



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
7th May 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

To parents and guardians of boys in Years 7, 8 and 9, thank you very much for your patience as we had to close the school on Thursday. I am sure you will agree, however, that it is important that we help with the democratic process. If you haven't done so already, it would be a good idea to explain to your sons the reason for polling day.

The weather continues to confound us. There was talk of snow at the beginning of the week and, in stark contrast, Bank Holiday Monday is set to be one of the warmest on record! It is very important that the boys are adaptable in life and perhaps this is a test for them. In all seriousness, it is important that the boys wear suitable attire. Ties and blazers should be worn to and from school but I do not mind if the boys leave their jumpers at home. It is also important that the boys drink lots of water during the day and that sun cream is applied before they set out in the morning. At this time of the year, there is sometimes the temptation to throw water around. I will certainly clamp down on any of this sort of behaviour as it often leads to accidents and confrontation.

As the exams approach, it is clear that the candidates are under a great deal of pressure. Please take a moment to talk to your sons about how much you support them and their effort. You could even write them a note if it's more appropriate. So much about exam success comes down to self-esteem and you, as parents and guardians, are the boys' cornerstone.

Unfortunately, the Year 10 football team did not win their Middlesex Cup Final match against Finchley Catholic. They lost 2 – 1 in a hard fought match in which Salvatorian College had most of the possession. The boys did themselves proud and I am sure they will go on to even greater success next year.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Year 9 parents' evening next Thursday and pray that you have a restful and enjoyable Bank Holiday Weekend.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

MONDAY 7TH MAY – BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

TUESDAY 8TH MAY – HARROW SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

THURSDAY 10TH MAY – YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING, PRIESTMEAD CAMPUS, 4.30-7PM

MONDAY 14TH MAY – START OF FULL GCSE EXAMS

FRIDAY 25TH MAY – LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

WORDS OF THE DAY

Monday (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday – Temerity

Noun Excessive confidence or boldness; audacity. No one had the **temerity** to question her decision. Misbehaving children had the **temerity** to challenge the rules.

Wednesday – Deciduous

Adjective Of a tree or shrub - Shedding its leaves annually; denoting the milk teeth of a mammal, which are shed after a time. The **deciduous** cypress was one of the first American trees introduced into England. Devoid of leaves, the **deciduous** trees look bare from a distance.

Thursday – Calamity

Noun An event causing great and often sudden damage or distress; a disaster. It would be a **calamity** for the farmers if the crops failed again. His financial help saved the magazine from total **calamity**.

Friday – Conspicuous

Adjective Clearly visible; attracting notice or attention. The robin has a **conspicuous** red breast. The manager was **conspicuous** by his absence when the redundancies were announced.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Sunday 6th April 2018

A reading from the Gospel of John 15:9-17:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’

If you are a regular listener to the BBC Radio 2 breakfast show, you will know that well-known presenter Chris Evans’ mother died, aged 92, just before he came on air last Thursday morning. In a statement, he summed up her life thus: “She was an incredible woman. Anyone who’s ever met her will tell you that, and ultimately there was no battle lost, only a life won. Every single day.”

When dealing with families of people who have died from Cancer (or any illness for that matter) we are inclined to imply that the person was weak, through thinking or saying something like “they’ve lost the battle”, or, “they’ve given up the fight”. Of course, the reality is usually quite the opposite; they have been brave, dignified, and often inspiring in coping with their illness.

A life lived to the full, where every day in life is a day won, is not something open only to a select few - to those super-successful, super-human celebrities or friends we are inclined to compare ourselves to. The great revelation of Jesus’ teaching is that we can all live ‘a life won’, because we can all live in the knowledge and love of God, through his Son Jesus Christ.

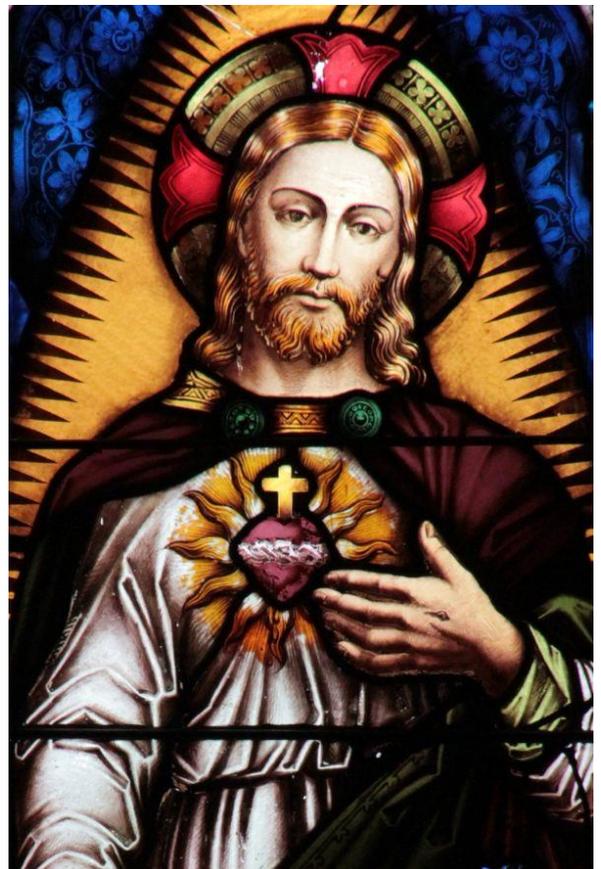
So what can we do to access the knowledge and love of God, so that we may live our lives to the full every day? The answer is to be found in this

