

Welcome

OPEN EVENING

5TH OCTOBER 2023



SALESIAN SCHOOL

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BELONGING



BONA FIDE



KINGDOM

Bona fide – The Latin translation for “in good faith” or someone who is genuine and sincere.



Dear Parents

Welcome to Salesian

This evening we are delighted to have an opportunity to share with you an insight into life at Salesian school. As families who want the very best for their children, we are sure that you will want to know that our school is right for you. Whilst reading the prospectus outlines who we are and what we are trying to do, the best way to experience our high standards and happy children is to visit the school. We hope that you see evidence of this tonight!

The prospectus will give you a taste of life at Salesian and an idea of the events and activities which are taking place in school this evening. Your guide will take you all over the school, but there may be some items of interest, which you would like to see or hear about. Please draw this to the attention of your guide who will then ensure that you get to the right place at the right time.

I will be speaking in the Sports Hall at 6.05pm and 7.00pm. Please make your way to the Hall at the appropriate time. If the Sports Hall is full for the first talk you will be asked to return for the second talk. We thank you for your patience.

Have a wonderful evening and please do not go home without having any questions you may have answered.



Paul Gower
Head Teacher

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Message from Head Boy & Head Girl

Good evening and thank you for joining us this evening as we celebrate something truly special- your child's future. We can understand wanting the best for your child and hopefully tonight you will gain an insight into our amazing school and community. Our own experience at Salesian has seen us thrive in an environment filled with respect, understanding, affection and not to forget the most important part: humour. This beautiful family of teachers and students has allowed us to grow and bloom into the people we are today, and I hope you see why as you visit us this evening.

It is no secret that our school is centred around our Catholic ethos, and this year the school has created a new way of describing what it means to be a 'Salesian'. It comprised of 3 fundamental traits: Dedication, Aspiration, and being a Faithful Christian leader. It is a code which was developed and inspired with us, as students, and something which we are extremely proud of.

These 'Salesian' values can be seen amongst the students within our lessons, where we are encouraged to always be the best versions of ourselves and strive for more. Furthermore, our '*Salesianity*' is also reflected in the co-curricular opportunities which we are encouraged to take part in. These are comprised of a wide range of activities that cater to every individual within our school. We both take part in passionately ran clubs, ranging from volleyball to debate. Additionally, we can see this faith in the Salesian dedication to charity work, working every year to raise money for worthwhile charities in our mission to serve others in any way we can.

Our time at Salesian has been truly special and is a time of our lives which we will always look back on with great fondness. We sincerely hope that you enjoy your experience at Salesian this evening and that you see what an exceptional place it is to be a student.

Oliver Holgate and Mariya Shiju



Our Mission...

... is to be a Catholic School that seeks to appreciate and develop the talents and skills of each individual in order that they become the person God wants them to be. Inspired by the life of Christ and his teaching, and the work of St. John Bosco, we endeavour in active partnership with home, parish and wider community, to prepare students to face the future with confidence and take up the challenge of the Gospel.

Our Vision

At Salesian we want to be the best school we can possibly be for our children. This means that they will get a better education here than they could hope to achieve in any other school. Essentially, we set out to nurture students to be "happy" in the long term. The long term includes the time they spend here at school, past the point at which they complete their education with us and stretches on throughout the entirety of their lives.

What does this look like if we get it right?

- The children only ever experience great teaching and the best pastoral care
- The children achieve the best qualifications they are possibly capable of
- The children develop the skills and attributes that will help them succeed in tomorrow's world.
- The children grow in faith, strive to live their lives according to Gospel values and become the people God intends them to be
- The school develops excellent working relationships with parents and all other stakeholders.



Beyond this, both as an academy within Xavier Catholic Education Trust and as a Teaching School Hub, we are committed to providing more systemic leadership – with a duty to do all we can to raise standards in education for all.

Pastoral Care

The happiness of the children is paramount at Salesian. We are known for our excellent pastoral care system, led by Heads of Year who are charged with ensuring that every single child in their care gets the best possible support. Children meet daily with their Form



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Tutors who are responsible for helping them make a smooth start to every day and for closely monitoring every child's progress and welfare. Tutor time is also used for prayer and reflection, advising students on how to get the most out of their learning and to promote the wider social skills needed to be happy and successful in life.

