



SPRING TERM 2019

Salesian College *News*

Welcome from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Friends



This has been a long and very busy term. The staff and students have been very clearly focused upon the great task of learning those key lessons for life as well as for upcoming examinations. The pages of this newsletter reflect many of the trips, achievements and extra-curricular events, which we celebrate. But day to day, lesson by lesson, it is so very evident that the young men and women of this College are a real credit to their families and this school by their cheerful hardworking and caring approach to all the essential tasks that form the full life of this Salesian College. Our community is blessed by its many members who make this such a special place.

Congratulations to all of our students and staff who were involved with Guys & Dolls. It was such a superb show. There will be more about that in my next newsletter.

The Easter Break sees four different overseas trips with many of the College students and a great number of our staff giving up time to learn in the wider world during the holiday time. It is a credit to the staff that so many give up their time for the good of the students.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our year 11 and Sixth Form students the very best of luck in their public examinations in the summer.

Have a good and Blessed Easter.

Gerard Owens

Triple Rugby Champions!

Congratulations to our Rugby Teams who have just been crowned U16 ISA National Rugby Champions for the second year in succession, U15 County Rugby Champions and U14 ISA National Rugby 7s Plate winners. All three teams put in a great team performance with each member contributing exceptionally well.



Messages for Parents

Photographs from Recent Events

Following recent events such as the Tea Time concert and Guys and Dolls, there are some wonderful photos taken by Mr Matt Link available to purchase. The photos can be viewed and purchased at www.onlinepictureproof.com/mattlinkphotography/albums/schools/528227 Password SC1901

Open Morning

The College's next Open Morning for prospective students and their parents will take place on Saturday 11 May 2019 from 9.15am to 12.30pm.

Sunshine in Seville

On Sunday 20 February, 27 boys flew to Seville to explore the riches of southern Spanish culture. Following a tour of Seville Cathedral and climbing the Giralda, an endless evening of eating Tapas ensured that nobody went to sleep hungry. Monday started with a trip through the magnificent Alcázar and its gardens, then to the Plaza de España, pizza, pasta and flamenco.

On Tuesday, Mr Bannister provided an excellent guided tour of the Museo de Bellas Artes, followed by a cruise down the Río Guadalquivir and a trip to the Plaza de Toros. In the evening the students saw The Green Book (with Spanish subtitles).

As ever, the sun shone and the boys were commended for their respectful behaviour.



Year 8 visit Kew Gardens

The Geography and Biology departments once again joined forces to take Year 8 to Kew Gardens to investigate how plants have adapted in different biomes. Students were able to experience the humidity of the Palm House, observe the distinctive layers found in tropical rainforests and plan a recipe using ingredients found there. Less enjoyable was the aroma of the smelly feet tree with its innocent looking green flowers! With climate uncertainty very much in the news, the focus this year was on how climate change will affect plants at different latitudes.



Year 13 Physicists visit CERN

On Thursday 7 March, Year 13 Physicists accompanied by Mr Rowe, Miss Fenner and Miss Kent set off for Geneva. Once again, the 'CERN Names' were excellent, including BroughTONNE, Archiemedes and Mcos-1(s), but some say you have to be a Physicist or Mathematician to get that one! After an early morning start on Thursday, the group visited CERN and built their own cloud chambers using dry ice and isopropanol. In the afternoon, they were lucky enough to go 99m underground and to visit the Compact Muon Solenoid, which is a detector built on the Large Hadron Collider. They were all in awe about how big it was and it really helped us to put our knowledge of Particle Physics and Electric and Magnetic Fields into action. On the final day they visited the UN and the History of Sciences museum, before a returning to England that evening.



Years 7 and 8 enjoy a French Production "La salle des Énigmes"

In February, students in Years 7 and 8 enjoyed a French Production by Onatti "La salle des Énigmes". The production involved two characters, JérémY and Marie who were locked in an escape room with one hour to solve a series of riddles, puzzles and clues.

