



SALESIAN SCHOOL

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Recognise His Voice

John 10:1-10

This coming Sunday we will hear about the Good Shepherd and His Sheep. In this chapter, Jesus uses the metaphor of the shepherd and his sheep to explain to the Pharisees that just like the sheep, his people 'will not follow a stranger' and rather follow the shepherd who enters 'through the gate' and because they 'recognise his voice'. The passage is centred on listening, specifically to whom we choose to listen, avoiding a possibility of being 'led astray'. It contains an important message for us all, but particularly our young.

It has been another jam-packed term at Salesian. Careers events, self-defence classes, singing competitions, national debate competitions, technology conventions and as always, the many residential trips abroad. Mrs Da Silva took this to a whole new level recently having just returned from taking some of our college students to Paris for work experience; (a far cry from my work experience which was stacking shelves in our local grocery store!). Whomever said, 'education is delivered in the classroom', clearly didn't go to Salesian. A very public thank you to the students who have represented the school and college

so well abroad, the staff for giving up their time to take the students and you, the parents, for trusting them to do so!



French Work Experience Trip

Students returned from the trips enthused with memories and stories and many staff returned looking forward to getting back into their own bed! During the Easter break I was returning home from being in Croatia with family when I encountered a returning member of staff who had been on the school trip to Montenegro. Tired from the trip she had alighted at the wrong car park stop (easily done at Gatwick airport) so was getting another bus to correct this wrong (she clearly was not listening to the correct voice and had therefore been led astray!). She had enough energy to share some of the wonderful experiences from an excellent trip away.



Montenegro Geography Trip

At this time of year our thoughts drift towards our Year 11 and 13 students about to take their examinations. With parents and staff accompanying them on this journey I am sure they will travel well. We will keep them all in our prayers and hope they recognise his voice, enter through the gate and do as well as they possibly can.

God Bless,
Mr Hamshar, Assistant Head

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

Recognition

Luke 24:13-35 Often you might find that if you dress differently, or are out of school uniform, or in a place where people do not expect you to be, you might be unrecognised. In this famous post-Resurrection passage, two disciples are lamenting the death of Jesus. Jesus rising from the dead would be the last thing they were expecting to see. Hence they fail to recognise Him.

However, by spending time with them, leading them on a scriptural journey through the Bible and then finally revealing Himself through the breaking of bread as He did at the Last Supper / First Eucharist, Jesus revealed Himself to them.

Questions to Explore:

- Why did Jesus not reveal himself straight away?
- How do you think this encounter would help these men recognise the attributes they need to grow in?
- The men didn't recognise Jesus straight away. What does this tell us about human nature and God's love for us?

Getting To Know Our Teachers



Mr J. Griffin

Current Position in School:

I teach Maths, A-Level Further Maths and KS3 Computing.

How I got into teaching:

Teaching was something that I had previously thought about, but even at university I still wasn't sure what I wanted to do. Then in 2017/18, for my placement year, I worked in the Maths department at Salesian. I was given many opportunities and responsibilities in this role and found it highly enjoyable and rewarding. I knew then that I wanted to be a teacher, so came back a year later after finishing my degree.

Why I love my job:

I love helping students to enjoy Maths and appreciate its importance, whether that be in preparation to study the subject at university or starting work in the building trade. Outside of lessons, I enjoy helping out at co-curricular activities such as chess or tennis and getting to know the students in a different environment.

A Fact About Myself

I spend a lot of my time watching football matches around the country and last year went to over 100 games. I also run Magic: The Gathering club with Mr Nguyen on Fridays.



College French Work Experience in Primary Schools

Viry-Chatillon 29th March-5th April 2023

5 year 12 and 13 students went to Viry-Chatillon near Paris during the first week of the holidays to work with primary school children. They spent the week helping the classes they were with, from Maths and French to Geography and Art, amongst other subjects too.

The rest of the time, they lived with their French host family discovering what French daily life is like. At the weekend, their families took our students to the centre of Paris or Versailles where they could learn about the history and culture of the place. Our students were real ambassadors of our school: the staff of the primary schools and the host families only had songs of praise about how polite, friendly and proactive they were. They were also impressed by their level of French!

We look forward to hosting the French students back into our feeder primary schools at the end of June for their leg of the trip - *Mrs V. Da Silva*





A Royal Visit

On Tuesday 18th April, we as a school had the pleasure of welcoming Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh to visit. As Patron of the NAS, Her Royal Highness visited the Salesian Cullum Centre to learn more about how the specialist provision works to support autistic students and help them thrive in a mainstream setting.

