



# Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

It is the final bulletin of the year, and I cannot believe that a year has passed already. Since I joined the school, last September, I can honestly say that I feel part of a new family. One of my Year 11 English pupils, in an essay entitled "A Salvatorian", wrote that "being a Salvatorian isn't just about the pupils. Being a Salvatorian is like belonging to another family: a family with whom we celebrate our victories, manage our defeats and, most of all, a family with whom we strive together to earn the best grades and the best reputation." I am proud to have helped pupils like Mateusz achieve their potential and I am proud to have been welcomed into this family.

Mateusz mentioned managing our defeats and, of course, there have been victories and defeats in the World Cup. What I have learned from watching the games is the importance of working towards a goal, as a team, and that losing can only make you stronger. I have no doubt that those who have not achieved success in the competition will return with even more vigour having learned the valuable lessons of defeat. I do hope the boys will learn from this too.

On Thursday I was overwhelmed by the response of the families of the boys who were nominated for prizes at the Annual Awards Evening. St Joseph's Church was filled to the brim with families celebrating the achievements and progress of their sons. I was pleased to welcome Father Richard, our guest speaker, who spoke about the importance of working hard and following the examples of Christ. Robert Lam, Head Boy for next year, also delivered a heart-felt speech about doing one's best to achieve success. Thank you very much to all who attended. Work hard, boys, and you could be nominated next year. The evening really was a wonderful way to round off a very rewarding year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable Summer Holiday and draw your attention to the start times for the next academic year. Recharge your batteries, boys, and be good.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant  
Head of School

## FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

**MON 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY – NON-UNIFORM DAY**

**WED 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY – BIRDS OF PREY  
DEMONSTRATION AT PRIESTMEAD**

**THU 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY – END OF YEAR LITURGIES  
(Y10 ON PRIESTMEAD SITE ALL DAY)**

**FRI 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY – LAST DAY OF TERM –  
SCHOOL CLOSSES 12.35PM**

**5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPT – NEW Y7 INDUCTION**

**FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPT – WHOLE SCHOOL RESUMES**

## WORDS OF THE DAY

### Monday – Genial

*Adjective* Friendly and cheerful; pleasantly mild and warm (especially of air or climate). She was a **genial** character; nothing seemed to upset her. It was a **genial** working environment; the staff were happy, content and felt valued. They loved coming to work.

### Tuesday – Deplorable

*Adjective* Deserving strong condemnation; completely unacceptable. The children were living in **deplorable** conditions and nobody was prepared to help them. Maisie's spelling was **deplorable**.

### Wednesday – Benevolent

*Adjective* Well-meaning and kindly; serving a charitable rather than a profit-making purpose. The Christmas hamper was a gift from a **benevolent** donor. The wealthy businesswoman belonged to several **benevolent** societies and charitable organisations. She was happy to share her good fortune.

### Thursday – Bullion

*Noun* Gold or silver in bulk before coining or valued by weight. The gold **bullion** was of such value that it was transported under armed police escort. Gold, as **bullion**, was once considered a practical means of storing wealth.

### Friday – Exhilaration

*Noun* A feeling of excitement, happiness, or elation. She enjoyed the **exhilaration** of jet-skiing. There is a



definite feeling of **exhilaration** around the school today. Could it be because it's the last day of term?

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

A reading from the Gospel of Mark 6:7-13:

**He [Jesus] called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.**

Jesus gives the disciples clear instructions as he sends them out to preach: they should not burden themselves with possessions, and if they are rejected, they should move on to the next village and not let the rejection set them back.

