

SALESIAN COLLEGE

Newsletter

December 2021

Message from the Headmaster



Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you are all well and ready for the celebration of Christmas. This has been a very busy and very enjoyable term. If at times a little unique to say the least. Students and staff have fully engaged in a whole range of activities in the classroom, the playground and around the country. The School Magazine which you should have received by now will reflect all that has happened over the last two year.

On 8 December, we celebrated Mass for the Immaculate Conception. This was a great celebration, on this date in 1841 Don Bosco first encountered a young boy in need of support and began his mission which led to the establishment of the Salesian Community and as such is seen as the Birthday of the Salesians throughout the world. Salesian has flourished over the last two years because of our support for one another. Our whole society will be better if we keep our awareness of how much we need each other.

I hope you all have a blessed and joyful Christmas and a well earned rest.

Gerard Owens

Salesian College awarded Apple Distinguished School status

We are pleased to announce that the College has been recognised as an Apple Distinguished School for 2021–2024. Apple Distinguished Schools are centres of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence. They use Apple technology to connect students to the world, fuel creativity, deepen collaboration, and make learning personal.

Mr Steven Rowe, Assistant Headteacher, commented: 'The selection of Salesian College as an Apple Distinguished School highlights the success of our 1:1 iPad programme in creating an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic achievement.



The College was commended for the positive impact which use of iPad devices has had on teaching and learning and student outcomes, together with development of peer assessment and use of Apple Classroom'.

New Staff

Welcome to all of the staff who joined the College this year.



Mrs Nicki Byrne
Finance Assistant



Mrs Alex Fernandez
Teacher of Chemistry



Mr James Firth
Teacher of Physics



Ms Maria Hibbert
Accounts Assistant



Mr Mylie Jones
PE Graduate Teacher



Mrs Julie Laidlaw
Learning Support



Mr Laurie Macvean
Teacher of English



Mrs Emma McQuillan
Teacher of Japanese



Mr Mirko Morandi
Head of Psychology



Mrs Anna Payne
Teacher of Geography
& History



Mr Philipp Williams
Teacher of Physics

Welcome to the new Year 7 students

The new academic year began with great excitement and expectancy as we welcomed our new Year 7 students.



Year 13 Biology Field Studies

At the beginning of term, Year 13 Biologists went on a Biology field course to Juniper Hall, near Box Hill. The students studied how nail varnish can be used to estimate the population of pond snails, the effect of water velocity on the abundance of freshwater shrimps, and how centuries of coppicing have created changes in plant diversity on the floor of woodland. In between times, Longworth traps were set to capture live mammals with some success, and they found rare palmate newts, as well as the nymphs of the hawker dragonfly and the beautiful demoiselle. As a residential trip - the first of the year - it was delightful to have the extended time studying ecology as part of A Level Biology.



Welcome to our new Year 12

It was great to welcome so many new and existing students into our Sixth Form.



Year 9 Design Technology Club

Year 9 Design Technology Club students have been working on a modular and geometric architecture brief and were exploring their ideas in three dimensions, through both perspective drawings and through a model architecture kit.



Safeguarding Campaign

The College was delighted to launch its Safeguarding Campaign **See it, Say it, Stop it** in November. All students were led by the Safeguarding Team during year assemblies and reminded of the importance of ensuring Salesian College remains a safe space and a happy place for all.

Safeguarding posters have been placed within classroom and public areas which alerts students to what they should do if they have any concern and who the key designated safeguarding members of staff are. In addition we also launched the safeguarding@salesiancollege.com address to allow students to report any concerns remotely.

Students were reminded of the unacceptability of attitudes and actions which do not support our Salesian spirit and of the consequences if they are either unwilling or unable to support our safeguarding culture.

See it

Whatever you see, hear or know and wherever this takes place don't stay silent, do something!

Say it

Talk to someone - your Form Tutor, Head of Year, Class Teacher or any adult in the College.

Stop it

Knowing is the first step to stopping. The more we know, the more we can do.

You can email any concerns to

safeguarding@salesiancollege.com

You can also telephone Childline free on 0800 1111

Students come up with ideas to combat bullying

The students in 7 St Dunstan's have been making posters for Anti-Bullying Week. Having discussed the 'One Kind Word' initiative, they came up with some great ideas about how to combat bullying.



Year 7 raise a staggering £5,755

On Thursday 7 October, all of Year 7 completed their annual fundraising charity event running around the school campus. The Year 7 students have been busy collecting sponsors who are willing to donate money for every lap they completed of the course. The money raised will go to the Sean Devereux Childrens' Fund Scholarship Programme for students in Africa.



