

St Gregory's Catholic Science College Newsletter



Summer 2024

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 Sixth Form students). 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 Augustine House who were the overall winners on the day. My thanks also to Mr Hogan and the P.E. Department for the superb organisation of the day.

Other successes this term have included the Year 11 and Year 13 proms, the Art exhibition of Year 11 and Year 13 work 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, this summer, we have to say 'Goodbye' to a number of teaching and support staff: Mr Hogan, Mr Byrne, Mr Knights, Mr Eccles-Cannon, Mrs Durowoju, Mrs Fader, Ms Baker, Ms Farrell, Mrs Crook, Mrs Brennan and Mrs Riggs

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: Mr Finnegan, Miss Curley, Mr Brozny, Mrs Kerai, Ms de Ponte, Miss Prindiville, Miss Gardener, Ms Muktari, Mr Kimani and Mr Bachelani.

We hope that they all have long and successful careers at St Gregory's.

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 Mrs Moran and her team look forward to seeing you again in September.

Finally, and sadly, I am very conscious that, on a personal note, this will be the final time that I write to you as Headteacher of the school. Therefore, I want to thank all of the staff, pupils, parents and governors (past and present) of the school for the wonderful support and kindness that they have given to me during the last 16 years. Being Headteacher of St Gregory's has, and always will be, the highlight of my professional career. Consequently, "St Greg's" will always have a special place in my heart and I look forward to watching the school go from strength to strength in the years ahead under the leadership of Mrs Moran; who will (I have no doubt) be an outstanding leader of our school community.

God bless you all.

Andy Prindiville, Headteacher



All Saints Trust Sports Day 14th June. Full article on page 3.

Headteacher's Awards

Raising money for charity

Thinuth Christostom 6FAN
Nathanael Gonzalves 6FAN
Donnan Stephen 6FAN
Elluyani Passos 6KAJ
Elohim Miesi 6FAN
Stefan Edebiri 6FAN
Raphael Kallon 6FAN
Xavier Da Costa 6FAN
Ellie Murphy 7H

Chaplaincy Team

Menuri Warnakulasurjya-
Costa 7L
George Coelho 7L
Monalisa Ansere
Boampong 7L
Riva Fernandes 8A
Senon Crasta 8H
Raffaele Violaris 8H
Eleanor D'Silva 8L
Lilly Mae Hurley 9B
Nikola Adaszek 10B

Alessia Violaris 11H

Runners Up Brent Football Championship

Lesley Boakye 7J
Daniel Cirsis 7A
Tyler Dias 7L
Chenoy Dias 7H
Paddy Healy 7M
Shane Horan 7A
Franciszek Kieltyka 7M
Phelim Lennon 7A
Shay McGinley 7A
Ian Molina Lugo 7J
Winston Osei-Antwi 7A
Ka-Re Wellesley 7B
Shyheem Wright 7M

All Britain Gaelic Football Champion

Queenie Healy 8M
Ciara Dunne 9M

Pupil Role Model

Nathan Anenih 9L

Y8 Travel Ambassadors

Riva Fernandes 8A
Kwame Ofosu-Appiah 8A
Crizal Braganza 8B
Jayden Furtado 8B
Caláeb Ryan 8H
Aoife Creaney 8H
Samuel Ampomah 8J
Ryan Issa 8J
Thenuri Warnakulasurjya-
Costa 8L
Filip Korus 8L
Thomas Shwalbe 8M
Laura Jasinska 8M

Outstanding Historical Knowledge

Aiden Navaratnam 7B



Classroom Blessings

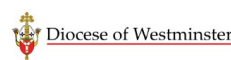
On Thursday 4th July, Bishop John Sherrington made a special visit to the school to bless the new buildings. Whilst he was here he visited lessons in the Art department and took part in a prayer walk led by the R.E. department before blessing each room in turn.

Having initially met with Mr Prindiville and Mrs Moran, Bishop John then visited the Art department where he saw children working on their Art coursework, exhibiting their portfolios in the upper years and making cultural masks in Year 8. Whilst there, Bishop John showed a keen interest in the wonderful work of the students, questioning them about artistic themes and what they had chosen to include and he expressed his admiration for their pieces. Bishop John then said a blessing for each room and sprinkled Holy water.

