



# Salvatorian College *Parent Bulletin*

Week Commencing  
**15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – YEAR 11 VISIT TO ST GEORGES CATHOLIC SCHOOL 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM – 2PM – 5.30PM

THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – YEAR 11 ST DOMINIC'S INTERVIEWS – 9AM – 12.30PM

THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING - 4.30PM – 7.30PM

on Oxford University. The boys heard from a variety of speakers about aiming high and breaking the stereotypes of Universities of this category. All of our boys can aspire towards this goal, if they believe in themselves, as I believe in them.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant  
Head of School

## MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you had a very peaceful and restful Christmas break. The boys have come back to a short Half Term refreshed and invigorated. At Priestmead, Years 7, 8 and 9 are in the middle of their tests for each subject and these finish on Monday. The results will enable the teachers to tailor their lessons to the strengths and weaknesses of their classes and the boys will be able to see what they need to do to make more progress. Year 8 parents will have an opportunity to discuss the progress of their sons at Parents' Evening on 8<sup>th</sup> February and Year 11 can do the same on 25<sup>th</sup> January. The Year 10 and 11 mock results will be out on Monday.

Some of our Gifted and Talented pupils had a great opportunity as they visited Central Hall in Westminster this week. The day focussed on encouraging state school pupils to aspire towards places at Russell Group universities, with a particular focus

## NOTICES

**Lost Property** - We still have a number of coats/PE kits in our lost property. If your son has lost any items please ask them to check at the office during break or lunchtimes.

**Contact details** – If you have changed any contact details, moved house etc please could you ensure that we are notified of any changes. It is important that we have access to two working phone numbers for each pupil.



**WORD OF THE DAY**

**Monday - Serendipity** – Noun – The occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy and beneficial way.

Discovering the old gold coins was a fortunate stroke of **serendipity**.

The old friends met each other again by pure **serendipity**.

**Tuesday - Trepidation** - Noun - A feeling of fear or anxiety about something that may happen.

He entered the cave with considerable **trepidation**.

Knowing his wife was a terrible cook, it was with some **trepidation** that George invited his work colleagues to Sunday lunch!

**Wednesday - Pundit** – Noun – An expert in a particular subject or field who is frequently called upon to give their opinions to the public.

The election results threw the political **pundits** into confusion.

Richard was a football **pundit** for Sky TV who brought the viewers a fresh insight into the game.

**Thursday - Guile** – Noun - Sly or cunning intelligence.

Considerable **guile** was involved in the illegal transaction. He was a shady salesman who usually relied on a combination of quick thinking and **guile** to sell his shoddy product.

**Friday - Clandestine** - Adjective – Kept secret or done secretly, often in order to conceal an illicit or improper purpose.

It is thought the CIA maintains **clandestine** operations in many countries.

I took a **clandestine** peek at the price tag on the diamond necklace.



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## GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Year B

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-42

### Reflection on the Gospel Reading

The **Gospel** is from St. John 1:35-42 and gives an account of the vocation of the first four Apostles who followed Jesus. It was a momentous event in the history of salvation. It was the beginning of a stream of vocations that would grow and spread down through the ages until the end of the world. It was momentous, firstly, in that Christ, who had come to open heaven for all men and who could find means of bringing them all to that eternal home without help from any man, decided instead to let men co-operate with him in this divine task. He decreed to set up a kingdom in this world—his Church—which would be run by mere mortals for their fellow-mortals, but which would be under his protection and assisted by his divine aid until the end of time. Christ chose this very human way, in order to make his Church more acceptable to our limited, human understanding and more approachable for sinful, human nature.

We mortals know that God can speak directly to our hearts, and actually has done so to many men in the past. We know that he can do directly all that is done by his Church, to whom he gave the power, with its teaching magisterium and sacraments. If he were to act in this way we should be open to continuous doubts about the source of our inspirations and the objectivity

of the graces we thought we were receiving. It was to remove such doubts, and the possibility of self-deception that Christ left to us the external visible kingdom to which he gave all the powers necessary for men's salvation. It was for the security and peace of men's consciences that he set up a visible Church founded on the Apostles, men like ourselves, but transformed by his assisting grace.

### **Prayer:**

Almighty and ever living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace upon our times Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### **Amen**



## **EPRAISE**

Congratulations to all of the boys who were awarded EPraise points last term. The winners and special awards for the term were celebrated in the Year Group Rewards Assemblies at the end of term.

For the Grand Prize draw the top 66% of students (decided by the school council) from each year group were entered into the Grand Prize Draw for the PS4 and FIFA18. One name was selected at random and placed into the grand prize final draw, drawn by the school council:

- 1st Matthew Valliath (Playstation 4)
- 2nd Damien Gromczak (£15 voucher)
- 3rd Tharshan Nicols (£15 voucher)
- 4th Robert Lam (£10 voucher)
- 5th Audley Akundo (£10 voucher)

To inform pupils and parents; the EPraise points total for each pupil has been re-set to zero for the new term. New competitions and prizes are available for the next term up to Easter. It is important to note that pupils SPEND totals will not change, so if they have earned points, they can continue to spend them as they wish throughout the year. This is how we will be able to track progress and totals across the year.

I am open to suggestions about additional items that could be included in the EPraise shop. You can find all sorts of stationary items, revision guides, and sports equipment by clicking on the shop tab. I would also like to inform you that there has been a slight increase in some of the points required for some items. It would be easy to pass this off as Brexit or devaluation of the pound, but

quite simply it is because our pupils are doing so many fantastic things on a day to day basis and, quite rightly so, being rewarded for their efforts. Well done boys! (and for staff using the new system so effectively!)

Mr D Cooper  
Assistant Headteacher



**Matthew Valliath 9B**



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## EPRaise

### Parent Log Ins for EPraise

Parents who provided the school with their email addresses can register their account by following these instructions. (If there is not a current or valid email address registered you will not be able to access this - please update immediately!)

1. <https://www.epraise.co.uk/index.php?school=salvatoriancollege&login=parents> visit the Parents page for your school
2. Enter the email address (the one you have given the school) in the email address box
3. Leave the password field blank
4. Press Login/Register
5. They will be sent a secure link to the email address within a couple of minutes (it is worth noting quite often these end up in Trash/Junk to start with)
6. The link will allow them to create a password for the next time they login in.

Once set up and logged in you will be able to see:

- How many points your son has received
- What he has received them for and in which subjects
- How his total compares to his class and year and overall school

Mr D Cooper  
Assistant Headteacher

## ATTENDANCE

The staff at Salvatorian College are committed to ensuring that your son reaches his full learning and development potential. One of the most important aspects of gaining a great set of results, and learning how to succeed in life, is to ensure that he has a good record of attendance and punctuality. These two areas are tools for life and are two of the most important skills he will acquire when at school.

In a perfect world, every school would like every child to have 100% attendance, and this would appear achievable when you consider the amount of school holidays that students are entitled to. However, I recognise the fact that sometimes children are sick and cannot come into school. If your son is absent for more than three school days, please provide the school with medical evidence i.e. appointment card or second part of the prescription.

Please could I ask that any routine appointments such as dentist or doctor appointments are made outside of school hours or during the school holidays. I do, however, understand that Orthodontist and Hospital appointments are unavoidable but, in these instances, evidence of appointments should be shown to me.

Mrs R Greaves  
Attendance Officer



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