

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well.

We have made it to the end of an action packed half term full of great lessons, enrichment through our co-curricular programme and events celebrating student and school success. It has been a fabulous seven weeks. We were delighted to welcome a thousand visitors for Open Evening at the school, six hundred to the College Open Evening and five hundred and fifty to the Open Mornings. While it made for a number of busy evenings and mornings we are blessed to be the potential choice of so many!

### Parent Evenings:

Next half term will see the first of our in-person parent evenings, when we will welcome parents and carers of students in Year 10 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We are excited to be welcoming parents back to these events which will be held in our new sports hall. Details of the up-coming parent evenings will reach you in due course, including how you can book appointments and how the night itself will run. I would just like to flag the dates, times and alterations to the school day at this time, all of which can be found in the table below. With 280 students in each year group in 7-11, it is necessary to start the evenings earlier than we previously have to ensure we can offer the required amounts of appointment slots. Essentially, this means that the school and college day will finish at 2.15pm on the days of the Year 7-11 parent events.

Year	Changes to School Day	Start and finish times	Date
Year 7	Accelerated day finishing at 2:15pm	2:45-7:30pm	Thursday 1st February 2024
Year 8	Accelerated day finishing at 2:15pm	2:45-7:30pm	Thursday 25th January 2024
Year 9	Accelerated day finishing at 2:15pm	2:45-7:30pm	Thursday 29th February 2024
Year 10	Accelerated day finishing at 2:15pm	2:45-7:30pm	Thursday 23rd November 2023
Year 11	Accelerated day finishing at 2:15pm	2:45-7:30pm	Thursday 18th January 2024
Year 12	None	3.30-7.30pm	Thursday 7th March 2024
Year 13	None	3.30-7.30pm	Thursday 30th November 2023

### Upcoming events:

Many of you will be aware that Steve Tindall from Holy Family, a feeder school for Salesian, runs a charity called the Bee-lieve Foundation which helps young people and their families to deal positively with the challenges and trauma caused by mental health issues. On Saturday 18th November they are running a charity event at Salesian College between 7pm – Midnight. Tickets are only £10 and can be purchased using the QR code on the attached flyer. Local band Gas Monkey will be performing and food and drink will be available, with all proceeds going to this excellent cause.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> November between 7-9pm we have the Battle of the Bands in the Centenary Hall at the College, tickets can be purchased on Tucasi at £4 a ticket.

Whatever you are doing over the next week I hope it is both joyful and restful. I look forward to seeing you all on the other side.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Gower', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Paul Gower | Headteacher