.

Mr Crosland, Teacher of Physical Education



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For God, the best and the greatest



We stock a variety of foods and toiletries. The Pantry is open during term time on Saturdays from 9:30am—11am and on Friday mornings. Any family is welcome to use this facility occasionally or regularly.

To organise a visit, email:

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We are very grateful to everyone who donated pre-loved uniform to our Upcycled Uniform Shop. The **Eco Committee** coordinated the sale of uniform to parents at the Year 7 Induction Evening, raising £700 for St Greg's Pantry. Donations of uniform are accepted throughout the year and really benefit St Gregory's families. Thank you for your generosity.

Travelling to School



During week commencing 12th June, the Eco Committee ran Active Travel Week, encouraging fellow pupils to walk or cycle to school, "drop a stop" or "park and stride". During this period, the number of Key Stage 3 pupils travelling actively increased from 14% to 19%. Active Travel is a good form of exercise; it improves cognitive ability and is better for the environment. Please could all parents/carers encourage their children to use active forms of travel to school or to use public transport. If you have to travel to school by car, please may we remind parents/carers not to block residents' driveways when parking near school. Please also drive slowly and considerately around the area outside the school and remember to turn off your engine whilst waiting. On 27th June, the Eco Committee presented their work on the STARS travel topic to three other schools and industry experts at an event at the London Transport Museum.

In July, ten Year 7 pupils undertook the Bikeability cycle training course. Over two days, they improved their cycling skills making them more confident cyclists.



In other Eco Schools News, the Committee has produced a food waste recipe book, full of delicious recipes using food past its best or leftover from a previous meal. Please check out the recipe book on the Eco Schools page of our school website, [HERE](#).

The Eco Committee

No Nuts Please



We have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy. Please could I take this opportunity to remind you that our school has a "No Nuts Policy".

Mrs Camangon, Medical Welfare Officer

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

has been in the news a lot recently.

Internet Matters have put together some guidance for parents which includes the terminology, a guide to some of the more popular software tools and also an interactive guide. You can access these resources [HERE](#).

Miss McCarthy, Deputy Headteacher

