



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
21st May 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Last week saw the start of public exams for Year 11 pupils, and marks the culmination of hard work put in this year and throughout their time at Salvatorian College.

This is, understandably, a stressful time for all involved, and the busy schedule for Year 11 means they are working to their fullest capacity at all times. By the time your son sits his subject exams, we hope that his confidence will be at as high a level as possible, so that he achieves to his fullest potential, and can recognise the fruits of his hard work when Results Day comes around in August.

We are conscious that some pupils find the workload harder than others, and we endeavour to pick up issues before they become problems; however, if you have any particular concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms Thomas, by emailing parents@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk.

We appreciate your ongoing support in achieving the best possible outcomes for your son.

Away from the world of exams, I commend to you the report on our Year 7 camping trip. The boys showed character and comradery adapting to primitive living, and I know friendships were strengthened and new challenges conquered.

Next week we will be running a feature on the variety of clubs and extra-curricular activities on offer. As a Catholic school, we are focussed not just on academic achievement, but also on the formation in the light of Christ's teaching to develop all of their talents, that they might better build God's kingdom on earth.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

As we continue public examinations this week a few gentle reminders for Year 11 pupils: all pupils are expected in at all times as there is no study leave - all studies show that pupils who work right up to the examination do better; all pupils must be on time to normal school sessions; exams in the morning start at 9.00 am; revision will take place up to 8.45 am for exams in the morning; all pupils will need to be in the dinning hall at Salvatorian for 8.46 am; afternoon exams will start at 2 pm; All pupils need to be in the dining hall for 1.45 pm; full school uniform and equipment are needed at all times.

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

FRIDAY 25TH MAY – LAST DAY OF HALF-TERM

MONDAY 18TH JUNE – YEAR 10 EXAMS START

MONDAY 18TH JUNE – YEAR 11 LEAVERS' LITURGY, FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA – 2.00 – 3.30 PM (PARENTS WELCOME)

MONDAY 18TH JUNE – WHOLE SCHOOL EARLY CLOSURE AT 1.35 PM

FRIDAY 22ND JUNE – YEAR 11 PROM

WORDS OF THE DAY

Monday – **Flagrant**

Adjective (of an action considered wrong or immoral) Conspicuously or obviously offensive. He showed a **flagrant** disregard for anyone else's feelings. The attack on civilians is a **flagrant** violation of the peace agreement.

Tuesday – **Indomitable**

Adjective Impossible to subdue or defeat. It was her **indomitable** spirit and determination not to give up on her dreams that ensured she became the fastest runner in the world. To be successful one should have a combination of curiosity, imagination and **indomitable** spirit.

Wednesday – **Lambast**

Verb To criticize (someone or something) harshly. The professor **lambasted** me for my careless mistake. Two Democrats **lambasted** the President's budget plan for being 'inadequate'.

Thursday – **Innovative**

Adjective (of a person) Introducing new ideas, original and creative in thinking. (of a product, idea, etc) Featuring new methods, advanced and original. Andy Warhol was a highly **innovative** artist in his time. Apple is renowned for its **innovative** product design.

Friday – **Drove / Droves**

Noun A herd or flock of animals being driven in a body or a large crowd of human beings, especially in motion. The wasps attacked the picnic in **droves**. The guests from around the world arrived for the Royal wedding in their **droves**.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Pentecost Sunday (Year B)

Sunday 20th April 2018

A reading from the Gospel of John 17:11-19:

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Following Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear, locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News.

The influence of the Holy Spirit on the early disciples was not a one-off event. The Holy Spirit continues to inspire and drive the Church right up to this day. That is why the Feast of Pentecost is sometimes known as the 'birthday of the Church' – the moment when the action of Holy Spirit transformed a group of disheartened followers of Jesus Christ into an organised Church, effective in proclaiming His message and converting others.

This is more than just the birth of an institution. We are being drawn gradually into the life of the Trinity; the life of God himself. We have been saved by the work of the Son and we now live in the life of the Spirit. We are being drawn ever closer to the Father, and when we die, we shall rise to glory and see God face to face.

Prayer: O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy. Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

by St Anthony of Padua



The Chair of St Peter, surmounted by the Holy Spirit window, in St Peter's Basilica, Vatican, Rome



YEAR 7 CAMPING TRIP

A group of Year 7s recently enjoyed a three-day camping trip to Hatfield Woods in Hertfordshire. Despite some hiccups on the way (the minibus decided to give up just a few miles from school!), the boys were very patient and arrived in good spirits.

When they arrived they were greeted by the sight of our campsite for the next few nights, complete with bell tents and a campfire.

The boys were immediately ready to adapt to living in the forest. They took part in a number of activities and learned survival skills such as shelter building, wilderness first aid, how to start their own fires and how to carve tent pegs.

The boys also enjoyed the variety of the food that we were cooked, making their own pizzas and having fresh salmon cooked over the fire as well as the variety of brownies and cakes also cooked over the fire.

