



# Salvatorian College *Parent Bulletin*

Week Commencing  
**4th March 2019**

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

The first day of Spring is a good time to take stock and re-assess priorities. Mr Tissot and I spoke with a number of parents this week and listened to their views about the school. It was encouraging to hear feedback regarding the things parents feel we are doing well, and to hear how we can improve.

As a result of feedback, this bulletin will now be shorter with fewer articles and more key dates. We will also make sure that all trip letters are publicised on the school website. Based on the parents' feedback, we have also asked teachers to ensure that homework is challenging but that it sticks to the homework timetable and set times.

The parents we spoke to also mentioned that they would like to understand more about the Catholic life of the school. The following examples represent some of the ways the boys at Salvatorian College are enabled in their spirituality:

- Every lesson begins in prayer and I lead whole school prayer in the playground during line-up each day.
- Voluntary Mass takes place in the Oratory every Thursday morning before registration, celebrated by Fr. Fortunatus.
- Fr Fortunatus remains in school on Thursdays mornings to meet with every Year 11 boy for "Pastoral Chats" This provides the boys with an opportunity to talk freely about topics such as home, friends, God and self.
- "A Moment for Jesus" takes place daily at 2pm in the Oratory when pupils can recite 'The Angelus' and take time for personal prayer.
- The school week concludes with prayers in the Oratory on Friday after school. Staff and pupils come together to pray and reflect on their week, events within the liturgical calendar and wider society.
- We will mark the start of Lent this week with Ash Wednesday masses for the whole school, which will include distribution of ashes.
- Our Christmas charitable collection raised £952.45. The charities we supported with equal donations were The Catholic Children's Society, The Cardinal Hume Centre, Crisis at Christmas and Mary's Meals. Students also donated dry goods, creating 47 hampers and 6 large family hampers that were distributed to the local community and The Cardinal Hume Centre.
- We will be supporting the Catholic Children's Society through Easter and Lent, and this week sees the beginning of our Easter Egg donation drive.
- Years 7-10 will take part in retreats which will begin after Easter.

The building of the new site is coming on at a pace and, although there have been delays due to building complications, we are on track to move back up to the High Road in September 2019. This is an exciting time for the boys as they take ownership of this state-of-the-art school. Indeed, we are hoping that the Year 11 mocks will be held at the High Road site in March 2019.

In order to prepare for this move, **pupils will be dismissed for the summer break at lunchtime on Wednesday 17th July 2019**. The incoming Year 7 pupils will have their induction on Monday 9th September and **the rest of the school will return on Tuesday 10th September**.

This is an incredibly short term and we are rapidly approaching the public examinations. The boys must stay focused on their studies, in every year group, so that they can do of their best and surpass our high expectations of them.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant  
Head of School

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### **4-8th March – National Careers Week**

Events will be running all week to encourage our boys to consider how best to prepare for their careers after Salvatorian College.

### **4-8th March – International Working Women's Week & International Women's Day**

12 boys from Salvatorian College will be attending conferences on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March at St Dominic's Sixth Form College to discuss issues around women in the workplace and women's rights.

### **Tue 5th March – Shrove Tuesday**

On this day, traditionally, rich and fatty foods are used up before the fasting of the Lenten season. Accordingly, the canteen will be serving pancakes at break and lunch.

### **Tue 5th March – Y11 Study Skills Seminar with motivational speaker, Tim Foot**

Read more about Tim Foot on his website: [https://timfootstudyskills.co.uk/?page\\_id=1195](https://timfootstudyskills.co.uk/?page_id=1195). All Y11 pupils will receive a free copy of his booklet 'Revision Cracked!' with a range of study skill hints and tips.

### **Wed 6th March – Ash Wednesday**

Masses will take place throughout the day for all year groups, and will include distribution of ashes.

### **Thu 7th March – World Book Day**

Every Year 7 pupil should bring in a costume in relation to their favourite character/book. They will change into their costumes for Period 5. Students will be



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divided into groups for a quiz about different books – classic and contemporary. There will be a book swap scheme in the library at break and at lunch time in which students can bring in some of their favourite books and swap with their peers.

## EVENTS NEXT WEEK

### 11-15<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week

Events will be running all week to encourage our boys to consider how best to prepare for their careers after Salvatorian College.

### Tue 12<sup>th</sup> March – Zoolab visit

Zoolab will be showing Year 7-10 their exotic animals as part of science week.

