

SALESIAN COLLEGE

Weekly Update

12th June 2020

Message from the Headmaster



Dear Parents and Students,

Next week students in Year 10 and 12 will have some time in College following the beginning of the government's easing of lockdown. Unfortunately it appears likely that all other year groups will only be allowed to return in September. Whenever the return to College happens we will all have been changed by our experience. All of us will be emerging from a unique and varied experience of lockdown. Our stories will be different but none of them will have been without challenge, a change in perspective, relationships, self-understanding and our world view.

Locked into that lockdown experience is a lot of personal learning and perhaps an increased motivation to know ourselves better, to ask questions and to explore new ways of talking and relating to others. I hope that our return experience will allow us address these issues and will move us all along the road to maturity, deepen our understanding of others and make us better people. How we learn from this needs to be constructed with the students alongside their teachers as one community. We can work together to consider the issues we have had to face and then open up the latent learning behind lockdown. We will have regrets about what might have been but for the pandemic. However we must turn to the realities of what has been and thank God for what we have experienced together.

God Bless.

Gerard Owens

Reflection from Fr Pat

Fruit of the Spirit 4: PATIENCE. We've all had to be very patient during the period of lockdown. We would like things to get back to normal as soon as possible but we realise that if we relax too soon, the death rate will start rising again. The word Paul uses is makrothumía, which can also mean 'long-suffering', able to put up with difficulties (without moaning). Waiting, longing, looking forward to, has always been part of everyday life, as it is part of spiritual life. When there was a delay in getting something, my mother used to say 'That means we have longer to look forward to it.' The other side of the story is that God waits for us. God is eternally patient, always ready to welcome us back.



"Give timely advice. A fatherly word in private is worth much more than reproach." – Don Bosco

Photo Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the photo competition last week. Below are some of the fantastic entries for the theme 'Food':



Zach (Year 6)



Philip (Year 6)



Aikam (10A)



Harry (Year 6)



William (7H)



Angelo (9D)

If you want to take part in this week's competition, your challenge is to take a photograph with the theme 'Colour'. Please send all entries to bannisters@salesiancollege.com by **Wednesday 17th June**.

Good luck!

Citizen Science

As part of the Year 11 lecture series, one of the post lecture tasks was to contribute towards a Citizen Science project, using the Zooniverse website. **ZOONIVERSE**

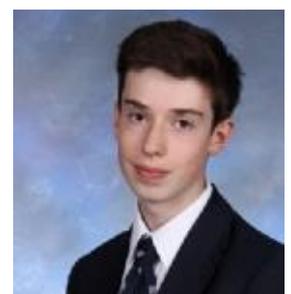
Click the links below to read these students' excellent examples:



[Aurora Zoo](#)
Kyle (11A)



[Muon Hunter Classic](#)
Toby (11D)



[Muon Hunting for Machine Learning](#)
Wilf (11H)

Artists of the Week

Congratulations to the following students from Years 9 to 12, who have been selected as Artists of the Week:



Eve (12NS)



Josie (12HI)



Finlay (12TJ)



Thomas (11B)



John (9B)



Miles (10H)

Virtual Sports Week

Salesian College Virtual Sports Week is happening during PE and Games lessons this week commencing **Monday 15th June**. Please ensure boys are in their house PE kit when taking part. Individual and House awards, and the overall Lester Shield are to be won, so everyone's performances count!

Year 7

Tuesday 16th June at 11:15-12:15

Year 8

Thursday 18th June at 11:15-12:15

Year 9

Monday 15th June at 11:35-12:35

Year 10

Monday 15th June at 13:45-15:50

The overall House winners will take the Lester Shield.
Good luck everyone!



Sir Mo Farah Challenge

Monday 15th – Friday 19th June

Send in your best 5km and 10km times

This challenge is open to all students, parents and teachers. Email a screenshot of tracking times for 5km and 10km to cousinsg@salesiancollege.com. Placings for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category.

Deadline for submissions is **Friday 19th June at 17:00**

The Sir Mo Farah Challenge is a running challenge, so NO bikes!

For more information and updates, click the links below to visit the PE Department social media:

 [PE at Salesian College, Farnborough](#)

 [@SalesianFboroPE](#)

 [@salesiancollegepe](#)



Scrabble Challenge

Don't forget to also have a go at the daily Scrabble challenge, available across all PE Department social media.

