



SALESIAN SCHOOL

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James Kibble

Written by Mr Paul Gower - Head Teacher

As you are likely aware, at the end of this academic year Mr Kibble moves from being Executive Headteacher of Salesian School to Deputy CEO of the Xavier Multi Academy Trust. Given that the MAT offices are here at Salesian, he is less going, more 'moving upstairs', to use footballing parlance. It does end however, his sixteen year tenure as Headteacher and Executive Headteacher of Salesian school, marking him as the longest serving Headteacher of Salesian in the post war era. That's some achievement.

In this time he has tirelessly and selflessly driven Salesian to bigger and better things. The school has grown but kept its personal touch, results have been consistently excellent and remain in the top percentile nationally and the reputation the school has beyond the gates preceded it. Over the last sixteen years he, with the excellent staff he employed and acquired, has truly built the Kingdom of God from here in Chertsey. Under Mr Kibble's leadership the school has produced young people rooted in Salesian values and delivered them, with excellent qualifications, into the world to make it a better place.

While he will be hugely missed here it is probably fair to say that he will miss us more, particularly the children.

The students have always, and will always, come first here at Salesian, Mr Kibble was first among many in ensuring that was always the case. This clear focus and his generosity of spirit has helped breed a culture within which the school has thrived.



In recent weeks your generosity has been noted too, with so many of you very kindly contributing to his school gift. It is a gift that will be sure to bring him and his eldest son William no end of heartbreak: two season tickets to Crystal Palace. You cruel people. But more seriously, I know he was extremely thankful.

He always talks of God having a plan for each of us and he has delivered him into the MAT with the opportunity to impact on the Catholic education of many thousands of young people.

This tribute will make him feel decidedly uncomfortable, but it couldn't be more deserved. He is a leader of integrity, authenticity and a person of God and love. He is a tremendous man. On behalf of all in our Salesian community, both current and past, we thank him for his incredible service and leadership throughout his sixteen years.

+ **Gospel Reflection**
What does the scripture mean for us this week?

Inspiring Vocations to Build the Kingdom

Luke 10:38 - 42
Jesus visits his friends Mary and Martha in this week's Gospel. Martha is busy on chores, whilst Mary sits and listens to Our Lord. Jesus lets us know that it is Mary who has chosen the right thing to do.

We place a high value on hard work in our busy and successful Catholic schools, and rightly so! The Gospel cautions us however on ensuring that we aren't so busy with worldly concerns that we lose sight of the bigger picture, or more pertinently for this week's theme, stop listening to what the Lord is trying to tell us. It is difficult to respond to God's call if we can't hear him because we're just too busy with our schedules, to-do lists and worries.

Being an active listener is a vital attribute for anyone working in Catholic education. Taking the time to stop, be present and actively listen to children, colleagues and parents, not just with our ears but with our hearts is vital, not just for providing a great education but also for gaining a better understanding of our mission and what we are called to do. We can't build the Kingdom if we can't hear the architect telling us how it needs to be done.

Thank you from Mr Kibble

The generosity of the wider Salesian School community has been one of the best things about being the Headteacher here – the encouragement, warmth and kindness that I have experienced from so many students, staff and parents over the years have made the job an absolute pleasure to do. The great sense of camaraderie here, fuelled by the Holy Spirit, has enabled us to achieve great things during this time and I am truly grateful to all those past and present who have contributed to this; working hard feels effortless when surrounded by people like you.

Last week we were blessed with a wonderful opportunity to bring together some of those who have been a part of this mission over the years as we celebrated Mass at the College. My family and I were quite overwhelmed when at the end of Mass I was presented with three wonderful gifts – a medal of Don Bosco, a Papal blessing and a Crystal Palace season ticket! I understand that the last of these was bought with donations from parents at the school – thank you so much, I shall be thinking of you all when we win the Premiership next year... although we may need even more than a Papal blessing to achieve that!

As I said to those gathered together last week, I'm really not sure that I want to take this next step but I am trusting that this is what God has planned for me and that it will be the right thing for Salesian and the wider Xavier family of schools.

The brilliant people here are the cause of my apprehension about moving on but I am hoping my new role will continue to provide opportunities for me to engage with many of you so I can "top up" with the Salesian spirit!

Thank you all for everything you have done to support, sustain, challenge and inspire me; I look forward to watching Salesian continue to flourish in the coming years.

