



SALESIAN COLLEGE

Newsletter

December 2020

Message from the Headmaster



Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you are all well and ready for the celebration of Christmas. During this term and indeed throughout the year the staff and students of the College have adapted to the constant changes in the national restrictions, with positivity and energy. I have felt an immense pride that the Salesian Spirit has meant that we have made the most of the situation. Salesian has remained, as Don Bosco would have it, a caring home, a purposeful school, a joyful playground and a comforting church. Our students have worked particularly well this term and have clearly made every effort to catch up on any impact in their learning from last summer. They fully deserve their break.

This Christmas we say goodbye to Ms Prince. She leaves us to retire to Shropshire after serving the College with great care and compassion as Head of Learning Support for nine and a half years. We wish her the very best of luck. We are very pleased that her permanent replacement will be Mrs Vandenburg who will take up her post at the end of next term. In the interim, Miss Guy will hold the role of Acting-Head of Learning Support for next term and will lead the department.

I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gerard Owens



New Staff

Welcome to all of the staff who joined the College this year.



Dr John Toal
Deputy Headteacher



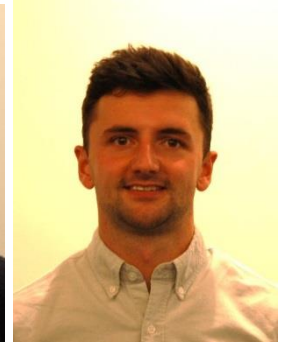
Mrs Susan Batt
Head of Computing



Mr Liam Webster
Teacher of English



Mrs Sharon Price
Teacher of Music



Mr Harvey Dixon
PE Graduate Teacher



Mrs Clare Prout
Teacher of
Mathematics



Ms Helen Nelder
Teacher of
Drama/English



Mrs Michelle Cattley
Accounts Assistant



Mrs Caroline Roberts
Finance Manager

Welcome to the new Year 7 students

The new academic year began with great excitement and expectancy as we welcomed our new Year 7 students.



Year 13 Biology Field Studies

At the beginning of term, Year 13 made a full return to their A Level studies with a fieldwork course in their Biology bubble at Juniper Hall. The weather was fine and the group worked hard all day with Mr Hartland and Mrs Jordaan to collect data and develop their practical skills.



NHS Drive Flu

Throughout October, the College's playground was used as a venue for 'Drive Flu'. This provided elderly and potentially vulnerable patients with a safe alternative to attending doctor's surgeries and health centres for their winter flu vaccinations. Over five weekends and during the half term break, the playground became a sea of traffic cones to channel patients, in their vehicles, through the 'Drive Flu' where NHS healthcare practitioners from local surgeries administered the vaccinations.

The project wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and commitment from our Sixth Form students and staff who volunteered their services to greet the public and to guide them through the process leaving the vaccinators from local surgeries to focus on the task in hand. The College Maintenance team set-up the playground in readiness prior to each weekend session and ensured that all was returned to normal when the College re-opened on the Monday mornings.

Community is at the heart of College life. Being able to support the NHS and our local community to ensure those most at risk could receive the flu vaccination this year in the safety of their own cars was very important to us. Our staff and students once again gave generously of their time to ensure that this important service could be provided.



Year 7 raise a staggering £5,755

Well done to Year 7 who raised an amazing £5,755 for the Sean Devereux Children's Fund. This year the students ran around the school campus and were very grateful to be supported by staff and students who cheered them on from a distance. The charity run was in memory of Sean, a former Salesian Head Boy, who died coming to the aid of children in Africa and Year 7 wanted to support this very worthwhile cause.



Mass of Remembrance

On 11 November, the College held its annual Mass of Remembrance in honour of those who gave their lives in the war including our old boys remembered on the Rolls of Honour in the College Hall.

At 11am, all students and staff gathered in their Year Group bubbles to the playing of the Last Post by Josh N followed by a two-minute silence. The School Captain Alex and Head Girl Sophie laid the wreath and the Headmaster read the names of the Salesian College Farnborough old boys who died in the WWI.

Parents were invited to join staff and students in a streamed Mass led by the College Chaplain, Fr Patrick Sherlock SDB, with a homily given by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Forces, the Right Rev Paul Mason BA MA STB PhL.



Raising Money for the Royal British Legion

Well done to Duncan who has raised £114.45 for The Royal British Legion with his handmade poppies.



CAFOD Young Leaders raised over £700

Congratulations to the CAFOD Young Leaders from 2019-2020 who won the prize for the most creative fundraiser and raised over £700 last year for CAFOD! Good luck to this year's CAFOD Young Leaders!



Porridge Club Cake Sales

Thank you to all those who supported the Bubble Cake Sale in aid of the Porridge Club. It appears that Salesian College has some budding Bake-Off stars of the future!



Salesian Book Awards

Thank you to all the students who took part in the Salesian Book Awards, from the shortlisting in February to the final vote. The winner was the *The Boy Who Steals Houses* by C.G. Drews.

Every year the library choose a shortlist of books from those published in the last year and read and review these books with the students. The initiative challenges the staff and students to read books they would not necessarily pick up and they are often surprised at the books they enjoy!



