



Salvatorian College Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing
20th May 2019

EASTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

It was lovely to see so many families at the Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday night. Teachers discussed boys' progress with parents/carers and put plans in place to raise achievement. Feedback on the new online booking system has been positive, but I would welcome any constructive criticism so we can improve our systems further.

Our Year 7 team came second in the Harrow Touch Rugby Tournament this week and I am very proud of their success. The Year 7 Cricket team will participate in a tournament at Nower Hill next week and we wish them every success.

Year 10 boys began their Careers Launchpad - programme designed to inform them of career opportunities and pathways - with Paul Lankester visiting to speak with them about professional life as an environmental officer and CEO of a local council. We are working hard to deliver effective careers provision for our boys and would welcome any opportunities that you could facilitate. Please contact Mr Cooper if you think you could assist with contacts or work experience placements.

The Year 11 boys continue their public examinations at the new Salvatorian Campus. We have a focussed programme of intervention sessions, right up to the exams, and attendance at these sessions will ensure best possible outcomes. Can I remind you that these days are long for the boys and that they should come to school with plenty of water and healthy snacks to keep up their energy and focus.

Kind regards,

Alan Bryant
Head of School

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Thu 23rd May – European Elections – PRIESTMEAD
CAMPUS CLOSED for use as polling station

COMING UP THIS TERM

Mon 27 – Fri 31st May – Half Term Break

COMING UP NEXT TERM

Thu 6th June, 6.30pm – Year 9 Wales Trip Information
Evening

Sun 9th June - Pentecost

Mon 10th June – Start of Year 7-10 exams

Wed 12th June – Harrow Borough Swimming Gala

Mon 17th June – Year 7 Camping Trip (3 Days)

Fri 21st June – Year 11 Prom

Tue 25th June – Year 5 Taster Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thu 27th June – St Dominic's Sixth Form College Taster
Day

Fri 28th June – Whole school Mass for the Feast of Ss.
Peter & Paul

Sat 29th June – CATS Testing Day for new Year 7s

Tue 2nd July – Year 10 Soap Entrepreneurs Day

Wed 3rd July – Youth Club Theatre Trip

Wed 3rd July – Year 6 Taster Day

Thu 4th July – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Wed 10th July – Year 9 Good Samaritan Mass at
Westminster Cathedral

Thu 11th July – Year 7-10 Awards Evening

Mon 15th July – Sports Day for whole school

Wed 17th July – Last day of term – HALF DAY CLOSURE

WORDS OF THE DAY

Monday – Putative

Adjective generally thought to be or to exist, even if this may not really be true. After the scientists conduct their lab experiment, they will know if their **putative** theory is correct. The film's **putative** conclusion led me to believe the hero would return in a sequel.

Tuesday – Formidable

Adjective inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable; intimidating. She is a **formidable** figure who commands a great deal of respect. My tennis is really improving - I've got a **formidable** two-handed backhand.

Wednesday – Tangible

Adjective things that can be seen and touched. Unlike many people today, I prefer a **tangible** book made out of paper over an electronic reading tool. The trial judge was only interested in evidence that was **tangible** and visible.

Thursday – Undulating

Adjective having a smoothly rising and falling form or outline. Under the microscope, the cell elements appear to **undulate** in their protein base. It is fun to watch the ocean waters **undulate** beneath our glass-bottom boat

Friday – Propensity

Noun an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way. Successful business leaders are courageous and show a **propensity** for taking risks. Because Susan is a professional food critic, she has the **propensity** to be very critical of her husband's cooking.



GCSE CERTIFICATES

2018 GCSE RESULTS CERTIFICATES ARE
AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM
PRIESTMEAD RECEPTION

EXAM SUPPORT

We are almost the end of another year and exams for Y11s are fully underway. Exam time is, for most young people, a stressful time. Below are some key links to share with your son, covering a wide-range of tips to keep mentally healthy. For many, this will be the first time you have supported your sons in such important exams.

All The Revision and Exam Tips You'll Ever Need
<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/all-the-revision-and-exam-tips-you-ll-ever-need/>

Exam Stress and Pressure (Childline)
<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/exam-stress/>

Countdown to exams (BBC Bitesize)
<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/support>

Supporting Your Child During Exam Time (Young Minds)
<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/>

YEAR 11 PROM

The Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday 21st June at the Village Hotel in Elstree. Letters have been distributed to boys in Year 11 and it is now possible to pay for a ticket (£40.00) on ParentPay.

YEAR 9 ENGLISH PUPILS

Year 9 pupils will begin studying their GCSE text after the May half-term, and so should be purchasing their own copy of 'An Inspector Calls' by J. B. Priestly. Prices begin at £6.00 on Amazon.

HAYFEVER SEASON

If your child suffers from hayfever, please ensure that he has an anti-histamine before coming to school. Unfortunately, we are unable to dispense any anti-allergy medication from the medical room.

THE SALVATORIAN ADVANTAGE

This week's Biology GCSE paper contained a question about an axolotle. The axolotle (pronounced ACK-suh-LAH-tuhl) salamander has the rare trait of retaining its larval features throughout its adult life. This condition, called neoteny, means it keeps its tadpole-like dorsal fin, which runs almost the length of its body, and its feathery external gills, which protrude from the back of its wide head. It has the amazing ability to regrow limbs, which makes it a focus of scientific study.

Salvatorian College is lucky enough to have a specimen of an axolotle in the Science Department, so Salvatorian pupils were at least familiar with what one was, unlike many pupils across the country who were reported widely in the media of having no clue!

