



ST MICHAEL'S
Church of England High School

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ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the academic year, we can reflect on some of the challenges of 2021-22. Nevertheless, we see challenge as an opportunity and, at St Michael's, we seize opportunities.

I am very proud of our Year 10 cohort; they demonstrated impeccable standards at our recent university trip. We have had over 190 students secure a work experience placement in the final week of term. I thank staff, parents and carers for your support with our work-related learning programme.

I have received some beautiful messages from many of our families, complimenting the school and staff for the level of education, guidance and support we have provided. But what makes St Michael's truly special is that we are a family, bound by a shared commitment to uphold our ethos and values, whilst striving for excellence both inside and outside the classroom.

Ending the year with such positivity leads me to pray that you all have a fantastic summer and that you can relax and prepare yourselves for a fresh start next term. I look forward to seeing Year 11s in August and welcoming the whole school back in September. Please ensure you read the end of year letter, as this will provide important information for students' return.

I wish you all a beautiful summer holiday; take care and God Bless.

Mrs Handy-Rivett, Headteacher

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS:

Thursday 21st July	Students break up for summer
Friday 22nd July	Day off in lieu of Jubilee
Thursday 25th August	GCSE Results Day (9:00am-12 noon)
Monday 5th September	Staff training day
Tuesday 6th September	Students return to school (YR 7 & 11)
Wednesday 7th September	All students return to school
Monday 19th September	1st dose HPV (Year 8)
Wednesday 21st September	Open Evening (5:30pm-8:30pm)
Thursday 22nd September	Open Day (9:30am-2:30pm)

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

What does the
Lord ask of you?

To act justly, to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your
God.

Micah 6vs.8



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PE NEWS

ROUNDERS

Mrs Wright would like to say a massive congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 rounders team, who played together in their first ever rounders tournament. The girls were undefeated in their three league games against Bristnall Hall, Q3 Tipton and Wood Green. They won their semi-final against Gospel Oak and then went on to win the final against Wood Green; each of them receiving a gold medal.



The girls showed excellent passion and enthusiasm and represented the school values throughout each competitive game.

Students pictured left: Bella Byfield, Brooke Chamberlain, Rayne Cox, Isobel Menegatos, Faith Browne, Megan Allen, Elle Spence, Jasmine Rickard, Ashanti Timmins, Erica Nartey and Lexi Tolley.



U14s GIRLS' FOOTBALL

On Wednesday 6th July, the U14s Girls' Football Team played in the Women's Euros Football Tournament at West Bromwich Albion FC Academy. The girls played outstandingly well and won all games against Phoenix, Wood Green and Sandwell Academy, coming away with gold medals.



Students pictured right: A big well done to Katlin Hogan, Isobel Menegatos, Leah Blake, Eden Ball, Ellie Lines, Ashanti Timmins, Layla Wells and Miley Hadley.

During Key Stage 3 PE lessons last week, all students took part in clubbercise sessions, when they could bring brightly coloured clothing and glow sticks. The students really enjoyed the sessions and had so much fun!

YEAR 9 NETBALL BTEC LEADERSHIP

On 15th and 16th June we welcomed Year 5 pupils from our local feeder school, Springfield, to our Year 10 PE lesson to give Year 9 St Michael's students the opportunity to lead and coach students in small netball sessions. The leaders encompassed all our school values as well as knowledge on netball skills and other transferable skills. Springfield Year 5 pupils had an enjoyable day and their behaviour was impeccable. A special mention to Amelia Day, Miyah Hatton and Nancy Dimmock who received a thank you card from their group due to the rewards they provided and the fantastic session they had planned.



THANK YOU



The PE department would like to say a big thank you to Mr Stewart who has completed his teacher training with us this year; he has been an inspiration to students during his judo interventions as well as through his teaching and learning abilities. He has been a great asset to the PE department and he will be sadly missed. We wish him luck in his future endeavours and we hope he keeps us informed about what he does next. Good luck in Australia Sir, from all at St Michaels!

SPORTS AWARDS

On Tuesday 12th July we held our St Michael's Sports Awards to recognise all the successes over the last year in PE.

