



# Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Lessons returned to normal this Monday, after the severe weather, and the boys are back into the swing of things. The postponed World Book Day took place on Wednesday and many of the staff and Year 7 pupils rose to the occasion, dressing up as their favourite literary characters. Reading is such an important life skill and I encourage you to build it into your son's day. We also count on you to set up a suitable space to enable the boys to get on with their homework.

Year 11 mock exams will begin this Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, and it is imperative that they are all working hard as the real GCSEs are now on the horizon – indeed, they began today. I was privileged to be in the audience as the Year 11 Drama group performed their excellent characterisations of Mickey and Eddie from the play: *Blood Brothers*. The examiner seemed suitably impressed!

Well done also to the boys' football teams this week for some stunning victories over strong opponents Hatch End and Avanti House.

I very much enjoyed meeting with representatives from various careers in a special workshop for Year 10 boys. Year 11 also had an assembly on apprenticeships.

Next week is National Science Week and I look forward to meeting the animals in Zoolab. There is also a full day of Science revision, this Saturday, for Year 11.

Thank you for all your co-operation and support.

Kind regards, *Alan Byatt*

## LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS SOUGHT

Thanks to the seed grant funding from Harrow School described in the bulletin several weeks ago, fundraising is now underway to equip fully the new Library and Learning Resource Centre ready for when we move into the new building. In the meantime, the library continues to grow at the Priestmead campus. **We are accepting, and would be very grateful for, donations of fiction and non-fiction books in GOOD condition.** These can be handed into the Reception Office on either campus.

## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

**W/C MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SCIENCE WEEK**

**W/C MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS**

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS – PRIESTMEAD CAMPUS – 10AM – 12PM**

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – ART/PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP – KEW GARDENS**

**THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AND FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH – GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP**

**MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – DEBATING COMPETITION – HARROW SCHOOL**

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING – SALVO CAMPUS – 4.30PM**

**THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – LAST DAY OF TERM**

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Monday – Osmosis

**Noun** 1. A process by which water molecules pass from an area of high water concentration to an area of low water concentration through a partially permeable membrane. 2. The process of gradual or unconscious assimilation of ideas, knowledge, etc.

**Osmosis** is important to plants. They gain water by **osmosis** through their roots. Water moves into plant cells by **osmosis**, making them stiff so that they are able to hold the plant upright.

He never studies but seems to learn by **osmosis**.

### Tuesday – Inertia

**Noun** a tendency to do nothing or to remain unchanged. Inertia is the resistance of any physical object to any change in its state of motion. Inertia is, essentially, the body's resistance to change. An example sentence would be: Without inertia, we would be all over the place.

The car's **inertia** carried it forward several feet after the driver pushed the brakes.

The engineer shut down the locomotive's Diesel engine completely, but with no brakes, he knew the



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engine's enormous **inertia** would keep its speed very high.

### Wednesday – Synthesis

**Noun** The production of chemical compounds by reaction from simpler materials

Nikesh measured the **synthesis** of carbon dioxide during the reaction.

### Thursday – Impartial

**Adjective** Not biased: treating all equally

The doctor attempted to be **impartial** when considering the evidence from the drugs trial.

### Friday – Spectrum

**Noun** A continuous sequence or range

Newton discovered the full **spectrum** of light by experimenting with the shape of the lens in his eye.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year B)

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

A reading from the Gospel of John 3:14-21:

**Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God...Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.**

Jesus is the Son of Man who is “lifted up” in this reading and by whom we are saved. We are called to see him in light of the crucifixion, and believe in him. The light of Christ enables us to see; seeing is believing. But we can only come to the light and believe if we “live in the truth” which is expressed in good works. Light and faith are gifts, and we demonstrate that we accept these gifts when we do good works. God demonstrates great love for us by sending the Son to be lifted up on the Cross and then raising him to eternal life. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works. Our good works: reaching out to others, doing our daily tasks for our

family with love and care, working professionally and honestly, acting justly and charitably, then our way of being is “lifted up.” This is how we live in the truth, so that our works may be clearly seen as done in the name of the Lord.

