

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I hope this update finds you and your loved ones well.

Remembrance

In the month of November we take time to remember those we have lost, both those close to us and those lost in conflict and war. Today we honoured the memory of those lost in the World Wars and those who continue to lose their lives in conflicts today. At both the school and the college sites we paused for a two minute silence, a reflective reading and hymn and the 'Last Post' being played by our wonderful staff and students. Later today this will appear on our social media, I would encourage you all to take a look.

Salesian School Annual Mass of Remembrance

To mark the passing of close friends, family and acquaintances we hold an annual mass, the invitation to which is open to all. This year's mass will be on Monday 27th November at 6.30 pm at St Anne's Catholic Church on Eastworth Road, Chertsey. Please feel free to bring the whole family with no reservation required for attendance, everyone is most welcome. This year is particularly poignant for the school community with the passing of Ms Clarey. I'm sure that many of us will have Rebecca in our thoughts and prayers, as well as our loved ones whom we still remember and miss.

If you would like us to remember and pray for someone close to you in this mass and in our services throughout November please let us know their name(s) by completing this form [Book of Remembrance](#) or by scanning the below QR code.



Feedback on student progress

Following your feedback last year we have been looking at ways of reporting more regularly and effectively on student progress. Earlier this term you will have had an on-line tutor meeting which I hope you found useful and this following hot on the heels of the Parent Information Evenings. We will soon to be embarking on a series of in-person Parent Evenings and the first of our progress reporting cycles; more information on each of these is contained below.

Parent Evenings

The Year 10 Parent Evening on 23 November will be our first in-person parent evening in three years. Being a 'people place' here at Salesian the return to face-to-face meetings seems both natural and timely. Those who remember the old in-person parent evening will likely recall an experience that involved long queues, a lot of waiting around followed by a mad dash to the second hall where your next appointment awaited.

We have planned our first evening very carefully to avoid a similar experience this time around. Detailed information on booking appointments will reach you as your child's parent evening approaches and all meetings will take place in the Sports Hall. I am sure there will be some teething issues, so please bear with us. It goes without saying that it is vital you attend your child's evening; we will be in contact if we identify that appointments have not been made prior to the evening. They will be busy evenings but we cannot wait to see you all.

Progress Reports

Following your feedback in the parent survey in the Summer relating to progress reports we have made efforts to amend the reports and provide a better explanation of what they are showing. To this end Mrs Nagle has produced the following short videos which are linked below, I hope you find them useful:

Years 7-9 reports: <https://youtu.be/nhA3EHSnZA>

Year 10-13 reports: <https://youtu.be/XOW4sJt1QVc>

Parent Survey

As evidenced above, parent feedback provides valuable data which we use to continue to improve the school. With this in mind please complete our latest survey linked [here](#). The survey itself should take no longer than 5 minutes. Last year we achieved 811 completions, we hope to beat that this year. I can promise you we will read every word of your feedback, good or otherwise! Thank you in advance for doing this.

Charity

Thank you for your wonderful generosity in respect to the Christmas shoebox appeal. On Wednesday the school sent off in the region of 150 boxes to children in Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Key Dates for November

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 14 th November 2023	Early finish	2.20pm
Tuesday 14 th November 2023	Year 10 Parents Ski Information Evening	6pm
Monday 20 th November 2023	Year 11 Mock exams commence	
Thursday 23 rd November 2023	Year 10 Parents Evening (Accelerated day finishing at 2:15pm)	2:45-7:30pm
Monday 27 th November 2023	Salesian School Annual Mass of Remembrance	6.30pm at St Anne's Church
Wednesday 29 th November 2023	Carol Concert	6-8.15pm at Christ Prince of Peace
Thursday 30 th November 2013	Year 13 Parents Evening	3.30pm at the College

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

God bless,



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