Mass of Remembrance

On 11 November, the College held its annual Mass of Remembrance in honour of those who gave their lives in war including our old boys remembered on the Rolls of Honour in the College Hall.

Before Mass, the School Captain, Henry and Head Girl Kate laid the wreath which was blessed by Fr. Nick Gosnell, Dean of The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces. The Headmaster read the names of the Salesian College Farnborough old boys who died in WW11. Year 7 student Theo played the Last Post and this was followed by a two-minute silence.



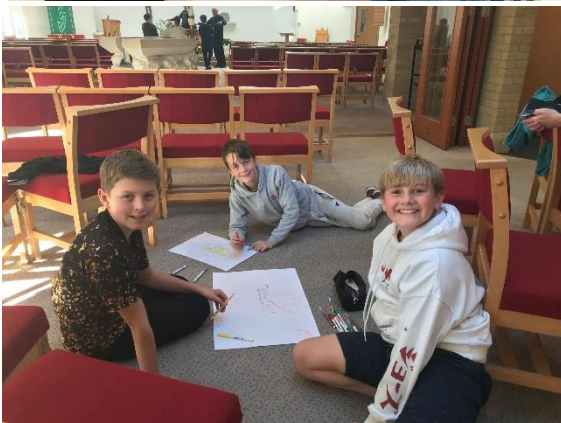
Students encouraged to think about why diversity is important in science

Students have been encouraged to think about why diversity is important in science. The posters highlight the work of five incredible black scientists, who were chosen because their achievements deserve recognition. The scientists include Wangari Maathai, Edward Bouchet and Mae Jemison.



Year 7 had fun on their Retreat days

Year 7 had fun on their Retreat days at the local parish Church. An opportunity for them to get to know each other better and reflect on their new chapter as part of the Salesian family.



Students enjoying programming at Coding Club

Students in Years 7 and 8 had fun exploring different types of programming at Coding Club.



Sixth Form Girls get together

This term, the Sixth Form Girls have enjoyed Afternoon Tea as part of their enrichment celebration, building gingerbread houses and getting creative in the nail bar.



£160 raised at break time for Children in Need

Thank you to all those who supported the charity cake sale today which raised over £160 for Children in Need. Well done to Jayden in 8 St Aidan's and his team of helpers for organising the event at break time.



Salesian Book Awards

On Wednesday 17th November, the Library team were delighted to launch the Library's Salesian Book Award. The eight books that were shortlisted from a list of 20 by staff and student librarians were ready to be shared!

25 students from Years 7 to 11 have committed to reading these between now and February. Fuelled by biscuits, they each selected one of the books. We will be meeting every three weeks to discuss what we've been reading. The final vote to choose our winner will take place after the February Half Term.



Prize Night

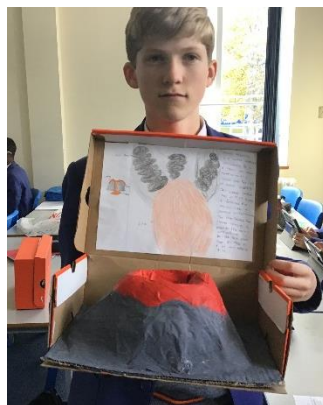
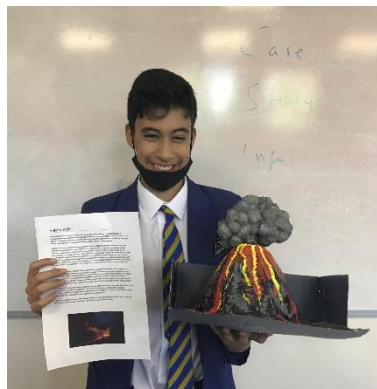
On Friday 12 November, the College celebrated a year of outstanding achievements at the Annual Distribution of Prizes and Certificates. Fr Michael Fava CBE, a former student of the College and retired senior army Catholic chaplain, presented the prizes to the students.

Mr Gerard Owens, Headmaster commented "Prize Night is a special occasion when we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students. The last twelve months have been difficult for everyone, but credit must go to the students and the staff for their many successes, not just academically, but also in a wide variety of activities. In particular, we celebrate the outstanding academic success at both A Level and GCSE."



Year 9 Geographers have been showing their creativity with volcanic models

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STEM Club

The term students in STEM club have had many exciting opportunities including fish dissection, learning about bees and beekeeping and making LED Christmas trees.



Year 10 Computer Science Trip to Bletchley Park

Year 10 Computer Science students had a fabulous day out at Bletchley Park exploring the National Museum of Computing. They learned about the history of Computing (including the Bombe and Colossus), tried to beat the Turing Test, programmed Rockets on vintage BBC micros and even had some time for some old fashioned gaming. A great day was had by all!



