



Gearing up for the challenge ahead

I hope you all had a very Happy Easter and enjoyed the long weekend! This half term has been as busy as ever, with examination year students stepping up a gear with their preparation. I know that many of them will be attending revision sessions during the holiday, and I'm sure they will all be revising at home. We wish them every success in the coming term and look forward to celebrating their achievements on the results days in August.

This half term has also been packed full of events above and beyond the classroom activities. Most memorable for me have been the wonderful commemoration service, the Simon Teller photograph, and the year 8 fund raising for twinning their toilets. You can read more about these, and so much more in these pages.

*Thank you once again for your on-going support of your daughters and for our school.
Wishing you a very happy and restful holiday, Catherine*



Celebrating our Christian ethos

Our annual Commemoration Service this year celebrated the Christian ethos at the heart of our school. As a community we had explored the Christian themes of being: inclusive, compassionate, transformative, supportive and reflective. We recognised that we, as individuals and a community, aim to live out this ethos in our daily life. Through readings, speeches, letters by former students, spoken word pieces and dance, we considered these themes, with the dance and most of the readings written entirely by the students - a fantastic achievement.

The music was equally impressive, with three choirs (senior, junior and a new year 7 choir) singing, and a newly formed orchestra joining the senior choir for the 'Hallelujah' chorus. It was wonderful to fill the Cathedral with such excellent music, and great to have so many students participating with over one hundred girls taking part in the service.

Thanks must go to the entire school community for making such an occasion happen, with a special thanks for all those who took a leading role. The challenge for all of us is continuing to make that ethos a daily reality.

diary dates

Easter Holidays
Mon 4th – Fri 15th April
GCSE and A Level Revision
Sessions

Summer Term starts
Monday 18th April

Monday 25th April
Whole School Eucharist

Monday 2nd May
Bank Holiday

Monday 16th May
AS, A2 and GCSE exams begin

Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June
Half Term Holiday

Mon 4th - Fri 8th July
Activities Week

Thursday 14th July
PSHCE Day and Arts Evening

Friday 15th July
Sports Day

Wednesday 20th July
Last Day of Term

Thursday 21st July
Staff INSET Day

St Saviour's & St Olave's School Commemoration Service



Here is the text of a student's letter featured in one of the readings:
I arrived at St Saviours at the end of year 9, it was a difficult time as I had left all my friends at my old school and knew that everyone had already known each other for 2 years and had their own friends. I was incredibly nervous. I was overwhelmed by the way my peers were able to accept me straight away and wanted to get to know me, and no one left me out. Being the 'new girl' was actually a good thing, all the students were willing to go out of their way to help me settle in and support my transition. This is something I believe carries itself through the school which is influenced by its Christian ethos. As a student who suffers from a learning disability I always found my studying particular subjects more difficult than others, this was something I have been very embarrassed about. When I first arrived at the school the learning support department immediately contacted me and offered me help from the start. This support was given to me by all my teachers. Not at any time was I made to feel uncomfortable or singled out, it allowed my confidence in my own capabilities to flourish and from that I have been able to achieve things I never thought possible.



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St Saviour's & St Olave's School Commemoration Service

Being Inclusive

She asks why?
And I told her you don't need to cry
I told her you are special all on your own
I told her stop torturing herself with pictures from last night
And I told her stop asking why.
Yet she still asks what have I done to deserve this?
What have I done that I can't be a part of that?
A friendship, a squad, someone to call my best friend
Why don't I have any of that?
Don't I fit in?
Am I not mature enough?
So I tell her that she's perfect
You know handmade by God
But she still takes the blame
Tries to cover up the pain
She can't hide that it's driving her insane
Because everyone seems to have that sister
You know that girl that always has your back
You can call her up anytime
And she'll ALWAYS call you right back
In fact
She thought she found hers
She thought she found a few
Cause they'd facetime her at midnight and she'd pick up
She'd listen to their problems

Give em' some advice
Even pray for them before she goes to sleep at night
Cause in her small mind
She was there for them
In the same way they were there for her
But when it was time to go out
Or chill at a friend's house
Her invite was always lost
Or it sorta kinda happened
Cause it weren't planned
And the first few times she let it slip
Gave them the benefit of the doubt
Then it turned into a cycle
She'd pop up
Help em
Give em some advice
Then have to force a convo until they just said bye
And sometimes she'd ask herself why
Why put in so much effort into them
Into people who made it seem like they wouldn't care if they
died
That's when I told her
You just want to be included
You need to stop acting so deluded
They don't deserve you
So don't you dare try to prove it .