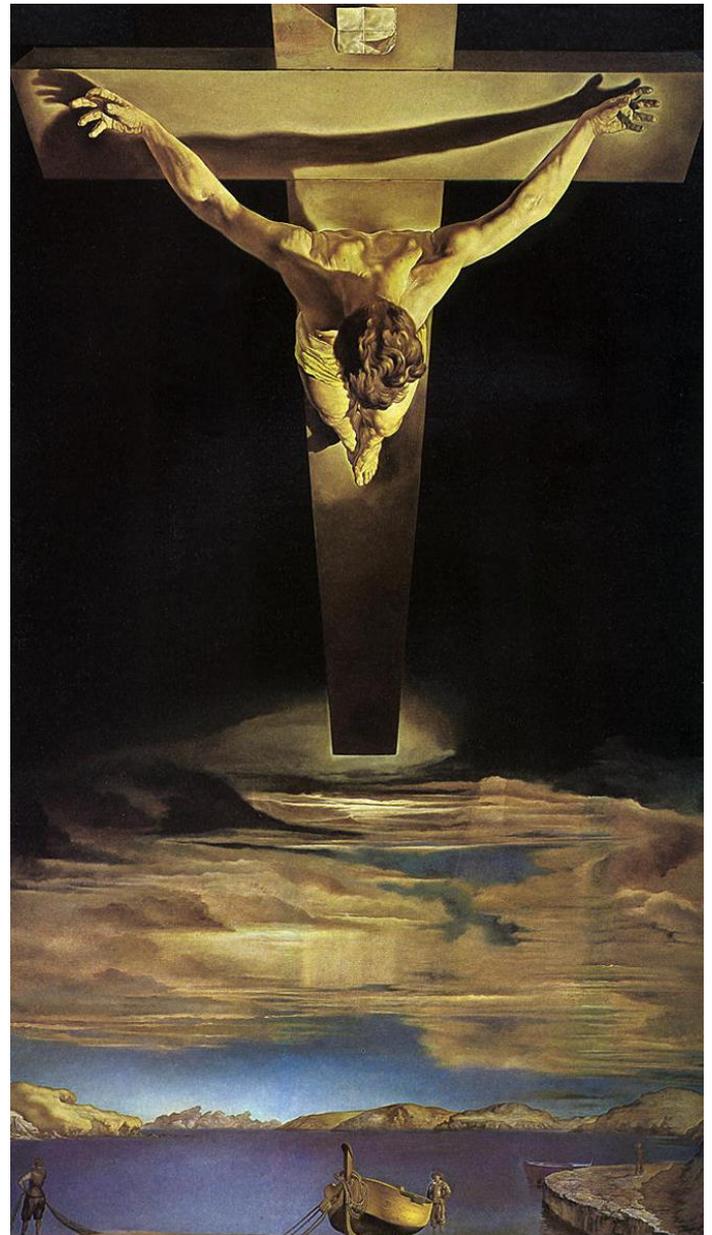
Jesus appears to restrict their teaching ministry to preaching repentance of sin. This implies their role was similar to John the Baptist who also preached repentance. These disciples were, like John the Baptist, to prepare the way for Jesus – for the time when he himself would visit the villages. Jesus seems to reserve the preaching of the full message of the Gospel to himself. The duty of the disciples during Jesus' public ministry was simply to prepare the ground.

After the Day of Pentecost, however, the disciples are impelled by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the full message of the Gospel. We are also 'post Pentecost' disciples. We should not only preach the message of repentance, but also the Christian message in its entirety to the people among whom we live.

Our most vital duty is to proclaim the teaching of Christ to our children. We train them in the practice of the faith and we teach them the truths of the Gospel and instruct them on how to live a moral life. When we do this, we are giving them the greatest possible gift that could ever be bestowed on them. If we carry out this mission with integrity, we will have done our job. If our children ultimately choose to reject the message of Jesus then we will

not be to blame. We will have done our job and handed on Jesus' message to them, we will have trained them in prayer, and we will have taught them the importance of living good morals. What they do with this information is entirely up to them.

Most of us would say we are unqualified to preach the message of Christ - whether to our children or to our community. But the fact is that, unqualified though we believe ourselves to be, God has chosen us and singled us out for this task. We must step up to the plate, trusting in his wisdom and mercy, and proclaim the Gospel without hesitation, seeking inspiration from the Holy Spirit, wherever we may be.





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*'Christ of Saint John of the Cross'*  
by Salvador Dalí (1904-1989)



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## **JACK PETCHEY 2019**

Every year I have the pleasure of coordinating the Jack Petchey awards scheme. This wonderful scheme allows us to recognise the good deeds of the Salvatorian students outside the class room. It enables us to showcase the caring and kind acts that our students do on a regular basis and reward their kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness.

There are ten awards given each year, and the winning students are voted by both peers and the school staff. Winning students are presented with £250 to give to the school department of their choice. This money is then used to purchase equipment to help enrich the classroom experiences for all students. They also have the opportunity to attend a prestigious awards ceremony in February, attended by many Harrow schools and high profile figures within our community.

