

5th July 2024

Dear Parents, Carer and Guardians,

Some things change, and some things stay the same ...

I hope this email finds you well.

We all woke this morning to the news that the country is now under new leadership; in truth, if you saw the exit poll you probably went to bed knowing it. Whatever your political leanings I am sure we will all be hoping that the education of our young returns to the top of the political agenda. We are blessed once again to be fully staffed at Salesian for next September with excellent subject specialists, but it has been a real challenge ensuring this is the case. While I will fight for the best of staff for our children I know that other heads are doing just the same across the country without the same success. And so, through no fault of that child, just because they were born in a different postcode, in a different part of the country they get a worse deal; that cannot be right. Labour have promised more teachers, and boy do we need them, but there are other real issues too: School buildings are crumbling due to chronic underinvestment, Schools' have no money, squeezing every penny as far as it will go and issues such as child poverty still exist with the numbers affected shockingly high. So please write to your MP, who might be new or might just have held on, to make these points, there is no time like the present. We have no better resource than our children, it is about time we started investing in them.

While all that was changing much at school and college remained very much the same: hard work in class, high quality outside and fun all the way. The three productions of Shrek this week have been incredible and showcased all that is good about our creative subjects. The production, the direction, the costume, the set, the performance, it was all just fabulous. There are still tickets tonight if you want to turn up on the door and see it, the start time is 7pm. RAG day was great fun and raised lots of money, very much serving our social justice agenda. Through RAG day and the Pre-loved uniform sale we raised nearly £10000 for charity, money that will reach the most vulnerable in society. Thank you for your support with this, whether you dropped in pre-loved uniform (we are always open for more!) or simply filled your child's pockets full of money on RAG day!

We are about to enter the last two weeks of term and I have listed some key information below. Our school year will finish, as ever, with a whole school mass. Should you wish to attend we would love to welcome you, just fill out the form linked in the 'Key Dates' section below and we will save you a seat!

My last communication for the year will be in the Newsletter in two weeks' time where I will be saying goodbye to a handful of staff who will be leaving us.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday, 8 th July 2024	Dance Club Showcase, Highfield Road, 5.30pm. Tickets available on Tucasi.
Thursday, 11 th July 2024	Art & DT Exhibition, Salesian School, 5pm.
Tuesday, 16 th July 2024	Sports Day
Wednesday, 17 th July 2024	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday, 18 th July 2024	Whole School Mass, 10.45am-12pm. Please click here to confirm attendance.
Friday, 19 th July 2024	End of Term, 12pm Finish.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,



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