



# Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Another Half Term has flown by and we find ourselves in the middle of examinations. On the whole, the boys have responded with great courage and determination. Most of the feedback I have received suggests that the Year 11 boys are happy with their performance so far and there have not been too many nasty surprises. There is a full programme of sessions, over Half Term, for Year 11. Those lower down in the school must understand that preparation is the key to success in exams, and that the hard work is done through Years 7 to 10. Indeed, Year 10 will begin extra sessions, after Half Term, in order to help them prepare for the rigour of Year 11 study.

I am thrilled to see the range of activities in which the boys have been involved. Whenever they have been on trips I have heard nothing but positive comments about their behaviour and attitude. This does you credit.

Please look closely at the dates opposite as there is an early closure to enable the Year 11 leavers' Mass to take place. Also, please note the examination dates for years 7 to 10. It is most important that the boys get ready for these and they should start over Half Term.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and restful Half Term break

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 dining 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

**MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – Y11 LEAVERS' LITURGY, FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA – 2.00 – 3.30 PM (PARENTS WELCOME)**

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – FOUNDERS' DAY**

**MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – WHOLE SCHOOL EARLY CLOSURE AT 1.35 PM**

**19-29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – YEAR 7-10 EXAMS**

**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE – YEAR 11 PROM**

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY – Y7 TASTER DAY**

## WORDS OF THE DAY

### Monday – Nonchalant

*Adjective* (of a person or manner) feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm. George gave a **nonchalant** shrug when told he had another detention. During the police interview, Timothy tried to appear **nonchalant**, but he was extremely nervous.

### Tuesday – Myriad

*Noun* - A countless or extremely great number of people or things. **Myriads** of insects danced around in the light. *Adjective* - Countless or extremely great in number. He gazed at the **myriad** lights of the city

### Wednesday – Gregarious

*Adjective* Fond of company, sociable. Denise is a **gregarious**, outgoing young lady who enjoys socialising and entertaining. It was not a good idea to have a house full of **gregarious** toddlers!

### Thursday – Temporal

*Adjective* Relating to worldly as opposed to spiritual affairs; secular. Relating to time. His religious aunt believed people should shun **temporal** pleasures and focus on being worthy of the joys of the afterlife. The beneficial effects of the loan were **temporal**, the interest rate on the repayments were astronomical. It was a **temporal** contract; it lasted only a few weeks.

### Friday – Pithy

*Adjective* (of fruit or plant) containing much pith; (of language or style) Terse (abrupt) and vigorously expressive. While his **pithy** response was short, it told me all I need to know. The greeting card has a **pithy** amount of text, but beautifully summed up my feelings.





## GOOD FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE

Easter seems to be a distant memory now. On the first day of the Easter holidays (Good Friday) a small group of pupils braved the bad weather to attend the annual Passion Play in Trafalgar Square. They joined the crowds in the cold and pouring rain to become part of the events of 2,000 years ago. This was the first part of their Good Friday Pilgrimage. Tinu, one of the brave pilgrims tells us about the day:



We started off the day at 10 o'clock in the morning on Good Friday by meeting up at Harrow and Wealdstone Train station. We got onto the train and went to Trafalgar square to watch the passion play from 12 am to 1.15 pm. The play was excellent and the actors were brilliant in portraying their characters. Although there was very heavy rain, we all enjoyed it and had fun. My favourite part was when an actual horse was ridden through the crowd!

After the play, it started to rain a little bit more heavily, so we made a change of plans and went to McDonalds for an early lunch. It was great to get away from the heavy rain! After that we proceeded to a parish at Dockhead in South East London to attend the Good Friday Service. The service was about an hour and a half.

Afterwards, we spent some time in a shopping centre near the parish. We split into groups and went around the shopping centre for about half an hour. After that, we all met up and we got on the bus to go to Greenwich to go to the Emirates Cable car. It was there where we met one of Mr Dixons friends, who was able to get us free tickets! After walking around the O2, we got on the cable car. The view from up there was magnificent!

After we came down, we got on the DLR, which is a self-driving train. It was very cool to see a train driving by itself! At about 9 pm, we finally got to

Harrow bus station. I was exhausted but it was a great day!

Written By **Tinu Reji 9B**





## SOUTHEND ON SEA

Last Saturday, the 19th May, a group of Year 7, 8 and 9 boys travelled by minibus to Southend. This trip was offered to those who are part of the Maths Club and those who attend voluntary religious events like Mass and Prayers. We first went to the theme park, known as Adventure Island, where we could spend time on whatever rides we wanted. It was great having the freedom to spend time having fun with our friends. The rides were immensely exciting and we had the time of our lives! In addition, we spent a very exuberant and action-filled two hours at the theme park; filled with joy and companionship with our fellow companions. Some of us spent some time go-karting where we had the most adrenaline-filled race ever! The arcade there helped us calm down and spend a large sum of money on pointless machines! It was totally worth it though! This trip has been incredible and it was an amazing experience for us all.

Written by **James Elder, Mathew Valliath and Tinu Reji, Year 9**

## HANDWRITING CLUB

Please remember that Handwriting Club will continue every Monday after school from 3.30-4pm for pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9.

Handwriting Club is compulsory for those pupils who have been identified as requiring extra support in this area, though any pupil is welcome to attend to improve their handwriting legibility and writing speed.

**Ms White**

## KEYNOTE HISTORY CONFERENCE

Year 11 students had a visit from history exam expert Malcolm Chandler. Malcolm was Chief Examiner for GCSE History for twenty years. The three-hour conference provided students with valuable exam tips and advice that will improve the quality of their exam answers. His aim was to simplify the demands of GCSE History for students.

Students must now work really hard in revising and memorising specific historical examples and the correct exam technique for every question over the half term.



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Their first history paper (Medicine through time) is on the Monday when they return, Cold War and Elizabethan England is on the Friday and Weimar and Nazi Germany is on Tuesday (the week after). This will be their chance to show how hard they have worked all year and prove that they are the fantastic historians that I have witnessed all year in lessons! Good luck!

**Ms Ryall**

