



# Salesian College News

## Welcome from the Headmaster



Dear Parents and Students

As another year draws to a satisfactory conclusion, I feel very pleased to belong to a community with such hard working, dedicated and joyful staff and students. The pages of this newsletter give a snapshot of the very full life of the Salesian term since Easter. Many trips, visits and achievements have stood alongside day to day excellence in lessons. I was particularly impressed with the Salesian spirit illustrated on Sports day when staff and students performed and participated joyfully despite the horrendous rain.

This year we say goodbye to some very dear colleagues who go on to new adventures. Mr Parks who has made such a good contribution to the Maths department is relocating to the South Coast. Mrs Tyler who has contributed so well in her maternity cover for Mrs Shervington in the languages department, leaves us to join Farborough Hill next year. Ms Poirot who returned for a short time after her maternity leave this term, will leave us after 10 years of dedicated service to take up a post in London where she is relocating. Mrs Lucas retires from the Physics department having provided such a strong contribution particularly to Year 9, over the last 2 years. We say farewell to Miss Wicks and Mr Godden who have completed their teacher training at Salesian College this year. Miss Wicks takes up her post of teacher of Drama at The Hurst School and Mr Godden goes on to do a Master's degree.

We also say goodbye to Dr Noble who after 35 years' service at the College retires this summer. Dr Noble is a legend within this College. He has inspired generations of students and has truly astonished with the ability to direct young men and women of this College to perform at such high levels and beyond what they themselves would have imaged possible. He has been a great friend and guide to many staff and students. The College has been privileged to have had him with us.

I wish all our leavers the very best of luck as they journey to their new adventures.

Have a good summer.

*Gerard Owens*

## Farewell from our School Captain

On leaving office, Brian addressed the College at assembly and thanked the students for their support during the past year. He thanked his fellow outgoing officers and especially his two Vice-Captains Alexander and Jack, Head Girl Sophie and Deputy Head Girl Megan.

Brian wished Jonathan the new School Captain and his fellow officers Vice-Captains Scott and Morgan, Head Girl Lucy and Deputy Head Girl Miranda much success in the year ahead and encouraged all students to support them in their challenging roles.



## Messages for Parents

### Open Afternoon

The College's next Open Afternoon will take place on Wednesday 25 September from 1.15pm to 3.30pm.

### Sixth Form Open Evening

An Open Evening for the Co-educational Sixth Form will be held on Monday 7 October from 6.50pm. We encourage all current Year 11 students to attend and warmly welcome students from outside the College in Years 10 and 11.

### School Rucksacks

If you are purchasing a new rucksack for the next academic year, please can you ensure it contains a robustly padded pocket, specifically designed for carrying and protecting iPads.

## Enjoying the snow!

During the Easter break, 49 students from Years 7-10 travelled to the very sunny French resort of Alpe d'Huez. The boys enjoyed four hours of skiing a day and took part in a number of different evening activities. It was an excellent week away and the College look forward to exploring some new slopes in Serre Chevalier for next year's ski trip in March 2010.



## French Visit to Montpellier

During the Easter break, 20 Year 10 French students spent five days in Montpellier in the South of France as part of a linguistic trip. The students stayed with a host family and every morning they had to make their own way to school either walking or using public transport, before undertaking French lessons.

After enjoying their lunch, the students spent the afternoon sightseeing including a guided tour of Montpellier, going to the beach, shopping or going to the leisure centre where enjoyed a laser game. The students had an amazing time in France and the staff were very proud to see how they used this opportunity to speak as much French as possible and how much more confident they were by the end of the trip.

Montpellier is a city with a lovely weather, beautiful historical treasures and a vibrant cultural dynamism. It is also a university town that is home to 60,000 students from all over France and around the world.



# Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Once again the Year 12 students spent Easter Week in Lourdes helping with the HCPT Pilgrimage for children with disabilities. The students and staff were fully engaged in their dual role of assisting with the smooth running of the pilgrimage and being directly involved with children in the family groups. After each meal in the hotel the students were given their tasks for the next few hours, including organising games and parties, leading prayers and singing outside the baths, welcoming groups visiting Hosanna House, providing musical support for group and regional Masses, pushing wheelchairs, stewarding at processions and coach parks. In the less busy moments, some students were able to visit places associated with the life of Saint Bernadette, walk the High Stations of the Cross and climb the tower of the Chateau Fort, make a private visit to the Grotto, or even enjoy an ice-cream.

