



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
25th June 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

I would like to congratulate the boys who took the Sacrament of Confirmation this week at St Joseph's. This is an important step in their Catholic life and seals the boys' relationship with the Holy Spirit. I am very pleased for all of the families involved and will keep the boys in my prayers.

I am thankful to Mr Jones who allowed 25 early risers to pick up an 8am ticket to watch the Brazil v Costa Rica match at lunch time on Friday. There have been lots of football related activities this week, with a five-a-side competition on the Priestmead Campus. The winning team had a penalty shoot-out against a staff team and, I am glad to say, the staff won. I was the terrified goal keeper...

Year 10 trial examinations have been going well and I am pleased to see the boys taking them so seriously, with revision cards, notes and lively peer to peer discussions. This bodes very well for their exams in Year 11. Years 7, 8 and 9 begin their exams on Monday and I pray that they will treat them with as much vigour and rigour. Getting into good examination habits is a very important skill.

I would like to remind you of a few important rules. Mobile telephones are not allowed in school for any reason and will be confiscated, in the first instance, for a period of seven days. Haircuts should be sensible and not exaggerated and uniform must be worn, correctly, to, from and at school.

Finally, if you have concerns about bullying, please contact me on
admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

MON 25TH JUNE – YEAR 9 & 10 JUSTICE AND PEACE CONFERENCE

MON 25TH JUNE – Y7-9 EXAMS BEGIN

TUE 26TH JUNE – Y5 TASTER DAYS

THU 28TH JUNE – Y10 ST DOMINIC'S TASTER DAY

FRI 29TH JUNE – FEAST OF SS. PETER & PAUL – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MON 2ND JULY – SPORTS DAY

TUE 3RD JULY – ENGLISH PIXL CONFERENCE

WED 4TH JULY – Y6 TASTER DAY

WED 4TH JULY – Y7 PARENTS' EVENING 4.30-6.30PM

THU 5TH JULY – Y7 GOOD SAMARITANS MASS

FRI 6TH JULY – Y7-10 GIFTED AND TALENTED DAY

WORDS OF THE DAY

Monday – Hubris

Noun Excessive pride or self-confidence. His failure was brought on by his **hubris**. She is the sweetest person I know; no conceit or **hubris** can be found in her.

Tuesday – Aerate

Verb Introduce air into (a material). Before seeding, consider **aerating** the lawn with a garden fork. Open the bottle of red wine at least 20 minutes before serving so it can **aerate**.

Wednesday – Abdicate

Verb (of a monarch) renounce one's throne. Fail to fulfil or undertake (a responsibility or duty). The government was accused of **abdicating** its responsibility. In 1918 Kaiser Wilhelm **abdicated** as German Emperor.

Thursday – Vacillate

Verb Waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive. I **vacillate** quite regularly and quite broadly on the Brexit issue. Her mood **vacillated** between hope and despair.



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Friday – Divisive

Adjective Tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people. The Vietnam War was an extremely **divisive** issue within the United States. Private education is often regarded as socially **divisive**.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Nativity of John the Baptist (Year B)

Sunday 24th June 2018

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

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

What's in a name? So goes the famous utterance of Juliet in act two of William Shakespeare's 'Romeo & Juliet'. It would seem that to Elizabeth, the name given to her new-born son was very important indeed. Names are especially important to Jewish people, signifying ancestry and belonging.

The name John, which Elizabeth and Zechariah chose, means 'God will show him favour'. In this, we hear an echo of the Angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary at the Annunciation: 'you who enjoy God's favour'.

And John did indeed enjoy God's favour, because God chose him to play a vital role in the life of his own son, Jesus Christ. John acts as the bridge between the Old Testament (the law of Moses which governs the life of the Jews) and the New Testament (the message of salvation preached by Jesus Christ). John could be said to be the last of the Old Testament prophets, and the first of the New

Testament prophets, as one of the very first witnesses to Christ.

Each one of us has capacity to be a prophet of the New Testament: by being a witness to Christ in our daily lives; by imitating Christ in his love, patience and forgiveness. Christ's church on earth needs prophets today, as much as it did 2,000 years ago. Will you accept the favour shown to you by God by becoming a prophet for Christ?



*Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness, 1604-1605,
by Carravagio*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This week a number of boys participated in the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph's Church, presided over by Bishop John Sherrington. Pope Francis has been delivering a catechesis on the Sacrament of Confirmation at his General Audiences recently, and an extract is included below.

"Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the sacrament of Confirmation, we have seen that it is a further spiritual anointing that completes the grace of Baptism and leads to the Eucharist. The rite of



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Confirmation recalls and renews the promises made at Baptism and invokes a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus received the outpouring of the Spirit at his baptism in order to carry out his messianic mission, the Church prays that we too may receive the gifts and fruits of the Spirit that enable us to help the Body of Christ grow in unity and missionary zeal. The gift of the Spirit is communicated through the laying on of hands and anointing with sacred chrism. Saint Paul sheds lights on the meaning of these sacramental signs when he says that "God... has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts" (2 Cor 1:21-22). Sealed with the Holy Spirit, we are configured more closely to Christ and strengthened to bear witness to him in our world. May each of us grow in gratitude for the gift received at our Confirmation and open our hearts ever more fully to the creativity of the Spirit who makes all things new."

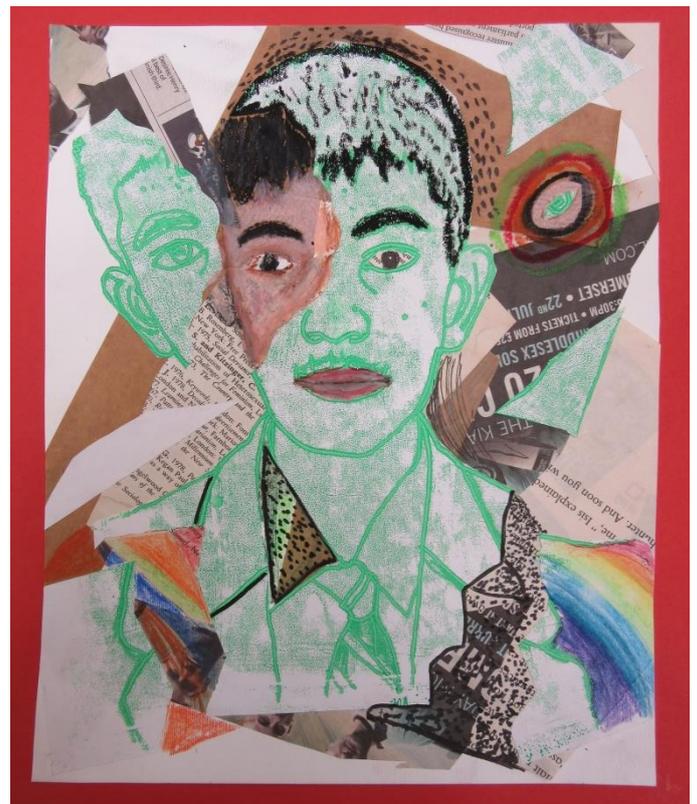
2ND HAND UNIFORM & KIT

With Year 11's leaving us following their Prom on Friday 22nd June, we repeat our annual plea to pupils and parents to hand in old uniform or P.E. kit no longer required. This is a very important source of spare uniform and kit for the school, and we are grateful for any donations of clothing in good condition. Thank you.



ARTIST OF THE WEEK

This term, Year 9 GCSE Art students have been responding to the theme 'Identity'. Jamal has created a range of excellent drawings, prints and paintings. Jamal has done a fantastic job to capture personality in both the painting and experimental print.



YEAR 11 LEAVERS' LITURGY

On Monday the 18th June we said farewell to the 2017/2018 Year 11s. We welcomed many parents to share in celebrating the successes and achievements of a wonderful group of young men.

Mrs Griffin (Head of Year) shared an emotional poem, reminding the pupils to cherish their friendships and to look forward to what the big wide world has to offer.

Ms Ward and Mr Linale also shared some memories from the pupils' time at Salvatorian College. A number of pupils took part in the liturgy and said prayers and shared their memories.

Jack Ruddy, current Head Boy, encouraged his peers to remember what they have learned here at Salvatorian College. Many a tear was shed by members of staff as they reminisced over the



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progress of these young men, who will remain in our thoughts and prayers as they move onto the next stage of their life.

Afternoon tea was laid on for parents and pupils. It was enjoyed so much it seemed as if they would never leave!

We wish our outgoing Year 11s all the best for the future, and hope that they will return to visit Salvatorian College, keeping us updated with their successes, into the future.

Once a Salvo, always a Salvo.

