



# Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing  
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## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to say that the pupils of Salvatorian College continue to rise to our high expectations of behaviour and academic rigour. All of the boys sat mock examinations recently and it was encouraging to observe their diligence in preparation for these important tests. Thank you very much for supporting your sons through this period. You will be called upon again in this capacity in the very near future, as it is essential that we regularly assess the progress of your sons.

Good behaviour is the bedrock of an outstanding school, and I thank you for your continued support of our policies and systems. Last week only three Xs were given for behaviour on the Priestmead Campus. We seek to continually raise the bar, and are now expecting silent movement between lessons. This will help the boys to be ready to learn from the moment they enter the classroom.

During the cold weather, I ask that the boys wear outer clothing in line guidance which can be found in your son's journal, and on the school website.

Kind regards,

## EPraise

Congratulations to all of the boys who have been awarded EPraise points this term. Our rewards system has enabled them to convert their points into prizes by purchasing items through an online shop. The winners and special awards for the term were celebrated in the Year Group Rewards Assemblies before Christmas.

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 Playstation 4 (PS4) and a game. One name was selected at random and placed into the grand prize final draw, drawn by the school council:

- 1st Matthew Valliath [pictured] (PS4)
- 2nd Damien Gromczak (£15 voucher)
- 3rd Tharshan Nicols (£15 voucher)
- 4th Robert Lam (£10 voucher)
- 5th Audley Akundo (£10 voucher)



## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

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

**TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – SAFER INTERNET DAY**

**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – SKI TRIP TO ITALY**

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Monday – Rapport

**Noun** - A close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well.

She can quickly establish a good **rapport** with the children she works with.

It can be hard to develop **rapport** with a crowd from such a distance.

### Tuesday – Amalgamate

**Verb** – Combine or unite to form one organisation or structure.

The two small schools decided to **amalgamate** and share resources.

The editors will **amalgamate** all the information into one article.

### Wednesday – Fluke

**Noun** – An unlikely chance occurrence, especially a surprising piece of luck.

It was such a **fluke** that we crossed paths again after all these years.

It wasn't a **fluke** that Sarah won the Spelling Bee since she had been studying for months.

### Thursday – Intersperse

**Verb** - Scatter among or between other things; place here and there.

The gardening group was advised to **intersperse** the seeds to ensure a colourful mix of flowers in the spring.

I liked the way the author would **intersperse** the story with photos and drawings. It made it more interesting.

### Friday – Holocaust

**Noun** - Destruction or slaughter on a mass scale, esp. caused by fire or nuclear war.



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A nuclear **holocaust** seemed a real possibility in the 1950s.

The mass murder of Jews, as well as members of other persecuted groups, under the German Nazi regime during the period 1941-45 is referred to as the **Holocaust**. During the Second World War roughly 6 million Jewish people were killed in the **Holocaust**. We remember all those who lost their lives on **Holocaust** Memorial Day, on 27th January every year.

## *Gospel Reflections*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Reflection on the Gospel: John 1:35-42

This reading gives an account of the vocation of the first four Apostles who followed Jesus. This was a momentous event in the history of salvation. It was the beginning of a stream of vocations to preach and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ that continues to grow through the ages. This was momentous moment. God could have decided to bring all of humanity to the promised Kingdom of heaven by His own action. Instead, he decided to let mankind co-operate with Him in this divine task. He decreed to set up a kingdom in this world—his Church—to be run by humans for their fellow human beings, but which is under His protection and assisted by His divine aid until the end of time. God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, in the form of a human, in order to establish the Church on earth. Jesus was remarkable in his teaching ability. He was able to open human minds to an understanding of God's love and divine purpose, which inspired the first Apostles to pass on the message of salvation.

We know that God can speak directly to our hearts, and the growing number of Christians on earth today attests to that fact. In addition to direct action, God acts through His Church (the corporate body of Christians on earth), to whom He gave power through its teaching and sacraments.

We need to be continuously open and willing to question our actions, and be open to the action of God's grace in our lives – both directly in our hearts, and through the medium of the Church. Christ left to us the external visible kingdom – the Church – to which God gave all the powers necessary for salvation. It was for the security and peace of our consciences that he set up a visible Church founded on the Apostles, people like

ourselves, but who transformed and inspired by his assisting grace.

### **Prayer:**

Almighty and ever living God, who governs 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

## *Sporting News*

### **Cross Country**

A very impressive performance was given by Years 7 & 8 students at Harrow School. They showed great courage to complete the 2500m course over different terrain.



Congratulations to the following boys who ranked highly among the 80 other competitors:

### **Minor Boys Category (Years 6 & 7)**

Richard Buayi - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Samuel Orgi - 26<sup>th</sup>  
Jay Lopes 27<sup>th</sup>  
Ethan Ferguson - 40<sup>th</sup>  
Ciprian Stacu 54<sup>th</sup>  
Eduard Danila - 55<sup>th</sup>

### **Junior Boys Category (Years 8 & 9)**

James Liba - 24<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel Ez - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Stone Gold - 26<sup>th</sup>  
Alex Akoutah - 36<sup>th</sup>  
Elliot Golledge 37<sup>th</sup>



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## *Catholic Ethos*

The Catholic ethos at Salvatorian College is going from strength to strength. Through 'theme of the week' students are able to grow and develop, spiritually and morally, by considering the wider world and reflecting on how they contribute to society.

Teachers have praised the students' knowledge of the school prayer and their eagerness to lead prayer at the beginning of lessons. Additionally, guest speakers, such as Stephen Currin from the Cardinal Hume Centre, have visited and spoken about the importance of charity to our students.

