



# SALESIAN COLLEGE

## Newsletter

27 May 2022

We are delighted to announce our new College Leaders. We are looking forward to them leading us in the next academic year and seeing their leadership skills develop. (Photograph below)

### Acceptance Speech from the new School Captain



First of all, I would like to say thank you on behalf of the new leadership team to the staff and the headmaster for giving us the opportunity to lead and serve the college for this academic year. I would also like to thank the outgoing leadership team; they have done an excellent job and I hope we can meet the standard they have set.

At the beginning of this year, Henry, my predecessor, spoke about how we as a generation were unprecedented, that we had managed to overcome the unique and alien obstacles produced by the pandemic. Today, we hope to continue this message, and also provide our own.

Our message is that there is every reason to persevere. There is no certainty in life, which is daunting but liberating and to paraphrase William Ernest Henley from his poem *Invictus*, WE are the masters of our fates, WE are

the captains of our souls. However, for some, the uncertainty of life provides a reason to squander our time on this planet, to choose creature comforts over enduring hardship, as, in the end, we all return to the ashes from which we came, but this is not a noble life. In Ancient Greek tradition, you became immortal if you were remembered forever. Achilles, Hector, Odysseus achieved this immortality because of the legacies they left behind. For this same reason, we ALL owe it to those that came before us, and those that will come after us to be better and make the most of what we have, so that we may live on in the memories of others, for who we were and what we did. We also owe it to those less fortunate than ourselves. To those with nothing, who would swap their lives with ours in a heartbeat. We are blessed to be in a country which listens to its people, to be at a school which cares and in a society which respects our freedoms. Hence, we must try to be our best selves and take full advantage of what we have, we must keep working hard, keep being unprecedented, and keep persevering.

But what does this mean in the context of being a Salesian?

In Year 7, when most of you started at Salesian, you began your life in secondary school with a blank slate, with many opportunities ahead. In Year 8, you start the year on a new path, with a different direction, a chance to become a better version of yourself. At the start of every following year and every term, you begin with new opportunities, more chances to master your time in school. To be a Salesian means you can make the most of the opportunities you have, and the legacies left behind by Don Bosco. You can either choose to waste this time or focus, realise your potential, and achieve your goals. At Salesian, you're surrounded by the Catholic ethos of the college and therefore you are never alone. You always have the support of the Salesian family – the teachers, your classmates, Father Pat, Mr Owens, the leadership team and your mentors. As a Salesian, you should make the most of what you have and lead a life you think is worth living. Keep working hard and making enjoyable memories here to create your own legacy.

Once again, thank you to the past year's leadership team and thank you to everyone for this amazing opportunity that lies ahead. We look forward to taking up the roles. I hope you all have a good day. *William L*

Photograph left to right: **Joseph L (Vice-Captain), Charlotte M (Head Girl), William L (School Captain), Joel K (Vice-Captain), Aniella R (Deputy Head Girl)**

# Church

## Jayden's Charity Raffle

Over the past 2 weeks, I have been holding a raffle for Ukraine, where students sign up and enter their name on a card, and, at the end, a random person was drawn to win 1.2KG of chocolate each! Well done to Arrick 9B, Sebastian C 8B and Danny 8A for winning. Thank you to all of you who participated, and those who have helped me, and I am glad to announce that I have raised £119.42 which will be donated to the SDB Ukraine Appeal.



## Tombola—7 St Dunstan's

7 St Dunstan's wanted to continue with their fundraising efforts to help support the Salesians of Don Bosco in Ukraine and Poland. They have raised another £97.21 in their tombola. Well done to 7D and thank you to all those students who supported them.

## James' Charity tuck shop

This week I have been selling various treats to fellow students to raise as much money for charity as possible. The charity that I have chosen is the UNICEF crisis fund aiming to help the suffering families in Ukraine. At the start of the week, I bought some supplies expecting them to last all week however they were all sold out on the first day! The event is going much better than I expected with us already breaking our target goal of £200.





## Bolty Bandana Day

Bolty Bandana Day was held on Monday 9 May. Bandanas, in 12 different colours, were sold from the PE Office for just £5. The Bolty Foundation (see link below) have already raised £828K+, which is truly incredible.

For those of you who didn't know Alex, he was a student at Salesian from 2006-2011, but tragically died of cancer at the age of just 16. His younger brother, George, was with us for 7 years at the College from 2009-2016.

Sadly Alex was in the same year group as Ben (Tucker), who was tragically killed on 24 April 2022 in a shooting in Savannah, Georgia, USA at the age of 27.