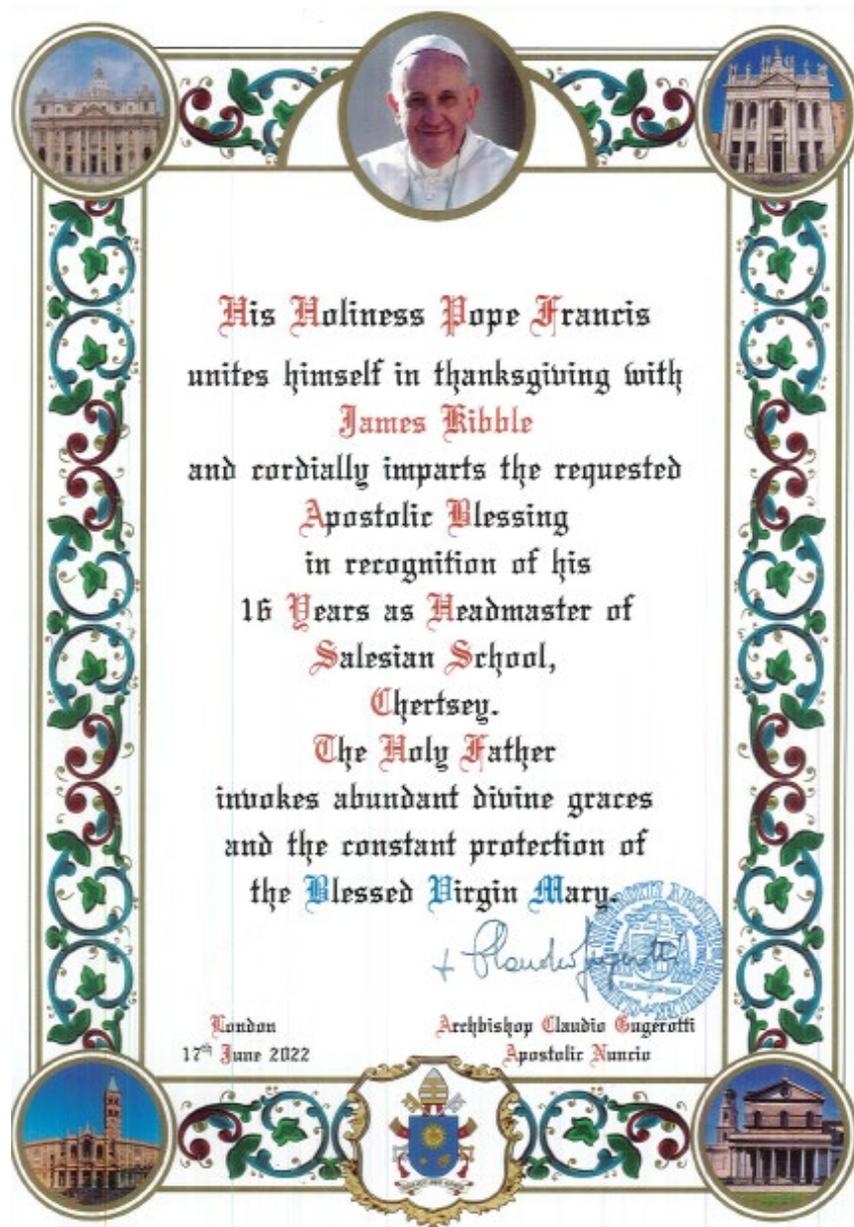
God bless, JK

Mr Kibble presented with blessing from the Pope

Students and staff wrote to the Papal Nuncio, the Ambassador to the Holy See (the Vatican), His Excellency Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, to seek a special Papal Blessing. An Apostolic Blessing is a special blessing from Pope Francis as the leader of the Catholic faith and the successor to St Peter, the first Pope and Apostle of Jesus.

Pope Francis said of Catholic Education that it is not just a profession but an "attitude". Mr Kibble has lived Pope Francis' view of Catholic Education by "being amidst the young, accompanying them in the stages of their growth, standing beside them" emulating Don Bosco's example in his 16 years of service.

During the Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate his Headship, Mr Kibble was presented with the parchment of blessing from Pope Francis which reads "His Holiness Pope Francis unites himself in thanksgiving with James Kibble and cordially imparts the requested Apostolic Blessing in recognition of his 16 years as Headmaster of Salesian School, Chertsey. The Holy Father invokes abundant divine graces and the constant protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary". - *Mr D. Leung*



Art & Photography

KS4 has seen a welcome return to normality and creativity. Students have been enjoying their coursework, with many Year 10 and 11 students continuing to work independently after school and during lunchtimes. Photography has, once again, grown in popularity and the department has improved the facilities available, with a number of new cameras, lenses and a set of laptops for use. KS4 Art and Photography students recently had a very enjoyable visit to RHS Wisley, to record primary source material, and to create original artwork.