Congratulations to all the students that received an award.





SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES






Be part of our family

SUMMER Girls Football Camp

Monday 8th or Tuesday 9th August '22

Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd August '22

George Salter Academy
Davey Rd, West Bromwich B70 9UW

10:00 - 15:00

FREE 1 DAY CAMP
Ages 8 - 14 years old



WBA Women

Girls Development Camp

9-14 YEAR OLDS

Friday 29th July - Euro 2022 themed
Thursday 4th August | Friday 5th August
Thursday 18th August | Friday 19th August

9:30 - 14:30
£20.00 per day or both days £35.00

Wolverhampton University
Walsall Campus, The Broadway, WS1 3BD

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CELEBRATION TIME!



An unexpected invitation to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Lunch on Sunday 5th June in Sandwell Valley Park resulted in an even bigger surprise when St Michael's was presented with an award by the Mayor of Sandwell and the Deputy Lieutenant for our significant contribution to the local community.

Later in June, Student Voice was delighted to extend an invitation to the St Michael's community, as well as special guests from Birmingham Children's Hospital, Birmingham Diocese and Sandwell Council as they celebrated their journey of projects and achievements.

What an evening! I cannot tell you how impressed I was by the students, the ethos and the school. It was a great event and I came away inspired.

Student Voice Celebration Evening 2022
West Midlands Deputy Lieutenant, John Wood



Well done Student Voice! We look forward to seeing more of your amazing achievements in 2022/2023!



KS3 END OF YEAR EXAMS

YEAR 7

For our current Year 7, the past year has been challenging to say the least. With disruption caused by COVID and the challenges of starting secondary school, I have been immensely proud that Year 7 as a whole has managed to undertake their end of year exams confidently and successfully.

Mr Howden (Head of Year 7)



YEAR 8

This year has allowed students in Year 8 to have the full St Michael's learning experience, following restrictions imposed in Year 7 due to COVID. I have been incredibly impressed with students' engagement with revision, using their folders to be organised in preparation for the end of year exams. Together with hard work in the classroom, this has resulted in some fantastic results.

Mrs Diver (Head of Year 8)



The students named below, in particular, have risen to these challenges and have managed to achieve the top grades in their end of year exams, or made outstanding progress from their starting points with us in September. It goes to show how brilliant our students are and how successful they will be here at St Michael's; well done to you all.

Year 7 Top Attainers: Sofia Thorp, Phoebe Saunders, Meg Tonkin, Taylor Ryan, Amber Peters-Williams, Tom Starrs, Thomas Ward, Callum Denning, Mujtaba Yasir, Micah Ferleyko-Bruce and Kelsey Ball

Year 7 Top Progress: Alex Adlam, Ella Taylor, Cole Palmer, Tyler Allan-Young, James Downing and Andrew Ensor

Year 8 Top Attainers: Sophie Darby, Jayden Goddard, Ollie McRobert, Stella Masiya, Jack Doody, Heta Panchani, Eden Ball, Ryan Hatton, Sienna Jones and William Beswick.

Year 8 Top Progress: Esme Cogger, Keyan Graham, Matthew Comery, Luke Flavell, Parison Messenger, Ezra Bell, Asma Alguwer, Joshua Sankey, Jerin Joji, Rebecca Willetts and Xander-Solomon Grosvenor.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S POETRY FESTIVAL

This half-term, KS3 English students were asked by Birmingham Cathedral to submit poems to celebrate the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Out of 100 entries across 12 schools, 6 of our pupils were asked if they would attend a recital at the Cathedral to celebrate poetry with Birmingham poet laureate Casey Bailey. Though one student, Lillie Wood, was unable to attend, Mr Clarke met the other 5 students on Saturday with their families. Emily Stevens, Lucy Jones, Jessica Lovesey, Freya Westbury and Megan Ordway were immaculately turned out and read beautifully to the assembled audience of over 150 pupils and parents from schools in and around Birmingham.

Students were photographed with Casey Bailey (below) who recited an excellent poem called 'Dear Birmingham'. Here's a link to his video on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/SJir7cccyPY>





LIBRARY NEWS

Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

At the end of May we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the library. The student librarians made paper chains and decorations and we hosted some *Royal Activities* for students to take part in. Students enjoyed the event, learning more about the Queen and the Royal Family.