Events like this and annual sports trophies in the boys' name helps the family in a small way, as they know that their son is not forgotten, and they send their eternal thanks for this.

A video was shown to the students during PSHE periods giving information of the research into brain cancer in teenagers; the Bolt Family are aiming to raise 1 million - a really remarkable target. All money collected will go to Teenage Cancer Research.

ALL money from Bolty Bandana Day is going to help fund research into teenage cancer research and the bandanas could be purchased for £5 from the PE Office.

Thanks for all your support with this. We raised a fantastic £1311!! This will be sent to Brain Tumour Trust (Bolty Foundation).

<https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/our-supporter-groups/supporter-groups/groups/the-alex-bolt-fund/>

Alex I am sure you were smiling down on us as we all did this. Thanks again. —Mr Cousins





## Feast of Mary Help of Christians

This is a particularly important event in the Salesian family, given the centrality of the Mass and Mary, the Mother of God, to Don Bosco who said, *'have faith in the Blessed Sacrament and Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are'*.

Our Mass began with an introduction from our Year 12 students as they reflected on their recent pilgrimage to Lourdes, where they worked with children and young people with disabilities. This was a very significant event as they were the first group of pilgrims to return with HCPT since 2019.

Our students, guided by Fr Pat, led the school through the readings, prayers, and hymns of our Mass, culminating in an enthusiastic rendition of 'Rise and Shine'! It was a joyous celebration of the Mass and wonderful to see everyone getting so involved.



## School

### World War I Chemical Weapons Presentation

Year 9, 10 and the A level Historians were fortunate to listen to a presentation on weapons used in World War One, with a focus on the use of chemical weapons and the impact of this weapon between 1914-18.

Mr Peter White from the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (MOD) delivered a fascinating talk, and the students were thrilled to be able to handle some of the equipment and artefacts from the Great War. This has excited our Year 9 and 10 students about the upcoming Battlefields Tour in June and has provided useful revision for our A level Historians.



## Year 7 new starters

Year 7s have warmly welcomed five new students, including a Ukrainian student, to Salesian College this term. We hope that Nikolai, Ollie, Ted, Clark and Gleb will be very happy here. The Year 7 boys have been very friendly and have been keen to share their table tennis expertise with their new friends! The boys all look forward to getting to know each other and learning from each other's life experiences. It is very much the ethos of our school that new students feel welcomed and can learn, progress and flourish here.



## Climate Change Competition

Two of our Year 9 College Councillors represented us with their parents at the finals of the Rushmoor Council Climate Change Competition this month. The video diary, which the boys produced, was shortlisted for the event, where a panel of local business leaders presented the awards. Both boys did themselves proud, asking probing questions on how genuinely committed businesses are to improving our environment. One Rushmoor Councillor commented on the high quality of the Salesians' financial questions, suggesting a future career as the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Well done, boys!

## Sixth Form Welcome Evening

The New Sixth Form Welcome Evening gave our prospective students the opportunity to socialise and take part in some team games and quizzes. As well as this, they listened to talks from our visiting speakers, Joe Annette and Izzy Cockayne, who were School Captain and Head Girl in 2018.





## Mr Macvean's English Department Recommended Reads

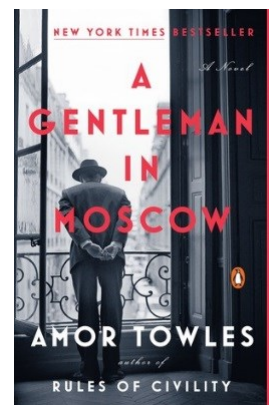
"As a school, we cherish and value the time we spend reading and recognise the impact it can have on our emotional, spiritual and academic development. However, we also admit that finding engaging books can pose a challenge for even the most committed reader. Therefore, in order to remove this barrier to reading we will be including a selection of Recommended Reads in the bi-weekly newsletter. It is our hope that we can create a culture of reading whereby as a community we are sharing and delighting in the stories that surround us." – Mr Macvean

### Teacher's Choice

#### Mr Macvean - A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

*"A Gentleman in Moscow is an amazing story because it manages to be a little bit of everything. There's fantastical romance, politics, espionage, parenthood, and poetry."*

A Gentleman in Moscow immerses us in another elegantly drawn era with the story of Count Alexander Rostov. Brimming with humour, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavour to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.



### Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

#### Special Forces Cadets 1: Siege by Chris Ryan

*"An action packed story for reluctant readers who have enjoyed books such as The Cherub Series. It is a relatively short read that will definitely have you reaching for the second book in the series." \_ Mr Macvean*

Tough enough? Smart enough? Max will require all his skills just to stay alive as a Special Forces Cadet...