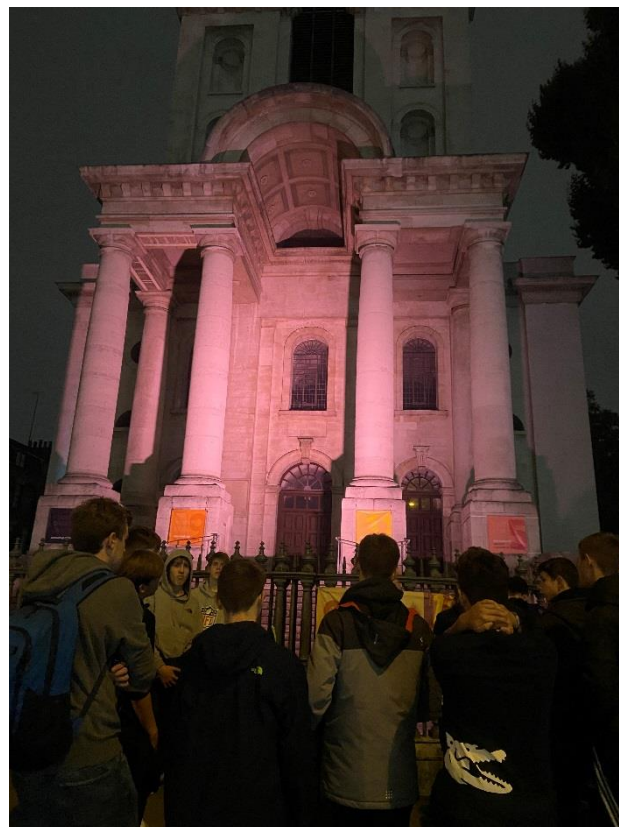
Kidney and Heart Dissection

This term, Year 11 undertook a kidney and heart dissection.



Jack the Ripper Tour

64 Year 11 GCSE students followed the route of the Jack the Ripper murders kick-starting their revision for Crime and Punishment. Thank you to London Walks for providing such well informed and engaging tour guides.



Year 10 GCSE Design Technology students working on their wind turbine prototypes

Year 10 GCSE Design Technology class have been working on their wind turbine prototypes from design, exploring materials and building to testing and evaluation.



A Level Physics students visit Thorpe Park

Some of our A Level Physics students enjoyed a visit to Thorpe Park this term, where they collected data and learned about the engineering behind the rides. They were researching interesting questions such as 'How does radial velocity affect g-force?'. The group went on Tidal Wave together at the end of the day and came home very soggy!



Geography Field Trip to Dorset

After two 'unprecedented' years, it was a delight to be able to take the Year 12 Geographers on a three day residential trip to Leeson House in Dorset. The group spent an enjoyable day in Swanage gathering data to measure the impact coastal defences had on the beach profile, with everyone taking a turn in getting to grips with how to use the equipment. It is always beneficial to experience the case study locations in person and the group were lucky enough to visit both the concordant and discordant stretch of the Jurassic Coastline.

The contrasting urban area saw students investigating the sustainable settlement of Poundbury built on Duchy of Cornwall land. This was based on Prince Charles' vision of how a settlement could provide a mix of private and affordable housing, alongside jobs within walking distance. This provided a useful link to the Diverse Places unit and will give students a useful place to start with the NEA in the summer.

The last site was the stunning Durdle Door and Man O'War Bay, where students could witness how tectonic uplift and marine processes have shaped some of the most spectacular scenery along the Jurassic Coast. Students were able to capture the moment and articulate their understanding in a series of unique TikToks for Gores Tours.

The purpose of the trip was to allow the students to experience fieldwork in preparation for their skills exam in the summer. Fieldwork remains an integral part of all geography education, and there is no substitute for learning directly about the untidy real world outside the classroom. Our thanks to go to the Leeson House staff, for their warm welcome and constant good humour and Mr Moore for stepping in at the last minute to allow the trip to continue.



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 and observe the distinctive layers found in tropical rainforests. With climate uncertainty very much in the news, the focus was on how climate change will affect plants at different latitudes.



MFL Activities

This term there have been many activities for students to take part in including learning about Halloween in Spanish and further to the University of Southampton's MFL "El Dia de los Muertos" event, Year 8 students learnt about "El Dia de los Muertos" (The Day of the Dead), a big tradition of The Feast of All Saints and Halloween in Mexico. This gave students an insight into understanding other Spanish speaking cultures and the students enjoyed activities including designing their own festival skulls/masks. Students have also enjoyed Japanese lessons, including how to introduce themselves, numbers and the etiquette of bowing. At the end of term, students enjoyed making Gingerbread Houses at German Club.