### 13-26<sup>th</sup> March – Y11 Mock Exams

This will be a final opportunity for Year 11 to practice their exam technique and test their revision before their final public exams in May.

## COMING UP THIS TERM

### Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March – The Feast of the Annunciation

### Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March – Synergy Theatre Project

### Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 4.30pm – Y11 Parents' Evening

# SalvoSKI! Italy 2019

There are a limited number of places still available on the skiing trip which takes place during the February half-term in 2020, open to pupils currently in Years 7, 8 & 9.

The cost of the trip is £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.



## 24HR ABSENCE LINE

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

**020 8863 2706**

## CONTACT DETAILS

All parents should receive the weekly bulletin and letters home to their email address. Messages are also sent regularly by text message. If you are not receiving these, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can update your contact details.

## CLUBS

We operate a full and varied extra-curricular clubs and intervention timetable has been updated for the spring term. These activities are open to all pupils, and they should contact the organiser for more information. If you have any questions regarding a particular club, or think it would be useful for your son's development if he attends, please mention this to your son's Head of Year so we can ensure he is attending.

## MORNING CLUBS

### Breakfast Club - every morning from 8am

Set up for the day with breakfast and study in the canteen.

### History Lesson Zero (Year 11) – Tuesdays 8am

Ms Ryall

### R.E. Open Door – Tuesday Breaktime – G2C

Ms Williams

### P.E. Lesson Zero (Year 11) – Wednesdays 8am

Mr Creamer

### Open Art Room – Thursday & Friday 8.00-8.40am

Mr James

### Maths Booster (Year 11) – Thursday Breaktime

Mr Mosafeer



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## LUNCHTIME CLUBS

**Table Tennis** – every day – Main hall  
*Mr Templeton*

**Homework Club** – every day – G1C/G2C/Library

**Debating Club** – Monday – F4  
*Ms Flannigan*

**Photography Club** – Monday – G1C  
*Ms Sobuta*

**KS3 English Club** – Monday – F3  
*Ms Wood*

**Languages Club** – Tuesday – F7/F8  
*Mr Mullor / Ms Ballalaita*

**KS3 Handwriting Club** – Tuesday – F3

**Photography Club** – Tuesday - G1C

**Philosophy of Mark's Gospel Club** – Wednesday – G2C  
*Ms Henry*

**Design & Technology Club** – Thursday – DT Room  
*Mr Preskett*

**Extra French Club (Year 11)** – Thursday – F7  
*Mr Tissot*

**R.E. Open Door** – Thursday  
*Miss Williams*

**Extra English Club (Year 11)** – Thursday – F1/F4

**KS4 English Homework/Handwriting Club** – Friday - F1

**MFL Debating Club** – Friday - F7/F8

**R.E. Open Door** – Friday  
*Miss Williams*

**Extra English Club (Year 11)** – Friday - F1/F4

**Book Club** – Friday *Miss Wood*

**Fine Art Tutorial (Year 11)** – Art room  
*Mr James*

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**5 O'Clock Homework Club** – Every day after school – G1C/LSU

**Political Literacy** – Monday  
*Mr Cooper*

**English as an Additional Language Club** – Tuesday – F4 - *Ms Sajip*

**Geography Club** – Tuesday  
*Mr Templeton*

**Youth Club (Years 7-10)** – Wednesday 5.30-7.00pm  
*Mr Dixon*

**Science Periodic 7 Club (Year 11)** – Wednesday

**Maths Club (Years 7-10)** – Wednesday  
*Mr Mosafeer*

**Fine Art Twilight Club (Year 11)** – Wednesday 4.30-6.00pm  
*Mr James*

**Maths Club** – Thursday – G8  
*Mr Mosafeer*

**English as an Additional Language Club** – Thursday – F4  
*Ms Sajip*

**Design & Technology Club** – Thursday – DT Room  
*Mr Preskett*

## SAFEGUARDING IN PARTNERSHIP

You may have seen lots of news recently about big online companies refusing to take down material which promotes self-harm. Unfortunately, these images remain in circulation. As parents, you can monitor and support you sons in their online activities. One of the best websites for information and advice for parents is <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

National Online Safety (NOS) - <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/> have recently shared an information poster about 'momo', an online character that progressively encourages self-harm and is appearing in young people's YouTube channels and popular games like Fortnite.