Miss McKeogh's KS3 Drawing club has had numbers of students attending. Students have been encouraged to work independently and they have developed a real artistic community. They were instrumental in creating the fantastic stage design work, for this year's amazing school musical.

At the College, where A-level student numbers in Art and Photography continue to grow, the Year 12 students moved into a new studio space. This has provided a great working area and freedom to explore large scale drawing and painting. They have had a trip Brighton on a search for 'Visual Truths' and they recently explored London's South bank through drawing and photography, before visiting Tate Modern with their teachers.

The end of the year also saw the return of the Summer Exhibition, with the Art Department joining forces with the Technology Department to present the students' fantastic final outcomes. This year GCSE Artwork and Photography was also hung along-side the A-level work and the exhibition was a very successful and enjoyable evening.

The Art Department is saying goodbye to its very dedicated, and talented, technician and teacher, Miss O'Connor. Ellie O'Connor studied Art and Photography at Salesian school and she has been a great asset. She is a wonderful team player and she is very popular with the students. We are pleased to say that we have made a

big creative signing though, with the multi-talented Sara Kimmins coming in to support creativity across the department next year.

We are looking forward to more creativity and continued enthusiasm from our classes next year.

- Mr R. O'Keeffe



Year 8 PGL trip to the Isle of Wight

On a sleepy Friday morning, 160 year 8 students and 15 members of staff set off on a weekend full of fun at PGL Little Canada. Arriving on the sunny Isle of Wight, Salesian school definitely made its mark and by the time the weekend had run its course, we'd conquered the trapeze, sensory trails, beach walks and vertical climbs (and the list goes on...).

Within minutes of arriving, we were whisked off to our first set of activities and as we dispersed, our newly appointed cabins fell silent. However, it wasn't long before students came rushing back eager to swap tales of an afternoon of archery or what they'd learnt about how to make the most effective outdoor shelter! We apologise to any households that have since had parts of their home turned into makeshift obstacle courses(!)

Upon our return, as if our endurance levels had not been put to the test enough, we encountered a slight glitch with one of the coaches breaking down 10 minutes from Guildford road. Armed with a new sense of teamwork, it was the students and teachers alike who set to work aiding the transfer of luggage onto the rescue coach.



Year 8 have outdone themselves and really shown what tough cookies they can be! Fond memories were made by all – a big shout out goes to the following teachers who not only brought the Salesian sense of spirit, but were just as keen to a ride on the giant swing as the students. Thank you to Mr Keeling, Mr Browne, Mr Birkitt, Miss Burdekin, Miss Crook, Miss McKeogh, Mr Batt, Miss Murphy, Mr Laventure, Mr Wroxley, Miss O'Brian, Miss Mcllroy, Mr Nguyen and of course our resident DJ: Mrs Rodrigues-Foote. - **Mr G. Kern**



Marwell Zoo

Year 8 Trip

On Wednesday 13th July, the traditional Science Department's Marwell Zoo trip made a comeback with the help of an incredibly excitable Year 8 cohort in some beautiful weather.

The students made the most of their time exploring, seeing a huge range of exciting animals including tigers, swinging monkeys, some chilled giraffes, climbing sloths, peering meerkats, carp, and a plethora of others. The students were able to consider some of the adaptations each species has, and the variations within species, as well as looking at ideal ecosystems for the animals (demonstrated by adaptations by the zoo to keep the animals comfortable). The Lego dinosaurs also probably deserve a notable mention.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the staff involved – the day ran so smoothly because of the work they did on the day.

One student described it as "the best trip he's ever been on". I know there's still time, but I'm confident this will be hard to beat. - **Mr A. Odeneal**



World War 1 Battlefields and War Graves

Year 9 History Trip

Day 1:

The highlight of day 1 was unarguably the visit to the Passchendaele Museum with our guide, Terry, demonstrating the Ypres salient. A salient is when a point in the frontline juts out and forms a curve or angle into the enemy territory. Since much of a salient is surrounded, it is quite difficult to maintain, and yet the Allies managed to do this for the duration of the war. Terry showed us how the shape of the frontline changed over the course of the three battles of Ypres.

Day 2:



One of the highlights of day 2 was the visit to the Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest war cemetery of the Commonwealth with over 35,000 names of men that gave their lives during World War 1. It was truly humbling and moving to see the number of people that were buried in this meticulously kept cemetery. After that there was the incredible Menin Gate Ceremony, with people from different parts of the Commonwealth playing instruments, laying wreaths and saying prayers for the missing in WW1. Salesian School students Marcus Hall and Laith Thompson were also able to lay a wreath, on behalf of the school. The day was then topped off with the long-awaited visit to the Belgian chocolate shop...yum!



