



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
30th April 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

After so long away from school, I am sure the boys are happy to be back into the swing of things, chomping at the bit to improve their grades as we enter this most crucial of terms.

Year 11 external examinations are upon us and I was so pleased to see so many boys in classes all through the Easter break. I am certain this augers well for the results in August. Examination and revision timetables are being given out this week and it is important that the boys keep a close eye on where they need to be and what they need to do.

I am delighted to hear about the success of the Year 10 football team who won the Harrow Schools Cup, defeated Hatch End School 4 – 1. They are also through to the final of the Middlesex Schools Cup, against Finchley Catholic, on Wednesday. Please keep the boys in your prayers as they prepare for this high profile match.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

**MONDAY 30TH APRIL – RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION DROP-DOWN DAY**

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 1ST & 2ND APRIL
– WHOLE SCHOOL EXTERNAL REVIEW; GCSE
PHOTOGRAPHY EXAMS**

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY 3RD & 4TH APRIL -
GCSE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXAMS**

**THURSDAY 3RD APRIL – PRIESTMEAD
CAMPUS CLOSED TO Y7, 8 & 9; HISTORY
TRENCHES TRIP TO YPRES, BELGIUM**

**TUESDAY 8TH MAY – HARROW SCHOOL
ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**THURSDAY 10TH MAY – YEAR 9 PARENTS'
EVENING, PRIESTMEAD CAMPUS, 4.30-6.30PM**

WORDS OF THE DAY

Monday – Initiate

Verb 1. To cause (a process or action) to begin. 2. To formally admit someone as a member of a group or organisation, usually with a special ceremony. The council committee met to **initiate** talks on the new cycle lane. She had been formally **initiated** into the group.

Tuesday – Sanguine

Adjective Optimistic or positive, especially in an apparently bad or difficult situation. *Noun* – A blood-red colour (especially of fabric). Although the company figures were not good the managing director was **sanguine** about things. The heatwave left me felling quite **sanguine** and relaxed.

Wednesday – Diaphanous

Adjective Light, delicate, and translucent. Her wedding dresses consisted of many layers of **diaphanous** silk. The **diaphanous** mist was fading away very quickly.

Thursday – Succinct

Adjective Briefly and clearly expressed. He gave a **succinct** summary of the first chapters of the story for those who were late to the reading group before moving on. Everyone was happy when the politician made a **succinct** speech that did not take all evening.

Friday – Reciprocate

Verb Respond to (a gesture or action) by making a corresponding one. Her affection for Tom was unfortunately not **reciprocated**. To **reciprocate** the kind invitation to the dinner party, Jenny arranged a trip to the theatre.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sunday 29th April 2018

A reading from the Gospel of John 15:1-8:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are



gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

In this parable, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine and its branches. He is the vine who feeds and nourishes us, the branches. Our job is to bear much fruit in our good works.

At first glance, this is quite a challenging parable. It suggests that Jesus provides support, but that the ultimate responsibility for delivering the good news of the Gospel lies with us, and us alone – we are put 'in the driving seat'.

This is in contrast to last week's gospel where Jesus describes himself as the 'good shepherd' – a more easy-going picture where we can think of ourselves as sheep who merely follow in the shepherd's footsteps.

The worry is that we are found not worthy of Jesus; that we do not bear fruit and are cast away like an unproductive vine branch.

But what kind of fruit ought we to bear? What sort of 'fruit' is acceptable to the Lord? And how do we actually go about 'bearing fruit'? Of course, this is the language of analogy; we are not talking about a harvest of actual grapes! When Jesus talks about himself as a vine, he is talking about a vine of a heavenly order. The fruit we bear, therefore, must be of a heavenly order. We must try to imitate Christ in all we do, by comforting the sick, looking out for the poor, praying, and communing with God, and sacrificing ourselves for others.

If we can improve ourselves by imitating Christ here, today, we are assured of being united to the heavenly vine that is Jesus Christ our Lord: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