A top-secret government programme needs a crack team of undercover military operators. They must have awesome levels of determination, endurance and fitness. They must be able to think on their feet. The recruits undergo the most rigorous and testing selection process the modern military can devise.

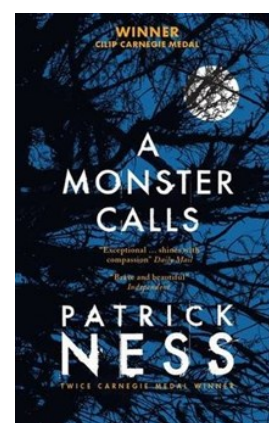


### Key Stage 4 (Years 10 – 11)

#### A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

*"The bestselling novel about love, loss and hope from the twice Carnegie Medal-winning Patrick Ness." – GoodReads*

Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window.





## Key Stage 3 Art Contest

Please see below the seven best entries for the recent "Ideal Communities" art contest. Bishop Philip of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth asked for each Hampshire Catholic School to enter, and our Art Ambassadors produced some excellent skilful and creative responses to the theme.



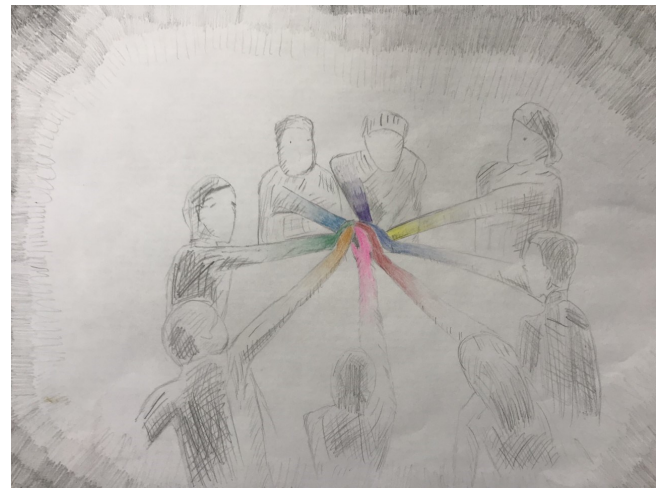
Charlie E (8D)



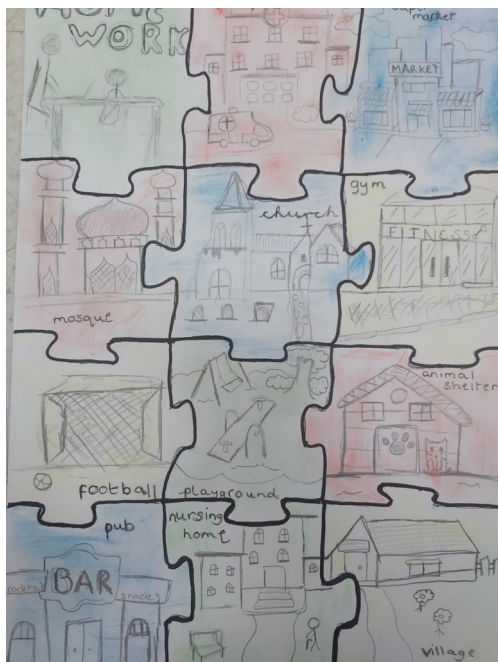
Fraser C (9D)



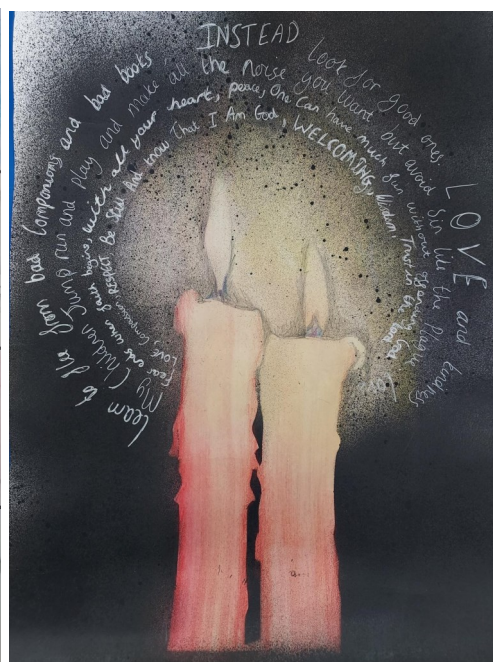
Thomas K (9H)