Day 3:

On Day 3 we had the privilege of visiting the Newfoundland Memorial Park where we had the incredibly moving experience of seeing some of the original World War 1 trenches. We then went to see the Lochnagar crater, created by the explosion of a land mine. This crater, 100.5 meters in diameter and 21 meters deep, was undoubtedly an awe-inspiring sight.

Day 4:

On our last day we were treated to a visit to the Bray Dunes, the beaches on which British soldiers were evacuated between Dunkirk and De Panne in 1940. As well as learning something new and interesting from Terry, we were also able to play a bit of football to round off the trip. We returned happy, truly inspired and hugely thankful to Mr McDowell and the history department for having made such an amazing trip possible.
- Year 9 Student, Marcus H

The Salesian Parents Association

Thank you to the Salesian Community for being so supportive this school year especially with the economic issues and post COVID situation.

We have had Quiz Nights, Christmas Wreath Making and a totally amazing Irish Night and a very successful Jubilee Ball and Raffle, plus running the bar at various school events and Easy fundraising donations. Parents have been so generous with donations both to the raffles and in monetary value it has been overwhelming!

It takes a lot of work and dedication from a small amazing committee who have worked tirelessly to bring the Salesian Community value for money entertainment and we hope you have enjoyed them!

This is my last year as SPA Chair having undertaken this role for many years, I did this role as I wanted to give something back to the school after educating my three children and I am so pleased to leave on a high!

This year the Salesian Community have raised an amazing :

£20,579.10

Some of the money raised will be used to purchase cricket nets, football goals, volleyball equipment etc.

- Mrs D. Davis



Geography Summer Postcard Project

Off anywhere nice on your holidays? We want to hear all about it!

Send the Geography department a postcard of where you've been. We will be putting these on display in our classrooms in September, thank you!

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The Brilliant Club

Salesian School celebrates 11 Year 10 students as they graduate from unique university access programme.

- Year 10 students have graduated from The Scholars Programme, run by education charity
- The Brilliant Club The hard-working students produced challenging university-style essays exploring 'Game Theory'

During this national university access programme, the students were encouraged to think and work independently across seven tutorials with a subject expert PhD researcher. During the programme, they learnt about 'Game Theory' and then completed a challenging final essay which was given a university-level grade answering the question "What makes a self-interested individual help/cooperate with another individual who is a potential competitor in the struggle for survival?"

The Scholars Programme, run by UK-wide university access charity The Brilliant Club, supports students aged 8-18 to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to progress to the country's most competitive universities and succeed once there.

By bringing together two communities – PhD researchers and students – who might otherwise never interact with each other, young people can study innovative and inspiring topics that very few people have ever covered.

The Scholars Programme has enabled our students to learn beyond the core curriculum and helped them to develop key skills for university and later in life, such as critical thinking. Beyond their graduation, these students have lots more to look forward to because the programme has proven impact on university progression rates.

For the sixth year running, independent UCAS evaluation has found that Scholars Programme graduates are significantly more likely to progress to a competitive university compared with students from similar backgrounds (56% vs. 37%).

Anne-Marie Canning MBE, CEO at The Brilliant Club, congratulated the pupils on their achievements:

"Congratulations to these outstanding students as they graduate from The Scholars Programme. They join a community of over 90,000 young people who have taken part in The Brilliant Club since 2011.

Completing their final assignments was no doubt challenging, but it has shown that these students have a passion for learning and the knowledge to produce university-style work already. I hope they use these new skills throughout their education and continue their fantastic work."

- By Mrs S. Mclean

Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to all students who completed their Silver and Gold D of E expeditions. The Silvers bravely walked over Stanage Edge in the Peak District, whilst the Golds completed 30-kilometre days over Skiddaw mountain (931 meters tall) in the Lake District. You have all shown what tremendous perseverance and determination you possess. All those taking Silver, I look forward to seeing you through your Gold journey, and Golds, I'll see you at Buckingham Palace. - **Mr S. Graham**



Careers News

Year 12

In June, our Year 12 students completed Work Experience. 185 students completed placements across a wide range of industry sectors such as STEM, Sport, Education, Retail, Legal and Creative Media. A number of lucky students also secured paid employment for the summer holidays. We were exceptionally proud of our student's performance as overall employers rated the student's punctuality, attitude, use of initiative and team spirit as either very good or excellent. Well done Year 12!