Some people of Jesus' time had shallow faith and would believe only if they saw signs of God's power. Jesus helped his listeners recall an event in which God instructed Moses to lift up a bronze serpent. Anyone who looked at the snake would be cured of poisonous snakebites. Jesus uses this image as a metaphor for his own glory. God loved the world so much that he sent his own son.

The love we feel for our children is the same sort and strength of love that God feels for all people. Just as, no matter how many times we have to discipline, guide, and correct our children, our love never diminishes, so God's love transcends our sins, mistakes, less-than-perfect behaviour, and finds its completion in the act of forgiveness. Just as - through respect, obedience - we hope our children to reciprocate our love, so we must become obedient to the will of God, living in His truth, so that we might come to the light of the risen Christ on Easter Day.



Visit of Nicodemus to Christ, John La Farge (1818)



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## Prayer: God of Abraham & Nicodemus

God of Abram and Nicodemus,  
God of all of us who think we are  
too old or too poor or too small or too weak or too busy,  
God of all of us daunted by the sheer wonder  
of the plan you lay out before us:  
we come to you now, aware of all you have done for us,  
and yet still struggling with our doubts.

Birth us all anew, O God;  
**hear us and help us on our journey.**

God of Abram and Nicodemus, we pray for this world  
where so many wander homeless  
not by choice, but out of necessity,  
where so many are looking  
for milk and honey or a great Name to rescue them.  
We pray for all the people in this world.  
We pray for the women and men who lay down their lives  
for the safety of brothers and sisters and neighbours . . .  
We pray for those who lead us.  
Birth us all anew, O God;  
**hear us and help us on our journey.**

God of Abram and Nicodemus,  
we pray for all those who long for a new beginning:  
those who are imprisoned,  
those who are estranged,  
those who have left loved ones behind,  
and those who are ill or infirm.

Give them all new life by the power of your Spirit.  
Help us to see how we can be present with them  
as your hands and feet.  
Birth us all anew, O God;  
**hear us and help us on our journey.**

God of Abram and Nicodemus,  
we pray for your holy Church . . .  
Give us the courage to leave everything behind and follow  
you.  
Give us the faith to act on what we do not understand.  
Bless us to be a blessing to everyone in your Name.  
Birth us all anew, O God;  
**hear us and help us on our journey.**

**Birth us all anew, O God.  
Hear us and help us on our journey.  
Help us to grow up again,  
to accept not only earthly things but heavenly things,  
to lift up your Son and be lifted up ourselves,  
to let your Spirit move us beyond our understanding.**  
God of Abram and Nicodemus and all of us,  
**hear us and help us  
even as surely as the Spirit blows among us,  
all for the sake of your dear Son,  
who taught us when we pray to say:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy  
Kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

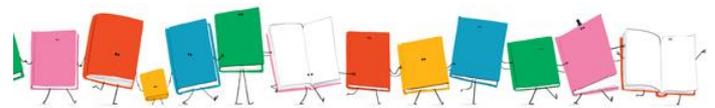
## ADMISSIONS

Places are filling up rapidly for admission to Year 7 in September 2018, in anticipation of the new building opening early in 2019. If you applied and been offered a place for a younger son, or know of people who have, please note that the **deadline for accepting a place is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

Enquiries from parents who missed out on a place in another school are welcomed, and should be directed to the Admissions Officer, Mrs Maragh, in the first instance on 020 8863 2706, or by email to [admissions@salvatorian.harrov.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@salvatorian.harrov.sch.uk).

Tours of the school are conducted by the Head of School, or member of Senior Management, every Wednesday. Please contact the school to book a place.

## WORLD BOOK DAY



On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the Salvatorian College staff and students celebrated 'World Book Day'. Year 7 Literacy was the primary focus throughout the day, with the English Department allowing the students the opportunity to design their own costumes, based on a character from their favourite book, and show this off amongst their peers. Students were also afforded the opportunity to share their current reading books out-loud amongst year groups throughout the school, design their own token stickers to purchase texts, and take an hour out of the school day to join the 'Drop Everything and Read' initiative. But it wasn't just the students who had all the fun, staff were also provided the opportunity to dress up in their favourite character from a novel or text, share images of them reading around the world and distribute stories. Overall, we had a very successful day and look forward to celebrating again next year! See some pictures on the page opposite showing some of the fun!