Virtual Prize Night

On Friday 13 November, the College celebrated a year of outstanding achievements at the College's Annual Prize Giving Ceremony. This year the evening was a virtual event, where Fr Michael Fava CBE, Honary Chaplain to the Queen and Alumnus of the College was the Guest of Honour.

The Annual Prize Giving is a special occasion when we celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students. This year, students in Years 8-13 received their Awards during their Year Group Assembly.



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



Years 12 & 13

Year 7 Reward Trip



Level 1 Latin Award



Year 7 Cake & Sweet Sale

Well done to Will and Alex who organised a charity sweet/cake sale today for students in their bubble with the help of Mr Dalgas.

Will and Alex were inspired after watching a documentary by Sir David Attenborough and have found a rainforest charity they would like to support. £5 will plant a tree in the rainforest and it will be protected. £150 will buy an acre of rainforest and will also be preserved forever! Including all the animals living within that acre.



Virtual Eurovision raises £5,600

The Virtual Eurovision evening, hosted by our very own SHARE International Student Ambassadors was a wonderful event. The evening raised £5,600 to buy a storage unit to fill with maize and support our Salesian friends in the City of Joy in Zambia.

Our students demonstrated resilience and teamwork on the evening as well as throughout the week; well done and thanks to all. A huge thank you also to the many members of staff who worked to make the event happen. Thanks also to the grandees of the Community, the Salesian Fathers and Brothers who appear on the Scottish Salesian video.



STEM Club

The Year 7 students in STEM club have learnt how to solder this half-term. Well done to these three students who managed to get their circuits working on their Christmas trees.

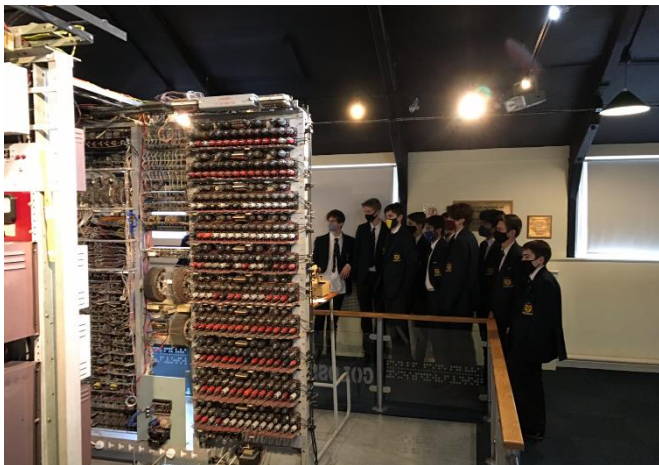


Year 10 Computer Science Trip to Bletchley Park

On Friday 27 November, over 20 Year 10 Computer Science students accompanied by Mrs Batt, Mr Sansome and Mrs Nash headed up to the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park. The day was organised to be a mixture of exploring the Museum with very knowledgeable guides alongside hands-on programming activities.

The students were all fascinated by the Enigma machine, the Bombe and Colossus. The Bombe and Colossus are widely regarded as two of the early milestones to our digital world as well as saving many lives in the Second World War. The group then went on a historical tour of Computing from the early machines through to more recognisable technology. The highlight for the boys was definitely the workshops – the first one involved coding a Rocket Trajectory on the BBC micro machines – lots of nostalgia for the two Computing teachers!

The boys also explored Artificial Intelligence and had some fun with the Turing Test. Overall, it was an exciting and educational day out.



Christmas Cross Country Club Onesie Run

The Cross Country Club enjoyed the traditional final run before Christmas dressed up in onesies.



Christmas Appeal Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Appeal for goods for the Foodbank, the Vine Centre, The Children's Hospital Pyjamas who are collecting pyjamas for children who will be in local hospitals over Christmas and Care4Calais.org who are looking for unwanted, good quality coats to give to refugees. Your generosity will make a big difference to people in need this Christmas. Below are a couple of thank you's we received.

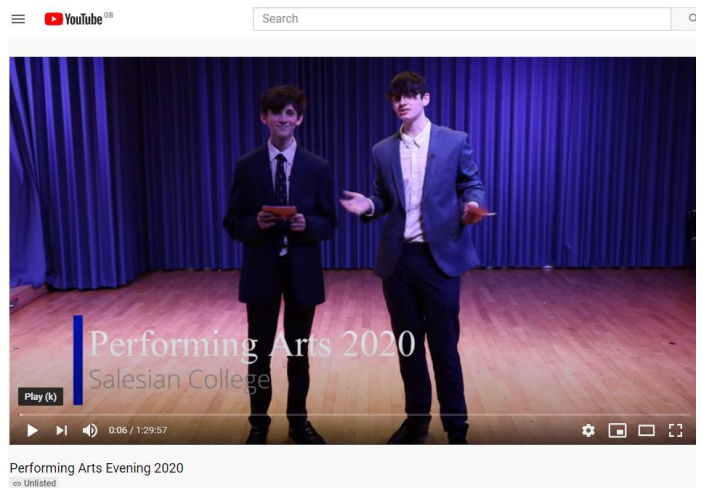
"We are overwhelmed with the quantity and quality of what you have all donated, which will enable us to provide Christmas hampers for so many vulnerable adults and families." The Vine Centre, Aldershot

"I am genuinely overwhelmed with the generosity of the school. One car is full of brand new pjs and the second car with the coats. I am so thankful. I really did not expect such a response. Absolutely amazing." Mrs Bedi



Virtual Performing Arts Evening

This year was our first virtual Performing Arts Evening and it was a wonderful event. The students worked really hard to provide an evening of pure entertainment ranging from songs, dances, comedy sketches and other original devised work. We are delighted to announce that £411 was donated on the evening and this money will go towards to 'Share' initiative. Well done to all those who took part and thank you to everyone who donated.