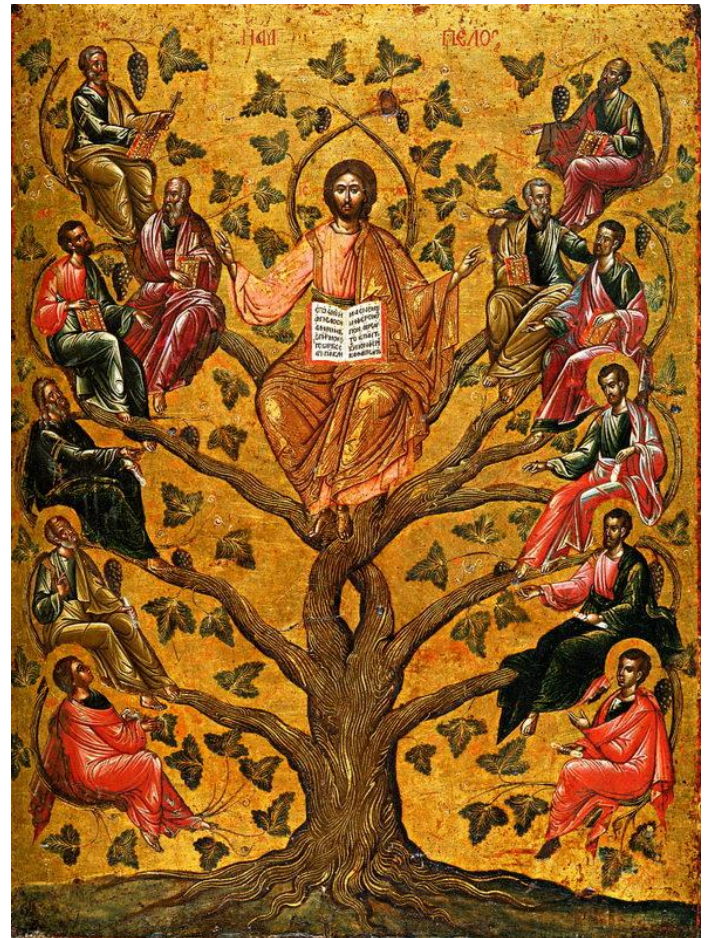
All telephone and email contact with staff is through the Administration Office. Please use the email address which is the closest match to your query:

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.



Eastern Orthodox Icon of Jesus Christ as the True Vine
16th Century, Byzantine & Christian Museum, Athens

CLIP-ON TIES

Please note that the school uniform states the only ties allowed are the clip-on type. These can be purchased from the Finance Office or Reception for £5.50, or from www.uniform4kids.com for £7.50.

PARENTPAY

Please note that money must be added to your son's ParentPay the night before in order to show up on the tills the next day. For example, top-ups made on a Monday will not show up until Tuesday morning.

Please ensure there is a positive balance on the account or we reserve the right to refuse service at the canteen.



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MIDDLESEX CUP SEMI-FINAL

St Ignatius 1-2 Salvatorian College

Salvatorian College advanced to the final of the Middlesex County Cup with a 2-1 away win against St Ignatius last week. It was a brave performance by the boys after going 1-0 down in the first half. There was a positive change in formation at half time and Salvatorian College quickly equalised through Ronan Hutchins following up a dipping free kick from Arkel Boyd that could only be parried by the goalkeeper.

The Salvatorian College team then started to dominate possession and territory and they made this count when Arkel Boyd was fouled for a penalty. The penalty was coolly slotted home by Ronan Hutchins. It was a terrific win for the boys and provided the perfect platform for their Harrow Schools Cup Final against Hatch End.

HARROW CUP FINAL

Salvatorian College 4 – 1 Hatch End High School

The Year 10 football team put in a terrific performance to comprehensively beat Hatch End High School 4-1 on Tuesday at Harrow Borough FC stadium, Earlsmead. There was a swagger about the forward play from Salvatorian College in the first 20 minutes as they blew the opposition away with goals from Jamie Okoli (2) and Shane McGuinness. The score could have been far higher but for some great saves by the Hatch End goalkeeper and some very near misses.

Oliver Kiely scored a header from a corner by Arkel Boyd early in the second half and it was a comfortable result from there on. Hatch End scored a late equaliser after Jack Curd made two incredible saves but was unable to make the third. It was a good performance from the boys and it will certainly give them confidence going into the Middlesex Cup Final against Finchley Catholic.

The venue for the final will be Hendon FC, Silver Jubilee Park, Kingsbury. Kick Off 3pm, on Wednesday 2nd May 2018.

(Please note that whilst we encourage parents to give their support by attending, they are there primarily to support the boys, not to contest the decisions of the referee! Thank you for your co-operation.)



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Please note that local government elections take place on Thursday, 3rd May 2018. The Priestmead Campus will be used as a polling station and will be closed for Years 7, 8 and 9 on that day.

DETENTIONS

Detentions are given at Salvatorian College for one or more of three misdemeanours: bad behaviour, no homework, and arriving late at the gate. Detentions take place on Fridays for one hour after school, and on Saturdays from 8.30-9.30am. **The reasons for detentions will always be noted in pupils' journals.**