Year 10

Year 10 have participated in a packed programme of careers this term. Events included completing work experience at companies such as McLaren, National Physics Laboratory, Seven Investment Management and Virgin Atlantic. Students were also very fortunate to participate in two days of legal workshops with a partner from Howell Jones Solicitors. Students worked on a case completing a range of legal tasks such as legal research, drafting and culminating in a legal debate. It was a lively session and a number of our students definitely have the potential to have a career in law in the future!

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Students also visited Royal Holloway University for a Post-18 Pathway Day. During the day students learnt about the different aspects of Higher Education, such as university, apprenticeships, and career-related training. Students also completed a campus tour to give them an insight into student life and attended taster lectures on topics such as True Crime, National Security and Art and Illustration. - Mrs L. Petheram



Some Recent Placements:



Finnian P - Portland Place School



Daniel H - Stenball Group Limited



**Zoe M and Henrique E S
- St Charles Borromeo School**



**Edward T, Sebastian H M, Dylan H
- Amadeus IT Group**

RHUL Biology Symposium

On Tuesday last week, Olivia I and I took part in the RHUL Biology Symposium, an event that culminated from a series of biology masterclasses organised by Professor Bogre over the last year. This involved choosing an interesting topic, beginning initial research, and forming and submitting an abstract.

After this first stage, we did some further research and created a presentation as part of the online symposium. Our topic was prions, which are interesting proteins that can act like viruses and cause a range of diseases, ranging from Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (which is also known as mad cow disease).

Prions are an emerging field in molecular neurology, and they pose an increasingly significant threat towards humans, as all prion-related diseases are incurable and eventually result in fatal brain damage.

There were discussions after each group's presentation: the other participants and Professor Bogre asked us several questions leading on from our presentation, which were interesting to consider and answer. Overall, the symposium was a highly enjoyable experience for Olivia and I, and we both learnt a lot from it.

- Year 12 Student, Joddie WJ



Biology

LIGHTBOX

Year 12 Trip

On Thursday 30th June 2022 the Year 12 3D Design and Graphic Communication students went to The Lightbox Museum in Woking. We explored Market Walk and the town square, before entering the museum and enjoying 3 of their current exhibitions- Woking College Annual Art & Design show, A Window into Scottish Art: The Ingram & Fleming Collections and The Living and the dead, before retuning back to college during lunch ready for afternoon lessons.

The student showcase featured work from Woking College's A-Level Textiles, Photography, Graphics Design, Fine Art, 3D Design, CTEC, L2, L3 Art, and Design courses, taking inspiration from a variety of themes.

We had a great time, leaving with lots of inspiration and ideas our students can now take further into their own Personal Investigation projects. Watch this space, their work will be exhibited on site in our own annual Art & Design show next year (July 2023).

- Mrs E. Alighieri



Juniper Hall Field Centre

Year 12 Biology Trip

Our Y12 Biologists enjoyed getting 'back to nature' recently on their trip to Juniper Hall Field Centre in Dorking. The morning was spent investigating how abiotic factors such as water velocity and light intensity affect the water invertebrates in the nearby River Tillingbourne. The sun was shining and it was a pleasure to witness our students work with such enthusiasm and pace whilst developing key practical skills.

In the afternoon, the students applied their knowledge of Succession by collecting data along an interrupted belt transect from a mowed path into a woodland. It was wonderful to be able to visibly see the impact of Succession on the various plant fauna.

The sampling techniques were varied and included using a Clinometer and some trigonometry to calculate actual tree height!

Despite a slight hiccup involving a flat battery on the coach (!), the day was a great success with much laughter and even a quick lunchtime game of 'Uno' and an impressive dance off. What a wonderful way to finish off our first year of A level Biology.



The competition stimulates students' curiosity for the natural world and encourages students to take an interest in biology outside of school. We encourage students who take part in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad to reference their participation in their further / higher education UCAS applications. In June this year, eleven year 12 students took part in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad, 8 of whom received special commendations and medals. Special mention goes to our Silver medallists: Alessia Lusso, Joddie Wasmer-Johnson and Isabella Wrigley who scored in the top 15% nationally of over 12,500 entrants. - Mrs C. Burke



Salesian Golf 2022

After a very successful year for Salesian School in the District it seems no sport wishes to be left out and we have experienced unprecedented success in Golf this year!

With our very own Salesian golfing legend Mr Doherty at the helm, 5 students went to Chipstead GC in June for the Surrey High-handicap Competition. With Seb I, Leo Sand Jonny D representing us in the Boys' team event they all amassed great individual scores for the day. Jonny D won the Individual Trophy with a massive 44 points (not so high now are you Jonny!). Aply assisted by Leo and Seb, Salesian pipped Gordons on countback to take home the silverware!

