

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I hope this update finds you well.

Term update

It has been a hugely positive last six weeks at the school and college. Our wonderful Year 13s and 11s have had their final assembly and liturgies and have been sent off with our love, the examinations have got off to a flying start, the Year 9 and 11 boys football teams won the district finals and representatives from the debate team were successful, against a large number of other schools (all private), at the 'Philosothon'; the debate club being just one of the of the 73 co-curricular clubs on offer this summer. We also interviewed for Head Boy and Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Girl, Senior Prefects and Prefects. Chloe Turner will be Head Girl for the next year, with Nana Ossei-Yeboah and Charlie Buckley Deputy Head Girls. They will work alongside Ben Doyle, who will be Head Boy and James Lock and Arthur Bunth his two deputies. Congratulations to each of them and the named Senior Prefects and Prefects; nearly half the year group expressed an interest in these roles, testament to them as individuals and the work of the year leadership team headed by Mr Birkitt.

Parent survey

Can I ask you all to spend 10 minutes to fill out our Summer Survey linked here: [Summer Survey](#)? Our surveys play a vital role in school and college planning providing us with the opportunity to celebrate the things that are going well (including passing on your thanks to individual members of staff) and focus on areas for improvement. Your feedback in recent years has led to us overhauling the report format, returning to in-person Parent Evenings and changing our catering supplier. Thank you in advance for the time you spend doing this.

In other news ...

On Wednesday I took the decision to briefly sound the school's lockdown alarm. This was to ensure that students remained in class at the start of lunch while school leaders' cared for the wellbeing of a member of the public. The alarm sounded for less than a minute and was turned off once the individual had received the support required. At no point was there any threat, the alarm was simply a precaution and used to protect the privacy of this individual.

Today we say goodbye to four members of staff who are moving on to pastures new; Mr Hamshar is moving to become Deputy Headteacher at Hoe Valley School, Ms Maffi will be Assistant Headteacher at BDB school, Mr De Quay will be Head of RE at St Gregory's in Kent and Miss Ampofo is relocating to Bedford. I would like to publicly thank them for all the work they have done over the years in serving the children of Salesian and wish them all the best in their future careers.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

God bless,



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