



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
9th July 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Once again, this has been an unseasonably warm week. Period 5 on a Friday is a tough lesson at the best of times but this week was a real challenge. The boys and staff have been hot and bothered but they have not let this quell their enthusiasm for learning. The weather is set to stay the same for at least another week and I ask you to ensure that your sons drink plenty and try to stay cool.

Although we are coming to the end of term, there is an awful lot for the boys to look forward to. I am very much looking forward to the "birds of prey demonstration" on 11th July. The boys will get to experience something they are unlikely to in their everyday lives. It would be great if some of the boys took the day as inspiration to write a story or some poetry.

There are a number of trips coming up and I ask you to read the information provided, carefully, and remind the boys that they are "on show" and represent the school in the best possible way at all times.

I am very proud of the recent success of some of our pupils and I look forward to formal recognition of achievement at the Awards Evening on 12th July. However, I would also like to mention Pearse Kerr and Conor Moran, for their sporting prowess, and Thomas Corcoran for Maths, all of whom are written about further in this publication.

I do hope you will have a relaxed and cool weekend and that, whichever team you support, you aren't disappointed with the result...

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

MON 9TH JULY – Y8 ART TRIP TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY

TUE 10TH JULY – Y8 RETREAT TO ST DOMINIC'S

WED 11TH JULY – Y10 CRIME & PUNISHMENT TRIP

WED 11TH JULY – BIRDS OF PREY DEMONSTRATION AT PRIESTMEAD

THU 12TH JULY – Y9 CRIME & PUNISHMENT TRIP

THU 12TH JULY – Y10 ART TRIP TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

THU 12TH JULY – AWARDS EVENING, 6PM, ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

FRI 13TH JULY – Y8 MATHS TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

WORDS OF THE DAY

Monday – Solicitude

Noun Care or concern for someone or something. The **solicitude** shown to her by her neighbours after the robbery touched her deeply. I was touched by his **solicitude** for the boy.

Tuesday – Repose

Noun A state of rest, sleep, or tranquility. *Verb* Be situated or kept in a particular place. Mary studies so much, that her hours of **repose** should not be interrupted. The Mona Lisa now **reposes** in The Louvre, in Paris.

Wednesday – Volition

Noun faculty or power of using one's will; an act of making a choice or decision. Helena left the company of her own **volition**. The house was said to be haunted as there are tales of clanking chains and doors which open and close of their own **volition**.

Thursday – Malady

Noun A disease or ailment; a serious problem. It could be said that knife crime is one of our society's modern



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day **maladies**. Chicken pox is an irritating **malady** and is highly contagious.

Friday – Narcissist

Noun A person who has an excessive interest in or admiration of themselves. He is a **narcissist**, believing the world revolves around him. Margaret, being a **narcissist** of such magnitude, could not resist parading her success in public.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
Sunday 8th July 2018
A reading from the Gospel of Mark 3:31-35:

He [Jesus] left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

This week's Gospel reading presents us with some challenges. Jesus appears to have lost his ability to perform miracles in front of the very people who knew him best: the people of his home town. Is this a form of spiritual 'stage fright'?

If we look a little closer at the text we see the words, 'he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.' This seems to be a contradiction as he is clearly capable of curing the sick by laying his hands on them – which is miraculous.

It is clear that the people of his home town were sceptical about his message: 'Where did this man get all this?'.... 'Is this not the carpenter?' Those who had known Jesus growing up as a child could not recognise that he had grown to fulfil the prophecy foretold in the Old Testament, and heralded by the angels to the Blessed Virgin Mary. They could not (or would not) believe that he was indeed the Son of God.

Miracles require an element of personal faith. Jesus performs miracles whenever he wishes, but he rarely performs one where faith is lacking. There is a lesson, here, for us: if we commit ourselves in faith to Jesus, then we may experience, if not miracles, then at least the grace and love on offer from Him. If we turn away in scorn and doubt, we close ourselves off from receiving the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Part of 'The Incredulity of Saint Thomas', 1604-1605, by Carravagio.

The painting shows the episode that gave rise to the term "Doubting Thomas". According to St John's Gospel, Jesus' disciple Thomas said after his resurrection "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later Jesus appeared and told Thomas to touch Him and stop doubting. Then Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

WARM WEATHER

We hope you have been enjoying the (unseasonably) warm weather we have enjoyed recently. Given high temperatures and UV radiation, please ensure your son brings sun cream to school. If he suffers from hayfever please ensure he has antihistamines available. Inhalers are the responsibility of pupils and should be carried at all times. It is a good idea to come to school with a water bottle which can be refilled at the drinking fountains.

