



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
5th October 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

This week has been an emotional time for many of our boys and staff. With All Souls day, All Saints Mass and preparations for Remembrance Day we have been reminded of those loved ones who have passed from this life into the eternal life promised to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are reminded that our mortal time on earth is short, and that we must make the most of every moment. We have been encouraging the boys to show love and respect for themselves and for each other, inspired by the lives of the saints.

With this in mind, I would like to remind you that anti-bullying week begins on 12th November and, because no school can claim that there is no bullying in their establishment, I have outlined our stance on bullying later in this bulletin. Mrs Griffin will be leading a series of activities and I encourage you to engage with your son on this subject.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Target Setting Day on 7th November. If you haven't already made an appointment with your son's form tutor, please do so as soon as possible. I also draw your attention to the staff INSET day on 15th November when school will be closed for most pupils. Year 11 MFL students will, however, be in on that day for a special session of intensive language classes. Please keep a close eye on forthcoming dates.

On Wednesday night I was very happy to see so many of our pupils involved in a special Halloween Youth Club, with various spooky activities, culminating in a fireworks display. My favourite part of the evening was sampling the pupils' decoration of the cupcakes...

This weekend, and throughout the week, many of you will attend organised firework displays, or you may be having your own. Please remain safe at these events and I hope you enjoy the festivities.

Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

KEY DATES IN THE AUTUMN TERM

**WED 7TH NOV – TARGET SETTING DAY
(SCHOOL CLOSED)**

**FRI 9TH NOV – TRIP TO THE HOUSES OF
PARLIAMENT**

**MON 12TH NOV – 11.00AM - ACT OF
REMEMBRANCE (PARENTS WELCOME)**

12TH – 16TH NOV – ANTI BULLYING WEEK

**WED 14TH NOV – VISIT FROM ST GEORGE'S
SIXTH FORM FOR Y11**

THU 15TH NOV – INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)

MON 19TH NOV – Y11 MOCK EXAMS BEGIN

**THU 22ND NOV – YEAR 7 ROAD SAFETY
PRESENTATION**

THU 22ND NOV – YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

**THU 6TH DEC – MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP
SHERINGHAM**

**FRI 7TH DEC – FOUNDER'S DAY (AFTERNOON
CLOSURE)**

**WED 12TH DEC - PUPIL CHRISTMAS LUNCH
AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER CHARITY DAY**

**THU 13TH DEC - CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY FOR
SENIOR CITIZENS**

**THU 13TH DEC - 5.30 PM CHRISTMAS CAROL
SERVICE AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

THU 20TH DEC – LAST DAY OF TERM

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The College's formal Act of Remembrance will take place on **Monday 12th November, at 11am sharp**, at the **Priestmead Campus**. Parents are welcome to attend, and should report to Priestmead Reception at 10.45am, from where they will be escorted to the playground. The Service will last approximately 10 minutes.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*



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WORDS OF THE DAY

Monday – Incendiary

Adjective (Of a device or attack) designed to cause fires, fire-raising or tending to stir up conflict. Guy Fawkes, a Catholic, and his comrades, planted **incendiary** devices under the Houses of Parliament. This was in reprisal for increasing oppression of Roman Catholics in England by King James I. They were caught and executed; the famous gunpowder plot of 1605 was foiled. The aircraft was loaded with **incendiaries**.

Tuesday – Ambivalent

Adjective Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone. Some loved her, some disliked her, few were **ambivalent** about her. Some of his friends were confident in their plans to go to University but John felt **ambivalent** about his future.

Wednesday – Uncanny

Adjective Strange or mysterious, especially in an unsettling way; difficult or impossible to explain. When the psychic looked at the abandoned house, she had an **uncanny** sense that something bad had happened to the owner. My best friend has the **uncanny** ability to know my thoughts before I speak.

Thursday – Doleful

Adjective Expressing sorrow, grief or sadness. The naughty toddler looked at me with such sad, **doleful** eyes that I really could not reprimand her. He threw a **doleful** glance at the unappetising tuna sandwich.

Friday – Tactile

Adjective Of or connected with the sense of touch; designed to be perceived by touch. I find bubble wrap extremely **tactile**; I cannot resist popping the bubbles! Braille was designed for the blind as a kind of **tactile** alphabet.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
Sunday 4th November 2018
A reading from the Gospel of Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered,

'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

There is a lot to think about in this particular Gospel passage but perhaps the thing we should hang on to is the Great Commandment which tells us that our first duty is: 'to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength.'

What an order! There is nothing left out, no part of us is exempt from loving God. This seems an extremely daunting task. This is an obligation that cannot be filled by merely coming to mass on a Sunday or muttering a few prayers now and again. This is an obligation that will occupy all our time, every moment of the day and all our attention and all our energy. But if you think about it what we owe to God demands nothing less.