Four students were invited on to the stage to help and eventually they unlocked the door which enabled them to escape the room.



Berlin

During the February Half Term, 42 students, accompanied by 5 staff, took part in the GCSE and A Level History visit to Berlin.

The opportunity to visit such varied and iconic historical sites such as Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, the 1936 Olympic Stadium, Memorial to the Holocaust, the GDR Museum and Berlin Wall were just some of the experiences that will have made a lasting impression on all of the students.



PTA Quiz Night raises a staggering £2400

The ever popular PTA Quiz Night was held on Saturday 9 February and raised a staggering £2400 for the Sean Devereux Children's Fund.

As ever it proved to be a hugely enjoyable event for 40 teams taking part in this annual test of trivia. The Class of 82 defended their title valiantly, once again challenging for the title right to the end.

Thanks go to the many people involved, in particular, Mark and Theresa Chatterton who organised the event with great support from Sally, Jane and vitally the College PTA. Without their active support before and during the event it would not be such a success. Thank you must also go to Mr Nick Crean for his quizzing expertise and the support of his student helpers and Mr Michael Parsons.



Spring Tea Time Concert

A wonderful concert was given by students from Years 7 - 11 who treated us to a broad array of music from Handel and Corelli through to Pirates of the Caribbean and The Arctic Monkeys. An impressive range of talent was on show. Thank you to Mr Matt Link for the wonderful photos he took. If you would like to purchase any of the photos from the evening please go to: <https://www.onlinepictureproof.com/mattlinkphotography/albums/schools/528227> Password: SC1901



Exploring Science

On Tuesday 26 March, students enjoyed engaging experiments by the Science Museum. Year 7 were mesmerised by the fantastic liquid nitrogen show, whilst the Digestion themed experiments for Years 8 and 9 gave them much food for thought!



Guys and Dolls

At the Spring Term came to an end, students entertained audiences on four nights with their performance of Guys and Dolls. Congratulations to all the cast and crew on an outstanding production. Thank you to Mr Matt Link for the wonderful photos he took. If you would like to purchase any of the photos from the show please go to: <https://www.onlinepictureproof.com/mattlinkphotography/albums/schools/528227>
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Careers Events

This term has seen a busy and exciting schedule of careers events. Students have had the opportunity to attend talks on 'A Career in Law', Intellectual Property, Cybersecurity and Employability Skills for the 21st Century. All the seminars were well attended and in some case there was standing room only! We give our thanks to all the guest speakers who gave their time to come and speak to our students. In addition to the seminars, an Army Insight Careers morning was held in College, whilst students in Years 12 and 13 visited IBM in Winchester as part of IBM's Insight Careers Day and students in Years 9 and 10 visited the Careers Fair at Alton School.

All Year 12 students enjoyed a visit the UCAS Higher Education Exhibition and Apprenticeships held at the University of Surrey. The students had the chance to speak to industry professionals and learn about the different options such as university, apprenticeships, gap years, internships and volunteering. The seminar programme was available to all students and the talks about "Choosing a University and a Course" as well as "Applying to Oxford and Cambridge" were very popular.



On 20 March, students interested in a career in Medicine were invited to Frimley Park Hospital to take part in a workshop in their Simulation Suite with programmable life models of an adult and a child. This simulation suite is where doctors undertake training for real life medical situations. Our students really embraced this fantastic opportunity and learnt many medical skills whilst gaining an insight into the profession.

Over the summer, students in Years 11 and 12 interested in Medicine have the opportunity to undertake work experience with Dr Stern Consultant Neurologist. The students will be attending clinics, seeing scans being done, neurophysiology tests and ward consultations. We look forward to hearing about their experiences. Thank you must go to Mrs Sarah Waldron, Membership and Engagement Manager at Frimley Park Hospital for enabling these opportunities and for the ongoing partnership with the hospital.



