

A message from the Principal

Welcome to the Summer Term newsletter. As we come to the end of the academic year, there has at last been an air of pre-Covid normality. You will read in the newsletter of the broad range of activity that has been going on in the College this past term, from trips and visits to performances and exhibitions which just goes to show what an incredibly talented and committed community we have here at the College. The end of the year is always a bittersweet moment. On the one hand, students and staff can take stock of what has been and plan for what is to come as well as to look forward to a well-earned break over the summer. On the other hand, there is a tinge of sadness as we say goodbye to another cohort of leavers.



Farewell to our leavers of 2022

As sure as night follows day, each summer we must say farewell to our Yr 13s and some of our Level 1 and Level 2 learners. I am immensely proud of this cohort who have shown tremendous grit and resilience to make it through to the end of their courses, and for many, sitting public exams for the first time. It is very encouraging that as a consequence of their hard work, many are celebrating securing offers from top universities across a broad range of subjects. To our leavers, I hope that you have enjoyed your time at the College and remind you that you will always be a member of the Saint Francis Xavier family. We cherish the time you have spent with us and hope that the College values of kindness, service, faith, inclusion, courage, honesty, respect and forgiveness, go with you as you make your own way in the world. God bless.

A prayer for our leavers

*May you go out into the world
and become the great people that God
intends you to become*

*May God bless each one of you and
may his light shine upon you and protect you*

*May you be guided along the path of life so
that you will be a blessing to others*

Amen

Young Enterprise win award at the Central London final

Following the successful first round and being named Central South London champions, our YE team took part in the Central London Final at Euroclear in Cannon Street. For a few of the students, it was their first experience of city offices and it didn't take them long to settle in. They had submitted a 10 page report prior to the final and then faced a gruelling 15 minute interview with the esteemed judges. Their 4 minute presentation in front of the judges, their fellow competitors and other guests was exemplary and whilst there is no prize for best presentation, it was clear who won that one. In the end, the students won the Marketing Award while Emanuel school walked off with the main prize for their sustainable jewellery. The team were gracious in their defeat especially as they had beaten Emanuel in the previous round. Undeterred, the students set up a stall at Camden Market in half-term and made lots of money selling their product "the cell phone".



VESPA Awards 2022

The end of year VESPA awards took place on 29 June. There was a fantastic turnout by students and staff. These are awards for students that have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to one or more of the five VESPA elements: vision; effort; systems; practice; attitude. Two students, Zara Acheampong and Harry Asmah were nominated to receive the Principal's Award for their application of all five VESPA strands. Congratulations to all award winners.



SFX win a national award at the Sixth Form Colleges Association annual awards

The College was one of just eight winners at this year's national sixth form college association awards, winning the award for Community Impact. The award recognises the work our students and staff have done with the African Caribbean Leukemia Trust

There is a major shortage of African and Caribbean donors and as St. Francis Xavier Sixth Form College has a very high student population of African and Caribbean heritage, the ACLT were invited into the College to run a stem cell, blood and organ donation awareness and registration drive.

The work of the ACLT was discussed during tutorial sessions and four ACLT staff members visited lessons over four days in March to raise awareness of the lack of donors from African and Caribbean communities. ACLT later provided opportunities for students and staff to sign up and register to become stem cell, blood and organ donors. In response to the visit ACLT received:

- 102 new potential stem cell donors
- 46 signed up to donate blood
- 17 new organ donor registrations



UAL performance and production arts

The Yr 13 UAL performance and production arts students finally had an opportunity to perform their production of 'Tomorrow belongs to me', a spin-off of the musical 'Cabaret' in front of a sell-out audience. It was a flawless performance by the whole cast, and it was a real pleasure to see the culmination of this group's two years' of hard work. Many of this talented bunch will be progressing onto related courses at university and I'm sure this will not be the last we see of them. Meanwhile, the Yr12 students were equally impressive performing their end of year shows; two adaptations of Shakespeare's plays. Both plays had a bit of everything: acting; singing, dance and comedy. There were some very talented performers on show and what was even more remarkable is that the students devised the entire shows themselves, from the script to the lyrics down to the choreography.



Careers Week

Over the past two weeks, Yr 12 students have participated in "Careers week", a week-long focus on their future progression opportunities. Activities have included: visiting speakers from universities, employers and former students; workshops on writing personal statements and using our careers platform, Unifrog to research universities and other opportunities such as apprenticeships. Many of the guest speakers have been Alumni of SFX such as Emma Ameral who gave a talk to travel and tourism students about her journey to becoming a member of cabin crew for EasyJet.



House Days

To celebrate the end of the term we recently held our final House Days of the year. There was a broad range of activities taking place including guest speakers, Chaplaincy activities, study skills and sports.