Ms Hasell  
Literacy Co-ordinator



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## Notes on the Art of Poetry

By Dylan Thomas

*I could never have dreamt that there were such goings-on  
in the world between the covers of books,  
such sandstorms and ice blasts of words,  
such staggering peace, such enormous laughter,  
such and so many blinding bright lights,  
splashing all over the pages  
in a million bits and pieces  
all of which were words, words, words,  
and each of which were alive forever  
in its own delight and glory and oddity and light.*

Born in 1914, Welshman Dylan Thomas left school at age 16 to become a reporter and writer. His most famous poem, "Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night," was published in 1952, but his reputation was solidified years earlier. Thomas's prose includes *Under Milk Wood* (1954) and *A Child's Christmas in Wales* (1955). Thomas was in high demand for his animated readings. Remarkably, about two-thirds of Thomas's oeuvre is from his late teens.



## VOLUNTARY MASS

This week saw the first Voluntary Mass celebrated by Father Fortunatus (SDS) on the Priestmead campus. Ten boys attended along with several members of staff. We expect these numbers to grow significantly in coming weeks as word spreads.

This is an excellent opportunity for pupils to partake in the Holy Eucharist as part of their daily routine at school.

Before Christmas last year, Pope Francis emphasised the vital importance of regular Mass attendance in order to strengthen us for our witness in the world: "How can we carry out the Gospel without drawing the energy needed to do it... from the limitless source of the Eucharist... We don't go to Mass to give something to God, but to receive from him that which we truly need... Just like a plant needs the sun and nourishment to live, every Christian needs [the Eucharist] to truly live"

All pupils are welcome to attend; those who are not baptised Catholics are very welcome to take part in the liturgy and receive a blessing.





### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross is being said weekly during Lent, Fridays after school, on the Priestmead site. A number of boys are regular attenders and numbers are growing week by week. Each week, we are exploring a different theme, and linking this back to the suffering and encounters of Jesus on his procession to Calvary. Please encourage your sons to attend this important devotion at least once in Lent if they have not already done so.



*Stations of the Cross exploring the theme of street children*

### SPORTING SUCCESS

#### RESULTS

**Year 10 Football - Won 3-1 v Hatch End** (Middlesex cup quarter final)

**Year 8 Football - Won v Avanti House** (Borough league)

### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

**Monday 12/3 - Year 9 Football v Canons**

**Tuesday 13/3 - Year 11 Football v Rooks Heath**

**Wednesday 14/3 - Year 10 Basketball v Canons** (Borough final)

**Thursday 15/3 - Year 7 Table Tennis @ Whitmore**

### CAREERS WEEK

This past week was National Careers Week and at Salvatorian College several events were held to encourage pupils to think about their future careers beyond school.

On Monday, 5th March, Year 10 had an Assembly regarding the new school shop that will be run by the Student Council. We are very grateful to NatWest Bank who donated £500 to get the School Shop started.

The winners of the Soap Entrepreneur Competition (run by Business Education Events) were also announced and the students were handed 50 bars of soap to sell either in the School shop or elsewhere.

We look forward to seeing the shop and other entrepreneurial initiatives thrive in the future.



*Representatives from the School Council accept a cheque from NatWest Bank for £500*



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Later that day, during periods three and four, we had a number of volunteers from local and national business come in and impart their knowledge to our Year 10s. There was good feedback, both from pupils and volunteers. Kier Construction, who are the contractors on our new school, were represented, and on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, a number of boys visited the construction site – complete with hard hats – to learn more about career options in the thriving British construction industry.



