



FRIDAY 13TH JUNE 2025

DEAR PARENTS

In the final stages of building a cathedral, it is the last stones that give stability and structural integrity. They are not the largest, nor the most visible, but they are essential because they mark completion. In our lives, too, these final stones matter. They are the choices we make when no one is watching, the effort we give when others grow weary, and the virtues we practise not just in grand moments, but in small, quiet acts; especially when we are tired!


Virtue is the steady hand of the builder. It demands the deep conviction that doing the right thing is its own reward. At this point in the academic year, it can be tempting to ease off. Yet, as with the construction of a cathedral, sanctity is built through little acts of faithfulness each day. The final stones are a powerful sign of work done with care and perseverance. As St Josemaría Escrivá once wrote: "[The last stone] symbolically represents the hard and enterprising work of many people, who have persevered in the task throughout the long years of construction."

As we approach the end of term, we are reminded that this final stretch is not a time to coast, but a time to finish well. Shakespeare put it simply: *"All's well that ends well, still*

the fine's the crown; whate'er the course, the end is the renown." As we finalise details to start Fidelis College, the end of year exams, the remaining lessons and tasks are more than mere boxes to tick; they are opportunities to honour all that has come before, and to close the year with a sense of pride and gratitude.

Finally, as some of you may know, a local Catholic independent school will sadly be closing this summer. We are working to support families affected by this news. We will therefore be holding a Fidelis College Open Morning on Monday to provide information for any parents seeking continuity in a school committed to formation, excellence, and Faith.

Best wishes for the weekend,



Pablo Hinojo
Headmaster

We were delighted to welcome back **Ms Karis Pentecost**, professional actor and voice-over artist, who generously gave her time on **Thursday 12th June** with a **Careers in Performing Arts workshop** for budding Laurels and Cedars actors in Year 10. Setting up a mock studio in our drama room, Ms Pentecost coached students through the pressures of a screen audition and shared insights on how to make the most of a showreel. Well done to Year 10s, Faithful G-M, Arisa K, Riccardo K, Evan L, Samuel M, Alexander D M, Folajimi M, Coco O, Nathan O, Kiyon S, Leiya S and Lucia W, for defeating their nerves and stepping into the limelight! **Dr Obano**



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

WEEK 8



1st Form

Charlie Ayres

2nd Form

James Cameron

3rd Form

Ashwinder Rekhi

4th Form

Micaiah Adegbuyi

4TH FORM VISIT TO THE ROYAL INSTITUTE (RI)

A group from the 4th Form visited the Royal Institute (RI) today. The aim of the day was to experience lab work at university level. The boys were conducting a gel electrophoresis experiment looking at emm genes from streptococcus bacteria. They had to use fine motor skills to use the micropipettes and work with microlitre amounts of restriction DNA enzymes and bacterial plasmid DNA. During lunch the enzymes and DNA were incubated in a hot water bath. After lunch they were shown how to set up and run an electrophoresis gel. This involved making the gel, the DNA sample wells and set up the current themselves. The results were then observed using different electromagnetic wavelengths, and the bands of DNA compared. A valuable and rewarding day at one of the great homes of science - 200 years old in the heart of Mayfair (we ate sandwiches and did not visit the local restaurants!). Their behaviour was impeccable, and the lead scientists were impressed with them on a hot Friday afternoon. Well done, Cedars!

MR RIX



4TH FORM VISIT TO THE ROYAL INSTITUTE (RI)





PENALTY SHOOT OUT TOURNAMENT

- Win 100 house points,
- a Nerf Vortex
- a place in the Hall of Fame

Starting from Thursday
19th June at breaktime



£1 per entry

**Raising money for Aid To The
Church In Need**



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**THE CEDARS
SCHOOL**

Summer Concert



THURSDAY 19TH JUNE

18:30

PACT HALL



KEY DATES FOR PARENTS - TRINITY 2025

Tuesday 17 June	Whole School Photo
Thursday 19 June	Summer Concert, PACT Hall, 6:30pm
Thursday 26 June	Mass of St Josemaria (everyone welcome) 6.30pm St John the Baptist, 48 Dale Rd, Purley CR8 2EF. <i>The church has some parking available but registration is required. Parking places nearby.</i>
Thursday 26 June	Mass of St Josemaria (everyone welcome) 7.00pm Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 27 Nightingale Square, Balham, London SW12 8QJ. <i>There are no parking restrictions at this time and it is easy to find spaces around Nightingale Square. Confessions from 6.30pm.</i>
Friday 27 June	Sports Day, 10:00am
Saturday 28 June	PACT Barbecue and Summer Fete