However, don't think of this as something burdensome that we must do for God. Instead, think of what he has done for us. He gave us all our faculties; he gave us the gift of life itself; he forgives our sins; if he withdraws his attention from us for a moment we wouldn't even continue to exist. And he gives us the greatest gift of all; he freely gives us the life of his only Son for our salvation.

The scribe was close to the Kingdom of God because he understood these things. He understood what was due to God; he understood that in the face of such love our whole lives belong to God. He understood that it is only in using our whole energy to live the way God wants us to live will bring us the greatest joy and fulfilment.



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POPPY APPEAL

Poppies and wrist bands are now available to purchase from the Reception Office. Pupils who wish to make a donation in return for a poppy or wristband can do so on the morning of Monday 5th November, when pupils will be visiting each form group.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

SALVATORIAN COLLEGE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

With the charism of Father Francis Jordan in their hearts, for over thirty years the pupils of Salvatorian College have made the love of the Divine Saviour know to all by donating food and other items to fill Christmas hampers, which are distributed to those in need within our local community.

When it comes to giving, God doesn't need our money or our possessions. What he needs is for us to act as his hands and feet on earth. "Giving" blesses and changes us and brings glory to God.

God is calling us to be people of action, as the Gospel of Luke (6:38) clarifies: "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

If you have a family member, or know of an individual, who would benefit from receiving a Salvatorian College Christmas Hamper please collect a form from the back of St Joseph's Church and hand it back to the Presbytery before the 8th of December.

Hampers will be delivered by pupils of Salvatorian College shortly before Christmas.

Thank-you for your support with helping us to continue God's work within our community.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

As the weather grows colder and Christmas approaches, it is natural that our thoughts turn to those loved ones who are no longer with us for this special time of year.

Each year, we celebrate November as the Month of the Holy Souls, remembering all those who have gone before us. November, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, is an opportunity to share God's love and His desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven.

Pupils will have the opportunity to remember friends and family, both living and departed, by writing in the Remembrance Book located in the Oratory.

Please remind your son that the Oratory is open everyday at 2pm for our "Moment for Jesus" and Friday for "After School Prayer". These will be opportunities to write in the Remembrance Book as well as pray or reflect quietly if they so wish.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen*

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 12TH – 16TH NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying Week 2018 takes place in England from November 12th to November 16th. This nationwide event is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and is intended to raise awareness of the issue of bullying among children, especially in schools.

Children of all ages as well as parents and children are encouraged to get involved in the



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event and take part in activities that will help to shine a light on the problem of bullying and ways to help resolve the issue.

The week begins with 'Odd Sock Day', when pupils and members of staff are expected to wear a mismatched pair of odd socks, representing the fact that we all have differences, but are all equal in the eyes of God and have equal rights and responsibilities.

We would ask that pupils make a voluntary contribution of £2.00 and all proceeds collected will be donated to the Ant-Bullying Alliance who help to raise awareness of bullying issues within schools.

During the course of anti-bullying week pupils will have the opportunity to discuss issues around bullying through guided presentations in form and assembly time.

All schools experience incidents of bullying in one form or another. At Salvatorian College we operate a zero-tolerance policy when we pick up on bullying, or incidents are reported to us. It is important that any incidence of bullying is reported to us - **please telephone or email the school should you have any concerns whatsoever. Together we can make a difference!**

Examples of the major different types of bullying are listed in your sons' journals but might include: hitting, kicking, teasing, racist or sexist name-calling, ignoring people, interfering with property, cyber-bullying through social networks, etc.

As a general philosophy, the Governors, Executive Headteacher and I are determined that any cases of alleged bullying will be investigated and any bullying will be dealt with efficiently and robustly. We are very aware that incidents at school often have consequences that occur outside school hours and off school premises. Please be reassured that we will deal with all cases of alleged bullying if they involve our pupils. Sanctions extend to permanent exclusion in the most severe or repeated cases.

There is, in the first printed section of your sons' journals, a whole page related to bullying and child protection. This is an indication of how seriously the topic is taken at Salvatorian College. **I would ask that any cases of bullying are reported to the appropriate Head of Year.** However, parents may feel so strongly that they want the reassurance of the issue being passed directly to me. In this case, please do not hesitate to phone or email

admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk

Mr A Bryant



ANTI-BULLYING AT SALVATORIAN COLLEGE

We define bullying as 'a persistent attempt by one person or group to exert control in an anti-social and detrimental way over another person or group'. Bullying behaviour is often, but not necessarily always, premeditated and usually forms a sustained pattern of behaviour rather than being an isolated incident. As there are many forms of bullying, our policy is to examine each incident individually and decide on the appropriate action in each case.