



SALESIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Lent.

Pete Fullbrook, Assistant Head

Whether you are just starting your chocolate detox, or have decided to take up a 40 day exercise challenge, Lent is a time that challenges us all to reflect on our position at the cross. There has never felt like a better time to reflect. When things seem so desperate on the news for so many, we as Christians often look to the Lord for strength. Lent, unlike Advent, is void of the glitzy distractions that come with Christmas; the tinsel, the panic buying of turkey and brussel sprouts, but instead forces us to look more deeply at ourselves without distraction.

In this lent newsletter, we reflect on the community that we have here at Salesian School and beyond. As a School, there is a real purpose in our position to help those most in need and respond in any way that we can. The work that our Salesian Brothers and Sisters are doing in Ukraine and surrounding countries, hosting refugees and looking after the vulnerable children evacuating war torn areas is nothing short of inspirational to us all.

Thank you to everyone that has supported financially or through prayer. If you want to know more about this work and how to support it, there is a link on our website. I am always blown away by the response when others are in need and for the actions of so many that truly build the kingdom.

As a School, we will continue to look at ways that we can raise and give to the ongoing struggles of those in most need, as well as regularly lifting the situation up in prayer as a community.

As the days get longer, and the spring weather starts to rear its head (although I will say it is still incredibly cold teaching out on the Astro at the moment), I am reminded of the hope that the Gospel brings as we move through the seasons. Romans 12:12 says 'Be Joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer'. This newsletter brings this verse into reality. Schools are joyful places, shown, I feel in all of the wonderful things going on. This school is also a prayerful place, responding faithfully to those that need it.

Thank you, as ever, for your support this term, enjoy the newsletter and I hope that you have a wonderful Easter break when it comes.



Gospel Reflection

What does the scripture mean for us this week? **7th - 11th March 2022**

Luke 4:1-13

Temptation:

Jesus is in the wilderness working out how his mission may shape up: how he is going to approach the life that he has been led by God to live.

God sends a devil to test him, and these tests help to shape Jesus's determination to love, serve and be present fully for everyone, especially those who are the most vulnerable. By doing this he is loving his Father in heaven.

How do we need to challenge and test our own commitment to love and care for others more completely?

Lent Ideas:

1. Offer to do something to support a neighbour who is isolating: walk their dog, clean up their garden
2. If you see a person who is struggling in that moment silently ask God to help them
3. During your daily exercise use each movement to offer up a name or gratitude to God
4. During your daily exercise use each movement as an opportunity to open up to God and ask for guidance



Getting To Know Our Teachers



Dr B. Deglanville

Current position - Science Teacher

How I got into teaching - I never thought I would be a teacher, and if you could have seen me at school, neither would you. Though there are a lot of teachers in my family, and I really enjoyed tutoring during further education, teaching was just never something I saw myself doing. Then my sister trained to be a teacher after a completely different career, and I could see how much of a positive impact it had on her and her life. So, I signed up to teacher training, and the rest is, as they say, Science.

Why I love teaching - I truly love teaching! For me, being a teacher enables me to be part of a young person's life and development and sometimes to help guide them on their journey. Seeing a student go from Year 7 through Year 11, through the highs and lows and see them develop into a young adult ready to move onto their next stage is such an amazing privilege. To be able to watch them discover and develop their passions, whether on stage, in sports on D of E, makes this the best job I know of. I always hear people reference back to a teacher that made a positive impact in their life, and that is always the goal. It is a massive responsibility, but the rewards are even greater.

A Fact about myself - When I was about 8, my music teacher had to Sellotape me to the chair because I'd fidget so much, like I said, you would have never pictured me as a teacher.

Year 11 College Taster Day - Friday 11th March

Nearly 400 year 11 students joined us to get a flavour of life at Salesian college. They turned up with big smiles, impeccably well dressed and worked hard throughout the day test driving the four subjects they had applied to study.



We were especially excited to welcome students wanting to study our two new T-Level courses. The Education & Childcare students had an exciting afternoon at St Anne's primary school completing a mini work-placement.



