



Salvatorian College *Parent Bulletin*

Week Commencing
18th February 2019

HALF-TERM

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

This half-term has flown by and we are rapidly heading towards Spring. Both boys and staff have been working very hard in these last six weeks and I was pleased to report to the Governors that most boys are making good progress towards their Target Minimum Grades. This progress can only be achieved through team work and co-operation and I am very grateful to you for providing your sons with quiet and purposeful spaces at home for study, and for supporting the school with our interventions and policies. The staff and I are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for your sons and I thank you for your support.

With this in mind, many teachers are coming in over the half-term to provide extra sessions for Year 11 boys in preparation for their examinations. This will be the same over the Easter break so I ask you to bear this in mind when planning any trips away this year. It is inappropriate, in all but the most extreme circumstances, for boys to be taken out of school for trips and holidays. Attendance has improved this year and I am very grateful to those parents who send their sons in to school despite complaints of minor ailments. Resilience is an important characteristic which we expect our boys to demonstrate.

There have been some excellent sporting achievements in the last week. The Year 11 basketball team finally buried their demons by beating Cannons High School in the semi-final of the Harrow Cup. The team played at Cannons' home venue and were under a great deal of pressure, having a depleted team. However, they got off to a great start and led through the entire match, winning 42 - 36. Special mention goes to Kivuvu Live, who scored the majority of our points, and Ehinor Oriakhi, for his tenacity in defence. The Year 10 football team also came from 3-1 down in the Middlesex Cup semi-final, eventually winning 4-3 and going through to the final. Special mention goes to man of the match, Darragh Griffin.

I am also pleased that Salvatorian boys were so well represented at the Harrow Jack Petchey Awards evening and I was proud to hear the speeches of the boys who delivered them to politicians and parents at the Political Literacy evening. "A Moment for Jesus", a time for spiritual reflection at lunchtime, continues to grow in popularity and I have been very pleased to welcome Fr Fortunatus SDS who has given up his time to meet our Year 11 boys before they leave us in the summer.

I pray that you will have a peaceful and restful half term.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

KEY DATES IN THE SPRING TERM

MON 25TH FEB – FIRST DAY BACK

4–8TH MAR – NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

WED 6TH MAR – ASH WEDNESDAY

THU 7TH MAR – WORLD BOOK DAY

TUE 9TH MAR – Y11 REVISIONS SEMINAR WITH GUEST SPEAKER TIM FOOT

11–15TH MAR – SCIENCE WEEK

TUE 12TH MAR – ZOOLAB VISIT

18–22ND MAR – Y11 MOCK EXAMS

MON 25TH MAR – FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

THU 4TH APR – Y11 PARENTS EVENING

SalvoSKI! Italy 2019

We are pleased to announce an exciting Ski trip to Italy. This will take place during the February half-term in 2020 and is open to pupils currently in Years 7, 8 & 9.

The cost of the trip will be £965.00 and includes ski & boot hire. Please contact Mrs Griffin as soon as possible for more details. Places are allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.





GOSPEL REFLECTION

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday 17th February 2019

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 6:17, 20-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

**'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.**

**'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.**

**'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.**

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

**'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.**

**'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.**

**'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.**

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

St Luke gives us his account of the famous Beatitudes of Jesus, more familiar to us in the form recounted by St Matthew in his description of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This reading is particularly relevant to us at Salvatorian College, as the Beatitudes shape our shared school values which inform our actions as a community.

The pronouncements in the first half of this passage raise an immediate question: in what way can those who are poor, hungry, and weeping be blessed? Jesus gives the answer that, despite poverty, hunger and sorrow, our reward will be in the Kingdom of Heaven, where, as the Book of Revelation describes it: 'God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

The second half of the reading is a warning to us not to be complacent when life is easy. It is not the rich and powerful who are blessed. It is not the high and mighty who are blessed. It is not the people living in huge mansions or expensive penthouses who are blessed. Rather, Jesus pronounces God's blessings on

the lowly: the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the meek, the mourning.

Throughout the history of the world, it had always been the other people who were considered blessed: the rich, the filled up, the powerful. Jesus turns it all upside-down. The elite in God's kingdom, the blessed ones in God's kingdom, are those who are, by conventional wisdom, at the bottom of the heap of humanity.

How often have we found ourselves using the phrase 'because I said so', as parents? The conversation with our children might go something like this: "Please can I have an ice-cream?" to which we reply "No you can't", to which our child replies "but that's not fair, why can't I have an ice-cream?", to which the final response comes: "because I said so"

As parents we have the final word with our children. As Christians, God has the final word with us. We are not blessed according to the virtues and values of the world, or by those in worldly authority over us, but by God alone.

The word 'Beatitude' comes from the Latin verb 'beatus' which means 'to bless'. Let us pray for God's blessing on us all, as we go about our work and leisure this half-term, remembering particularly those disregarded according to the virtues of our earthly world. Let us pray that we are filled by the Holy Spirit with love for them, as God our Father shows is love for us.



The Relic of the Chair of St Peter, enclosed in a design by sculptor Bernini (1598-1680), St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Friday 22nd February is the Feast of the Chair of St Peter, a celebration of the gift of the Petrine Ministry by which Christ continues to govern, protect, and shepherd his Church through the pope, Successor of St Peter.



