



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

I asked my Year 11 English class to write a reflection on what it means to be "A Salvatorian" and I was overwhelmed by their response. I have included one of them in this bulletin. What is clear from the boys is that the values of the Eight Beatitudes have been well and truly instilled into the boys' own values. In his essay, Sepahr writes about the school as a community, with a sense of "brotherhood" between the boys.

I encourage the boys in Years 7 to 10 to read Sepahr's essay so that they may reflect upon their own journey through school and the opportunities that they have to become role models and leaders of good influence.

With this in mind, I ask that you take note of the examination dates for the Year 7 to 10 boys and encourage your sons to take them very seriously. Teachers will be giving out Revision Topic Sheets to the boys so that they know what they need to do in their exams.

I am certain that you, as I have done, will keep all of those in our community who are undertaking examinations in your prayers.

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 to adhere to their revision timetable - 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 8.45 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

SAT 9TH JUNE – MIDDLESEX ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALLIANZ STADIUM

FRI 15TH JUNE – Y10 ON PRIESTMEAD SITE FOR THE DAY

MON 18TH JUNE – WHOLE SCHOOL EARLY CLOSURE AT 1.20PM

MON 18TH JUNE – Y11 LEAVERS' LITURGY, FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA – 2.00 – 3.30 PM (PARENTS WELCOME)

19-29TH JUNE – Y7-10 EXAMS

FRI 22ND JUNE – Y11 PROM

SAT 23RD JUNE – PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

TUE 26TH & THUR 28TH JUNE – Y5 TASTER DAYS

THU 28TH JUNE – Y7 PARENTS' EVENING

WORDS OF THE DAY

Monday – Exude

Verb 1. (of a person) To display, an emotion or quality, strongly and openly. 2. (with reference to moisture or a smell) Emit or release, slowly and steadily. She looked the bank robber straight in the eye; trying to **exude** a confidence that hid her real terror. Some trees **exude** from their bark a sap that repels insects.

Tuesday – Polemic

Noun - A strong verbal or written attack on someone or something. The book was written in an outspoken and **polemic** style and caused much controversy. He launched into a fierce **polemic** against the government's policies.

Wednesday – Deterrent

Noun A thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something. *Adjective* Able or intended to deter. CCTV Cameras are a major **deterrent** to crime. Her father taught her that she should never let anything **deter** her in her goal to go to university.



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Thursday – Quandry

Noun A state of doubt or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation; a state of perplexity. Jason was in a **quandary**; should he have a full English breakfast or a banana for breakfast? I'm in a **quandary** about whether I should try to repair my old car or buy a new one.

Friday – Iota

Noun 1. An extremely small amount. 2. The ninth letter of the Greek alphabet. Nothing she said seemed to make an **iota** of difference. The jury declared not an **iota** of doubt regarding the defendant's guilt.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 10th June 2018

A reading from the Gospel of Mark 3:31-35:

Then his mother and his brothers [extended family] came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Two of our eight school values, based on the beatitudes of Jesus, are compassion and service. This extract from Sunday's Gospel is a direct challenge from Jesus to enter more fully into these values.

The context of this passage is familiar; Jesus is teaching to a gathered crowd. His mother, Mary, and his extended family appear at the edge of the crowd. Keen to speak to Jesus they convey a message through the large crowd. Jesus uses the opportunity to describe the close bond between believers that acceptance of the Gospel brings, as like that between a family. Whoever submits to the will of God, to belief in his message, enters into a great family of believers, living and departed. For those who believe in God and act out his will, we all form part of that family.

At Salvatorian College, we are tasked with living out our values of compassion and service. We have the opportunity to follow Jesus' command to 'love our neighbours as God has loved us' each day of our lives, whether as parent, pupil, or staff member. That is not to say that it will always be easy, as no relationship is problem-free. However, doing the will of God does not mean perfection all the

time. By seeking to do our best by the teachings of Christ, we are already doing the will of God.

So let us ask ourselves the question that Jesus asked to the crowd that day: Who are my mother, my father, my brothers and my sisters? If we can answer as Jesus did 'Here they are', then we are doing well. If we cannot, then let us reflect on how we could be more fully living our values of compassion and service, amongst ourselves in the community of Salvatorian College, so that we reflect more closely the kingdom of heaven on earth that is God's will for us.

Friday, 8th June was the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. In our prayer intentions we remember particularly the pupils and staff of the Sacred Heart Language College, our neighbouring school. Year 8 have produced some cards which were sent over to the Sacred Heart Language College.