Learning

A broad, balanced and relevant curriculum ensures that every child is well catered for. The school has a reputation for academic excellence due to high standards of teaching and hardworking children, all of whom are expected to make the most of every opportunity. We expect every child to achieve excellent results and qualifications regardless of our comprehensive intake, so we ensure that each individual enjoys very best support regardless of their needs. Becoming an independent learner is an essential skill for children to develop and the completion of regular homework is vital for children's academic success. We place a high priority on communication and aim to work with parents to support the children's learning wherever possible. The school app allows parents a straightforward means to monitor homework, achievement and attendance data.

Spiritual Life

As a Catholic school, Christ's example and the philosophy of St. John Bosco are central to everything we do. The values and challenges of the Gospel shape our whole approach to education. Our Chaplaincy team ensure that children are able to share in meaningful Liturgy and regular assemblies. Feast and Holy Days are celebrated with school Mass for all students. The St Francis de Sales Chapel is at the heart of our school, next to the Hall and is a place of both quiet reflection and celebration, and we encourage students to make use of it whenever they can.

We take the challenge to be "Christ in our World" seriously and each year students raise considerable sums for a variety of charities and worthy causes.



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Careers Education & Guidance

We want our students to fully understand the world of possibilities out there and make the most of their talents. We aim to help develop students' knowledge, understanding, confidence and skills so that they make well-informed choices and go on to positive destinations.

We are committed to providing a well-structured Careers and Education programme for all students in Year 7 to 13 headed up by a Careers Lead who works closely with the Leadership Team and academic departments. We strive to ensure students experience a full, varied, and interesting careers journey, having the opportunity to explore their own interests, skills, and passions; as a result, our students understand the wealth of jobs and educational pathways available to them once they leave school. Our Careers and Education programme is integrated into our students' experience across the whole curriculum through the work of our newly appointed Subject Career Ambassadors and is based on a partnership with students and their parents or carers. We have a rich partnership with local businesses, colleges, and universities along with a strong alumni and wider school community to support our Careers Education.

Co-Curricular

Our ethos places great emphasis on opportunities for children to not only demonstrate and develop a broad range of skills but also to relax and enjoy themselves! There is an extensive range of co-curricular activity on offer including opportunities to develop sporting, musical, dramatic, artistic, intellectual, and social skills in clubs and activities at lunch times and after school. All this activity supports a proud tradition of competitive sporting success, highly acclaimed dramatic and musical performance, and a flourishing Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. A wealth of trips at home and abroad further enriches the children's experience.



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Salesian College

Many of our students graduate to our College, where they have the opportunity to study a wide range of Advanced Level courses. From a vocational perspective, we offer a BTEC curriculum and T Levels, a new technical qualification in which students gain 45 days' industry experience alongside their classroom studies. Our college students benefit from the same academic rigour, pastoral care, spiritual development, and extra-curricular activity that they have enjoyed during their time at the school. A well-developed post-18 guidance programme supplements this and provides an excellent base for moving on to university, apprenticeships, or the world of work. The College is housed on its own site with specialist facilities. Further information can be found under the 'College' tab on the school website.



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Open Evening Subjects

Main Building

Mathematics

Rooms 5 & 6

We are looking forward to welcoming you into our "Maths Tower" where staff and students will be more than happy to talk to you about everything we do here at Salesian in Maths. In room 5 and 6 there will be opportunities to investigate probability, complete our puzzles and have a go at beating our own teachers at the golden 100. You will also be able to see the work and resources our students use as well as watch maths in motion. You will see how we are using ICT to enhance the learning of our students with the use of Mathswatch, MyMaths and the links we can make to real life, including the premier league and football teams. Get involved and check how good your maths is!



Science Block

Science

Rooms S1, S2 and S4

Science gives students the opportunity to study how the world around us works. In Biology you study the human body as well as looking at how plants adapt and survive. Chemistry looks at the tiny particles the world is made up of, and how they combine to create different materials. In Physics you will look at how to explain the movement of objects, as well as studying electricity and space. There are many experiments and games to get you excited, so come along and see science in action! Students and staff will be on hand to help with the experiments and answer your questions.