Fast forward a month later and once again we were well represented at the Surrey School Golf Championships. New team, same result! This time held at Purley Downs GC, six students teed off early in the morning against the best young golfers in Surrey. With Freddie G coming 11th, Aaron M in 20th, Sean J in 22nd and Jaden H in 30th we once again pipped Gordons to the team prize for the first time since its inception in 1978. Short of another girl to enter the team event Grace T and Lucy A came a very respectable 10th and 11th in the Girls' competition and no doubt will push higher in future competitions.

With many of our golfers making the most of junior subscription rates at Burhill GC (poorly consealed jealousy on my part!) we headed there for the annual Salesian Golf Championships. Very generously given courtesy of the course, the students teed off after a day in the sun at Sports Day to take on the challenges of hard ground and occasional heavy rain!

It was a great opportunity to see some of our departing Year 13s in their last competition and it was clear that they wanted to go out with a bang! Having been pipped to the prize last year, Ben C-W carded an eye-watering 66 (4 under par) to win the gross prize at

his last attempt. Well-deserved after years of being the Salesian talisman at Golf events - we wish him luck if he pursues this as a career option in the future! Last year's gross winner, Aaron M, kept up with his older peers in the first group and with a very impressive 72 won the Nett prize. Whilst we lose some of our crop of older golfers this year we know that Salesian Golf is safe for a few more years! All of our students, once again, conducted themselves in a manner that we can be proud of, showing sportsmanship, unity and respect to one another and the course.

- Ms C. Gallagher



Girls' Surrey Softball Cricket 2022

On a hot summers day (are there any other types now?) Year 8 and 9 cricket girls headed to Beddington CC for the U15 Surrey Schools Softball Competition. Having committed much of their time through the year to improving their skills it was a joy to sit back and let them run the show!

Despite missing some experienced players, the girls ensured that they set effective fields for their bowlers and moved agilely in the field during their pool matches against Wallington Girls and Oxted School. In our first match against Wallington we lost a couple of wickets from kamikaze running that meant that we just about scraped together a draw! In the second game we learned some valuable lessons and amassed a huge 102 runs in 8 overs to put the game well beyond Oxted early on. Due to our superior run rate we progressed through to play in the 4-6 place play off. First up we played Prior's Field. They had had their noses put out of joint by winning both their pool matches but missing out on 1-3 through a poorer run rate and were out to avenge themselves.

A change of ball saw a much higher bounce that both schools struggled to adapt to and as a result wickets fell cheaply on both sides. Needing to take a wicket with our last ball for victory, Prior's Field sensibly just made contact and stayed put to ensure their 4th place. It came down to a rematch with Wallington Girls for 5th/6th place. Having made further improvements in bowling and fielding during the day a low scoring game saw us edge them out by 2 runs for a well deserved 5th place out of 21 schools in Surrey.

In addition to the cricket skills that the girls have developed they have become a really supportive bunch with resilience, determination, respect and humour evident in every session. Roll on the new cricket nets in the Sports Hall!

- Ms C. Gallagher



High School Musical

This year's summer musical was Disney's 'High School Musical' performed by students from Years 7, 8 and 9. The show starts with a new term at East High School as Troy (John H, Year 9) tells his friends Chad (Michael D, Year 9) and Zeke (Ethan A, Year 9) of his snowboarding trip over the holidays.

In a twist of fate, the girl he met, Gabriella (Benedetta A, Year 9) turns up as a new student and quickly associates herself with the Brainiacs including Taylor (Scarlett S, Year 9) and Martha (Cheryl M Da Cruz, Year 8). Inspired by the Drama teaching of Ms. Darbus (Anna S, Year 9) and musical writer Kelsi Neilson (Josie S, Year 8), Troy and Gabriella decide to audition for the winter musical, much to great annoyance of school drama queen Sharpay (Elsa F, Year 9), her showbiz brother Ryan (Beau H, Year 8) and Troy's Dad, Coach Bolton (Calum K, Year 9).

The show was a huge success thanks to the huge number of students and staff involved both on and offstage, including Aoife F and Feile K (Year 9) who choreographed the whole show.

The outstanding music was once again led by the fantastic Miss Clarey and Mr Graham, and the backstage team were expertly managed by Miss Long and Miss Mayhew. Particular thanks go to Miss McKeogh for the wonderful artwork, Mr Batt for his contributions to the set and Mrs Hibbins-Durkin for her help with costume and textiles. - **Mrs S. Garbett**



Panathlon Girls Football Festival

On 12th 13 Year 9 girls went to St. George's College, Weybridge to act as young leaders for a Panathlon Girls Football Festival aimed at Surrey Secondary students with learning difficulties.