Year 9 Book Quiz

Four students from each form were asked to read the books listed below and retain as much information and detail as possible. They also had to brush up on their general book and author knowledge. All of the teams who took part did fantastically well.

This year's books were:

- *Nick and Charlie* by Alice Oseman
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
- *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera
- *Terror Kid* by Benjamin Zephaniah

The final, between 9M and 9E, took place on Monday 11th July and the overall winners of the Year 9 book quiz are...**9M!**



WINNERS – 9M
Sam, Chloe, Olivia, Emily

2nd PLACE – 9E
Ellie, Jessica, Amelia, Nancy

Congratulations Student Librarians!

We are happy to announce the appointment of four new Student Librarians to our team. They will be taking part in a wide range of tasks to help with the day-to-day running of the library as well as contributing ideas on the library's development and helping to organise library events and activities. Our new Student Librarians are:

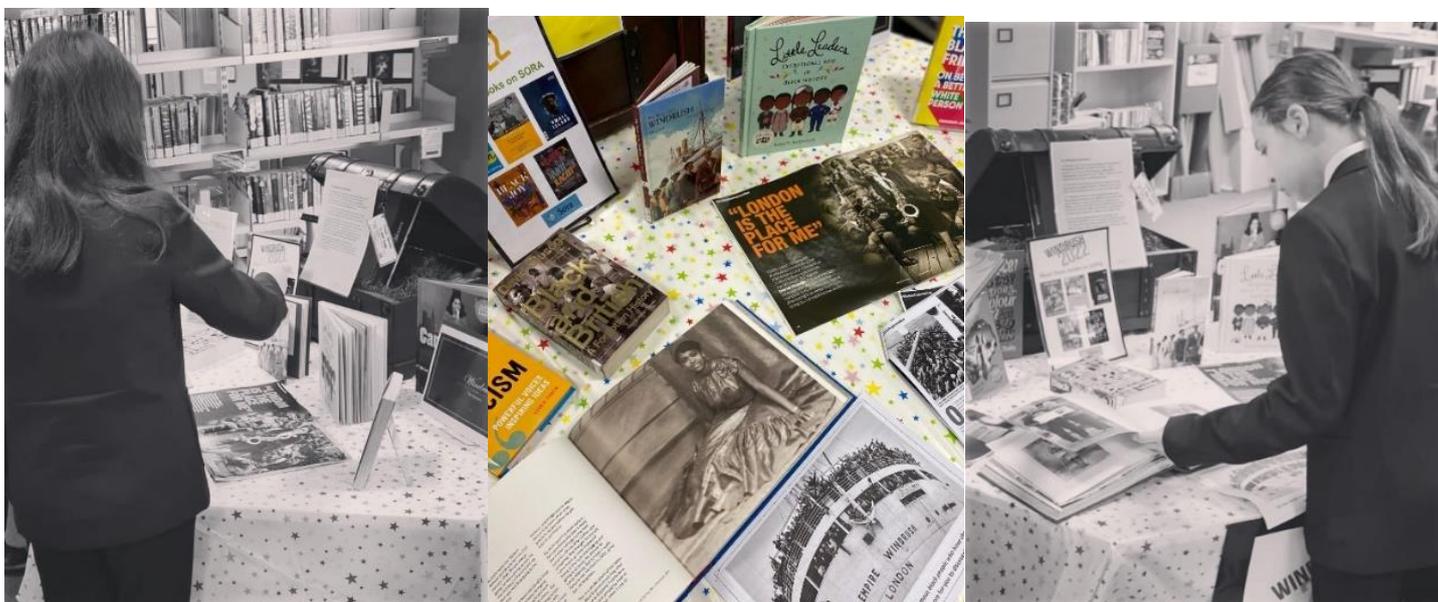
Year 7: Tahlia, Amber and Ellie

Year 9: Grace

Windrush Day

Between 1948 and 1970, nearly half a million people moved from the Caribbean to Britain. Most first-generation migrants moved to Britain in order to seek an improved standard of living, escape violence or find employment. At this time, Britain faced severe labour shortages in the wake of the Second World War. Almost half of all the men who came from the Caribbean to Britain throughout the 1950s had previously worked in skilled positions or possessed excellent employment credentials. Those who came to the UK around this time were later referred to as 'the Windrush generation'. The Empire Windrush, carrying some 500 passengers from Jamaica, arrived at Tilbury Dock on 22nd June 1948 and that date is now celebrated as Windrush Day.