Diocesan Good Samaritan Mass

Earlier this term, some students along with the College Chaplains, attended the Diocesan Good Samaritan Mass. The Mass was held at St George's Cathedral and is open to all schools in the diocese.

In attending, students were able to support the Catholic Children's Society, who do sterling work in supporting families in need.

After the Mass our students visited the shrine of St Oscar Romero whose memorial crosses we have throughout the college and they had their photograph taken with Bishop Paul Hendricks, who is the area bishop for South West London.



REAch Pathway

Our year 12 REAch 'Russell Group' students have begun working on their university research and preparation for their UCAS applications. They have had virtual speakers in their lessons including sessions with Oxford and Cambridge universities and an interactive session on personal statements with Kingston university. For the rest of the Summer term the programme of specialist speakers will continue with sessions scheduled with Imperial College London, King's College London and St George's university

17th Century Trade and Imperial expansion

A few of our History A-Level students attended a workshop at the National Maritime Museum this term to learn more about the 17th Century Trade and Imperial Expansion.



Art Students shine at the national sixth form college art exhibition

The theme for this year's SFCA art exhibition was "Planet Future". The College selected three pieces of work to be exhibited.

"Corrosive"

by

Daniel Allot
UAL Extended
Diploma



"Neptune's
Dilemma"

by

Jennifer Cueva
UAL Extended
Diploma



"Conflict's
Fragments"

by

Larisa-Elena
Vasilescu
A Level
Graphics



Taster day at King's College, London

Our A Level Literature students enjoyed a taster day at King's College London. Students had a thought provoking day exploring postcolonial literature and reading extracts from Robinson Crusoe and Jane Eyre



Meanwhile, the group showcased their talent when performing the first act of Hamlet in preparation for their close analysis of this part of the play in their final exams.

Chaplaincy at SFX

The Chaplaincy here at SFX is at the heart of our college, with the Spirit of the Gospel at the centre of our way of life, relationships and community. We want to accompany each student on their journey through college, offering support and opportunities to develop spiritually, morally and intellectually. We are proud of our Catholic tradition whilst also welcoming students and staff of all faiths and none.

The chaplaincy is just one avenue that students can get involved in social justice and charity work. Recently, for example, the group made up a number of hygiene packs for the homeless.

If you are keen to get involved with the Chaplaincy, then please email our College Chaplain a.flavin@sfx.ac.uk or Associate Chaplain g.williamshamer@sfx.ac.uk



SFX student Desharne Bent-Ashmeil to compete at the Commonwealth Games this summer



Congratulations to Desharne Bent- Ashmeil who has been selected to compete in this summer's Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Desharne has made the transition from the junior to the senior ranks superbly well and won her first British senior title in the synchronised 3m springboard event, earlier this year (alongside Amy Rollinson). The diving competition takes place from Thursday 4th August to Monday 8th August so do keep an eye out for Desharne; I'm sure she will welcome our support. Good luck Desharne!

Key dates for your diary

A-Level Results Day - Thursday 18th August 2022

GCSE Results Day - Thursday 25th August 2022

Term	First Day	Half Term	Last Day
Autumn 2022	Tuesday 30th August 2022	Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022	Friday 16th December 2022

Student enrolment and student induction - Tuesday 30th August - Friday 9th September 2022

Teaching commences - Monday 12th September 2022

Reading Day - Friday 21st October 2022

Progress Review Evening - Tuesday 1st November 2022

Open Day - Saturday 12th November 2022

Non-Term Day - Monday 14th November 2022

College is closed to students

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on our governing body for a Parent Governor for which we are seeking a volunteer to be elected to serve for 2 years. If you are interested in this position, email the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Eleanor Lewis: e.lewis@sfx.ac.uk

Digital innovation

We are continuing with our vision of being leaders in digital technology. Our strategy has been recognised nationally and our journey so far can be viewed on the landing page of the College's website: www.sfx.ac.uk

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T Level Progress

We are ramping up our preparations for the delivery of the Management and Administration T Level, ahead of its launch this September. The new business hub, a state of the art facility which will be the home of our T level delivery, is progressing very well and on schedule to be completed during the summer holidays. It is our intention to further extend our offer of T levels in 2023 to include two new T levels: Education and Childcare; and Accounting.

A significant element of the new T level qualification is the requirement for students to undertake an extended work placement of at least 315 hours. We are in the process of building our connections and partnerships with employers to support these placements and would welcome any opportunities that parents or their employers could offer. If you believe that you or your employer are in a position to offer a placement for one or more students then please contact our T level lead, Aaron Takyi: a.takyi@sfx.ac.uk



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A selection of work for this year's art exhibition