Farewell to our Bursar - Mr Robert Lougee

On Friday 29 March, the College said a fond farewell and thank you to Mr Robert Lougee who had been the Bursar at the College for 14 years.

During his time at the College Mr Lougee had been responsible for overseeing a great improvement in the facilities and buildings around the College from the McGuinness Music School to the 3G Pitch and the Sutherland Wing. His great commitment to the College has seen us go from strength to strength and he will be greatly missed.



Mr John Morgan joined the College on 1 March as his successor and we warmly welcome him to the Salesian Family. He comes to us from the University of Bath and he will provide the college with excellent support over the coming years.



Annual Salesian family walk raised a sensational £1507 for the David Hoyle Foundation

The College was delighted to welcome and present Mrs Hoyle with a cheque for £1507 which was raised from the annual Salesian family walk. Mr Hoyle was a committed advocate of sustainable development who worked to raise standards of living and environmental protection in Cameroon. Please look out for future initiatives supporting this fund.



Students visit the French Institute in London

On 12 February, Mme Stone took four French A Level students to the French Institute in London. In the morning the students took part in a workshop, followed by watching the film they are studying 'Les Intouchables' in the afternoon.



SVP Group

Pictured below is the newly-formed Salesian College SVP Conference. The SVP exists to seek those in need, from all walks of life and from all ages, and provide them with care and support, fulfilling Jesus' command to love thy neighbour.



Year 12 Catenian Bursaries

On 15 February, the College Warmly welcomed Mr Patrick Quigley and Mr Tony Fisher from the West Surrey Catenians who presented cheques to 14 of our Year 12 students to support their pilgrimage to Lourdes.



Digital Strategy Developments



Students in the current Years 7 and 10 have now been in possession of individual loaned iPads for almost two terms. We are very pleased with the digital learning developments that have taken place as staff and students have embraced the strategy. Students are increasingly using iPads for a variety of activities in the classroom and at home, many of which would not be possible without instant access to the digital world.



In September 2019 we will deploy loaned iPads to all students in the new Years 7, 9 and 10. This means that all students in the College will have a personal loaned iPad for use in lessons and at home.

It is important that these iPads are looked after carefully and protected from damage at all times. A robust case is provided for each iPad, but in addition we would like to see extra protection for iPads when they are being carried in bags or rucksacks.

Hence, we would like to request that when replacing any bag or rucksack bought for College use (except sports bags), you consider the purchase of a bag which contains a robustly padded pocket, specifically designed for carrying and protecting an iPad or laptop. Such bags or rucksacks are easily obtainable from many suppliers, including Amazon.



Young Leaders Leading the Way

Our CAFOD Young Leaders have been leading assemblies at the College to inform the students about the Give It Up Challenge for Lent and to encourage donations and involvement in their fundraising activities. Detailed below are just some of the activities they have been organising. On 12 and 15 March, they held an Inter House Design competition. The Young Leaders organised a recycling design competition to raise money for Lent fast day. Students in Years 7 and 8 bought their own recycling from home which they then used to make their aquatic themed costumes, to mirror the Give It Up challenge focus this year. The students were really creative with their ideas, and there were lots of great costumes, including deep-sea divers, mermaids and a submarine!"



St Hugh's Run with Your Son

On Tuesday 12 March, boys in St Hugh's from Years 7 to 13 and their families participated in the eighth annual St Hugh's Run. Congratulations and sincere thanks to all those that took part, the money raised will be used to fund the Porridge Club in Zambia: £10 will provide porridge for a Zambian child for a year.



Robotics Day

On Tuesday 5 March, all of Year 9 took part in a 'Robot Revolutions Day'. The event involved a carousel of three workshops which concentrated on building, programming and testing robots. Students were also encouraged to consider how robotics has developed over time and its future applications. All three workshops were buzzing hives of activity and the students' enthusiasm was almost tangible. It was great to see all the students engaged and collaborating in order to achieve various tasks such as programming robots to complete obstacle courses. The day not only offered students a great opportunity for team building but also to develop scientific skills such as planning, testing and evaluating.