The theme for the HCPT Pilgrimage, chosen by the Welsh Pilgrimage Group, was 'God's Love is the best Love'.



# Year 7 visit the Lake District

95 Year 7 students enjoyed a great trip to the Lake District.. Even though the weather was wet, the boys did not let the weather dampen their spirits. The boys were good company and relished the challenges presented to them in all the activities. The outward bound activities were run by 'Glaramara' and 'Platty +' and included Via Ferrata; Ghyll Scrambling; Kayaking; Canoe Expedition; Stand up Paddling; Rock Climbing/ Abseiling and an Adventure Walk. The boys also went Orienteering up at the Whinlatter Forest.

Just in case the boys hadn't used up all their energy during the day, the staff ran, and joined in with, evening activities which included a pool tournament, a table tennis tournament, a chess tournament; a football tournament and a bingo night. The boys were delighted to see our Chaplain, Fr Pat Sherlock SDB, who brought his 'joke for the day' to the Lakes and said Mass on the Sunday, where the boys got a chance to exercise their lungs as they sang along to Fr Pat's guitar. A great time was had by all the students.



## Portsmouth Diocese Annual Schools' Mass

On Friday 7 June, a group from Salesian College joined representatives of many of the 71 Catholic primary and secondary schools in the Diocese for a Mass in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth led by Bishop Philip Egan. Fr Pat Sherlock and Mrs Bourke accompanied nine boys from Year 9, and our banner, to take part in the celebration.

It was good to meet the groups from our local Catholic primary schools, St Patrick's and St Bernadette's. Bishop Philip preached on the life and martyrdom of the recently canonised St Oscar Romero. The rain, heavy during the morning, had moved away by the end of the Mass, so we were able to drive nearer to the coast and make brief visits to Southsea Castle and the D-Day Museum before returning to Farnborough.



## Young Enterprise Success



Once again, the College entered two teams into the annual Young Enterprise competition. Gebo Gifts focussed on selling bespoke candles for special events and Go Enterprise had a variety of goods with a focus on sustainability with their Eco Educate soft toy. Trading was very successful both at the College during the school day and at the Christmas market, which gave the teams enough revenue to develop their main product ideas.

Both teams entered a Dragons Den type of event within a few months of starting the business. This enabled them to pitch their ideas to three Dragons, with feedback, which was invaluable to develop their ideas and products further. At the North Hampshire final, the teams discussed the development of their entrepreneurial skills with the judges. The teams also presented their business to a large audience discussing both their difficulties and successes along the way. It was brilliant to see the two key elements (sustainability and the use of social media) introduced to this year's competition was a key focus for both our teams. Congratulations to Go Enterprise for winning the Team Award at this event.

## 'Life of Christ' at Wintershall

On Thursday 20 June, a group of boys from Year 7 spent the day at the Wintershall estate, south of Guildford, experiencing an epic presentation of the Life of Christ. Accompanied by Fr Pat Sherlock and Mrs P Byrne, they joined hundreds of children and adults who had travelled from all over the South of England. Beginning with an introduction from Luke the Evangelist, played by past pupil Philip Street, the large cast of talented local people led us from the Annunciation to the Ascension, through scenes chosen from all four gospels. All the action took place in the open air, making use of the hills and lakes on the estate to heighten the sense of being present at the events. Costumes, live animals, an excellent sound system and carefully chosen music enhanced the effect, but above all it was the enthusiasm and obvious faith commitment of the actors which made the greatest impression.

One parent sent her thanks: "He was buzzing when he came home. He loved it! In fact he emailed them to tell them this and has asked if he can be in a future production!"



## Year 10 Geographers in the Peak District



As part of the GCSE Geography course, students are required to carry out fieldwork to complete their controlled assessment. This year, like many before, the group visited the area surrounding Castleton in the stunning Peak District National Park. The students were immersed within this landscape for the full three days enjoying activities as diverse as canoeing in Combe Reservoir, a night hike along 'the great ridge', exploring underground caverns and climbing on the longest inland cliff in the UK at Stanage Edge.

The trip was not all fun and games however; two full geographical investigations were completed. One project looked at the impact tourism is having on Castleton and the other considered how flooding could be prevented using a range of different strategies.

## Year 10 Business students to understand 'The Business

The annual Year 10 trip to Chelsea was met, as usual, with excitement and anticipation. To see the sport of football trying to run as a profitable business was going to be interesting. The students learnt that despite having large inflow and outflows of cash, the business of football is not that profitable. They also found out how important it is to maintain the Chelsea brand, how this affects their sponsorship and how hard it is for a football business to have a competitive advantage in such a competitive market.