The display created in the library was exhibited for a week as it created a huge amount of interest and was a talking point, allowing students to discuss and understand the information presented to them regarding the Windrush generation.



Clubs in the Library

We will continue to host mindfulness and games club in September; please encourage your child to engage and take part in these sessions:



IN THE LIBRARY

Mindfulness Club

Come along.....

**Every Monday lunchtime
and
Monday- Thursday after school**

- BELIEVE IN YOURSELF -

Puzzle Heads Games Club

Tuesday Lunch time
In the Library

- JIGSAWS
- SCRABBLE
- CHESS
- AND MORE...

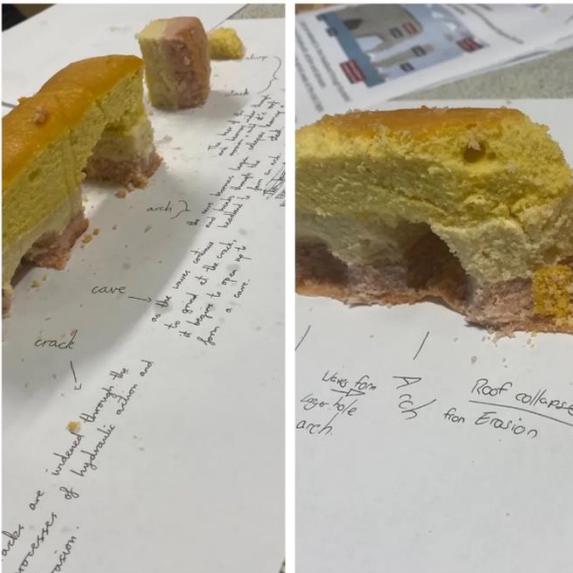
COME ALONG AND
DISCOVER!

Homework Club

in the library
Monday - Thursday
open until 3:50pm

Laptops available

GEOGRAPHY



Pupils in Year 7 have been walking up to Curral Road in lessons to complete a traffic count for their Year 7 local field work study – Traffic Congestion in Rowley Regis as part of their topic: 'Discovering the UK in the wider world'.

Pupils in Year 8 have been using Angel Cake to model the features of the coast as part of their topic of 'How does water change the land?'.

ART

Arts Award students have completed their portfolios ready for moderation in September, when they will hopefully gain their Level 1 in the Arts. All students have worked incredibly hard over the past year and we look forward to showcasing their art and talent through the Arts Award Celebration Evening in October.



Lucy Elliott 9C



Hayden Ball 9ST



Erin Yule 9ST



Kobie Share 9I



Ashay Subherwal 9S



Grace Popoola 9C



Lillah Henderson 9M



Bethany Taylor 9S



Sam Gibson 9M



Tia Ansley 9S



Stephanie Sharples 9S



Lucy Jones 9A



Artist of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by Mr Murphy and Mr Malone as their Artist of the Month!

Year 7:

Isla Steed 7H, Edir Santos 7M, Ellie Belton 7A, Kian Timperley 7H, Navroop Kaur 7I, Amber Peters-Williams 7M

Year 8:

Savanna Doherty 8C, Sophie Gleadall 8S, Artis Robalts, 8C, Rayne Cox 8L, Heta Panchani 8E

Year 9:

Emily Stevens 9A, Jessica Szlachta 9I, Nancy Dimmock 9E, Jack Palmer 9A, Erin Yule 9ST, Kian Mares 9L

MUSIC

The St Michael's school band played a concert on 27th June at The Salvation Army, Cradley. They played a selection of songs including Handbags and Glad Rags, a Doctor Who medley and Stevie Wonder's Superstition. In addition to this, there was singing from Joshua Williams and a brilliant solo performance from Ellie Williams.