I am proud to announce that the winners of the 10 awards for this academic year:

### **September 2017 | Eoin Moffatt | Year 8**

When news of the Grenfell tower fire broke out, this young man went back to his primary school to offer his service in helping with clothing collections, which went on until late in the evening. He then gave up time at the weekend to go to a warehouse to help sort boxes to help those affected - a truly caring and responsible young man.

£250 has been donated to the PE Department and was used to purchase a new football kit for the Year 8 team.

### **October 2017 | Lorcan Cullen | Year 11**

Lorcan raised funds for a charity which supports vulnerable children and their families, children with special educational needs, and people with learning disabilities. Lorcan was also part of a group of Salvatorian students who assisted the charity with some gardening tasks, which was very much appreciated by the Norwood Charity organisers

£250 has been given to the Product design Department and was used to fund materials for woodwork and new protective clothing for the workshops.

### **November 2017 | Aidan Ryder | Year 10**

Aidan witnessed an elderly man falling over and injuring himself whilst on his way home from school. Aidan called for an ambulance, waited with the man until the ambulance arrived, and took him to hospital.

£250 has been given to the Drama department towards a production of 'A Christmas Carol'

### **January 2018 | James Elder | Year 9**

James set up a charity committee and has been selling poppies for Remembrance Day. He has shown outstanding leadership qualities with Prefect Duties, and is a wonderful role model for our younger students.

£250 has been given to the PE and Art Departments.

### **February 2018 | Harry Everton | Year 8**

This young man is regularly involved in events for elderly parishioners and local families. His valued contribution helps us to raise money for the local community and his dedication is inspiring to see.

£250 has been given to the Science Department.

### **March 2018 | Gearoid Moore | Year 8**

On a recent school ski trip, Gearoid showed himself to be a very helpful and well-mannered member of our school party. This was most apparent when he saw a young girl fall over and despite his own skiing skills still being in the early stages managed to make his way over to help her.

£250 has been given to the PE Department

### **April 2018 | Daelan Emmerson | Year 11**

Daelan has made such big improvements since joining the Salvatorian, not just academically but also on an emotional level. He works hard in every lesson and takes on board everything that is said to him to help improve his subject knowledge.

In addition to this Daelan helps to care for a close relative who is unwell and does so without any complaints - a true gentleman.

£250 has been given to the Science Department.

### **May 2018 | Simon Bentivoglio | Year 10**

Simon is a helpful young man who attends Homework club regularly and assists in supporting other students. He does not recognise that he is doing such a kind act and it is this humbleness that really makes Simon such a lovely young man. He is an asset to our school.

£250 has been given to the Maths Department.

### **June 2018 | Aiden Evans | Year 8**

Aiden always shows a real kindness and this has been recognised by many different staff. He is



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frequently known to offer help to his teachers and it is this caring attitude that sets Aiden apart.

£250 has been given to the pupil-led Salvatorian Shop.

**An awards Ceremony will be held for the January – June winners in February 2019 - details to follow.**

Here's to celebrating more successes again in the new academic year

Mrs S Griffin

## ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Artist of the Week this week is Szymon Ciba, 8C. He produced a beautiful Van Gogh style portrait of Rihanna, in cross hatching, as part of his Art Exam. He has been an outstanding artist all year and thoroughly deserves to be recognised for his phenomenal talent. He recently achieved an A+ for his end of year exam. Well done Szymon.



## PARENTPAY

As we approach the end of term, please ensure you have cleared any outstanding payment items on ParentPay, including any negative balances on your son's lunch money account. I remind parents of our policy, which is:

- If the balance is zero, or in debt, on your son's school meal account, it will be physically impossible for the canteen staff to serve him, and he will be turned away - this is the same as would be true of any high street shop, café or restaurant.
- If, for whatever reason, there are no funds on the lunch account, then you must provide a packed lunch for your son to bring to school.
- If you are eligible for Free School Meals, a balance of £2.40 will be added, automatically, to your son's lunch money account on a daily basis. This will buy a hot main meal and desert at lunch service. Should your son wish to buy more than this, eg. a snack at break, you must ensure there are adequate funds on the account.