At present, renovations are underway to create a Chapel on the Priestmead site. The floor has been levelled and carpeted and the walls painted. Once completed, voluntary Mass will take place, once a week, and "Moment for Jesus" will take place daily – at lunch students and staff alike will be invited to say the Angelus giving an opportunity to build spiritual wealth. This will be student led. A prayer book, where staff and students can write their prayerful intentions, will reside there and will be read out daily.

The Stations of the Cross, in wood, have been mounted in the main Priestmead hall where Masses and services currently take place. Display boards have been mounted, promoting our faith and the charities that we support, as well as the creation of a prayer table in the atrium, all of which act as visual displays of our faith.

Altar servers have been identified in all year groups and have actively participated in school Masses and Services. Both sites took part in the Remembrance Day Service where pupils recited poems and read prayers of reflection. We celebrated All Souls Day and had a successful Christmas Liturgy on both sites at the end of last term. Our Christmas Carol Service at St Joseph's Church was a great success and celebration with the Year 7 School Choir was led by Ben Fowler and the drama group was led by Rebecca White and Paula Donnelly.

Work within the community is well under way, with a hugely successful Christmas Senior Citizens Tea Party attended by over 60 care home residents and parishioners. Students hosted, entertained, served and sang Christmas Carols with the Senior Citizens; the atmosphere was one of joy and gratitude and left our students both humbled and with a sense of purpose.

Our Christmas charitable collection raised £475 for the Cardinal Hume Society for the Homeless and

over 50 hamper items of food and goods were also delivered. A small group of students will be visiting and having a tour of the Cardinal Hume Society in the spring term. Our charity committee also raised £142 for Mary's Meals – the cheque will be presented to them in the spring term when they come in to give an assembly in preparation for our Easter Charity work, which will consist of Egg donations and backpacks.

Ahead of our Easter Charity work, a representative from the Catholic Children's Society will be visiting to spread awareness of their important work in order that the students understand who benefits from their work. The representative was able to secure vouchers to help some of our more disadvantaged families, here at Salvatorian College, over the Christmas period.

Retreats enable pupils to take a step back from life and organise priorities. Year 7 and 8 will be taking part in a retreat day this side of half term with Years 8, 9 and 10 taking place during the second half of the spring term. The days will be run by the RE department, Justice and Peace and other external Catholic agencies. Father Fortunatus from St Joseph's will be spending a few days of the week with us to help strengthen the spiritual life of the school.

Our sister school within the CHAT, St George's, is taking the lead on our joint annual pilgrimage. Information and letters will be sent to parents in the near future. The Board of Deputies of British Jews will be visiting Salvatorian College in the summer term to run a number of workshops. Students will also have the opportunity to visit a Synagogue, Cemetery and a Jewish school with a Rabbi.

At present, efforts are being focused on preparing services for the Holocaust Memorial, Easter charitable acts and fundraising as well as a solemn Easter Liturgy.



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## *Getting into Top Universities*

Sixteen of our more able students travelled to Westminster, London and spent the afternoon in London's largest conference centre, a Grade II listed building (where United Nations meetings, and even the BBC London 2018 New Year celebrations were held!). Peter Rawling spoke to the students about the university application process and emphasised strongly how important it is for students to consider the top universities when making their choices.



*Salvatorian students next to statues of Nelson Mandela, Robert Peel and Abraham Lincoln in Parliament Square*

At Salvatorian College we expect all of our students to fully respond to the challenges that we are setting them. Freddie Warner spoke about King's College London and the opportunities the university offers. He spoke about the application process, life as a student in London and student finance. Dr Joe Organ spoke about the Oxford and Cambridge application process, becoming a student there, the importance of independent study, and gave a clear indication on what Oxford University is looking for in a prospective student.



Numerous invaluable websites were shared to support the students in their background reading for A-Level study. Revision strategies were given, details on free online courses were discussed, and Mr Rawling advised students to gather evidence to prove that they have the

additional skills to enhance their chances for gaining a place in the top universities.

We learned recently that past pupil Oliver Bertholdi-Gibbons, who left Salvatorian College in 2016, has been offered a place at Oxford University to read Mechanical Engineering - congratulations to Oliver. We hope his achievement will inspire many more of our boys to raise their aspirations and gain admission to the country's greatest learning institutions.

Ms Stovold & Ms Griffin

## *ParentPay*

It has been reported to me that there have been some issues with Parent Pay and boys not having money at the tills. This may be because, once you have added funds to your Parent Pay account, you must also assign these funds to either the Priestmead or Salvatorian Campus Lunch Money item. Please would you check to see if this applies to you? If you continue to have problems, please telephone the school and ask to speak with Mr Fowler. You should think of the cafeteria as operating just like a public shop or café: if your son has no money on his account at the till, he is likely to be refused service. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mr Fowler  
School Business Manager

## *Mock Exams*

We tested our Key Stage 4 (KS4) pupils rigorously in the autumn term, with Mock Exams taking place for Year 10 and 11 in November and December. These exams took place under exam conditions and focussed the pupils on progress and attainment towards the end of the term. There will be another set of GCSE mock examinations during this half-term.

Key Stage 3 (KS3) pupils experienced the rigours of testing over a one-week period at the beginning of January, during which they sat examinations in all subjects. The results of these exams will enable benchmarking and target setting, for all pupils at KS3, in order to raise expectations for Progress and Attainment regardless of starting points. Results which give cause for concern, particularly among the Pupil Premium cohort, will trigger tailored intervention strategies for those pupils.



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