



# Salvatorian Week Commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## College

### Parent Bulletin

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

After such a long time away from the building, it has been wonderful to see the boys again and hear their voices filling the school. I feel, however, that most of the boys have kept up well with our remote provision and I am very grateful indeed for all of your support in educating your boys. The recovery curriculum is well under way and I am pleased to say that the boys are making the adjustment to being back in school more regularly. I ask that you keep a close eye on homework, as some of our boys are finding this a hard habit to get back into...

In terms of responding to Covid - 19, I am very proud of the boys' behaviour during this difficult and challenging time. They are washing their hands regularly, catching their sneezes and coughs and remaining strictly in their bubbles. I have published advice on our website regarding the steps to take if you or your child develops the symptoms of Covid - 19, but if you have any doubts you should email the school for advice. If your son develops a persistent cough, a high temperature or loses his sense of taste or smell, please do not send them into school and let us know.

Amid the current restrictions, we still aim to hold a socially distanced Open Evening on 5<sup>th</sup> October and I would encourage you to let your friends and family know about it. Details can be found on the school website. Please note that, in order to make the evening as safe as possible, school will close for pupils at 12.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> October and open again for pupils at 9.45am on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Finally, I am aware that some boys are not wearing face coverings on public transport. They should ask us for a face mask if they don't have one. If I become aware of any boy getting on a bus without a covering, I will have to respond with a punishment. I also ask that you do not park on the High Road or High Road pavement at the end of the day, and that you do not drop off or pick up your son on Athelstone Road, as this poses significant risk to members of our extended community.

Kind Regards

Alan Bryant  
Head of School

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION

##### Making Choices

Every day of our lives we have to make choices. Sometimes we make the wrong choice, and do something we shouldn't. Remember that whenever we have had a change of heart, Jesus is always ready to give us another chance to put things right.

Jesus told this story to the high priests: Once there was a man who had two sons. He said to the older one, 'Go and work in the vineyard today,' but the son answered, 'I will not go because I don't want to. 'Later the son changed his mind and went to work after all.

When the man asked his other son to go and work in his vineyard too. He said, 'Of course I will go, 'but he did not do what he said he would. Jesus asked the high priest, 'Which of these sons did what their father wanted?

The older one of course, they replied. Jesus said to them, 'The people you call sinners will enter God's kingdom before any of you, because they listened and believed what John the Baptist told them. You would not listen and believe, and your hearts have not changed.

Did the older son do what his father wanted straight away? – At first he chose to do what he wanted and not what he knew was right. Later he felt bad about this choice, had a change of heart and went to work in the vineyard.

What did the second son do? – Although at first he agreed to go and work, he chose to ignore what his father had asked, and do what he wanted instead.

So, why did Jesus compare the older son with the people the high priests called sinners? – These people had made bad choices in their lives and done the wrong thing. But they listened to John the Baptist's message and like the older son they realised that they were wrong. They too had a change of heart and tried to do what was right.

What is the message of this parable? – Even if we get things wrong and make foolish choices, God will always give us a second chance to make things right again, if we have a change of heart.

By making the right choices in our lives, we will be welcomed into the kingdom of God.

**Prayer:**

**Lord, when I choose the way to go, help me choose the good way. When I choose the things to say, help me say what you'd say. Help me always do what's right; keep me always in your sight. Amen**

## WORDS OF THE WEEK

**Monday – Perplexed**

*Adjective - Completely baffled; very puzzled.*

**Tuesday – Conspiracy**

*Noun - A secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful.*

**Wednesday – Mitigate**

*Verb – Make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful.*

**Thursday – Prescient**

*Adjective - Having or showing knowledge of events before they take place.*

**Friday – Congregate**

*Verb - Gather into a crowd or mass.*

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Every day that we wake to see the dawn of a new day the first thing that we should give thanks for is to know that we are alive and well. There is a song that says "What a mighty God we serve". It is good to know that we can put complete faith in him and he will never let us down. We give thanks for sending his son and to stay with us until the job on earth is done. He will never fail or leave us alone that is a guarantee.

## JACK PETCHEY AWARDS

Miss Griffin this week announced the winners of the latest Jack Petchey Awards. Congratulations go to Ethan, Vlad, Dominic and Patrick in Y8, Joseph in Y10 and also Tarique in Y11. The picture included



shows some of the boys with Miss Griffin receiving their awards

## ATTENDANCE

The attendance officer has asked me to remind all parents that if your son is off school, you must ring the attendance line each day on 02088632706 Option 3, and leave a clear message stating the name of your child, their form class and which symptoms they are currently suffering from. It is particularly important that you describe symptoms at this current time.

## YOUTH CLUB

Youth Club began last Wednesday 16th September with just Year 7 Boys attending. The Youth Club will now alternate between Y7 and Y8.