YEAR 10 ASPIRATIONS WEEK

Year 10 Aspirations Week took place during week commencing 11th July.

On Monday, students spent the morning on a “University Challenge” where, working in groups, they created their own university campus, along with courses and societies. Each group presented their university to their peers and winners were selected from each form to win a goody bag! Year 10 Sports Day took place during the afternoon.



Tuesday focused on careers; students attended a careers fair, learned how to write a CV and participated in mock interviews, gaining feedback tips to improve their interview performance. Those who performed really well in the mock interviews received Hoodrich tracksuits as a reward, which had been donated by the company. After lunch, students went to their work experience placements for an induction session.

Following the Reward Trip to Alton Towers on Wednesday for those students who had met the criteria, on Thursday all Year 10 students visited either the University of Birmingham, University College Birmingham, University of Worcester or Dudley College.

Friday saw Year 10 start their work experience placements – we wish them every success.





YEAR 9

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Year 10 GCSE preparation evening will take place on Thursday 29th September 2022. More information about the event will be sent to parents/carers at the start of the next academic year.

AIMHIGHER REWARDS TRIP

50 Year 9 students were selected to attend an Aimhigher rewards trip to the University of Birmingham on Wednesday 29th June. Aimhigher West Midlands is a partnership of universities working to support learners to broaden their horizons and make informed decisions about their future educational and career choices. In preparation for the Year 9 exams, students were asked to generate bespoke revision folders. Students were nominated by their Form Tutor for creating a revision folder to a very high standard and received an invitation to the rewards activity. During the visit, students participated in a chemical engineering practical and were a credit to the school throughout. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained a greater knowledge of further education.

RECYCLED UNIFORM REMINDER...

As we come to the end of another school year, we are aware that school uniforms that have become too small are often passed to other family members; however, if that is not possible, many good uniforms can end up being thrown away or recycled as rags.

We would like to encourage you to recycle any unwanted school uniform, particularly blazers, ties, shirts, trousers and PE kit, in order for us to help those families who are struggling to afford the cost. Donations that are clean and with plenty of wear left in them would be most appreciated; please put them in a bin liner/large carrier bag, which can be left at the School Reception during school hours.

Many thanks in anticipation of your help.



PRIMARY EVENTS

FLAG FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP and PRIMARY FESTIVAL

On 31st June we held a two day flag football event, when selected Year 9 and 10 students participated in a leadership qualification in order to coach flag football to primary school aged students. The students learned the main skills of flag football as well as tactics and plays of the game. Students developed confidence in coaching small sessions and small sided games in order to be ready for the next day's festival.



On 1st July we welcomed 9 Primary school teams to participate in the Flag Football Festival. The teams competed in a fun tournament in order to win the prestigious prize of "THE DUKES" NFL ring. We were very lucky to have the CEO of flag football and our sponsor at Sandwell Health at the event who commented on the fantastic skill and expertise of our school leaders.

We are hoping this is an annual event that we can work closely with The Dukes in order to provide this opportunity to more students in the future.

A big thank you to Kenny and Phoebe and all their coaches who organised and supported the event creating an electric

atmosphere and fun event for all.

PARALYMPIC PRIMARY EVENT

On 27th June we welcomed 7 primary schools to our first ever Paralympic event. It was excellent to have students back at St Michael's participating in sporting events again. During the event, students experienced a variety of sports,

including judo, polybat and boccia. Everyone enjoyed the event and it was a lovely morning. The following Year 7 students did an excellent job as a leader and encompassed all the school values; in fact, it was really difficult to decide which value to sign on individual values cards!

Congratulations to Erica Nartey, Jasmine Rickard, Ashanti Timmins, Isla Steed, Ruby Smart, Isabelle Lawrence, Isabelle Fox, Laci Antcliff, Leah Chand, Roxy Perkins, Charlie Smart, Caiden Smith, Lucas Tavares, Liam Cooper, Jack Barnbrook, Callum Denning, Tyler Alan-Young and Taylor Ryan.