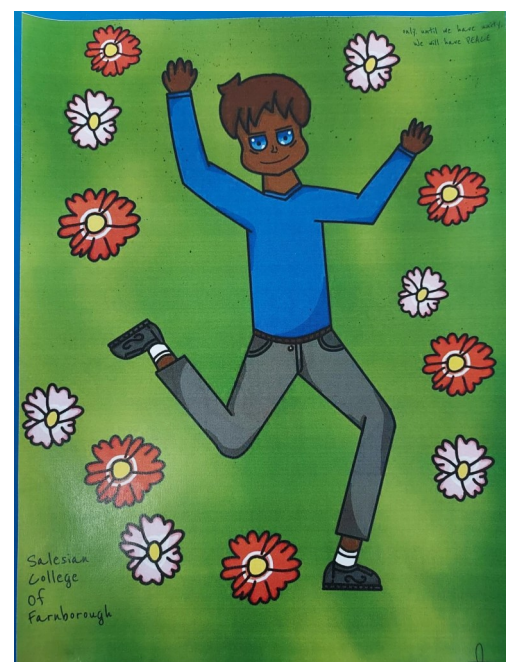
Guy B (9B)



Harrison F (7B)



Teddy B (7A)

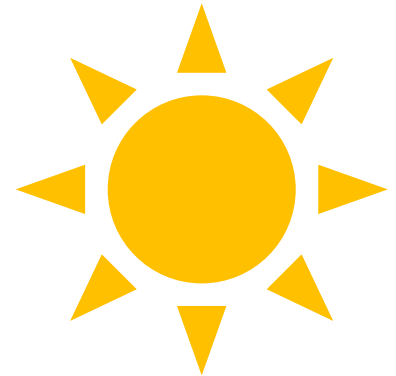


Yaw O (9A)

## Poem—The Resurrection

Well done to Dexter in 7 St Bede's for his insightful poem on the resurrection – *Miss Callanan*

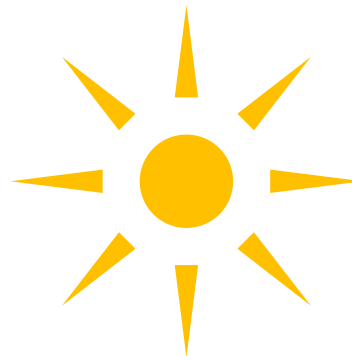
On one fateful day Jesus died  
And all those with faith questioned why  
His godly body was laid in the tomb  
And all those with faith thought they were doomed



Then three days later they found the tomb empty  
And they were all scared plenty  
Then angels from heaven came to say  
"He is risen, he is away!"



Then they saw Jesus and they were afraid  
And Jesus said "Do not be scared, for I am remade."  
Then they saw the holes in his hands and side  
And they said "We thought you truly died."

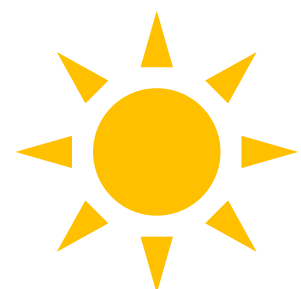
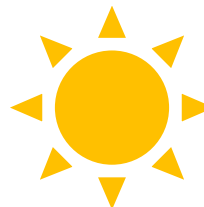


Jesus then appears in the disciples house  
And the disciples were scared but they knew he had rose  
Later he appeared to the final disciple  
And, of course, he made a great rabble

Later the disciples were all fishing  
But no fish they caught, they kept on missing  
Then they saw a man on the shore  
"Fish on the other side," he said "you might catch more."



They did so and caught a lot more  
Now they all knew this man was their Lord  
Then they all swam to the shore  
To greet and have a meal with their God.





# Playground

## Sixth Form Prom

The Sixth Form Prom was held at Frensham Pond Hotel on Friday 13 May 2022. It was a beautiful spring evening and the backdrop of the lake as well as the hotel provided a great setting to be together. Henry W, our School Captain as well as Victoria R, our Deputy Head Girl, gave an excited and yet also meaningful after dinner speech. They reflected on the close friendships they have developed and the fact that they are supportive of each other. The creation of friendship is at the heart of Salesian education and we are glad that our Upper Sixth have experienced this together over the challenging COVID years. We thank them for all of their contributions to College life, and thank Mrs Pearson particularly for arranging the evenings festivities. We are very proud of our Upper Sixth, not least because of their resilience and care for each other. Well done all!