After the main part of the tour the students gathered in the museum and were able to play some interactive games and see the models of both past, present and future stadiums. As well as admiring the silverware and memorabilia, students could test their reaction skills to see if they were goalkeeper potential and test their kicking accuracy for the potential forward line.

The students seemed enthralled by what they saw, showing good business knowledge and a real interest in the business of the sport. The hand-held devices provided the detail for specific areas and the guides in each area were able to answer any specific business related questions. Thanks to all the staff for assisting, but more importantly for the boys for being so well behaved and engrossed during the entire trip.



## Duke of Edinburgh

On the hottest day of the year, 61 students from Year 10 took part in their Bronze DofE Assessment Weekend in the New Forest. Although they had to endure some tough conditions, all of the students passed with flying colours.

Well done!



# Farewell to Year 11 and 13

As our Year 11 and Year 13 students prepare for the next stage of their lives, the Headmaster, Staff, Community and Governors would like to wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. The students have made a significant contribution to the life of the College and can be assured of a warm welcome whenever they return.



## Year 8 Paris trip

On Saturday 15 June, 56 Year 8 students and seven members of staff set off for a four-day excursion to Paris. The sun shone throughout their stay and the group enjoyed an action packed programme of activities. The group visited the Louvre, the Stade de France, Parc Asterix and the Tour Montparnasse. They had a boat cruise down the Seine and stopped at a hypermarket for some shopping.



In the evening, the students went bowling and played football with JuJu, the French 'animateur' who was with them for the duration of their stay. The boys were a credit to the school and everyone had a fantastic time. Many thanks to all the boys for their participation, and to the staff who made the trip such a success.

## Spanish Exchange students from Salesian Soto, Madrid



The College was delighted to welcome Spanish Exchange students from Salesian Soto, Madrid during the Summer Term. The students stayed with host families for a week and had the opportunity to experience a wide variety of cultural activities including a trip to the West End to see 'The Book of Mormon', a visit to Windsor and a Tour of Oxford. A special thanks goes to all our parents who kindly hosted the students.



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## Family Fun and Football Evening

On the last day of the first half of the Summer term, over 150 current and prospective students took part in 6 a-side football competitions to raise money for 'Share the Light' and other good causes. The evening of matches concluded with a staff team taking on (and defeating!) the Sixth Form.

Elsewhere on the fields, the PTA bar was even more popular than usual given the quality of live music from our own 'house' band led by former students Will Collins and Ollie Woods. Additional funds were also raised through the tombola and gift voucher stand. Whilst younger members of the Salesian family were entertained with bouncy castles, a sweet stall and face painting.

The evening raised in excess of £2,000 and sincere thanks to all those who helped out, participated or forwarded prizes and vouchers. As ever, this was such an enjoyable evening and one that makes a huge difference in helping to keep talented students within education out in Zambia.



## Year 7 Treble Football Winners



## Year 8 League and Cup Winners



## Year 8 Portsmouth Historic Dockyards visit

Year 8 boys enjoyed a sunny visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyards to develop their studies of the developing role of the navy in British History as well as assessing the value of historic sites.

Students used the Ipads to make an assessment of what they had learned about life in the Royal Navy and to make their recommendations for future developments to Portsmouth Historic Dockyards exhibits. They looked at the M33, the last surviving British battleship from Gallipoli, visited the Warrior and the Victory and tried their hand at various interactive tasks designed by the modern-day navy in the 'Action Stations' attraction.



# A very wet but outstanding Sports Day

On a very wet Monday 10 June, the College hosted its annual Sports Day. Students competed for their houses and for individual awards during the afternoon and there were many outstanding performances. Three College records were broken by the girls, Rebecca M (2) and Alana H. In the boys races James R broke the 400m record previously set in 2009, whilst James D ran an incredible 1500m to break the record which has stood for 22 years!

All the students are to be congratulated on their performance and good humour on what was a very wet afternoon. A special mention and thank you must go to the PTA who put on a wonderful choice of refreshments and did a fantastic job at keeping both students, staff and parents fed and hydrated.

The overall winners of the Lester Shield were St Aidan's. Well done to all the students who took part.



# Bolty Bandana Day

Thank you to all of the students, staff and parents who helped raise over £725 through Bolty Bandana Day 2019 for the Alex Bolt Fund and the fight against brain tumours.

Also thank you to our staff on the Share the Light Zambia trip, who made sure to join in with Bolty Bandana Day today despite being on the other side of the equator.