Casa Bosco

French, Spanish

Room 16

The Modern Foreign Languages department are looking forward to welcoming you into Casa Bosco. During your visit, you will have the opportunity to meet staff and to look at some of our resources and students' work. There will be a selection of foreign language games for you to have a go at and the opportunity to see and hear foreign language films and music plus a fun photo booth opportunity for all the family! The great thing about languages, other than being a wonderful way to communicate, is they also serve as a means of relating to others on a cultural level.



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Devereux Building

English

5Room 41 & 43

Words are the foundation of all that we do: without language we lack the necessary tools to communicate and express ourselves. Having said that, the alternative is emotion, a means to express our deepest feelings and fears. English incorporates the study of these two fundamental human traits and is therefore, the epitome of all that we are. Come and find out about all that we study in English and hear from our students about the opportunities that investing in English can bring!

Geography

Room 45

Geography—literally the best subject in the world! Geography lets you explore the planet and make sense of everything that goes on around the globe. Geography is everywhere from the Nike swoosh on your trainers to your summer holiday on the beach. Come and play games, create a survival kit and take part in the hunt to discover our global links on our largest connections map!



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Thomas Building

Product Design

Room T₃

Year 7 students create an electronic racing car, to do this they learn basic electronic components to build a circuit and customise a car body before racing them against one another. In year 8 students put their accuracy skills to the test and create a steady hand game. They will learn to create a full set of technical CAD drawings. In year 9 students delve into the world of design movements and styles, whilst also learning about ergonomics to make customised pizza cutters!

Food and Nutrition

Room T₅

In our fully equipped kitchen, Year 7 students learn where food comes from, how to cook a range of dishes safely and hygienically and to apply their knowledge of healthy eating. Year 8 students explore food science through the use of different raising agents. They complete raising agent experiments and also bake various items using chemical, biological and mechanical raising agents. By year 9, students are confident chefs and therefore after learning about a variety of diets and cultures – They select one and make a series of meals from their chosen diet or culture.

Graphics

Room T₇

At Key Stage 3, sketching, typography, technical drawings, and the use of Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop are all part of the experience. Through designing and making a bookmark in Year 7 to developing their graphical hand skills in Year 8 and designing and making packaging in Year 9, KS₃ prepares them for KS₄ where they will design and make their own products using both CAD/CAM and traditional drawing/workshop skills.

Resistant Materials Technology

Room T₂

Students are introduced at KS₃ to the wide scope of designing and making practical products. Year 7 are exploring basic metal working skills, to create an enamelled copper key ring. Year 8 are working on a focused practical task that involves designing and making bookends from wood. The Year 9 scheme of work looks at how keeping organised and utilising many workshop tools to create a desk tidy.

Textiles Technology

Room T4

KS3 students design and make products with a range of materials. Year 7 create an applied denim pencil case out of denim, developing their hand sewing skills and learning how to use a sewing machine. Year 8 are making ski hats to develop sewing machine skills, and Year 9 are designing and making a drawstring bag using a range of techniques, both old and new. Across Key Stage 3 students learn about fibres, fabrics, construction methods and smart materials as well as industry practice.



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Sports

Physical Education

Gym & Astro-Turf Pitches

The Physical Education department offers a range of academic pathways at Key Stage 4 and 5 through the OCR exam board. We have a wide variety of physical activities for both boys and girls including: Trampolining, Rugby, Hockey, Athletics, Netball, Dance and many more. In addition to the skills they will develop in lessons there are also a large number of extra-curricular clubs that take place before school, during lunchtimes and after school which allow you to enjoy as many sports as you can fit into the week. Basketball and Trampolining can be found in the Gym and Cricket/Rugby/Hockey/Football on the Astro-Turf pitches at various times. Please come and speak to us to find out more about the lessons and the clubs we offer.



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Art, Drama and Music

Art

Room 25, 26 & 27

The world of Art is introduced to students at Key Stage 3 through termly themed work. Each project builds on creative formal techniques (drawing, painting, 3-dimensional work and mixing media). The department encourages independent creative research and encourages sustained investigation and, as a result, students produce highly individual sketchbook work and exciting final pieces at GCSE. Come and sample the creative environment in the Salesian School Art department and get involved in the activities. There will be displays and digital presentations of KS3 & KS4 work, as well as a chance to see the sort of work involved in GCSE Photography.

