



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
19th March 2018



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week this week. Year 11 mock exams began on Monday, and the boys have, once again, responded very well to them, taking the tests seriously and attending all of the extra sessions in preparation. Last Saturday, the Science department came in to do lessons and very nearly the whole of Year 11 attended. Thank you for your continued support of these interventions and thanks to the staff for giving up their time.

It was also Science week this week and there have been a number of exciting activities to make the subject accessible and entertaining. I was particularly impressed with the visiting zoo with all kind of different animals: cockroaches, snakes and spiders. It was like an episode of "I'm a Celebrity" but without the menu! In all seriousness, the boys learned a great deal about biology and ecosystems, at the same time overcoming their fears and preconceptions.

A group of Year 10 were invited by Kier to put on hard hats and to visit the site of the new build. The scope and potential of the building was explained to them and they were excited to see the steel girders finally giving the building its new shape.

We were visited this week by representatives from the Regional Schools Commission who carried out a review of the school. They were very impressed by the progress, behaviour and engagement of the pupils and the hard work of staff. Along with tours of the school by Year 6 parents, this augers well for the school.

Kind regards,

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

THURSDAY 22ND MARCH – YEAR 11
GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP (GROUP I)

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH – YEAR 11
GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP (GROUP II)

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH – YEAR 11
NATIONAL CITIZENS SERVICE ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH – YEAR 11
PARENTS EVENING

WORD OF THE DAY

Monday – Emulate

Verb Match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation; imitate. Most rulers wished to **emulate** Alexander the Great. Hers is not a hairstyle I wish to **emulate**.

Tuesday – Untenable

Adjective Not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection (especially of a position or view). The medical student found it impossible to maintain his **untenable** habit of sleeping 3 hours each night. The scandal put the President in an **untenable** position.

Wednesday – Ruminant

Verb 1. Think deeply about something. 2. (Of a ruminant) Chew the cud. Geoffrey and Alice often sat **ruminating** on the nature of their existence. We sat in the field looking at the sheep and cows **ruminating** without raising their eyes.

Thursday – Nuance

Noun A subtle difference in or shade of meaning, expression or sound. *Verb* Give nuances to. When translating, you must have sufficient fluency in the language to pick up each fine **nuance**, otherwise a meaning might be changed entirely. The effect of the music is **nuanced** by the social situation of the listeners.

Friday – Elucidate

Verb Make something clear; explain, to make something that is hard to understand clear or easy to understand. The presentation will help to **elucidate** the project. When asked for details of the robbery, the suspect refused to **elucidate**.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year B)
Sunday 18th March 2018

A reading from the Gospel of John 12:20-33:

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour."

In this passage, Jesus announces that his time on earth is coming to an end. He knows that very soon his ministry will end that that he must endure the cross before he returns to his Father. In order to help the disciples understand, Jesus uses the metaphor of a grain of wheat. Unless the grain 'dies' by falling from the living plant, onto the bare earth, it cannot sprout and grow into a new plant. Similarly, Jesus us saying that he, too, must die, in order to bring new life.

Like the disciples, we only know the finality of this world, but Jesus assures us that, like the grain of wheat, when we die, new life will come from death: the life of the eternal kingdom of God.

One of the most valuable lessons we can teach our children is learning how to let go – of anger, bitterness, upset, pride, envy. No matter how much we want things to remain the same, we know that change is a constant part of living. We can heal ourselves and help our children at the same time when we make a conscious effort to find the silver lining in every dark cloud. Something must be allowed to die before something new can grow.

Dear God,

I let go of my need to be perfect, and I let You fill me with Your perfect love. I let go of my ideas of fulfillment, and I let You fill me with what I truly desire. I let go of what I think of myself, and I let You define my worth. I let go of what others think of me, and I let You tell me who I am to You. I let go of my appearance, and I let You shine through me. I let go of my unreasonable standards, and I let You work through me. I let go of my will for my life, and I let You reveal Your plan for me. I let go of all of my past sins, and I let You forgive me. I let go of my reliance on myself, and I let You be my Redeemer. I let go of how I view others, and I let You love them through me.