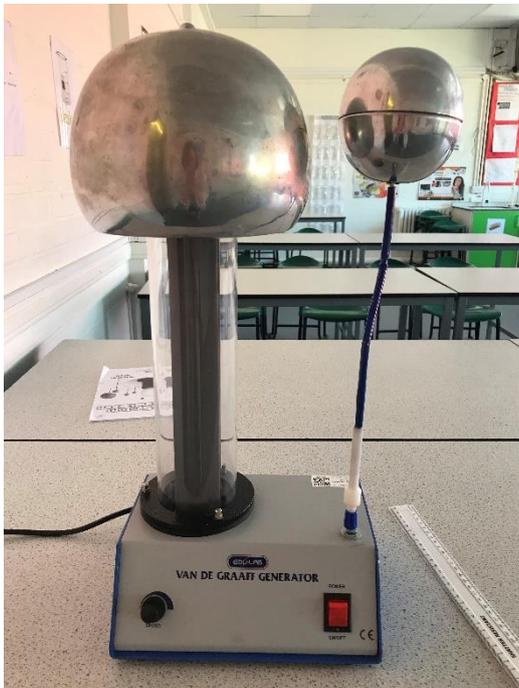
YEAR 5 TASTER DAY

We were delighted to welcome Year 5 classes from St Joseph's and St Theresa's primary schools for a 'taster day' at Salvatorian College. Below are some



pictures of the activities of which they partook. In the science sessions, the boys looked at a lamb's heart dissection, and were asked about the human body. There was a friendly competition to see who could put the organs back into the human torso model in the quickest time. They also looked at the Van de Graaff generator which produces static electricity, making the boys' hair stand on end! There was also an opportunity to light methane bubbles and make slime in the sessions which were enjoyed by all, showing how much fun science at Salvatorian College can be!

Ms Vosper



ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

This term, Year 7s have been studying PoP Art. The pupils were set a home learning task to design and make a 3D PoP Art sculpture. All of the pupils have shown an impressive ability to be resourceful and creative. Some of the sculptures were even edible!

These examples are just some of the excellent sculptures produced over 2 weeks. Well done Year 7! Look out for more examples in the Summer magazine!

The artwork is by Angelo Appuhamy, Mateusz Wreblewski, Zayne Soliman

Miss Hands





MURALS @ PRIESTMEAD

Our Priestmead Campus has a central courtyard which, up until now, has been a rather sad, disused space with a few weeds growing and not much else. From September this area will contain a number of picnic benches for eating lunch, or doing quiet study, and will be available for use as an 'outdoor classroom'. A number of green-fingered pupils have volunteered to plant up and maintain a vegetable bed, and Mr James' Art Club have been busy designing murals to be painted on the courtyard walls. We look forward to sharing photos of this new space when complete.





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MR BALKWILL

Pupils in Year 11 will remember Mr Balkwill, our Chaplain from 2010 to 2014. Since leaving Salvatorian College, Mr Balkwill has been pursuing a vocation to the sacred priesthood. We congratulate him on receiving the ministries of Reader and Acolyte at St John's Seminary, Womersley, in the presence of Mr Stalker (a former German teacher at Salvatorian), and Alex Watson (pupil, 2010-2015). The next step is training for the Diaconate and Priesthood.



JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Pupils at Salvatorian achieved one Gold, one Silver, and seven Bronze awards in this year's Junior Maths Challenge. Over 260,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a Gold certificate, the next 13% Silver and the next 21% Bronze.

Approximately 8200 of the top students were invited to sit a follow-on competition, the Junior Mathematical Olympiad or Kangaroo, for which we have entered one exceptional candidate, Thomas Corcoran.

The maths challenge provides material to provoke students' mathematical thinking and test their problem solving skills in an accessible and yet challenging way.

Many congratulations to the following students on their success in the Junior Maths Challenge:

Year 7 - Thomas Corcoran (83, Best in School, Best In Year, GOLD); Lahiru Perera (62, SILVER); Nivek Karunanithy (52, BRONZE)

Year 8 Vithus Ragavan (56, Best In Year, BRONZE); Abesan Kethiesan (56, Best in Year, BRONZE); Theodor Baciu (55, BRONZE); Kieran Chang (55, BRONZE); Deron Ravi (50, BRONZE); Ben Wadhvani (49, BRONZE)

Mr Ogunjuyigbe

FÉILE PEILE

Pearse Kerr (9B) and Conor Moran (9B) travelled recently to Ireland to represent North London in the Féile Peile 2018 competitions. We were extremely pleased to hear that their team won the division 4 cup - a first in 10 years and an amazing achievement for North London. Congratulations are due to these boys for their example of dedication to sport, and for an excellent result.