*Careers forum with business representatives*



*Thank you to our volunteers for donating their time*

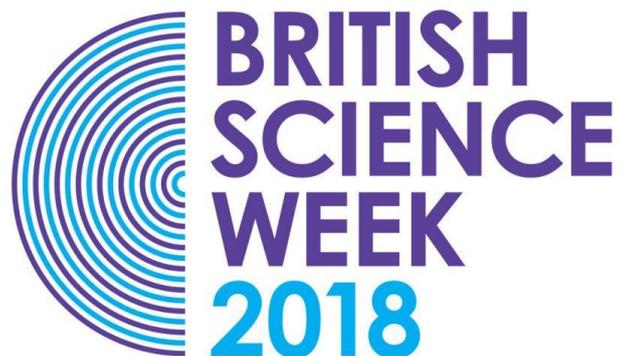
## LITERACY INITIATIVES

Research from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, shows that a firm foundation in literacy – the ability to read and write – is the most important indicator of future social mobility and success of a child. Ms Hasell, Acting Head of English and Literacy Co-ordinator, describes some of the initiatives running at Salvatorian College to ensure pupils are making the maximum possible progress in this area.

This springtime, pupils are reading a range of different texts at each year level. In Year 7, pupils are reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and learning how to respond analytically to adventure text. In Year 8, pupils are creating their own dystopian worlds, basing these ideas from the novel, 'The Knife of Never Letting Go' by Patrick Ness. Year 9 are embracing 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> century literature, as they learn about the world of William Shakespeare, through his play, 'Romeo and Juliet'. Year 10 and 11 students are currently advancing through debates in lessons, as they present their points of view concerning challenging world topics in their speaking and listening assessments. They will then be moving on to poetry. We encourage all boys to read a wide range of literature outside their English Curriculum, and wish them all the best in their studies this term.

***It is free to join Harrow Council-run libraries, and to borrow books. More information can be found on the council website:***

[http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/200062/harrow\\_libraries/2121/join\\_a\\_harrow\\_library](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/200062/harrow_libraries/2121/join_a_harrow_library)



A busy programme of activities is planned for British Science Week 2018. During the week, ZooLab will be visiting the Priestmead Campus with a range of live animals and insects and Year 7 & 8 pupils will have the opportunity to examine and handle them. There may even be a tarantula on show... not for the faint hearted! Years 7 & 8 will also be having some fun demonstrations in class next week - making elephants' toothpaste and slime! Years 9 & 10 will be focussing on forensics, with lots of practical activities on fingerprinting, blood spatter, gun-shot residue and career options in this area. Year 10 will be extracting DNA from fruit on Friday.



### SALVO SCIENTISTS



Ex-Salvatorian pupil, Kevin Fong (1978-82), may be familiar to parents from his TV appearances. He has received acclaim for the two most recent TV shows which he has fronted. In April last year, Kevin presented

“The Big Think: Should we go to Mars?”, an interesting and thought provoking programme exploring the moral and practical issues surrounding a manned flight to Mars.

In June, he presented a Horizon special covering the NHS security breach of its systems – a programme he made in just three weeks, whilst doing his day job!

Kevin is a consultant anaesthetist at University College London, and has worked for NASA and is a prolific writer and TV presenter.

### BRITISH VALUES

Our community and ethos at Salvatorian College is underpinned by fundamental British Values which have been established and developed throughout our country's history, and which are admired and replicated around the world:

**Democracy** – at Salvatorian College, this means being able to contribute ideas, give suggestions to one another and **have ones voice heard**. Examples of this include pupils making decisions in groups and being able to pick their candidate for the **School Council**. The boys **vote** for the candidates who have applied to be Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy. We learn about **democracy** in PSHR and across the curriculum.

**Rule of Law** – at Salvatorian College we know the difference between **right and wrong** and respect the **rules of the school** and **civil and criminal laws** of Britain. We take responsibility for our **behaviour** and show initiative, understanding how we can **contribute positively** to the lives of those living and working in our school and local community.

**Individual Liberty** – at Salvatorian College we understand that people have **the right to hold different faiths and beliefs**. We understand that people are free to **make choices and voice**

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**Mutual Respect** – at Salvatorian College we learn **good manners** and **respect for others**. We are an **inclusive** school where everyone is valued. We **do not judge** or **discriminate** against anyone and treat those in our community as a family. In **Religious Education**, we learn about other faiths and beliefs and understand the **positive contributions** they make to society.



### 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.