Careers

This term we have been able to provide Morrisby Online Tests for all Year 11 students as well as Morrisby Interviews carried out by accredited and impartial Careers advisors for which the feedback has been very positive. We have also started implementing a new Careers digital platform, Unifrog, containing the latest bank of resources, profiling, CV advice and university applications support system which is useful to our Sixth Form students as well as to the whole school.



Dane Partnership Ltd
HR, Training & Recruitment Services

A great amount of preparation has been provided for the Year 13 students regarding extension opportunities and university admissions. Meetings via Teams are common practice for us these days and as such, we organised two Year 13 Interview evenings with employers working in conjunction with Lorna Dane Recruitment & HR Consulting. This bespoke service matched potential careers with the appropriate employer.

Former student speaks about Degree Apprenticeships

Thank you to former student Isabella who spoke to our Sixth Form and Year 11 students about Degree Apprenticeships. Isabella is working as a Global Banking Apprentice at UBS whilst studying with the University of Exeter towards a degree in Applied Finance. The students heard about her journey, why she chose an apprenticeship and her experience.



We are delighted to announce the release of our Careers Twitter account which will bring news about updates, events, and opportunities as well as information about industry speakers and the labour market. If you wish to follow us, you will need to subscribe to @SCFboroCareers.

Our website contains various information about Careers, updated regularly in the different sections as well as in the VLE area. We are constantly providing information via e-mail too and Careers lessons are starting to be provided during Form time.

Inter House Rugby Winners



Year 7 - Great photo of St Aidan's, but the overall winners were – St Dunstan's!



Year 8 – St Dunstan's



Year 9 – St Hugh's

Inter House Table tennis



Year 7 Winners – St Hugh's



Year 8 Winners – St Aidan's & St Dunstan's



Sixth Form ladies enjoying Football & Netball



Year 10 enjoying Spinning



U14 squad receive U13 Aldershot League Winners Football Trophy



Christmas Card competition

Well done to the following students:



Theo A - 7A



Casper H - 7A



Alex G - 7D



Leo D - 8D



Oliver R - 9B



Harry B - 8A



Rosko H - 7A



Conner F - 9B

On the 1st day of Christmas



Caleb C - 8B



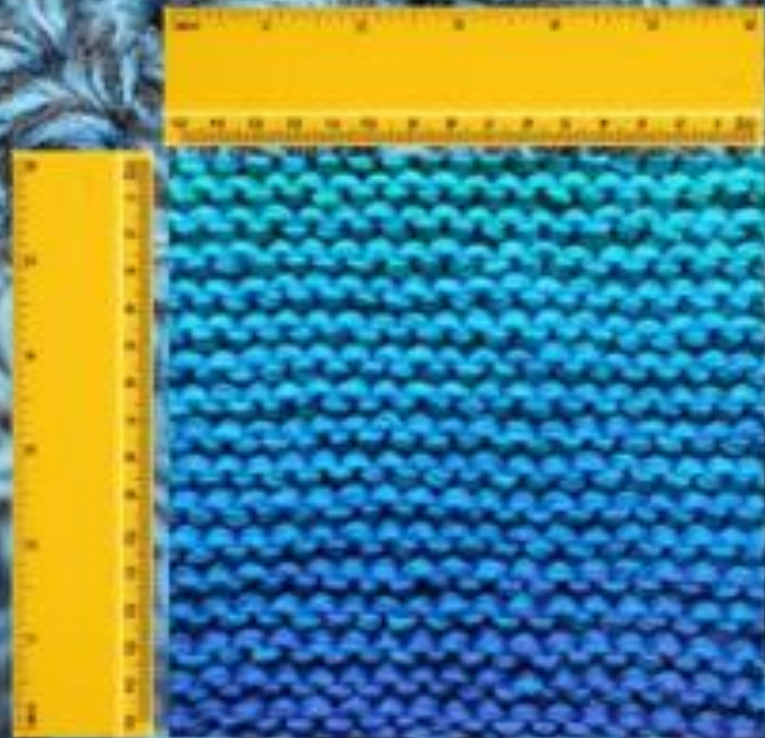
Angelo A - 10D

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KNIT FOR THE HOPE HUB

Are you a keen knitter or Crocheter? Would you like to help a local charity? Then why not get involved, knitting Blankets for the Homeless?

We need Squares 15cm by 15 cm (6" in old money) to be made over Christmas for the first week back to make blankets for The Hope Hub.



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Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas!