The day was rounded off by Fr Kevin who lead a wonderful reflection and leaves us looking forward warmly welcoming them in September.

Mr B. McCann - Head of College

Fairtrade Fortnight 2022

February 21st – March 4th saw the annual celebration of Fairtrade Fortnight in Salesian School Chertsey, a recognised FairAchiever School. Resources such as informative videos were sent to all tutor groups both in the School and in the College to remind pupils and students about the impact that climate change has on the most vulnerable producers in the developing world. Fairtrade seeks to identify some of the root causes of poverty and to address these through fair, or equitable trade.

Sarah Hazelhurst from the Fairtrade Foundation was invited as a guest speaker whose virtual address was streamed live to Year 7 pupils. In her presentation, Sarah highlighted the impact of climate change on coffee producers, with the twin threats of extreme heat causing drought and excess rainfall causing flooding and soil erosion, threatening the harvesting of coffee in the years to come.

By sharing expertise in the selection of crops, their planting, care, harvesting and marketing, producers of coffee and other products are able to sell their produce and wares competitively compared to market prices, with the reassurance of the additional Fairtrade Premium available to spend on education, product improvement, social projects etc.



An assembly on Fairtrade was presented by Fr. Marco and a select group of volunteers from the Year 8 Chaplaincy & RE Council to Year 8 pupils with the assistance of Mr. G Kern, one of the Assistant Heads of Year 8.

The annual Fairtrade Bake Sale raised awareness for Fairtrade with a variety of creations baked by a team of volunteers, both from the Year 8 Chaplaincy & RE Council and the Salesian Compassion In Action group (SCIA) under the supervision of Mrs. K Hibbins-Durkin. I am delighted to say that we raised £100.10 in just under half an hour; this amount will be donated by cheque to the Fairtrade Foundation to support its mission.



Please do consider promoting Fairtrade in your parishes and amongst your contacts to ensure that trade justice remains at the forefront of social change - **Father M. Villani**

Salesian Parents Association

Thank you to all the families that have purchased tickets for the Irish Night in March it sold out in under 10 days! We have a great evening of Irishness planned and a licensed Irish Bar will be selling Irish gin and draught Guinness and Guinness burgers as well as the normal favourites. We look forward to seeing you!



Following this event we have the SPA Jubilee Ball Planned at the home of London Irish on 6th May 2022! This venue has proven to be a favourite with parents and they really look after us!

We have included a drinks reception, a three course meal and entertainment as well as a fund raising auction. The SPA is working very hard to give the Salesian Community good value for money entertainment as well as building a strong community. We are also hoping to run a raffle that will coincide with this event, parents have already been very generous with their donations, but if you have any items, experiences, you would like to donate, please contact the spa@salesian.surrey.sch.uk



Tickets £50
Including 3 course meal & wine

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Thank you all again for your continued support we will be able to see the how the fund raising efforts have made a difference over the coming months as the new Sports Hall nears completion in Autumn 2022 - **Mrs D. Davis**

Gardening Club

This year, the Geography and DT departments are joining forces to create an eco-friendly vegetable garden. The students from gardening club will be helping to grow their own vegetables and hopefully encourage a bit of natural wildlife to the area. If you have any garden tools, compost, fertiliser, compost bins, propagators/pop up greenhouses, watering cans, seedlings, etc... that you would be happy to donate, we would be thrilled to take them off your hands! Please contact Miss Murphy for more information: kmurphy@salesian.surrey.sch.uk

Miss K. Murphy and Mr R. McIntyre

Intermediate Maths Challenge

We are so pleased that the Maths Challenges for Years 8 and 10 are running again. Over 120 Year 10 students took part in the Intermediate Challenge in February, attempting 25 multiple-choice problems to solve using their maths skills. 40 got certificates, only awarded to the very highest scores in the country, including Gold Certificates for Zyaire and Alexander, who go through to the next round of the Maths Olympiad.