Next, in the R.E. prayer walk, Bishop John saw many different prayer experiences going on in each classroom, including Year 7 singing hymns and giving a depiction of the Lord's Prayer, Year 8 looking at Catholic Social Teaching, Year 9 focussing on the mysteries of the Rosary and acting out the Eucharist, and Year 10 taking part in a prayerful meditation. Bishop John gave a reflection about the prayer experience going on in each class before blessing the rooms with Holy water. He even blessed some of the children's personal artefacts. Each experience was different and both the students and the Bishop enjoyed the prayerful activities of the day, all those taking part did so with enthusiasm and proudly showed the wonderful spiritual side to R.E. we have here at St Gregory's.

Finally, Bishop John met with Mr Prindiville, Mrs Moran, Ms Woulfe, (Assistant Head in charge of Catholic Life of the School) and Governors to whom he expressed his delight at the work and prayerfulness taking place in the school; his pleasure in blessing the new buildings and in being part of this wonderful occasion.

Mrs Briody, Head of Religious Education



Sports Awards Evening

On 9th July, the P.E. Department hosted its ninth Sports Awards Evening, celebrating the many outstanding achievements of some of our talented, dedicated and enthusiastic pupils. Our guest speaker for the evening was St Gregory's former pupil, Luke Mbeté-Tabu. Now a professional footballer, Luke is currently on loan from Manchester City Football Club to the Dutch side, Den Bosch. After presenting all the trophies to pupils, Luke received a presentation himself from St Gregory's staff and pupils—a framed football shirt and photograph from his time playing for St Gregory's Football Team. Congratulations and "Well done" to all the pupils who received awards at this joyous event.



P.E. Department

Pupil's Charity Walk

On 27th July Ellie Murphy (7H) who won a St Gregory's Sports Award for Community Sports Leader, is walking 20km from Wembley Stadium to the Emirates Stadium with family and friends from the Arsenal Women's Supporters Club to raise money for the Willow Foundation, which helps to create memories for critically ill children and their families. England's Women's Football Captain, Leah Williamson, is spearheading this fundraising campaign. You can support them [HERE](#). Good luck Ellie!



Sports Day

The annual Sports Day was held at the Woodside Athletics track in Watford on Thursday 20th June. It was a perfect day for athletics and there was an exceptionally competitive but supportive atmosphere.

There were a number of outstanding performances:

Jaylen Williams-Dover 10L: 100m champion two years in a row.

Nya Facey Cardoso: Long Jump 4.20m. New School Record.

Bartosz Kowalczyk: Javelin 33.40m. New School Record.

The event ran very smoothly thanks to the excellent preparations from the P.E. department and special thanks must go to the Sixth Form Sports Leaders who supported the invigilation of all the events:

Elluyani Passos, Donnan Stephen, Moses Mutombo, Benny Mbuya Santu, Clarence Kankam, Eduardo Da Silva, Elohim Miesi, Raphael Kallon, Stefan Edebiri and Thinuth Christostom.

A closely fought tussle between all six houses resulted in Augustine House being overall winners on the day. Ms Woulfe, Head of House, collected the trophy from Mr Prindiville to great acclaim from Augustine House. *Mr Hogan, Deputy Headteacher*



All Saints' Trust Sports Day

On 14th June, I was among the students selected to represent the school as a sports leader at Harrow Leisure Centre. We were tasked with helping to manage the sports day set up for the primary schools in our All Saints' Trust. The sports day featured a variety of challenging activities, including basic sprinting, multiple relay events and even a sprint obstacle course. However, the children rose to the challenge, showing incredible determination to win for their school. The competitiveness of the children, combined with their discipline, made the day incredibly thrilling and even I couldn't help but cheer for Our Lady of Grace, the school for which I was responsible in guiding. Overall, the sports day was very successful, not only providing a fun experience to the children, but also bringing great pride to the sports leaders, as we demonstrated what it means to be a student at St Gregory's. *Thomas Whitaker 10M*

UKMT Maths Challenge 2024



The UKMT Intermediate Challenge is 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: Nicola Keville, Lorenzo Segarra Sobral, Emmanuel Baby, Felisha Dias, Joel Joseph-Edwards, Viktoria Roszkowska, Elisha Dagpin, Muriel Cabral and Vernon Pires.