week’s Gospel passage: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

Loving one another seems a simple enough command, but we all know how rarely we manage to sustain love of others in our own lives, polluted as they are by envy, jealousy, anger, and mistrust.

One way of learning to love, is learning to serve. Jesus tells us: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” We often associate this line with Remembrance Sunday and lives sacrificed in conflict. Whilst these are, indeed, supreme sacrifices, Jesus’ words are more subtle. When he asks us to lay down our lives, Jesus means that we should lay ourselves at the service of others, and through serving them, come to love them as Jesus loves us.

So as we reflect this week on ways in which we might better serve others - perhaps through offering to do some shopping for an elderly neighbour, or visiting a sick friend - let us remember that with every act of service we deepen our love for each other, and for Jesus - it is in loving others, and loving Christ that we can all live a life won. Every single day.



A depiction of the ‘Sacred Heart of Jesus’, a widely practiced devotion in the Roman Catholic Church, which takes Jesus Christ’s physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity.



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*Jesus, why dost Thou love me so?
What hast Thou seen in me
To make my happiness so great,
So dear a joy to Thee?*

Fr Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

Frederick William Faber was a noted English hymn writer and theologian who converted from Anglicanism to the Catholic priesthood. His best known hymn is 'Faith of our Fathers', sung often in Catholic churches across the country. He was the great-uncle of Geoffrey Faber, co-founder of the publishing house "Faber and Gwyer" which later became "Faber and Faber", a major publisher of both literary and religious works.

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.

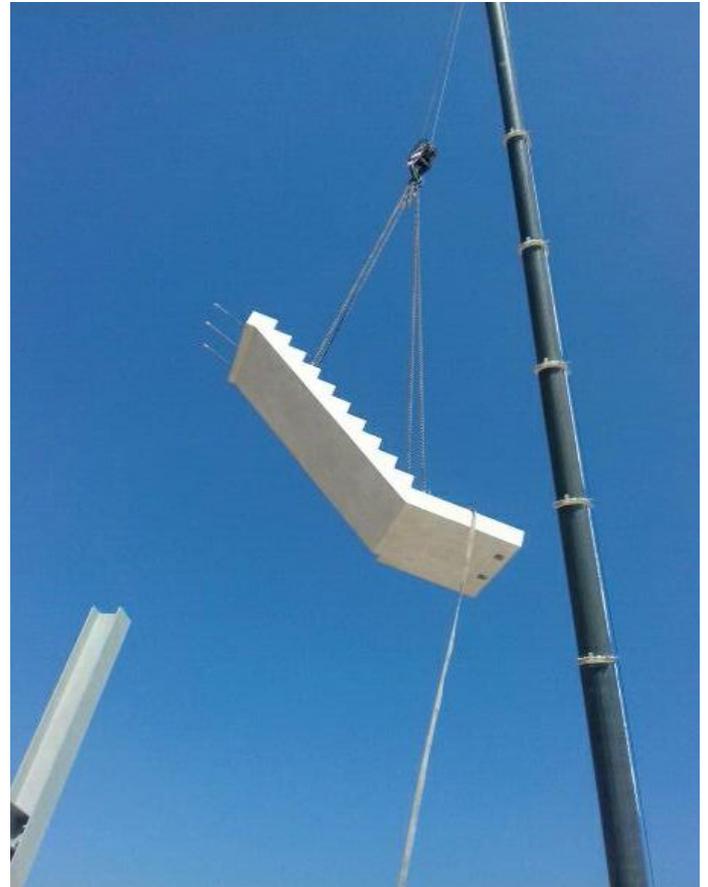
parents@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk – pastoral or academic issues / queries

admissions@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk – admissions

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

NEW BUILD PROGRESS

As ever with any contemporary construction project, as soon as the skeleton framework of the building is erected, everything else falls into place remarkably quickly. Whilst we couldn't quite yet start teaching in it, the new south block is looking more and more like a completed school every day. Please see below a selection of photographs showing progress:



