

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well.

It has been an incredibly exciting fortnight with two Parent Evenings, an Awards Evening and our Year 13 interviews with industry professionals; thank you so much if you volunteered your time in support of the latter.

My update below contains news regarding future exciting events, but sadly news of further pending industrial action affecting services to Chertsey Station.

Key dates for your diary, including important Salesian Parents Association (SPA) fundraising events.

Date	Event
Monday 29 th January 2024	Deanery Mass, Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, 4.15pm. Parents welcome.
Tuesday 30 th January 2024	Parent Voice Group Meeting, 6pm at the School
Wednesday 31 st January 2024	Feast of St John Bosco / Mufti Day
Thursday 1 st February 2024	Accelerated Day 2.15pm finish / Year 7 Parents Evening
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Year 11 Leadership Team Interviews
Wednesday 7 th February 2024	Instrumental Recital
Friday 1 st March 2024	SPA Quiz Night
Friday 26 th April 2024	SPA Race Night
Friday 21 st June 2024	SPA Tribute Night

See the calendar [here](#) for all information

South Western Railway industrial action

ASLEF have now confirmed that strike action will be taking place on Tuesday 30th January 2024. An extremely limited service will operate on a small number of lines and the rest of the SWR network will be closed. This will again include the closure of the Weybridge – Chertsey loop. More information is available [on the strike page](#) of their website. The school will run minibuses from Weybridge on Tuesday morning. We have three available and they will make a return journey if necessary. Please note however, that due to sports fixtures and co-curricular events we do not have any minibuses to return students to Weybridge after school so arrangements will need to be made. Students are welcome to stay in the LRC after school should you need to pick them up later than 3.10pm.

On Monday 29th January and from Wednesday 31st January through to Tuesday 6th February there will also be action short of a strike (an overtime ban) affecting the network. We have been informed that services across the network will be subject to short notice alterations and cancellations are also possible although the hope is currently that rail customers should notice little change on these days.

School will run as normal next week and the expectation, as always, is that students will attend. Please do contact attendance@salesian.surrey.sch.uk should there be any issues.

I continue to be in contact with key political figures regarding the impact the poor service to Chertsey Station (not just on strike days) is having on school attendance and the education of our children. Monica Harding has been fighting this cause on our behalf and Ben Spencer MP has twice met Huw Merriman, Rail Minister to raise the issue, directly referencing Salesian School. I will continue to apply this pressure and will update you when I receive one.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

Paul Gower | Headteacher
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