They spent a very warm day taking the girls through various football mini games that they had learned earlier in the day. The girls showed leadership, communication and kindness towards their participants, developing their confidence in working with students from years 7-9.

Everyone did a great job of stepping out of their comfort zone. It was highlighted by the coaching staff that the girls' ability to take on feedback and improve their coaching technique throughout the day was very evident. Everyone left feeling they had learned something new about themselves and developed in confidence that day.

I am very proud of the girls, and I look forward to seeing their confidence blossom in future events. - **Miss R. McIlroy**

The girls involved:
Willow R, Liberty D, Swami S D C, Essie G, Harriet S, Tamara A, Grace J, Eva C, Mia S, Claudia R, Katie M, Lucia Weir P, Malaika T-N.



Staffing Update

As always there will be a number of changes to staffing for the next academic year with people leaving, arriving and taking on new responsibilities.

Salve!

Peter Dickenson is retiring after 33 at Salesian School, appointed as Head of Physics and later Head of Science, he has also contributed to many aspects of the wider life of the school. Peter became the school's Data Manager in 2008 and has for the last 14 years done an excellent job of managing, with complete precision, this huge aspect of our work.

Christine Cameron joined the school as Examinations officer in 2004 and has for the last 18 years dedicated herself to ensuring that thousands of students have enjoyed a well-organised and relatively stress-free exams experience.

Chris Browne is moving to Salesian Farnborough. A former student of the school, Chris returned to join the staff as a Teaching Assistant in 2010 before becoming a Cover Teacher, PE Teacher, Head of Boy's PE and Head of Year. He has made an enormous contribution to Salesian life over the years, particularly the extra-curricular provision and is incredibly popular with students, parents and colleagues.

Debbie Davis, another former student of the school first joined the office staff in 2012 and, amongst her many roles, has in recent years chaired the Salesian Parents Association which through her leadership has raised tens of thousands of pounds for school equipment and facilities. Debbie moved to a position in the Xavier central team earlier this year.

Ed Hunt joined us as Head of Physics in 2013 and his passion for the subject, unique approach and commitment to the wider life of the school have been much appreciated. Ed has been promoted to Head of Science at Chertsey High School.

Felicity Wycherley joined the Learning Support Department in 2014 and later became an HLTA. We are incredibly grateful to Felicity for everything she has done during her time here to support some of our most vulnerable students gain a great education. Felicity is relocating to Devon.

Jony Batt, a former Salesian student returned to join the DT Department in 2015. Jony's contribution to the department, the wider life of the school and the general Salesian camaraderie will all be much missed as he goes on to become Head of DT at St. Peter's, Guildford.

Jordan Cella, another former student, also joined us the staff in 2015 but is relocating to Canada. Jordan has been a great teacher of Drama, a Head of Year and a highly popular member of staff.

Katie Cornforth first joined the English Department in 2007 before moving abroad, she returned in 2016 and has been regarded as one of our best English teachers throughout her time at the school. Katie has been involved with our teacher training through Teach SouthEast and moves full-time to the Xavier central team in September.

Clare Forman joined our Leadership Team in 2017 and has done great work leading the Sixth Form, Learning & Teaching and establishing our Careers & PSHE provision. Clare has been promoted to Deputy Headteacher at Langley Academy, Slough.

Hugh McDowell joined us in 2018 as 2nd in History and later became a Head of Year. Salesian has benefitted not just from his excellent teaching and commitment to pastoral care but also his contribution to the sporting and musical life of the school. Hugh is relocating to Italy.

Ben de Glanville has worked in the Science Department for the last 4 years during which time his tireless commitment to the students has paid

great dividends, particularly to some of our most vulnerable students. Ben has also dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the extra-curricular life of the school and can always be relied upon to be there for anything that is going on. Ben is relocating to Dubai.

Niamh Ellison is yet another former student of the school who returned to teach English 4 years ago. Niamh is very popular with the students and her contribution as both Head of Rua House and as an Assistant Head of Year have been highly valued. Niamh has been promoted to Head of Year at Easthampstead Park School, Bracknell.

Ruth Spice also joined the English Department in 2018 and has done a brilliant job of inspiring the children in this subject during this time, it would be difficult to find a more committed teacher. Ruth is relocating to the Lake District.

Holly Sears, former Salesian student returned to work in the Learning Support Department in 2018 and has done excellent an excellent job of supporting students with specific needs. Holly's cheerful, can-do approach has made a significant difference to those facing significant challenge at Salesian. Holly is relocating to Australia.