Statue of St Patrick, Tara Hill (County Wexford), whose feast day falls on Saturday 17th March

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Last week a number of our Year 10s took part in a Site Visit with Kier Construction as part of Careers Week. Three groups of ten students donned hard hats and hi-viz jackets to explore the construction site of our new school throughout the day on Friday.

The boys were given a look at the flythrough of the end results of all of the construction works and got to wear hard hats, gloves and goggles as they were shown around the site.

The boys got a good sense of the bigger picture of what is actually happening behind the noise and rubble.

The steelwork started arriving on site last week and if you look closely from the High Road down the left of the church, you will see the building starting to take shape. Exciting times!





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GCSE EXAMS BEGIN

On Friday, 9th March, our Year 11 GCSE Drama students did their practical exam with an external examiner. This is the first 'real' exam of this year, with more to follow in the main exam diet after Easter.

The young men excelled themselves, performing confidently and with great flair in front of the external examiner.

Thank you to Ms White and Mr Bryant for their work in preparing the boys for the exam.



to explain the holy trinity. 7B made St Patrick's day badges to celebrate his life.

Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

Happy St Patrick's Day from 7B!

Miss Ryall



ADMISSIONS

There are some spaces remaining for admission to Year 7 in September 2018. If you applied and have been offered a place for a younger son, or know of people who have, please contact your Local Authority as soon as possible to confirm your place. Applications can still be made, though these will now be classed as late applications.

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.harrow.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.

THE HISTORICAL ST PATRICK

This week 7B learnt about St Patrick's spiritual journey from slavery to becoming the patron saint of Ireland and Nigeria. St Patrick converted the natives of Ireland to the Christian faith and used the Shamrock

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Josh from Zoolabs came in to visit Years 7 and 8, bringing with him, among others, a giant land snail, stick insects, hissing cockroaches, tarantula, scorpion and a cornsnake. The students learned how these animals have adapted their places in food chains and the differences between predators or prey. Teachers also joined in the fun and it was great to see the reactions of all involved as they held these amazing creatures. Years 7 and 8 also conducted an 'elephant's toothpaste' experiment, created slime, learnt about visualizing chemical reactions, what an exothermic reaction is, and what a polymer is.

A massive 'thank you' goes to Ms Vosper, for all her help during science week, from all of the students and science teachers at Salvatorian College.

Ms Malone



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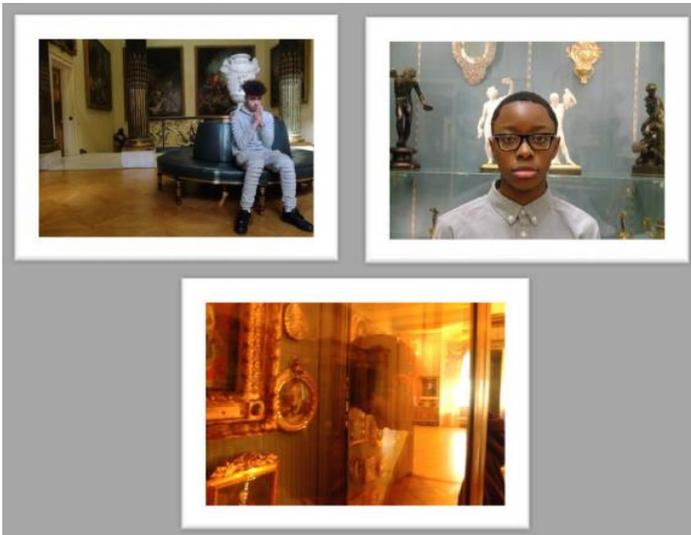


PRESTIGIOUS ART EXHIBITION

I am delighted to inform you that three Salvatorian pupils have been selected to have their work exhibited in a leading gallery in London.

Ashley, Leon and Michael will have their work exhibited at the Wallace Collection.

The work will be on display in the Meeting Room, Lower Ground Floor, at the Wallace Collection Gallery (just behind Oxford Street, near Bond Street Station) for a month, starting this week.



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 – absence, change of details etc.

parents@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk – pastoral or academic issues / queries

admissions@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk – admissions

finance@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk – ParentPay, paying for school trips etc.