Simply reply to the post with the highest scoring word associated with the given theme, along with a short definition.

Use your brain if you can and avoid Google!



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Congratulations to the cast and crew for their great efforts in the Joseph production in March, just before lockdown. Thank you also to the Drama and Music departments for their direction and support.



With special thanks to Matt Link Photography for the amazing photos. All of these and more can be purchased from [here](#)

Sean Devereux: A Life Given for Africa

The story of an inspirational Salesian student, volunteer and aid-worker.

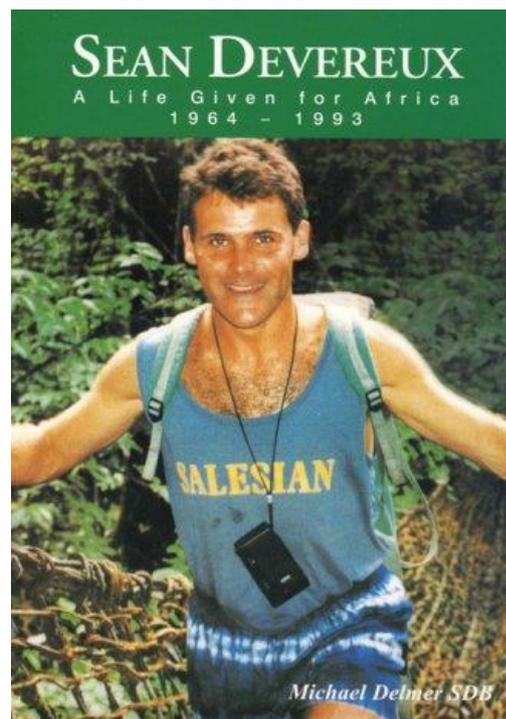
Sean Devereux was a Salesian Cooperator who had promised to live the spirit of Don Bosco in everyday life, and so accepted the challenge to help the poorest of Africa's youths. He had worked first in the West Africa republic of Liberia; then, briefly, in Sierra Leone and for the last half year of his life, in famine-stricken and turbulent Somalia. In 1993, while working for UNICEF, Sean was shot in the back by a lone gunman while he was walking near the UNICEF compound in Kismayu. He has since become an important role model for the aid-working vocation.

The UN Secretary General at the time, Dr Boutros-Boutros Ghali, commented:

"In adverse and often dangerous circumstances, Sean showed complete dedication to his work. His colleagues admired his energy, his courage and his compassion. Sean was an exemplary staff member, and gave his life serving others in the true spirit of the United Nations."

This book can be purchased from the Salesians online bookshop, by clicking [here](#)

Price: £7.00 plus p&p



CAFOD Quiz

For three weeks, a set of quiz questions will be sent out each week.

They will range from your usual pub quiz style rounds to some interactive opportunities as well!

Each week, some highlights and current standings will be posted.

A Microsoft Forms link will take you to the questions, which can then be filled in by one member of each team.

Complete in your families, friend groups or however you would prefer!

The quiz link will be sent out in the weekly newsletter and will also be on the Salesian College CAFOD Young Leaders Instagram page.

Suggested minimum donation of £1 per person. A donation provides access to all three weeks worth of content!

Any queries please email youngleaders.cafod@salesiancollege.com

To stay updated and receive more news follow us on Instagram [@cafod.salesian](https://www.instagram.com/cafod.salesian)

Click [here](#) for this week's quiz. Good luck!

Donate

To donate, please click [here](#) to visit our JustGiving page.

CAFOD
Just one world



Microsoft Teams, or simply 'Teams', is a platform that allows for collaborative working, either as students or as professionals, using communication capabilities through audio, video and instant messaging. The software is available both online through a web browser and to download from microsoft.com. Users can have 1:1 online meetings or set up live events to host up to 10,000 people. Groups can be set up to include only relevant users and almost all file-types can be uploaded and shared, from PDFs and Word documents to audio and video files.



