



Year 11 and Year 13

Both year groups have been taking final assessments over the past two weeks. There are just a few more to take for some students and then this will be finished. Well done to all students who have taken exams and assessments. Students have conducted themselves very well and applied themselves maturely to the task in hand. The school will now mark and moderate the assessments and they will go towards the submission of the final grades submitted to the exam boards. Please remember not to ask teachers about individual grades as this can be seen as malpractice by exam boards. Results days are on the 10 August and 12 August this year. More information regarding these results days will be sent out separately. Next Friday we will have a Year 13 Liturgy and a Year 11 Liturgy to mark the ending of the final assessments.

Free School Meals

The Government and Local Authority are continuing to support families over half term. All parents will receive a letter from the Local Authority today sent from school which details the support available for families over half term. Please read this carefully and access any support you may need.

Mental Health Awareness

You can read this week about some of the activities that took place across school during Mental Health Awareness week. Thank you to Ms James and all who were involved in these activities. Good mental health is a priority for everybody at the moment and at school we are especially aware of this as we come out of the pandemic.

EU Settlement Scheme

The Home Office have asked us to remind you that if you or your children are eligible for the EU Settlement Scheme and have not yet applied, the deadline is 30 June 2021 which is only 40 days away. Children and young people need their own EU Settled Status and are not covered by their parents. Please read the item that follows for further information.

Kate Pereira



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EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family members may be eligible to apply to the [EU Settlement Scheme \(EUSS\)](#). The application deadline, for those who were living in the UK by the end of the transition period at 23:00 GMT on 31 December 2020, is 30 June 2021.

Children and young people require their own immigration status and are not covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. An application must be made for every eligible child within a family. A parent or guardian can apply on behalf of a child and link it to their own application (if applicable), or they can apply in their own right. There's lots [more information on this here on GOV.UK](#).

Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online on [GOV.UK](#). Information on what is needed to apply can also be found on [GOV.UK](#). Successful applicants get either [settled status or pre-settled status](#) ensuring they can continue to live and work in the UK after 30 June 2021, whilst remaining eligible to access the benefits and services they could before the UK left the EU.

To provide additional guidance, an [EUSS Leaflet](#) has been produced by the University of Liverpool, in partnership with the Home Office. It has been designed with children in mind and is intended to support both children and parents with information to help them apply to the EUSS.

To speak to someone about applications, please call 0300 123 7379 or +44 (0) 20 3080 0010.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week was Mental Health Awareness week. During what has been a difficult year for many, it has been vital to look after ourselves and especially our mental wellbeing. The theme for Mental Health Awareness week was 'Nature' and discovering how the outdoors helps us mentally. This week many great activities have taken place outdoors such as drama club, helping with the sensory garden, sports clubs and even some lessons. The RE department took Year 10s outside to look at how nature is a form of expression and to get a better understanding of 'awe and wonder'. Year 7s took part in an outdoor 'Treasure Hunt'.

Staff have also been taking to the theme well and taking photos during their outdoor walks throughout lockdown (pictures to be found on the school Instagram). Well done to everyone who took part in Mental Health Week and thank you to staff for your help.

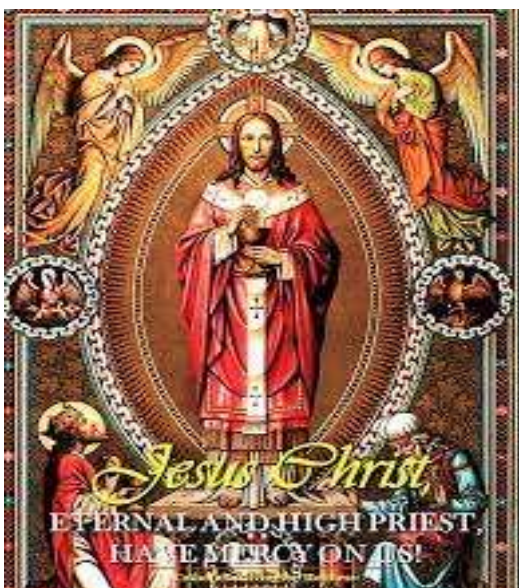
Miss James

Word of the Week

Eternal

- *adjective: eternal; noun: Eternal*
1. lasting or existing forever; without end.
 - "the secret of eternal youth"
 - Similar: everlasting, never-ending, endless, without end, perpetual
 2. used to emphasise expressions of admiration, gratitude, etc.
 - "to his eternal credit, he maintained his dignity throughout"
 3. used to refer to an everlasting or universal spirit, as represented by God.
 - "a man entirely under the sway of the Eternal and not of the material"

The word of the week is 'eternal'. This word has been chosen as this week we celebrate the feast, 'Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest' on Thursday, 27 May. This is a new feast that has been recently to the liturgical calendar. The feast focuses firstly on Jesus' Priestly Office. He is considered the model for believers and for the clergy in particular, with priests acting *In persona Christi* ("In the person of Christ"). The laity are urged to pray that priests would be more like Christ, the compassionate and trustworthy high priest (Hebrews 2:17). Jesus is ever-living to intercede for humanity before The Father (Hebrews 7:25). In the bible Jesus is described as being 'able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.' (Hebrews 7.5). He is the eternal link between God, the priests and the laity.



RE News

The RE department has started a new unit with Year 10 which looks at the Forms of Expression and Ways of life within the Catholic Church. As we started this unit during Mental Health week, it seemed fitting to take our classes outside and explore nature and how it brings an awareness of something bigger than us. We also looked at symbolism and how different images and artwork can be interpreted too. The students worked extremely well and enjoyed the change of environment. There were also some great pictures drawn! Well Done Year 10!




PE Clubs

A huge congratulations to all of the students who have attended the PE clubs so far this term. Clubs started at the start of the term, we have had a fantastic response from students for Football, Badminton, Tennis and Volleyball clubs. We have had over 100 students in attendance per week which highlights SJF's students passion for sport. Well done to all!

Fixtures are back!

On Tuesday evening SJF participated in their first fixture for a year against The Kings School. We took 4 badminton pairs to compete against Kings Schools. All pairs competed well with some close games. A special mention goes to Ali Awan and Zaamin Mahmood who won all of their games and finished the tournament unbeaten.



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