Year 7 Silver Winners: Absaron Martin, Peter Tieku-Apawu, Aiden Macwan, Franciszek Kieltyka, Sophie Makeviciute, Aneurin O'Brien, Luca Prepelita and Obinaash Sahayathevarajan.

Year 7 Gold Winners: James-Patrick Boyle and Patryk Ryszka.

Year 8 Bronze Winners: Ashane Welikala, Florence Nyein, Samuel Ampomah, Tevin Mascerenhas, Adam Sobczynski, Ezra Arthur, Juanita Godwin, Vivien Pinho-Mcleod, Nicola Wisniewska, Russell Osei-Antwi, Szymon Hynko, Liliana Pamrocka, Fabiola Prela, Livia Gazsi, Dania Rodrigues, Natalia Jakowanis, Pascoal Fernandes, Thenuri Warnakulasurjya Costa, Isla Curson, Jan Parzynski, Rafael Eghet.

Year 8 Silver Winners: Lee Thomas, Conor Quinlan, Michael Syvester, Agustin Sasikumar, Fabiano Fernandes, Grace Mulhall, Michal Harabasz, Jenó Jebaharan, Joseph Hareb, Lidia Ozdoba, Rayhan Mendes, Rodrigo Fonseca, Emilia Kieltyka and Aysel Fernandes.

Year 8 Gold Winners: Inioluwani Benson, Kingsley Tsui, Senon Crasta and Johann James-Joseph. In addition, we would like to say a very special 'Well done' to the following students who qualified for the next round – Grey Kangaroo! James-Patrick Boyle 7J, Kingsley Tsui 8B and Inioluwani Benson 8B.

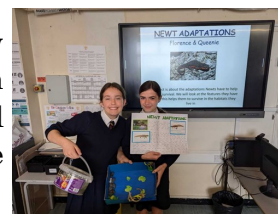
Of these students, Inioluwani Benson achieved a Merit Award which was amazing recognition of his efforts and Mathematical brilliance! Well done Ini! *Mr Lall, Maths Teacher*



Science Fair

Class 8S6 took part in their own Science Fair this term. They were given the chance to create a project on topics from Cells to Space and had to create a model, poster and an informative piece of writing. They presented their work brilliantly to the class and shared all they had learnt. Well Done! *Ms. Smart, Science Teacher*

In Ms Smart's Science lesson we showed the class a presentation on how newts are adapted to their environment. Florence brought in newts from her pond and I made a poster of all the key features. We really enjoyed taking part in this Science Fair as we learnt a lot and were able to share this with the class. *Florence & Queenie – Year 8*



Science & Technology Challenge

Year 8 had the opportunity to participate in the Science and Technology event at Barnet and Southgate College. Students worked in teams with other schools to find out who had committed a crime and we recreated e-fits using specialist software. We also diagnosed a patient, performed CPR and programmed robots to move and detect changes in the environment.

Overall it was fun and challenging and we enjoyed using new equipment and working with different people. *Caláeb Ryan 8H*



Happy Puzzle Event

Puzzle challenge day for Years 7 and 8 was fun. The puzzles challenged us in unique ways and we had to persevere when we got stuck or experienced a set back.

Through the experience we learnt how to cooperate in groups without being overwhelmed. The puzzles themselves were challenging and truly enjoyable. We worked at our own pace as a team discussing and problem solving each puzzle. *Aneurin O'Brien 7J*



Y10 Enterprise Day

On June 28th 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 "Memory Savers" from 10B who designed an automatic medicine dispenser which alerts the patient when it is time to take their medication. They were presented with vouchers.

Well done to all of our Year 10 students and many thanks to the business partners who inspired them. *Mrs Crook, Careers Officer*



Careers Insights

Martin Evoeme, Associate Director for Client Experiences and Insights, from Lloyds Banking Group was a former pupil at St Gregory's. He visited us on 11th July and spoke to Year 12 students about careers in Banking and Finance, including the application and assessment process and opportunities within the company at graduate level and for apprenticeships.