# Inter-Salesian Athletics Champions for the 8th Year in a row Congratulations to all the boys involved



# A wonderful Evening at the Sixth Form Prom

On the evening of Friday 28 June, the College held a joint Sixth Form Summer Prom with Alton School at Frensham Ponds Hotel. Black ties and ball dresses, speeches, excellent food and good company helped celebrate the Sixth Form contribution to College life. There was a fantastic atmosphere at the event and a great sense of friendship and fun.



## Diary Dates

### AUTUMN TERM 2019

#### SEPTEMBER

Monday 2	Autumn Term begins for Staff. Staff Development Day (No pupils in College)
Tuesday 3	Staff Development Day (No pupils in College)
Wednesday 4	Induction Day for Year 7 and Year 12. 11.00am-1.00pm Uniform Shop open
<b>Thursday 5</b>	<b>8.40am AUTUMN TERM STARTS FOR WHOLE SCHOOL</b>
Friday 6	Year 13 Biology field visit to Juniper Hall (return 7 September). 2.40pm Mass of Dedication of School Year
Monday 9	OPRO Mouthguard fittings. 7.00pm PTA AGM, 7.30pm Year 7 New Parents' Welcome Evening
Tuesday 10	Year 13 Leadership Team retreat, Battersea (return 11 September).
Wednesday 11	6.00pm Geography: GCSE & A Level Morocco visit Information Evening
Thursday 12	7.00pm Year 12 Information Evening, College Hall
Monday 16	College Photographs (all years). 7.00pm Year 9 Battlefields Tour & iPads Information Evening
Tuesday 17	7 St Aidan's Retreat
Wednesday 18	7 St Bede's Retreat. Sixth Form Enrichment programme begins. 12.30pm Junior Schools' 5-aside Football Tournament, College Fields. 7.00pm HCPT Lourdes Supper for Year 12 at Salesian with Alton School
Thursday 19	7 St Dunstan's Retreat. 4.30pm Year 13 Parents' Evening, College Hall
Friday 20	St Hugh's Retreat
Monday 23	7.00pm Krakow Tour Information Evening, Music School
Wednesday 25	Dr Richard Perry, Southampton Univ. visiting Year 13 EPQ students. 1.15-3.30pm Open Afternoon for prospective pupils and their parents. 7.00pm Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening
Thursday 26	7 St Aidan's & 7 St Bede's visit to Alice Holt. 7.00pm Year 11 Information Evening, College Hall
Friday 27	Year 8 Retreat Day, St John's, Wonnersh. Year 9 students attending "Make Some Noise" Thornleigh
Saturday 28	9.30-11.30am Uniform shop open
Monday 30	Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Week. 7.00pm History: GCSE & A Level Russia visit Information Evening

#### OCTOBER

Tuesday 1	Year 11 History Ripper Crime Tour, London
Wednesday 2	3.00pm Year 6 Maths Challenge for Junior Schools at Salesian College
Thursday 3	7 St Dunstan's & 7 St Hugh's visit to Alice Holt. 7.00pm Year 12 Information Evening, College Hall
Saturday 5	7.00pm Share the Light Zambia Charity Race Night
Monday 7	6.50pm Open Evening for Prospective Sixth Form students 2020-21
Tuesday 8	Year 11 Interviews with Headmaster this week. CAFOD Year 12 Young Leaders Programme Day 1
Thursday 10	Year 13 EPQ Day, Hartley Library, Southampton University. 4.00pm Year 7 "Run for Sean" sponsored run at College Fields
Friday 11	Year 12 Leadership Weekend, YHA Ravenstor (return 13 October). 7.30pm Music Choirs Concert in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice
Monday 14	8 St Aidan's & 8 St Bede's Classics visit to British Museum. Year 11 - 13 year group photographs
Tuesday 15	8 St Dunstan's & 8 St Hugh's Classics visit to British Museum
Wednesday 16	4.15pm Governors' Meeting. 7.00pm Share the Light Zambia Information Evening
Friday 18	Year 9 Visit to First World War Battlefields (return 19 October)
Monday 21	9.00am-12.00noon Inter-House Swimming Gala
Thursday 24	Rabbi Zvi visiting Year 10 (periods 1 & 2). 6.30pm Year 13 Mock Interviews
<b>Friday 25</b>	12.15pm Year 12 Physics A Level visit to Thorpe Park. Years 8-13 Interim Progress Reports 1 issued. 3.50pm <b>Mid-term break begins</b>