



# Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems that my talk of Spring, in the last bulletin, may well have been premature. Having looked at the weather forecasts this week, it seems that we are in for a prolonged cold spell. It is very important that the boys stay safe and I encourage them to wrap up warmly. Please remember they should wear outer clothing in line with the uniform as outlined in your sons' journals. I would also ask you to keep an eye on the school website for information about inclement weather.

However, some of the boys are well used to cold weather by now, having spent a memorable week skiing in Italy over the half term break. Reports are that the boys behaved impeccably well and, with the grace of God, they all returned safely, with only a few bumps and tumbles, and perhaps the odd dent in pride, to speak of. Thank you very much to the staff who gave up their time to look after the boys.

With just under five weeks left until Easter, it is vitally important that the boys remain focussed on their academic progress. I was very pleased to see such excellent attendance, by Year 11, to the extra sessions over half term. A full timetable of lessons is already being planned for the Easter holiday and, with exams only a few months away, I trust that I can count on your support in ensuring the boys' attendance. The second Year 11 parents' evening will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and this will give you the opportunity to discuss any issues of progress.

In the coming week, I look forward to World Book Day, arrangements for which are outlined later in this bulletin. I also ask you to keep the Year 11 Drama group in your prayers as they prepare for their Component 2 exam, in which they perform extracts of Willy Russell's *Blood Brothers* to an external examiner. They did very well in their dress rehearsal, this week, when they performed to the Year 9 boys.

I am pleased to say that the new chapel is now up and running on the Priestmead Campus and there have been a number of prayer sessions. We look forward to weekly Masses beginning very shortly.

Kind regards,

*Alan Byatt*

## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

**THURSDAY 1ST MARCH – WORLD BOOK DAY**

**THURSDAY 1ST MARCH – YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS – PRIESTMEAD CAMPUS – 9AM – 12PM**

**THURSDAY 1ST MARCH – U14 TABLE TENNIS AT WHITMORE HIGH SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY 9TH MARCH – YEAR 11 DRAMA EXAM – PRIESTMEAD CAMPUS**

**W/C 12TH MARCH – YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS**

**WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH – Y11 PARENTS' EVENING**

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Monday – Proposterous

*Adjective* - Contrary to reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous. I thought it was a **preposterous** idea to have to bring my own food to the dinner party! Although it is a local custom, I found the thought of swimming in the icy lake on New Year's Day quite **preposterous!**

### Tuesday – Rebuke

*Verb* - Express sharp disapproval or criticism of (someone) because of their behaviour or actions. *Noun* - An expression of sharp disapproval or criticism. Travis ignored the **rebuke** and carried on singing out of tune. Tom's father **rebuked** him for the spendthrift ways he had adopted since arriving at college.

### Wednesday – Dignity

*Noun* - The quality of being worthy of honour or respect; a sense of pride in oneself; self-respect. Helen may have tripped over the step, but she swiftly regained her **dignity** by pretending she had dropped her glasses. It was with a humble **dignity** that the fireman collected his award for bravery.

### Thursday – Harbour

*Verb* - Keep (a thought or feeling, typically a negative one) in one's mind, especially secretly. *Noun*: A place on the coast where ships may moor



in shelter, especially one protected from rough water by piers. Jenny could not help but **harbour** a great affection for her first love. In January of 1502, Portuguese explorers landed at a **harbour** on the coast of South America, and named the site Rio de Janeiro, meaning River of January.

### **Friday – Synchronise**

*Verb* - Cause to occur or operate at the same time or rate. Soldiers used their watches to **synchronise** attacks. To avoid confusion, we will **synchronise** all the clocks in the office.

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Second Sunday in Lent (Year B)  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

A reading from the Gospel of Mark 9:2-10:

**Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white. Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and for Elijah.” He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.**

The word 'transfigure' is not one we often use in our vocabulary, so it is worth dwelling on the meaning of this word in this passage from the gospel of Mark. Transfigure is derived from the Latin *trans* - meaning across, or beyond – and *figurare*, meaning to form; a literal definition would be that to transfigure means to take on a form beyond what is normal.

This is exactly what St Mark recounts to us in this passage – Jesus who had appeared, up until then, to his disciples as a human being, is suddenly surrounded by a dazzling, white light.

What an extraordinary experience this must have been for the three apostles – Peter, James and John – who had accompanied Jesus to the

mountain to pray. This was the moment when the divine nature of the Son of God was made clear on earth. From this moment on in Jesus' ministry it was clear to the apostles, and to those who met him that, truly, this was the Son of God. This is the point at which human nature met God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

The Latin word for the Pope is 'Pontifex', which literally means 'bridge builder'. As Catholics, we believe that the Pope, following in the apostolic succession from St Peter himself, is divinely appointed through the action of the Holy Spirit to lead the church on earth – to build bridges between our temporal lives and our eternal destiny with God. The Transfiguration of Jesus is the moment that makes manifest this connection between heaven and earth, appearing as he does, radiant in dazzling, celestial light.