Whilst visiting the school, Her Royal Highness met many of the young people taking the time to talk to them about their experiences and aspirations for the future. Her Royal Highness also got involved with some baking, a speech and language game, a GCSE art/ photography session and even braved handling the resident Leopard Geckos creating memories that will last a lifetime.

The visit provided us with an excellent opportunity to showcase our wonderful young people thriving in a mainstream setting, made possible by the hard work of the young people and a team of dedicated Salesian staff.
- Mrs K. Honeywood-Jones

D of E

Expedition training continues apace for all levels. A reminder to get shopping earlier for expedition equipment (particularly ration packs). You can make full use of your D of E card to get a 15% discount at most outdoor retailers.

On the 11th May is D of E activity day for all levels. They will be working on their teamwork and communication skills, all whilst battling inflatable assault courses and brain teaser exercises.

A reminder of our expedition dates:

- Silver Practice = 18th - 21st May, North Downs
- Bronze Cohort 1 = 23rd - 24th June, Surrey Hills
- Bronze Cohort 2 = 25th - 26th June, Surrey Hills
- Silver Assessed = 6th - 9th July, Peak District
- Gold Practice = 12th - 16th July, Lake District

Drama

Rehearsals are in full swing for our lower school, highly anticipated, musical production of *The Addams Family*. With over 80 pupils in the cast, it is sure to be one of our best ever. The dates for the shows are 5th - 7th July, so save those dates to make sure you get to see it. Full details about purchasing tickets will be provided nearer the time.

Our Easter production of *Game Over*, made up of a hugely talented troop of Year 10 GCSE drama students, performed to over 1000 students both at Salesian school and St Peters school in Guildford. It was a hard-hitting piece of theatre about the true story of online grooming and subsequent murder of a teenage boy. The talent and commitment by all those in the cast and tech team was truly spectacular. Well done all!

- Mr S. Graham





Montenegro Geography Trip

Our Year 10 and Year 11

Geographers took an exciting trip to Montenegro during Easter to investigate the physical landscape of the country and learn about the cultural history. The trip included lots of exciting activities, such as climbing 461 steps to see a panoramic mountain view at the Mausoleum of Nejos, exploring the underground Lipa Cave system, learning about the historical town of Cetinje and visiting the snowy, winter wonderland of Durmitor National Park. Much was learnt from our fantastic guide and lots of laughs were shared!

- Miss P. O'Hara



Sunsets at Pensarn

The Chaplaincy had a great time with 40 students on their annual Easter retreat to CMC adventure in Pensarn. After arriving in the Welsh wilderness students were given freedom to roam in the lush green hills and forests on the CMC adventure grounds. Dens with epic sunset views, hide and seek and man hunt were the down time options of each day. Some even woke up early with Br Godwill to watch the sun rise.

We had the true joy of being in Pensarn during Holy week so with an aim to worshipping outdoors, students were able to celebrate holy mass around the campfire and then of course toast copious marshmallows there after. When students weren't playing in the outdoors they were able to take part in a number of adventurous activities like rock climbing, Gorge walking, Orienteering (which got super competitive), Kayaking and Raft building. Although some students were afraid at first, we were amazed at how everyone overcame their fears and turned out to be epic outdoor masters. Can't wait till next year!

Particular thanks to Mr Garcia who stepped in last minute and turned out to be a true Bare Grylls in the outdoors - Mrs K. Hibbins-Durkin





French Exchange Y10

On Wednesday 29th March, 15 students had the pleasure of being welcomed by their French partners in Viry-Chatillon, a town in the outskirts of Paris. Our students spent a whole week immersed in a French speaking environment developing their speaking and listening skills. Various cultural visits were organised around Paris during the week to enable them to further their knowledge of Paris and its surroundings.

On our first day, students along with their French correspondent enjoyed an educational cruise on the river Seine viewing Paris' most iconic places such as la Tour Eiffel and Notre-Dame. On Friday, students stepped back in time with the visit to Versailles Palace and its gardens. Monday was spent discovering Montmartre with our French guide Emma, who explained the history of the neighbourhood that was once home to famous artists such as Picasso and Van Gogh. On Tuesday morning, we went to La Tour Montparnasse and enjoyed a 360 view over Paris and in the afternoon, we contemplated one of Chagall's masterpiece, the ceiling of l'Opéra Garnier,

On the final day, students were able to spend the morning observing lessons in their exchange partners' school which was a unique opportunity to experience French education at first hand before getting the Eurostar back to London.