24HR ABSENCE LINE

TO REPORT YOUR SON ABSENT, YOU CAN
CALL THE ABSENCE LINE BEFORE 8AM:

020 8863 2706

HAIRCUTS: A REMINDER

It has come to our attention that a number of pupils have been sporting exaggerated hairstyles/haircuts. There will be a zero-tolerance approach to haircuts which contravene the guidelines in the Pupil Journal after half term from Monday 25th February. Please ensure your son returns to school with an appropriate haircut in line with published guidance:

"No exaggerated hair styles. Streaked, dyed gelled, patterned, lined, permed, stepped, spiked, high-top, or coloured hair is not allowed. We encourage reasonably short (but not shorter than a number 3), traditional and tidy styles, cut to the top of collar only. No patterns, shapes, lines or layered crops. Beards, moustaches and wispy growth are not permitted. Shaved eyebrows are not permitted."

EYEBALL DISSECTIONS IN SCIENCE

Here are some photographs (happily not showing too much detail!) of eyeball dissections undertaken by Ms Long's Y10 Triple Science class:





EPRAISE LEADER BOARDS AT 11 FEBRUARY 2019

The ePraise leaderboards are as follows:

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Student leaderboard Points Achievements

Show: Year 7 Boys and girls All students Total points Reset

#	Name	Year	Tutor	Points
1	Ciaran Roche	7	7B	32 ★★
2	Chimobi Eziefule	7	7C	31
3	Jathusan Kethiesan	7	7A	22
3	Heshan Appuhamy	7	7B	22 ★★
5	Roshan Miliin Hirani	7	7A	20 ★★
5	Alfie Woolcombe	7	7B	20 ★★
5	Kacper Panfil	7	7B	20 ★
5	Mit Patel	7	7B	20 ★
5	Mujtaba Serali	7	7B	20 ★★
10	Roland Irabor	7	7A	18
10	Joseph Fay	7	7B	18 ★
10	Junior Agyemang-Duah	7	7B	18 ★
10	Pirnavan Pirabakaran	7	7B	18 ★
10	Pitiyangan Pirabakaran	7	7B	18 ★
10	Samir Detoo	7	7B	18 ★



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Student leaderboard Points Achievements

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#	Name	Year	Tutor	Points
1	Flavio Kuranage	8	8B	31
2	Oskar Kolodziejczyk	8	8B	30
3	Ciprian Stanciu	8	8B	26
4	Harry Wetts	8	8B	23
5	Joseph Cassel	8	8B	16
6	Samuel Orji	8	8B	15
7	Audeley Akundabo	8	8B	14
8	Isaiiah Gwisai	8	8A	11
8	David Ciunel	8	8B	11
10	Ethan Tsangaris	8	8B	10
10	Jay Lopes	8	8B	10
12	Fares Jalal	8	8B	9
12	Toni Serban	8	8A	9
12	Richard Zaki	8	8B	9

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Student leaderboard Points Achievements

Show: Year 9 Boys and girls All students Total points [Reset](#)

#	Name	Year	Tutor	Points
1	Yezdan Sekandary	9	9A	25
2	Daniel Osatohanmwon Izevbokun	9	9D	20
3	Tharshan Nicholas	9	9C	19
3	Martin McDonagh	9	9B	19
3	Karol Fusi Ngwa	9	9D	19
6	Soul Denton	9	9C	18
6	Ciaran Sweeney	9	9C	18 ↑↑
8	Matthew Almeida	9	9B	17
8	Daniel Botnari	9	9D	17
8	Conor Griffin	9	9D	17
8	Harry Everton	9	9A	17 ↑↑
12	Rhys Asare Sackey	9	9C	16 ↑↑
13	Jason Semedo	9	9D	15
13	Abesan Kethlesan	9	9A	15



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#	Name	Year	Tutor	Points
1	Iustin-Stefan Nicolae	10	10B	38
2	David Botnari	10	10A	28
3	Kithusan Jeyakumar	10	10C	27
4	Dillon O'Connor	10	10D	23
4	Tinu Reji	10	10B	23
6	Reon Kelly	10	10D	21
6	Leonce Pereira	10	10D	21
8	James Elder	10	10B	19
9	Darun Premananthan	10	10B	18
9	Kevin Emmanuel	10	10A	18
9	Samuel White-Kugler	10	10D	18
12	Jordan Anyanwu	10	10D	17
13	Callum Taylor	10	10B	15
13	Thomas Haren	10	10C	15

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Student leaderboard Points Achievements

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#	Name	Year	Tutor	Points
1	Wesley Barreto Dos Santos	11	11B	11
1	Paul Bisnar	11	11A	11
1	Jahmel Greaves-Jones	11	11D	11
4	Orestas Kazdailis	11	11E	10
5	Mahananth Niranchanan	11	11A	9
6	Kiruthikan Sureshkumar	11	11A	8
6	Saad-Ur-Rehman Kayani	11	11C	8
6	Luke Dourado	11	11A	8
6	Susindu Appuhamy	11	11D	8
10	David Chira	11	11A	7
10	Nabeel Rehman	11	11D	7
10	Piravin Pirabakaran	11	11A	7
10	Kaviyen Jeyabharathan	11	11A	7
10	Khayyam Charles	11	11D	7
10	Daniel Barrett	11	11E	7