Father,
we honour the heart of your Son
broken by man's cruelty,
yet symbol of love's triumph,
pledge of all that man is called to be.
Teach us to see Christ in the lives we touch,
to offer him living worship by love-filled service to our
brothers and sisters.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord
Amen

WHAT IS A SALVATORIAN?

Mr Bryant's Year 11 English class were asked to reflect on their time at Salvatorian College and write a response titled 'What is a Salvatorian'. Several of these will be published in the Summer Salvatorian Magazine, but here is one excellent essay by Sepahr Mafi:

Deciding on the destination of choice for a secondary school can be extremely taxing and



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challenging. The several options, each having their own advantages and inconveniences, as well as the contentment of the child and their personal preferences, may often be overwhelming for parents. I myself am in Year Eleven and five years ago I was faced with the same choice. With the guidance of God I eventually came to the decision of opting to join Salvatorian College. After having spent five years at the school I am sincerely appreciative that I joined the unparalleled community of Salvatorian College.

Being an oblivious Year Seven, walking into school for the first time, I could feel the immense pressure of judgement on my shoulders. Not to mention the arduous pressure of carrying my backpack, that was roughly twice the size of my torso. However, the older students in the school were quick to help us introduce ourselves and begin to create the irreplaceable brotherhood; a brotherhood that has been kept between us during and throughout our time in school. It was at this moment that I sensed the warm, welcoming and hospitable feeling, which I still possess today, for the very first time. It is a sense of belonging when at the school that strengthens over time. It is an honourable privilege of involvement in the heart of 'Salvo' which is open to all.

Our community is fuelled by positive relationships between all students across all year groups. We keep the guidance of God in mind constantly when at school and look to "love our neighbours as God has loved us" in every opportunity. As a result our school is a family of students as well as teachers, from countless ethnicities and races, who have love and care for each other. The social skills I have acquired over my years at Salvatorian College have allowed me to be somebody I would never have pictured myself to be. I am confident and am in search of an opportunity to present myself as the young man that Salvatorian College has lead me to become.

The several extra-curricular activities at Salvatorian College, ranging from sports teams to university visits, make the five years at Salvatorian College an unforgettable period of my life. In my early years here, the alliance between all of the new faces in the year group was created by the liturgical and pastoral staff speaking to us and providing activities to strengthen our interconnection. I thank God for allowing such guidance which constructed the union of the year group in which I have spent the most thrilling five years of my life with. The school's liturgical and pastoral staff have provided support for every student, regardless of faith, and taught the

youth and future of the school the importance of tolerance and leadership.

By choosing Salvatorian College as a secondary school I can thankfully say that I, and many other students have been ushered into fulfilling our complete potential and finding our purpose through being taught the following necessities: Integrity, Compassion, Humility, Justice, Forgiveness, Holiness, Tolerance and Service. It is an environment as close as possible to the church itself, allowing each and every student to thrive maximally.

I only wish that someone had followed behind me with a camera for the last five years, so that I could relive every moment again.

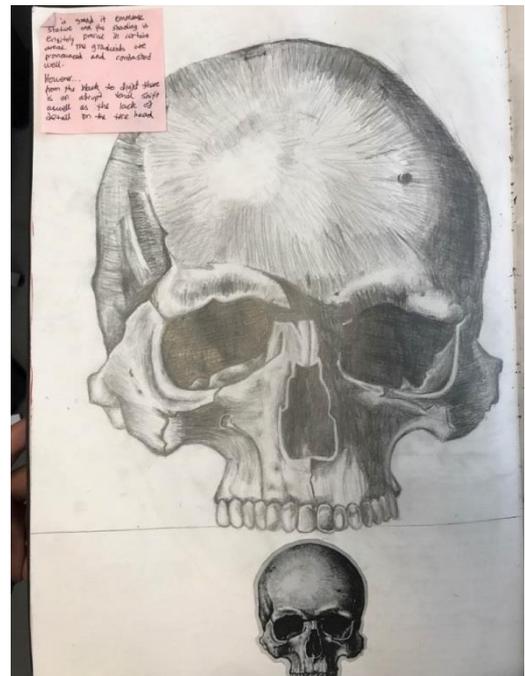
ART CLUB

The Art Club is a fantastic way to improve your skills, or to explore your creativity. It takes place every Thursday at lunchtime in the Priestmead art room.

Mr James

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

The 'Artist of the Week' this week is Paul Bisnar in Year 10. Paul has made fantastic work since starting his Natural Forms project last month, making sure to pay meticulous attention to each page in his sketchbook and undertake all challenges set.





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