Mrs Woodhouse, G&T Coordinator

The Banking and Finance workshop was very insightful, especially because it helped me to understand that you do not need a finance or marketing degree to enter the field. Martin's explanation on the interview process was also very helpful as it will help me to apply ideas towards university interviews as well as future job interviews. *Flannery Braganca 6WOC*

Year 12 Work Experience Week

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

The wide range of placements included finance, law, hospitality, construction, hospital, pharmacy, retail, schools and nurseries.

Well done to Year 12 on a successful week.

Mrs Crook Careers Officer

History Trip to Whitechapel & Museum of London

On Wednesday 10th July and Friday 12th July, Year 10 Historians went to the East End to learn more about Crime and Punishment in England during the Industrial era. We started with a tour of Whitechapel in order to develop a deeper understanding of the Jack the Ripper case study. I particularly enjoyed the quiz we had to do whilst walking around Whitechapel. After the walking tour had finished, we gathered at a rooftop garden in Canary Wharf. After lunch we travelled to the Museum of London Docklands. Here we got to explore and develop a better understanding of the history of England's financial district as well as workhouses in the late 19th century. Overall it was a fantastic trip and I would love to do it again.

Cyprian Mbogo, 10A

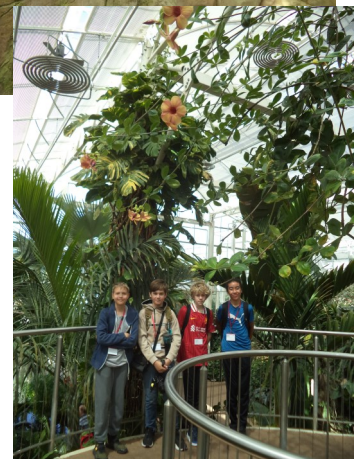
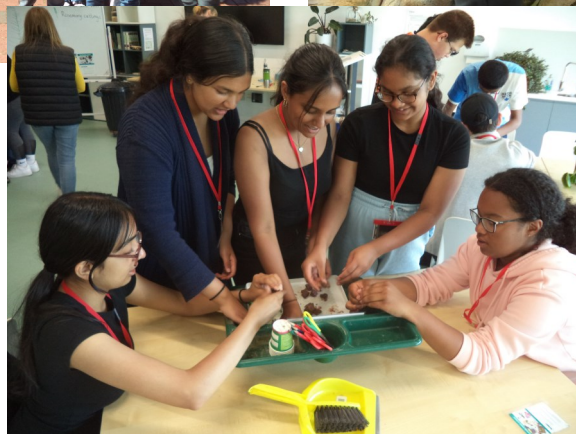
Eco Team Visit to RHS Wisley

On 4th July pupils from the gardening club and the Eco Committee visited the RHS's flagship garden in Wisley, Surrey. This was an interesting and captivating trip. In the glasshouse we saw a variety of different plant species. Also, there were a few water features, which helped bring positive emotions and made us feel calm. The workshop was very informative. It opened our minds to many new techniques on sustainable farming and gardening. There was also a rockery with different carnivorous plants incorporated into it. *Harry Northam, 8H*

My favourite part was in the workshop when we saw all the different bugs. We saw beetles and centipedes, which were living under logs and we inspected the ground with a magnifying glass. *Leo Gill, 9H*

It was a great experience. I saw so many interesting plants and displays in the glasshouse, which is like a walk through two different jungles. The desert section has the most interesting cacti and succulents I have ever seen. I had lots of fun making seed bombs and taking rosemary cuttings, which I got to take home. *Wiktor Koch, 7L*

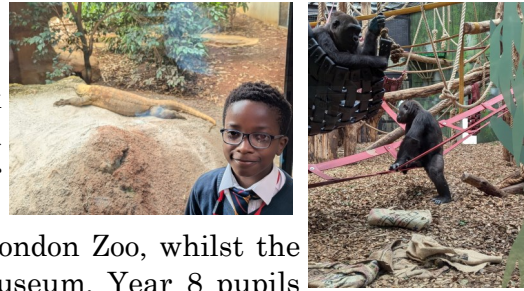
The orchid house was beautiful. My favourite part was walking up the mound through the lavender spiral as it smelt heavenly. *Riva Fernandes, 8A*



Key Stage 3 Trips Day

On Friday 28th June all pupils from Key Stage 3 took part in a wide variety of school trips. Pupils were given a choice of a range of activities and signed up to their preferred choice.