Aldershot & District Cross Country Winners



Duke of Edinburgh Awards



Music Awards



British Physics Olympiad Award

U14 team crowned National Biathlon Champions & U12 squad Bronze Medalists



Year 10 Inter Schools' Dragons Den - 2nd & 3rd Place



Diary Dates

April

Monday 29 8.40am Summer Term begins
 Tuesday 30 UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

MAY

Wednesday 1 Year 13 Chemistry Spectroscopy workshop, 1.45pm
 Thursday 2 CAFOD Year 12 Young Leaders Programme Day 3
 Thurs 2 – Sat 4 Farnborough Music Festival in McGuinness Music School
Monday 6 Bank Holiday: College closed Feast of Dominic Savio
 Wednesday 8 7.30pm Summer Music Concert, College Hall
 Friday 10 10.45am Mass in Honour of Feast of Mary Help of Christians
 12.15pm Half Day in preparation for Open Morning
 Saturday 11 9.15am - 12.30pm Open Morning
 9.30 - 11.30am Uniform Shop open
 Monday 13 Written Public Examinations begin
 Year 10 visit to Oxford University
 Monday 20 Years 7- 9 School Examinations (until Friday 24 May)
 Year 10 Retreat, St John's, Wonnesh
Friday 24 Mid Term break begins at 3.50pm
 Year 10 Interim Report 4 issued
 4.30-7.30pm STL Football & Family Fun Evening, College Fields
 Tuesday 28 Salesian Junior Golf Championships, Army Golf Club
 Thursday 30 8.00am Year 7 Lake District Trip departs (return Tuesday 4 June)

JUNE

Monday 3 8.40am Term re-starts
 Friday 7 Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition, Tilford/Puttenham (return 8 June)
 Years 8 and 9 IPR 4 issued; Year 7 IPR 3 issued
 Saturday 8 PTA Summer Ball at Sandhurst RMA
 Sunday 9 Year 10 Geography field visit to Peak District (return 11 June)
 Monday 10 Inter House Athletics Championships, Military Stadium, 12.30pm
 Wednesday 12 7.30pm Year 12 Higher Education Evening (2) Music School
 Thursday 13 Year 8 LAMDA Examinations
 Friday 14 Year 11 Book return
 Saturday 15 Year 8 French Department visit to France (return Tues 18)
 Monday 17 International Languages Week
 Tuesday 18 Induction Day 1 for September 2019 Year 7 Entrants pm Author visit for Year 6 students
 Wednesday 19 Induction Day 2 for September 2019 Year 7 2.30-3.30pm Uniform Shop open
 Thursday 20 Year 10 GCSE Business visit to Chelsea FC
 Friday 21 Year 10 Full Academic Report issued Year 13 Book return
 Saturday 22 10.00am OSAF 5-aside Tournament at College Fields
 Monday 24 Year 12 Induction Day for New Students
 Tuesday 25 Year 12 Induction Day for All Students
 Friday 28 Sixth Form Prom at Frensham Ponds Hotel
 Saturday 29 Share the Light Zambia departure date
 Sat 29 – Sun 30 Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition Weekend, New Forest

JULY

Monday 1 Year 5 Taster Day Activities Day for all year groups
 Tuesday 2 Bolty Bandana Day
 RGS Speakers Day for Year 12 Business & Economics students
 Wednesday 3 7.00pm Sports Awards Presentation Evening, College Hall
 Thursday 4 USA Football Tour (return 15 July)
Friday 5 11.00am Mass of Thanksgiving, Term Ends 12.15pm
 Years 7-9 Full Academic Reports issued
 Monday 8 -12 Activity Week for boys in current Years 7 & 8
 Monday 22-26 Activity Week for prospective Year 7 in September 2019