



Savio Salesian College

Christmas Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank you once again for all the hard work and effort you have put into ensuring that your daughters and sons have been in school, on time and working hard, and ask that this continues when we return in the new year. I would also like to share with you the events of the last few months in the life of the College.

In September we welcomed our new Year 7. The number of students joining this year increased by 30% and they have quickly settled in and become a special part of our school community. The older girls and boys have supported them and helped them through their first term. As a Year 7 group they have taken part in retreats, sporting competitions and in the last week an activity that challenged each form class to raise as much as they could in the "Ten Pound Challenge". I am proud to announce that they raised several hundred pounds, all of which will go to support various local charities for the homeless. Mr Collins, Progress Leader of Year 7 has said that he is immensely proud of each and every one of the year 7 group and that they are a "credit" to their families.

Years 8 and 9 are led by Mr Lyons, he too has spoken highly of the girls and boys and of their achievements and successes this term notably those who took part in the Anti-Bullying Conference and the Young Entrepreneurs Workshop. In October we had a number of students visit the shrine of Walsingham in Norfolk and found the journey to be both moving and spiritually uplifting. Student's generosity was once more to the fore in October with the "Wear It Pink" fundraiser for breast cancer that resulted in £322.80 being given to the Charity. In November the whole school participated in the annual Remembrance service and did so with dignity, respect and pride.

Mrs Butler, Progress Leader for Years 10 and 11 welcomed the Year 11 parents to Reports Evening on 6th December and shared with them our Year 11 newsletter that gave advice, guidance and offers of support to all parents as Year 11 begin their preparations for the 2019 exams (additional copies are available upon request). As well as lunchtime, after school, half-term and Easter revision classes can I also remind the year group to have a plan, to work at a steady but thorough pace and to take plenty of exercise, fresh air and to eat and drink well.

Across the whole school all year groups have been working hard studying for their end of term exams and we will share the results with you in January. Finally in December the girls and boys have once again been extremely busy during the season of Advent. Over 120 people from our community took part in our annual Pensioners party and were treated to a wonderful Christmas feast of fun, joy and great food provided by our dinner ladies. All of our guests commented on how welcoming and respectful our girls and boys had been in making their day so special.

Finally, we will say a sad farewell to a number of staff – Mrs Roberts, Mrs McElhinney-Ryan and Miss Bousfield, who are moving on to new adventures. Joining us in January will be our new Curriculum Leader for English, Mr L Hardaker and Mrs J Welsh as Curriculum Leader for Business Studies. We wish them all well.

Advent services will bring the year to a close and school finishes at 12 noon on Friday 21st December. School is closed to students on Monday 7th January as it is an Inset Day. School re-opens on Tuesday 8th January at 8.30am.

Finally on behalf of the Salesian Community, the Governors and staff of the College I would like to wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

(Headteacher)

FORTHCOMING DATES

Monday 7 th January	Staff Inset Day – school closed to students
Tuesday 8 th January	All students return – 8.30am
Thursday 24 th January	Year 10 Parents Evening – 3-6pm
Thursday 31 st January	Feast of St John Bosco – services will be held in school
Thursday 14 th February	Year 9 Parents Evening – 3-6pm
Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February – Half Term	
Monday 25 th February	All students return – 8.30am
Thursday 14 th March	Year 8 Parents Evening – 3-6pm
Thursday 21 st March	2019 Intake Evening (current Year 6) – 6-7pm
Thursday 28 th March	Year 9 Options Evening – 6-7pm
Monday 8 April to Monday 22nd April – Easter Holiday (Spring Break)	
Tuesday 23 rd April	All students return – 8.30am
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 7 Parents Evening – 3-6pm
Monday 6 th May	Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May – Half Term	
Monday 3 rd June	All students return – 8.30am
Friday 19 th July	School closes for summer holidays
Thursday 22 nd August	GCSE Results Day
Monday 2 nd September	Staff Inset Day – school closed to students
Tuesday 3 rd September	All students return – 8.30am

YEAR 11 STUDENTS

On the “Common Timetable” the first GCSE exam will be on **13th May 2019** and the final GCSE exam is on **20th June 2019**.

Season’s Greetings from the History Department!

Are you looking for those last minute stocking fillers? Presents that will last a lifetime? Well, look no further! See your sons and daughters faces light up with joy when they open these stocking fillers. Available at all good book shops and Amazon (other retailers are available).