The majority of Year 7 pupils visited the animals at London Zoo, whilst the remainder saw the exhibits at the Natural History Museum. Year 8 pupils were split between three activities: some tested their driving skills in Go Karting, others donned combat gear and went paintballing, whilst the third group visited the Science Museum. Most of the Year 9 pupils were thrill-seekers, visiting Thorpe Park and having a go on some of its spectacular rides, whilst the rest of the year visited the British Museum. It was a wonderful day and it was fantastic to see the big smiles on the pupils' faces as they arrived back to school, enthused by their experiences. *Mr Byrne, Assistant Headteacher*



Travel Pioneers' Eco Seminar

On 25th June, St Gregory's Year 8 Travel Pioneers visited London Transport Museum to take part in an Eco Seminar. The trip started off great! We went to the theatre for an introduction with many other schools. After our introduction, we were split into school groups and our group got to tour the museum first. In the museum we collected stamps at different points as we walked around. We learnt so much about travel in London from many years ago.

After this, we watched other schools give presentations on their work and then we did our presentation. We told everyone about all the different campaigns we have run over this year, encouraging our school to use more active forms of transport. I enjoyed sharing my ideas with other schools and the adult experts from the transport industry, who said they were incredibly impressed with everything we had achieved. I especially enjoyed looking at the different modes of transport from so long ago. It was all really fascinating! *Aoife Creaney, 8H*



Brook Banner Community Presentation

Earlier this term, the Friends of Woodcock Park invited St Gregory's pupils to design artwork for a banner discouraging people from throwing rubbish into the brook which runs through Woodcock Park. Pupils worked on their designs in Art lessons. From the hundreds of wonderful posters produced, the Friends of Woodcock Park chose 8 designs to be displayed on their banner. On 9th July, the banner was unveiled at a community event.

Prizes were presented to the winning pupils by Mrs Rickman from the Friends of Woodcock Park and by a representative from Cass Art, which supplied some of the prizes. The winning designs were created by: Clidon L Furtado 8J, Joanna Maria Prins 7H, Joltan Fernandes 8J, Lance De Souza 7H, Muriel Cabral 7H, Romina Hyza 7L, Sophie Makeviciute 7H and Nolan Lobo 7M, who was the overall winner. *Mrs Hovey, Head of Eco Schools Sustainability*



Winning pupils with Mrs Moran, Mrs Rickman and representatives from Cass Art and Thames Water.

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

To organise a visit, email:
ghovey@stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk

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 £900 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. The uniform shop will be open during information evenings in early September. Further information next term.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED



As a result of all the hard work of our Year 8 Travel Ambassadors, supported by our whole school community, St Gregory's has been awarded Gold Accreditation by the TfL Travel for Life programme. Pupils have demonstrated a 6% increase in walking and cycling to school since we joined the Travel for Life programme in March 2023. St Gregory's also received an award in the Best Newcomer category. Minimising car journeys to school helps to keep pupils safe by reducing air pollution and traffic congestion around our school. In addition, pupils who walk or cycle all or part of the way to school tell us they feel more alert and ready to learn. Listen to our pupils' podcast on Active Travel on the school website [HERE](#).

Please, **Drop The Ride For Park & Stride**.

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



Stay Secure Online

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has some great tips to ensure you and your family stay secure online. This includes their latest advice on creating strong passwords by combining three random words. Read their tips on the [NCSC website](#).

If you have any e-safety concerns, please contact *Miss McCarthy* via the school office.



Diary Dates

2nd & 3rd Sept: Staff Days
4th Sept: Year 7 & Year 12 back to school
5th Sept: All back to school
10th Sept: Y8 & Y10 Information evening
11th Sept: Y9 & Y11 Information evening
12th Sept: 6th Form Information evening
3rd Oct: Open Evening