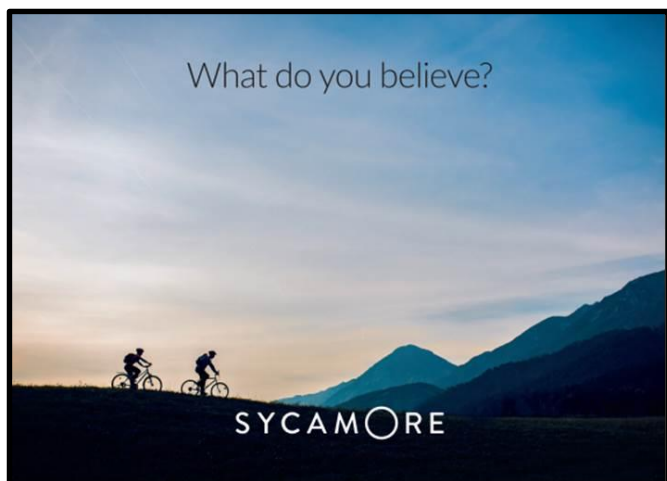
This week only Boys in Y8 can attend . If you follow the school Twitter account, Mr Cooper has posted some photos from the first week. The school also has a Facebook account and also now an Instagram account which can be found by searching for: **SalvatorianHA3**

## FUTURE DATES

Date	Event
Monday y 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Y11 Up the Ante Evening
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Day Closing at 13,30
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	School Open Evening
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y7-Y10 Drop Down day in school

## SYCAMORE

Starting at lunchtime on Thursday 24 September we will be launching a Salvatorian Sycamore group, initially for Year 11. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. Based around a series of 20 high quality films, it gives participants a space to share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. The themes and discussions will also be a good addition to Year 11 pupils' knowledge for their Philosophy & Ethics studies. Free food will be provided for participants. Please ask your son to speak to Mr Fowler, Fr Mario, Ms Henry, or Ms Donnelly, if they would like to take part



## GIFTED AND TALENTED

The **HPQ project** continued throughout the summer and the students' essays have been submitted to their mentors.



Follow up sessions will take place in school up until ½ term to assist the students in completing their projects. Well done

to all the students for their hard work in the summer!



### ETONX

During the summer, some students attended an **online workshop** which was delivered by teachers from **Eton College**. The college provided future skills courses to students **aged 14-20**. The courses **enhance academic performance** and prepare students for a **successful future** in sixth form, at university and in the workplace. The title of the workshop was "**Writing Skills**". All students passed the course and attained very high scores in their assessments. Congratulations to **Benoit Colombier, Tharshan Nicholas and Deron Ravi**.

### Gifted and Talented group– Autumn Term

The group was established at the start of term for this academic year. It might not be possible to do trips in the same way that the group did last year, due to COVID. However, extra curricular events will be planned during the course of this year. Students that are part of this group were selected following high academic achievement and teachers' recommendations. The new year 7 students will be monitored and the most able ones will be invited to join the group after the October 1/2 term.

## Information for parents and carers on suspected COVID-19 (coronavirus) in a child

### WHEN TO SUSPECT COVID-19 IN YOUR CHILD:

if they develop symptoms of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**Do not** send your child to school or childcare setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting

If your child develops symptoms at the childcare setting, they will be separated from others, and will **be sent home**

If your child (or anyone in your household) has symptoms they must arrange a test **as soon as possible** and isolate at home for **10 days** from date of onset of symptoms (or until they receive a negative result). Everyone else in the household who does not have symptoms must isolate at home for 14 days (or until the symptomatic household member receives a negative result)

Arrange for a coronavirus test for anyone in your household with symptoms either online via [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call NHS testing line on 119. The test must be done within **five days** of when symptoms start. Ensure you know who to contact with the results in the school/childcare setting if the results are received outside usual working hours

You will be offered a test at your closest drive-through centre. This is the quickest option. A parent or carer will need to perform the test on children under 12 years old. If you don't drive, you can request a home test kit. **Do not** get a taxi or public transport to the test centre

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message)

#### NEGATIVE

Child/staff member can return to setting once well, unless they are a contact of a case, when they will need to complete 14 days self-isolation

If your child is identified as having been in contact with a confirmed case, they will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have had a negative test result. If they develop symptoms, they should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms, arrange testing and follow the flowchart above

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

#### POSITIVE

Inform the school or childcare setting as soon as possible even if outside opening hours. The child's close contacts within the school will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days

Ensure the child who has tested positive completes the **10 day** isolation period (from date of onset of symptom)\*. Household members without symptoms should complete 14 days isolation

NHS Test & Trace will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited

\*If the child is a confirmed case they can return to the childcare setting/school after 10 days. If they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait until 48 hours after these symptoms stop. If the child does not develop symptoms, but lives in a household with someone who has tested positive, they can return to setting after completing 14 days self-isolation at home

## YEAR 7 DATA PACK

If you are a parent of a Year 7 pupil and you have not returned your data pack with any medical information about your son can you do as soon as possible

## OPEN EVENING

The Open Evening for those interested in admission to Year 7 in September 2021 will take place on Monday 5th October 2020. In order to facilitate this evening the school will be closing early. Booking is required and a maximum of five people may attend from any one household. Please visit [www.salvatoriancollege.com/admissions](http://www.salvatoriancollege.com/admissions) for more information.