- Miss A. Vardapin

Teach SouthEast Internship Programme

Teach SouthEast offers a unique Internship Programme for anyone interested in finding out more about a career in teaching. Students studying a Maths, Physics, Chemistry, MFL or Computing related degree will also qualify for government funding of £300 per week; however, the programme is open to all applicants in all subjects and primary teaching. The three-week programme will run from the 19th June to the 7th July 2023,

during which the interns will have the opportunity to take part in specifically tailored training sessions in key areas of teaching pedagogy and practice, work closely with a subject specialist mentor, observing them regularly and team teaching with them, and have the opportunity to spend a day during their internship preparing for, and taking part in, an accelerated interview process for a training place within our SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training).

Work Placement Season

Once again, Work Placement season is fast approaching. Thank you so much to all the parents, staff and local businesses for opening up their doors to place a number of our students in varied roles. However, we still require a high number of places to ensure that each and every Y10 and Y12 student has the opportunity that they deserve.

This is a great opportunity for students to participate in a quality work experience and additionally is an incredibly valuable part of preparing both our Year 10 and Year 12 students with increased motivation to study, increased self-understanding, maturity and self-confidence, as well as an opportunity for them to explore career options.

By hosting a student(s), your organisation or place of work also benefits. You will have access to motivated and enthusiastic students, eager to do a great job, having extra resources on new or existing projects as well as having the opportunity to trial future employees, not to mention personal satisfaction in mentoring our future talent.

Placement dates:

- Year 10 - 27th & 28th June (2 Days)
- Year 12 - 19th - 23rd June (5 days)

Please get in touch with Pdunne@salesian.surrey.sch.uk

We are very passionate about our programme and the opportunity it offers to inspire people to take the next step towards teacher training and to becoming outstanding teachers in the future. If you would like more information about the programme or how to apply, please contact k.middleweek@xaviercet.org.uk and see the attached flyer.



Salesian Volleyball

Congratulations to the senior volleyball squad for winning Surrey Men's Div 3 title winning 11 out of 13 games.

POS		DIFF	BP	PTS
1	Salesian School	8	25	35
2	Royal Holloway (M)	8	20	32
3	Spelthorne Pumas (M6)	-3	23	28
4	Reigate Rebels	-11	22	26
5	VbDC DRAKES	-2	19	24

Thank you to everyone that has supported the squad, refereeing, scoring and with equipment. The squad will now be promoted to Surrey Men's Division 2.

In the space of playing for just 2 years the team are playing Volleyball to an impressive standard, their hard work in training at Salesian School and in local volleyball clubs is clearly evident, but what sets them apart is their strong collective team spirit.

The MVP award for the season goes to their captain, Gruia Nastasa who has had an exceptional season. I have every confidence that in future he will go one to play at the highest levels.



Other recent Volleyball matches include:

Under 16

- Salesian 2 Richmond (2) 0
- Dunnator 2 Salesian 0

Under 15

- Ashcombe Dorking 2 Salesian 1
- Salesian 0 Dunottar 2

Under 12

- 1st and 2nd place against St Peters Guildford

- Mr S. Keeling

Abba Tribute Night

We are very happy to announce that we have a fabulous night planned for our dear Salesian Community. This year we are proud to invite you to an Abba Tribute Night on the 23rd of June 2023.

Tickets are for sale now - £25.00 each and are available on Tucasi on a first come first served basis. This price includes food - burger and chips. Doors will open at 19:00 and the fun will begin at 19:30.

Drinks and crisps will be available to buy on the night (card machine will be in use). There will also be a Raffle held during the evening – Raffle tickets at £5.00 a strip.

These events are extremely important to us as we are trying to raise much needed funds where budget cannot stretch. As you probably remember from previous emails currently, we are looking at extending our school hall and getting a new minibus. We would love to see you there!

- Salesian Parent Association

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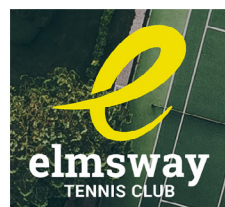
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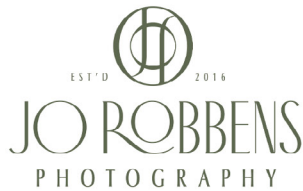
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