Well done to all the students who took part and a big thank you to their teachers for supporting and training them - **Mr A. Creen**

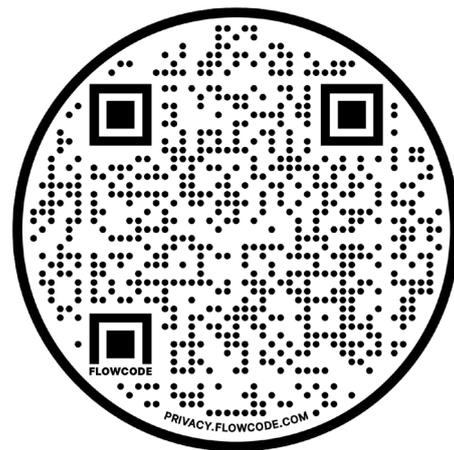
Gospel Workshop

All of Year 8, and the Year 10 GCSE music students, were treated to a fantastic workshop from Gospel Touch Choir on the first day back after half term.

This fantastic choir perform across the world, and we were so lucky to welcome them to Salesian to share their talent with us. The workshops started with a performance from the choir, then students learnt a gospel arrangement of Stand By Me. It was fantastic to learn music in such a different way (with no scores) and we all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. **Ms R. Clarey**

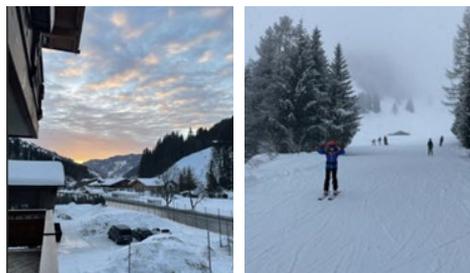
Bosco Bugle #6

The students at the College have produced a special Ukraine edition of their College magazine, please have a read!

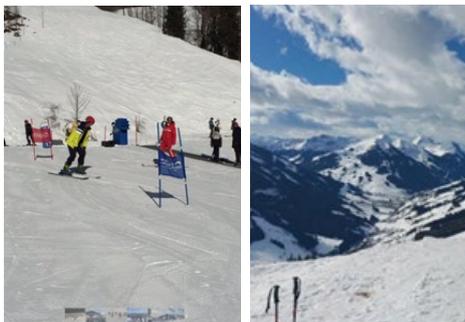


Ski Trip to Austria!

Over February half term go students and 12 members of staff ventured across the Channel through 2 European countries to eventually get to our end destination of Austria, to enjoy an exciting week of Skiing. Prior to the trip, a lot of work went into the preparation and logistics to ensure the trip ran smoothly. With Salesian being one of the only schools to run the trip and go ahead with it (despite all restrictions in place) this will be a trip that will stick in the heads of all involved for a long time.



Over the course of the week the students really enjoyed getting on the slopes in all different areas of Saalbach and taking in the excellent guidance and instruction from very efficient ski instructors. From leading students who had never skied before to those students who have skied every year since the age of 2, all were being challenged in some capacity. Students were becoming very tired day by day and realising that getting a good night's sleep was vital in order to enjoy the next day of skiing. Despite this, students went above and beyond to push themselves out of their comfort zones and reach new heights (no pun intended).



In addition to 5 hours of skiing a day students took part in a number of evening activities and entertainment. On Sunday students were given the opportunity to attend an Austrian Church service and what an opportunity it was, recognising that no matter where you are in the world faith is everywhere and is welcomed by those all over.



Monday and Wednesday brought the students an opportunity to go ice skating. Torvill and Dean made a guest appearance (Mr Bridgland and Mr Fullbrook) and a heated competition of human curling ensued, whilst the students were gliding around the ice rink attempting a number of pirouettes, turns and axels.

On Tuesday a group of students went to a local swimming pool. Students were in their element, performing cannon balls off the diving boards and shooting down the slide to try and get to the bottom the quickest. The only issue being Mr Tress losing his locker key at the bottom of the pool mid dive whilst others took a trip into town for ice cream.



Thursday was the last evening before we went home on Friday so we celebrated with an awards evening. Over the course of the week members of staff as well as the instructors were looking out for the most improved, total wipeouts, skier of the week, most Salesian and most resilient.