Joanne Jurkenas who left earlier this term to return to work in the corporate sector has helped some of our most vulnerable students gain additional vocational qualifications through her work as an HLTA and specialist teacher.

Patrick Doyle has been seconded to us as Deputy Headteacher for the last 2 years and is moving to support the growth of Xavier's sister organisation, Bosco Catholic Education Trust in Sussex.

Daniel Leung, a committed member of the RE Department for the last two years is relocating to Leicester.

David Law, a charismatic member of the Languages Department for the last two years is moving to the independent sector.

Karen Clark, Teaching Assistant is relocating to Dubai. **Karen Newport**, Teaching Assistant will be concentrating on her events organisation business. **Holly Maddison**, Teaching Assistant has returned to work in the theatre business. **Vicki Reid** has been promoted to Head of English at St. James' School, Ashford. **Isabel Turner** has completed her teacher training in Social Science and will be teaching at SJB, Woking. **Chloe Howcroft**, Maths Intern is returning to university and **Yaning Ma** from Learning Support will be training to teach. Last and definitely not least, **Rosie Nagle**, Assistant Headteacher will be going (but only temporarily) on maternity leave.

We give thanks for all the commitment, enthusiasm, energy and love that these good people have poured into their work at Salesian and wish them all the very best for their next steps as they go out into the world and spread the Salesian spirit.

Vale!

Once again we have managed to recruit some brilliant new people to contribute to the ongoing mission at Salesian and we look forward to welcoming the following new members of staff: **Annabelle Copp**, Interim 2nd in History; **Isobel Phillips** in Maths; **Clare Bowen** in Languages; **Jaclyn Stopps** in DT and **Alex Betts** in PE. Our newly-qualified teachers: **Imogen Turner** in DT; **Sam Graham** in Drama; **Grace Murphy** in English; **Jose Garcia** and **Rachel Harris** in Maths; **Ella Walsh** and **Max Harvey** in Science; **Catherine Curtis** in Social Science; **Georgia Roberts** in RE; **Nick Graham** and **Lowri Thom** in Music and **Phoebe Welland** in Drama. Our trainee teachers: **Patsy Murphy** in Social Science; **Amy Meredith** and **Ray Baquiran** in RE; **Amelia Habicht-Britton** in Art; **Sophia Smith** and **Annissa Boumendil** in Languages;

Owain Harries, **Daniel Ward** and **Neil Adcock** in Maths; **Charlotte O'Sullivan** in Geography; **Emelia Emin** in Business; **Katie Silsby** in English and **Ben Godber** in Science.

Our new support staff (some of whom have already started): **Matt Duggan**, Data Manager; **Lucy Comlay**, **Ania Braga** and **Clarinda Matthews** in the Administration Team; **Lauren Burge**, Careers Assistant; **Suzanne Richards**, Finance Assistant; **Julija Kazlauskaite**, Maths Intern; **Julie Pattison**, Exams Officer; **Alix Mayhew**, **Petar Palahanski**, **Venerly Dourado**, **Namita Somas**, **Chamari Fernando**, **Molly Catlin** and **Ria Allen**, all in Learning Support; **Sara Kimmins**, Art Technician.

Please pray for these new staff and their vocations as they embark on their vocations at Salesian.

Congratulations!

Our congratulations go to the following members of staff on their recent internal promotions: **Amy Jackson**, Head of English; **Alice Peterkin**; Interim Head of Maths; **Jodie Taylor**, Interim Head of History; **Joe Birkitt**, **Harry Tress** and **Gabriel Kern**, Heads of Year; **Katie Dorse**, Headteacher's PA; **Matt Tunmore**, Interim Head of Physics; **Xander Odeneal**, Interim 2nd in Science; **Jess Harrington**, **Richard McIntyre**, **Lisa O'Brien**, **Mark Honeywood**, **Paige O'Hara**, and **Georgia Gladstone-New**, Assistant Heads of Year; **Sonia Smeraglia**, Assistant SENCO; **Raphaella Rodrigues-Foote**, Head of Zatti House and **Lisa Whalley**, Logistics Facilitator. - **Mr J. Kibble**

Xavier Apprentice Challenge

Congratulations to Zac, Kian, Oscar, Lottie and Harry who became Inaugural champions of the Xavier Apprentice Challenge. Hosted by St Peters, two teams from St Pauls, SJB, Salesian, and St Peters themselves, were judged on tasks involving, product & brand development, creating a tik tok advert, presenting their ideas and answering questions from judges. No doubt about the winners!!! Just look at those smiles!!! - **Mr A. Mussenden**