As the days begin to lengthen, the first snowdrops appear, and we look towards Spring, let us remember that we are called, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to be shining examples of His love in our world. As Jesus showed forth the glory of the Father in his transfiguration, we pray that we, too, may become channels of God's love.



*The Transfiguration, Raphael (1520)*



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**Prayer** Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy.  
Amen

## WORLD BOOK DAY



As part of the literacy initiatives at Salvatorian College, we will be participating in WORLD BOOK DAY! This year we will be focusing on improving the KS3 literacy goals - particularly Year 7. A number of authors will be invited over the course of the school year to speak with pupils.

During English lessons through the day, pupils will be receiving book vouchers they can use in stores throughout London to purchase texts of their choice. We ask that each pupil brings in their reading book and shares this with their form and teacher at the beginning of the day.

Period 5 of the day will be a 'DROP EVERYTHING AND READ' period. This means that everyone, including the teachers, will spend the last lesson of the day silently reading a text of their choice. The library will be available for KS3 texts and there are book boxes available for KS4.

Year 7 will be given the opportunity to create a costume from their favourite story and bring it to school for the day. At lunchtime, they will be allowed to get changed into their costumes, and make their way to hall, where they will spend Period 5 taking part in a number of activities, including:

- The individual presentation of each pupil's costume and the text from which they made their choice, followed by a vote on 'best dressed' – prizes for the winners!
- Pupils will have the chance to design the next 'Salvatorian Book mark', followed by a vote for the winning 2018 Salvatorian Bookmark' design.
- A chance to read, to one another, the books brought in and other available texts.

'Reading corners' will also be available throughout the day for both teachers and students: SR9 for KS4 and the Priestmead Library for KS3.

We look forward to making this day as innovative and animated as possible, with the support of everyone!

Miss Hasell  
Literacy Co-ordinator

## THANK YOU TO HARROW SCHOOL

Every year the boys at Harrow School run either 10 or 20km for charity and this event, known as the 'Harrow School Long Ducker,' raises £25,000 for local projects.

We are very grateful that the Harrow School Development Trust has decided to donate £2,000 to Salvatorian College this year. This generous donation will allow us to launch our Library project, which will involve sorting, rationalising, and cataloguing our existing stock. It will allow us to begin purchasing stock for the new non-fiction collection, and we are undertaking further fundraising activities to ensure we can invest in a comprehensive fiction collection, as well as provide appropriate IT facilities to enable lending when we move into the new building.

Our mission states that we aim 'to develop effective leaders of good influence', and this can only succeed if pupils are provided with resources necessary to develop a strong, knowledge-based, educational foundation. We are grateful to the Harrow Development Trust for enabling this step towards fulfilling our ambition.



*Harrow School boys and staff begin the 'Long Ducker'*

## SKIING TRIP

Forty boys and several members of staff set out on the last day of the half-term on a long coach journey all the way to Passo Tonale (the Tonale Pass), a high mountain pass and ski area in northern Italy. Having settled into a beautiful, family-run hotel, it was straight off to the slopes for a week of fun in the snow. I would like to congratulate all the boys on the trip for their excellent behaviour throughout – they were a real compliment to the school and to our community. It was a pleasure to lead the trip, and I



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hope memories of the trip will remain with your sons for a very long time to come.

Mrs Griffin  
Trip Co-ordinator



## FORTHCOMING TRIPS

We have been busy significantly expanding the programme of trips and educational visits. Parents have already received communication regarding some of these, and information on the others will be available shortly:

- Rome Pilgrimage (jointly with the Cardinal Hume Academies Trust) – October 2018
- China (jointly with the Cardinal Hume Academies Trust) – 2019
- Trenches Trip (History) – May 2018
- Field Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze (Geography) – March 2018
- Kew Gardens (Art) – March 2018
- Year 7 Retreat to Hatfield Woods – April 2018
- Year 8 Retreat – April 2018
- Walsingham Pilgrimage – June 2018
- Passion Play in Trafalgar Square – Good Friday
- British Museum (Maths) – April 2018
- Action Days Out Assault Course (Reward Trip) – March 2018

## SCHOOL JOURNALS

Please could you check that your son's journal is signed on a weekly basis – this is an important means of communication between home and school. All contact numbers must be up to date and there should be a minimum of two contact numbers per student. If your son does not have his journal in school, there will be a charge of £1 for a daily replacement.

If you wish to give permission for your son to be administered with one dose of paracetamol in certain cases please could you indicate this by signing the back of his journal.

## COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

All telephone and email contact with staff is through the Administration Office.

Please use the email address which is the closest match to your query:

[admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk) – absence, change of details etc.

[parents@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:parents@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk) – pastoral or academic issues / queries

[admissions@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk) – admissions

[finance@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:finance@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk) – ParentPay, paying for school trips etc.