What parents need to know about

MICROSOFT TEAMS



DISCLOSING PERSONAL DETAILS

Like any messaging service or social network, children can be targeted by others to share their private or personal information ranging from their phone number, birthday and home address to their social media accounts or even their personal login details and passwords. Oversharing their private information can lead to any manner of risks including online fraud, bullying or even grooming activity.



CYBERBULLYING

The risk of cyberbullying can be increased online when using chat facilities. Microsoft Teams provides the ability for users to chat to each other via its instant messaging service, both as part of a group or privately. Children could find themselves the target of negative or hurtful comments directed from other users who might find it easier to say things they maybe otherwise wouldn't in person.

BULLY



INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

The chance to have private conversations in Teams can also mean that children feel as though they can share messages and communication between each other that are hidden away from others. Whilst children are most likely to use Teams in a school setting, the ability to chat privately may provide an opportunity to be less formal which could lead to sharing inappropriate messages, files or content which is unsuitable in a school environment.



HACKING RISK

Teams, like any software application, may be a target for hackers to illicit personal data. A 'man-in-the-middle attack' could occur, whereby the attacker reroutes communication between two users through the attacker's computer without the knowledge of the other users. This means that online communications could possibly be intercepted and be read or listened to, exposing both parties to the possibility of identity fraud or other criminal behaviour.



VIRUS INFECTION

Viruses and other harmful programs are among the risks of using online platforms like Microsoft Teams. Wherever you can share files or links, there is a risk that the content could be malicious. This could lead to slow computer performance, deletion of data, the theft of private or personal information and even hackers taking control of your PC.



LIVE STREAMING RISKS

Microsoft Teams, like other video-conferencing software platforms, facilitates live streaming. That means it inevitably carries some of the associated risks. These are likely to be minimal within a controlled environment (for instance in a classroom setting / remote learning). However, live streaming means that content isn't always moderated and children may inadvertently view or hear inappropriate, unsuitable or offensive material that they otherwise wouldn't.



Safety Tips for Parents & Carers

BLOCK USERS

If your child is receiving inappropriate messages or finds themselves being harassed or abused on Teams, they can block these contacts from the privacy control in the settings menu. To add an extra layer of protection, you can also block contacts whom hide their ID to protect children from communicating with people they don't know.



PROTECT PERSONAL INFO

It's a good idea to talk to your child about the importance of keeping their personal information private and secure. Children should only give out the minimum information they need to when creating an account and understand that if other people request their personal details from them, they should avoid providing it and report any concerns to a trusted adult.



ENABLE BACKGROUND BLUR

To help protect your privacy during a video call or live stream, it may be a good idea to blur the background or even add a background effect. This can easily be done by clicking 'Background effects' before joining a meeting after which you'll have the option to blur your background, replace your background with one of the images provided or upload and use an image of your own.



UPDATE COMPUTER SECURITY

It's important to ensure you perform regular computer and software updates, as these patches often improve security flaws and minimise your vulnerability to cyberattacks. Having your own computer security or anti-malware software is another level of defence in minimising the chances of an attack from viruses, malware and other harmful programs. Ensure this is updated everyday so that it is able to protect you against the very latest threats.



TALK ABOUT RISKS

As a parent, talking to your child and making them aware of the risks of working and communicating online can help them to be more digitally resilient. Perhaps outline a set of agreed do's and don'ts and try to ensure young people know what to do if they are made to feel uncomfortable or experience any negative behaviour or activity.



AVOID VIDEO/AUDIO

It's always a good idea to turn off your audio during live group calls when not in use. This can easily be done by muting the mic and will avoid others hearing anything personal in the background at home or at school. Similarly, if possible, try to encourage children to avoid using video call to help guard against any privacy concerns and limit the risks of viewing anything inappropriate or unsettling.



Meet our expert

Emma Davis is a cyber security expert and former ICT teacher. She delivers cyber awareness training to organisations nationally and has extensive knowledge and experience of managing how children access services and apps online.



SOURCES:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>
<https://www.microsoft.com>
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>



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EDUCATING FOR LIFE

Open Afternoon – *Wednesday 23 September 2020*

Sixth Form Open Evening – *Monday 5 October 2020*

Entrance Examination – *Tuesday 5 January 2021*
(*Deadline for Applications - November 2020*)

Open Afternoon – *Wednesday 3 February 2021*

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