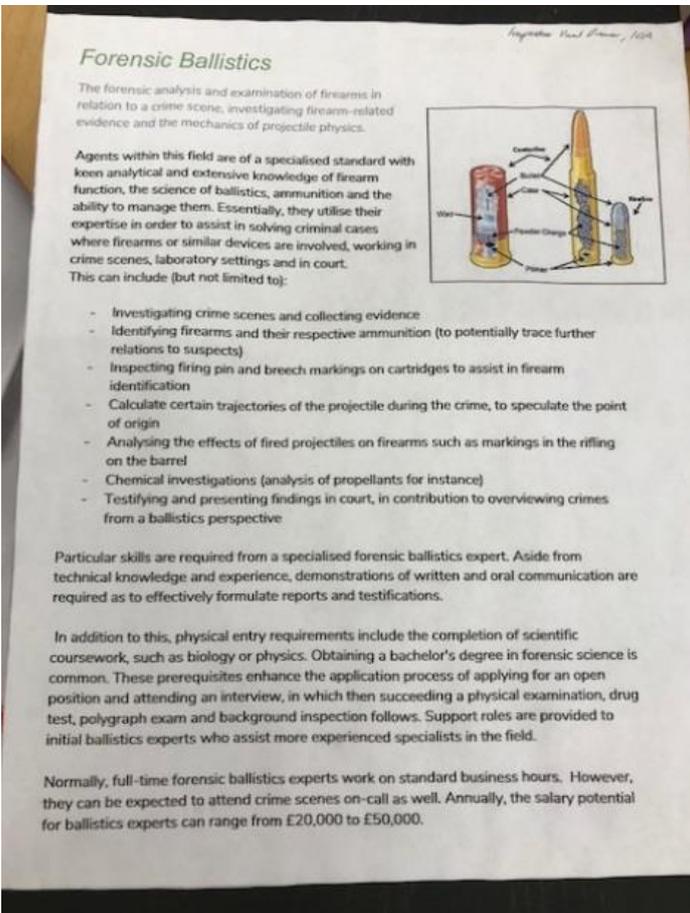


FORENSICS POSTER COMPETITION

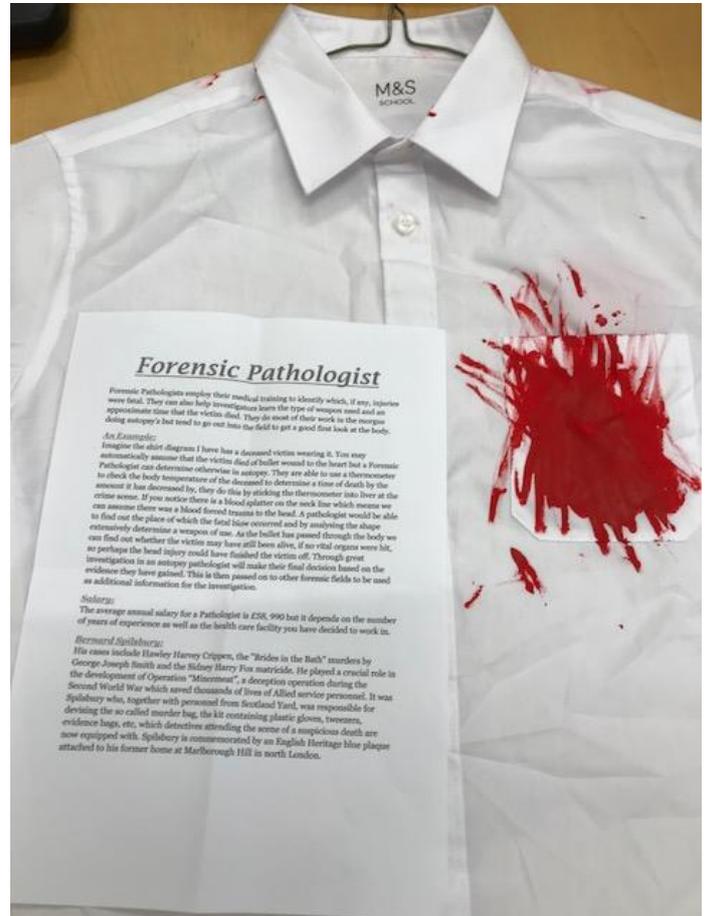
As part of Science Week, Year 10 pupils were tasked with designing a poster which showed what they had learned about forensic science.



Winner: Marino Jayakody



Winner: Paul Bisnar



Winner: Michael O'Dwyer

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.