Award Winners:

- Most improved- Anthony Williams
- Most Salesian- Sam Chukwu
- Skier of the week- Fiona Grant
- Best wipeout- Elijah Howe
- Most resilient- Francine Greedary

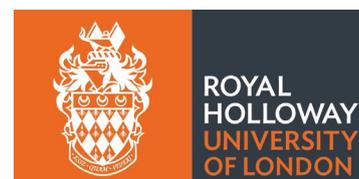
Overall the students and staff had an amazing time in Austria with lots of highs and very little lows. The students made us all proud with the behaviour they displayed and their attitude towards the week. Thank you to all those who supported us through the running of the trip - *Miss L. O'Brien*

Biology Master Class

On Tuesday 8th March, the KS5 Biologists watched the latest in a series of Biology Master Class lectures put on by the Royal Holloway School of Biological Sciences. Each session has a link to the A level Biology course, so that students are getting a taste of university lecturing, but also sneaking in some 'wider work' too. Most sessions have been streamed online, but we've been lucky enough that the session this week was live at Salesian, from Professor Alessandra Devoto, titled 'Better Living Through Plants'.

During her talk, Prof Devoto spent time highlighting quite how understated the importance of plants is for our survival and for our everyday lives; without them we wouldn't have buildings, medicines, or even clothes! Next Tuesday, the series of lectures continues with Dr James McEvoy (still live in-person at Salesian), who will be talking about Surgical Site Infection.

Mr A. Odoneal



World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, Salesian joined thousands of schools worldwide in celebrating World Book Day. Students and staff were given the opportunity to dress up as their favourite character for the day, and in true Salesian fashion, the effort that students and staff went to was remarkable. We had two Cruella de Vils, a Golden Snitch, Draco Malfoy, Lady Macbeth and two Gandolfs- and that was just in the staffroom! It really was an incredible spectacle and the atmosphere in school was fantastic.

In addition to this frivolity, students also read a book in a day- Sarah Crossan's 'Sludge'. This short story focussed on the environmentally irresponsible behaviour of some 'big companies' and served as an example of the power that Literature can have; it also provoked some fantastic discussions about the the world around us - *Mrs R. Matthews*



Places still available for September 2022!

- This course is for you if you are interested in becoming a teacher, nursery worker, teaching assistant, play worker or have a passion for working with children
- T-Levels offer a mixture of classroom learning and 'on the job' experience through an industry placement
- A T-Level is a full time course equivalent to 3 A-Levels, entry requirements are a grade 4 in English and Maths GCSE

To apply, book into an information open morning or to find out more please visit our website:



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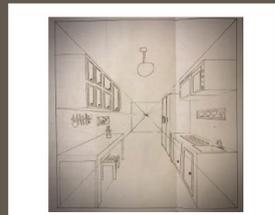
- This course is for anyone wanting a career in software production and design, opening doors to many careers including becoming a web designer or computer games developer.
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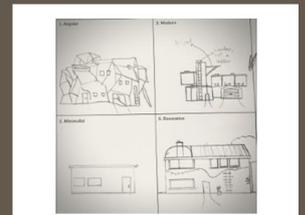
Some of the work from Design Technology



Year 8 - one point perspective



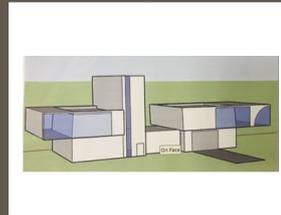
Year 9 - Keepsake Box



Year 8 - architectural design ideas



Year 10 - Product Packaging



Year 8 - CAD architecture



Year 7 - key rings

Year 9 Options Evening

It was absolutely fantastic seeing our Year 9 students at Options Evening this week! It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming you to Salesian as Year 7s, and now here you are making such important decisions ahead of starting your GCSE courses.

We hope the evening gave you and your families an opportunity to reflect on these all important decisions that lay ahead, but also reassured you that you are in the very best place to achieve your utmost capabilities and beyond.

Please don't forget the deadline for option choices is the 21st March and be sure to scan the QR code from the handout to make them.