Drama

Room 23

The Drama Department are immensely proud to be showcasing our Year 7 Drama club students tonight. Please come along and to get a taster of what Drama looks like at Salesian. Drama lessons are taught up to twice a week and challenge students to perform to high standards, interpreting and reacting to other actors while developing physical discipline over the course of Year 7. Students engage with many stimuli over KS3 with script, poetry, devised work and spontaneous improvisation being developed from the outset. Co-curricular Drama is really important to us here, with Year 7 Drama club running every week and the chance to perform in the whole school show every year. Drama teachers will be on hand tonight to happily speak to you should you have any questions.

Music

Room M39

The Music department will be you showing you not only the things that pupils cover in lessons in Years 7-9, but also showcasing a sample of the wide variety of extra-curricular activities we have going on throughout the week. In addition, samples of work, African drums and keyboards will be on display.



Computing & Humanities

Religious Education

Room 30 & 31

We're excited to welcome you to the Religious Education Department, where you'll have the chance to delve into the core of Salesian School's Catholic ethos. Explore the academic and pastoral opportunities spanning across all key stages in RE, and witness the creative, inspired, and scholarly endeavours of our students. Come along and engage in conversations with our passionate students and staff, where you can delve into philosophical discussions, and explore the ultimate questions together. We can't wait to welcome you!

History

Room 32 & 33

In History pupils are able to develop not only their understanding of historical terms and concepts but also explore the significance of events, individuals, issues and societies in History. They will also learn to communicate their knowledge and understanding of the selected periods of time we study effectively. Pop along to history and come and solve the murder mystery and vote for the most significant historical figure using the information provided.

Computing

Room 37

Computing lies at the heart of developments in communications throughout the world and is an essential component in the success of modern day enterprises. The field of programming is a growing area which offers fantastic career opportunities. IT also enables young people to enhance their learning skills and knowledge, helping to develop them into autonomous and discerning adults in the years to come. Find out more, look at student work and come and be inspired about the role of IT/Computing in the world today.

PSHE and Careers

Room 29

In addition to our comprehensive careers offering, we also invest in the development of the whole student. At Salesian, our Personal Social Health and Economic education (PSHE) curriculum recognises the development of each pupil as integral to their academic and pastoral wellbeing. Our aim is for students to leave Salesian as happy, successful and well-rounded citizens who are ready to manage life's challenges and make the most of every opportunity that comes their way. We support this by providing all students (Y7-13) with a weekly lesson delivered by their tutors, to develop the knowledge and skills to lead a safe, healthy, productive and fulfilled life. Our curriculum is also supported by external speakers who deliver messages drawing from their professional expertise, life experience and careers choices.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award

St. Patricks

At Salesian school, we have a proud history of extensive participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Under the responsibility of a dedicated team, the 'D of E' Award provides you with extensive opportunities to build towards a world-renowned qualification. The school runs a full Duke of Edinburgh participation scheme, from the Bronze Award to the Gold Award. Please pop into St. Patricks to get a taste of how you might further expand your outdoor adventure skills!



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Examination Results

At Salesian school, we understand the importance of outstanding academic qualifications. The school consistently performs well at both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. These results are a reflection of the school ethos and vision in action. Highlights from 2023 were:

Salesian School- 2023 Academic Outcomes

- **44%** of all grades were **7-9** - compared to national average of 22%
- **80%** of all grades were **5-9**- compared to national average of 54%
- **90%** of all grades were **4-9**- compared to national average of 67%
- **41%** of all grades at A' level were **A*- A** (national average 26%)
- **74%** of all grades at A' level were **A*-B** (national average 52%)



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Year 7 Entry September 2024

Application to the school is by the completion and submission of **two** forms:

- a. the Surrey (or other Local Authority) Common Admissions Form (C.A.F.)
- b. the school's Supplementary Information Form

The CAF should be returned to the relevant authority by **31st October 2023**.

The school's Supplementary Information Form is downloadable from our website. It must be returned to the school office by **20th October 2023**.

For further details on admissions and required documentation please visit our website.

[Admissions – Salesian School](#)

Children with a Statement/EHCP are admitted under a separate procedure in accordance with the Code of Practice. Please contact Tina Wright for more details twright@salesian.surrey.sch.uk

Admissions to the Cullum Centre are dealt with by Ros Pool rpool@salesian.surrey.sch.uk