On the last evening the boys came up with some excellent performances for 'Tribes Got Talent' some of which produced a lot of laughs. On the morning before we left the boys were practicing their camouflage and arrived home just a little muddy!

Overall we had a brilliant time and the staff at the site commended our pupils on their excellent attitude and behaviour throughout their stay in the forest.





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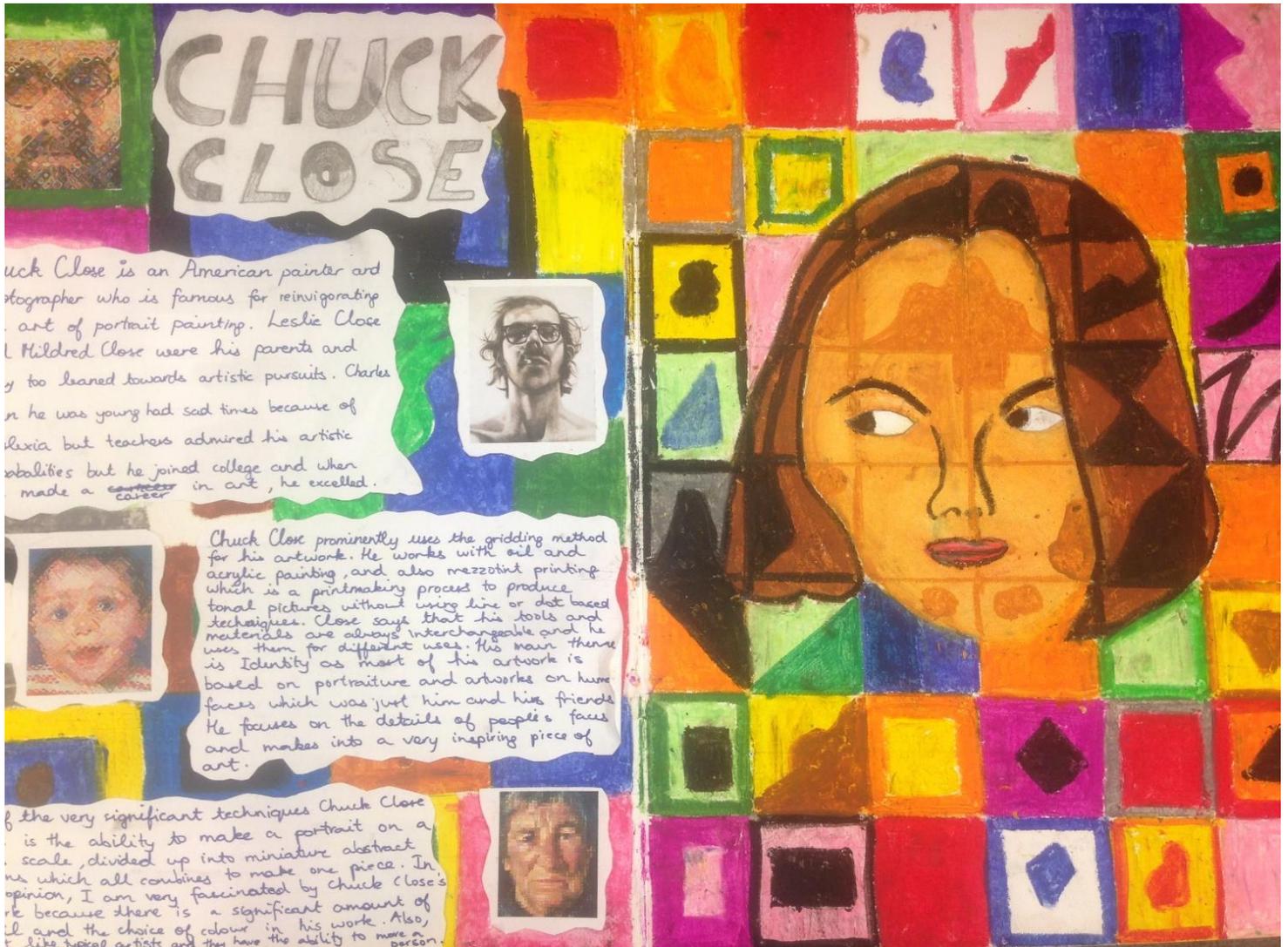
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ARTIST OF THE WEEK

List of winners:



Mathew, 9B

GCSE Art Homework, Artist study Chuck Close

NUMERACY NINJA

Well done to the pupils who won £10 Amazon gift cards for the most improved and highest achieving in their year groups in Numeracy Ninja. Year 7 - 9 students are partaking in mental maths quizzes every week and it is great to see them improving their scores each time. Keep up the good work for a chance at more prizes at the end of the year.

Winners:

Sammuel - Year 7
Thomas G - Year 7

Indrit - Year 8
Sheron - Year 8

Tinu - Year 9
Miroslav - Year 9