## Goodbye Year 13

Last week, Year 13 students participated in a number of leavers' celebrations. Thursday started with a Leavers' Breakfast, followed by their last lessons and a Leavers' Mass in the College Chapel.

Their final day was spent celebrating as a year group on the college sports fields. Students came dressed in a variety of crazy outfits and took part in a fun-packed day of activities.



Good luck Year 13!





## Year 7 win the treble!

Salesian College achieved a superb football treble for the second time in four years, as Year 7 repeated the feat of their counterparts four years ago! After winning the district league with a perfect 7 wins from 7, they went on to win the district cup, beating Calthorpe Park 2-1, with both goals from Adrian O in a tight win!

On Friday evening, at the EBB Stadium, the Year 7 boys from Salesian College took on Milton Cross in the county final. A 1-1 draw at the end of full time took the game to penalties. Milton Cross missed their first penalty and Sebastien N, Rupert B captain Alex E, Adrian O all scored, and, with the tenth penalty of the shoot out, goalkeeper Hugo S stepped up to score and spark wild celebrations. This completed a league and cup season with 14 wins from 14 for the boys!



## Inter Salesian Athletics Championships

Our boys were crowned Inter Salesian Athletic champions for the tenth time in a row! After a re-count, we were declared winners in all age groups—a clean sweep!

What an achievement for the boys!





## Teeing up for the national finals

Well done to the U18 golf team of Nathan W, George G and William M, who defeated Pangbourne College in the Independent Schools Regional Finals at Calcot Park Golf Club. They now qualify for the National Finals at Breadsall Priory, Derbyshire in June.



## County Cup quarter final

Year 10 travelled to Winchester to play Winchester College in the county cup T20. The boys bowled well and fielded with real passion to keep Winchester down to 139/7 in reply to record a stunning win!

## Year 11 celebrated the end of their GCSE classes in style.

They were first presented with a copy of a Yearbook, featuring contributions from all students and many staff. Numerous photos of their many achievements and activities down the years are also recorded within it. It was fantastic to listen to so many excited conversations about the memories that came flooding back on their Salesian experience (up to now). A highlight of the morning was watching them read a letter that they wrote to themselves in Year 7. Always interesting how much boys can change in 5 years! To finish the day, we decamped to a paintball centre for some pre-exam stress-busting. I'm glad to report that all students, and indeed teachers, emerged unscathed.

Best wishes to our Year 11s for their GCSE exams.  
Mr S Gore—Head of KS4



# Home

## Edward's Charity Just-Giving

My final challenge for the Duke of Edinburgh award is to undertake voluntary service, and I have decided to fundraise for [Farnham Homes for Ukraine](#) (FHFU). I will be completing [The Hardest Hundred South Downs Beast](#) cycle challenge on 10th July by cycling 109km with an elevation of 1380m over the demanding South Downs hills.

The funds I hope to raise will help to buy tickets for a family activity. Please help me to achieve my target of £1000 via my JustGiving page [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ride-for-fhfu?utm\\_term=4p8xX4RkN](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ride-for-fhfu?utm_term=4p8xX4RkN)

Thank you  
Ed F 10D



## Squash Champion

Congratulations to Salesian student Toby, who won the Oakleigh Park Squash Junior Bronze Boys Under 13 tournament.



## Upcoming Events

Friday 27 May	3:50pm Half term begins 4:00pm—7:00 pm Footy and family fun event
Monday 6 June	8:40am Term re-starts
Tuesday 7 June	HPV vaccinations for Years 7 & 8
Wednesday 8 June	Year 12 Higher Education Evening—Music School
Thursday 9 June	Lessons recommence for Year 12
Friday 10 June	Years 8 & 9 IPR 4 issued; Year 7 IPR 3 issued Year 10 Battlefields tour departs (returns Saturday 11 June)
Saturday 11 June	Year 8 visit to France (returns Tuesday 14 June)
Wednesday 15 June	2:15pm—3:30pm Uniform Shop open
Friday 17 June	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's Award Day walk
Monday 20 June	12:30pm Inter-house Athletics Championships, Military Stadium





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Come along and join in/watch the cricket, football and the staff rematch with the sixth form!

## Salesian College Sporting Fete

Friday 27 May 4pm onwards at the playing fields

- Silent auction
- Refreshments
- Plants
- Tombolo

Raising money for the scholarship programme in Zambia



# YEAR 5 BOYS

## SAVE THE DATE

# SALESIAN COLLEGE

IS HOLDING  
AN AMERICAN THEMED TASTER DAY ON

# MONDAY 4 JULY 2022

TO REGISTER INTEREST;  
PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE  
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