Year 8 enjoy Spanish Play

On Thursday 25 November, Onatti Productions presented the Spanish play 'En el campamento' to Year 8 students in the College Hall. It was great to have them back after a two-year break sharing laughter and lots of Spanish with the boys.



Diversity and Inclusion Workshop

The Diversity and Inclusion Ambassadors took part in workshops looking at The Theory of Enchantment - Building a Beloved Community, real life Inclusion and Diversity scenarios – 'what would you do if you saw/heard...?' and Action Planning - How to make our College more inclusive.



Annual Sponsored Walk

On Sunday 28 November, the annual sponsored walk returned after a Covid enforced hiatus in 2020.

It was absolutely wonderful that 53 students, parents and colleagues (not to mention a sizeable pack of dogs!) took part in the walk around Hazeley Heath near Hartley Wintney.

The walkers were blessed by cold, but sunny conditions and mostly dry footpaths. The walk this year is raising much needed money for the local Air Ambulance service. A sincere thanks to everyone who took part.



Christmas Cross Country Club Onesie Run

The Cross Country Club enjoyed the traditional final run before Christmas dressed up in onesies and Christmas hats.



Performing Arts Evening

On Friday 3 December the College held its first Performing Arts Evening for two years. It was a wonderful night full of comedy sketches, monologues, drum and guitar solos and the College band - whose name (Birth of a Penguin) led to great hilarity. We also had a surprise last minute addition in the Sandhurst and District Corp of Drums. Our Sixth Form Comperes did a fabulous job guiding the audience through the entertainment. The staff, students and parents had a really enjoyable night. We are already looking forward to next year!



Menus from around the World

Thank you to our catering team for putting together some fantastic menus to celebrate "Menus from around the World". The students and staff thought the food was delicious.



Fun at the Halloween Quiz

Thank you to our Library team who organised a fantastic Halloween Quiz. Lots of boys took part and had a great time.



Thank you to the PTA

Thank you very much to the PTA for purchasing sports equipment for all year groups to use at break and lunch times and games for the Don Bosco Centre.



Careers

This term all Year 11 students took the Morrisby Test to help with their career choice. The Morrisby Test is part of the Morrisby profile programme to raise awareness of career choice and future opportunities. This programme is part of the wider Career plan in place at the College.



Year 10 students hear from EC Careers on how to create an impactful CV

EC Careers gave a presentation to Year 10 students on how to create a competent CV which they will use for their Work Experience application and in their future.

This was followed by a hands on session on producing their own CV by using Unifrog. Thank you to Sally Green for her talk which was very informative.



Students benefit from one-to-one careers interviews with accredited advisers

During November, Year 11 and the Sixth Form students benefited from one-to-one careers interviews with accredited advisers. There have been many positive outcomes from this programme including the students having a complete understanding of their profile and the range of options open to them; a knowledge of how to complete future applications correctly and the development of new ways of critical thinking to help the students with their studies. The exercise was also beneficial for the development of soft skills to be "workplace ready" in the future.



Mufti Day raises £1,059.34 for St John Ambulance

The College was delighted to present Major Mani Rai MBE, DL and President of the Farnborough Branch of St John Ambulance with a cheque for £1,059.34.

Well done to Duncan for organising the Mufti Day to raise money for St John Ambulance.



Christmas Card Winners



Congratulations to Harrison McD [7B], Blake LeT [8B], Harry B [9A] and Fraser C [9D].

Sixth Form visit to Windsor Christmas Market and Ice Rink



Christmas Jumper Day

It was fantastic to see so many students in their Christmas Jumpers. The money raised will go to Save the Children and the Porridge Club.



Enjoying Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our amazing catering team for making a fantastic Christmas Lunch.



ISA National Finalist

The College was delighted to announce that it was a finalist in the ISA Award for Outstanding Sport (Large School).

This is testament to the provision, imagination and motivation delivered by the College's PE Department in 2020-2021 to deal with the challenges of COVID-19.



Bronze in the National 4x50 Freestyle Relay Final

Congratulations to Finley, Ryan, Samuel and Tommy who won Bronze in the National 4x50 Freestyle Relay Final at the ESSA Secondary Schools' Team Championships on Saturday at the London Aquatics Centre. Well done boys on such a fantastic achievement.



English Schools' Cross Country Finalists



Lots of medals at the ISA National Swimming Championships



Sixth Form Netball goes from strength to strength