St Saviour's & St Olave's School Commemoration Service

Being compassionate

Matthew 14:14

When Jesus landed and saw the crowd he had compassion on them.

Compassion.

Sympathetic pity and concern for the suffering of another..

The big Question.. do you care?

When you see someone's who's been tackled by life's series of unfortunate events begging on the street,

Do you care?

When you see one of your sisters fall to her feet,

Do you care?

If your answer is yes I do,

Are you sure?

Are you sure that you have pure deep compassion care and concern for her. Or him. Or them

Compassion stems from love,

Given from above

Illustrated by Love himself

Jesus.

Why is it that we give out compassion as if rationed. Selective.

Compassion. We want it, need it in fact..

Do we give it?

Do you mean it?

If your answer is no I don't

And you won't emulate what you yourself want.

Screaming from the rooftops, "I don't need pity"

Mentioning from the sidelines, "they probably deserved it"

As if those who receive compassion have earned it.

Ok.

I urge you to think.

Compassion is accompanied by a strong desire to eliminate the suffering.

Mother Theresa's compassion fuelled her.

Malala's compassion drove her.

Love your neighbour as your self..

We say that a lot..

Compassion stems from love

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Jesus.

Thank God I go to a school where if I came.

Misty eyed looking like I cried

And didn't mind being alone,

I will always hear a "what's wrong"

"Can I help"

"Let's pray for her"

It doesn't always solve the problem..

But I'm sure that I'm surrounded with people that have pure deep compassion care and concern for me... thank you

Bimbola Akinsanya – 11 Blue

The Big Photo Shoot

With Photographer Simon Terrill

National
Portrait
Gallery

On the 8th March, 200+ Students and Staff took part in the photographer Simon Terrill's Big Photo Shoot. The school was turned into a dramatic set with lighting and smoke machines, and students were positioned all over the school as the subjects of the photograph. The final photograph will be exhibited in a public exhibition in the National Portrait Gallery in June.

'During the photo shoot, we were all divided into groups relating to different inspirational people from Southwark. We were then made to pose in front of a camera that was on a tower block opposite school. I didn't expect it to feel like a movie, but there were loads of lights and music. I enjoyed the casual atmosphere as we were free on how we could pose.'
Esther Akinyele

The Year 10 students studying Art for GCSE have been working directly with the Gallery and Simon Terrill to develop ideas and plans for how to organise the photo shoot. Students started by studying inspirational people from Southwark, who's portraits are in the National Portrait Gallery, and then developed ideas for how they could take inspiration from these people in directing the poses of the people in their groups.

'We were leading the Malorie Blackman group which meant that we were in charge of directing our group in how to pose before the photograph was taken.' Harlee Cummings

'The photo shoot was really exciting. The whole atmosphere was joyful. There were bits of lighting that brought out the features in every bit of the school. I enjoyed the whole event.' Priscilla Okorosobo



'I enjoyed the fact that everyone felt involved and had a chance to do their own thing without feeling out of place at any point.'
Mya Beattie

'A crazy experience, I never thought I would be able to do something like that at school.'
Melanie Su

'It was an amazing experience that was enjoyed by all students that participated. We worked together as a team to create 10 fantastic images for Simon to choose and display in the National Portrait Gallery along with other work created by us. It was the best event I've been to in school.'
Mia Thompson Maskell



CREATIVE
CONNECTIONS

Sports News

Our girls had a jolly good row!

On Friday 11th March 19 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to attend the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships at Lee Valley Athletics Centre. Schools came from across the country to compete which meant that competition was tough. St. Saviour's and St. Olave's represented themselves brilliantly through-out the competition and everyone had a great day. Congratulations to Chanel Popoola in 70.

Chanel achieved our highest result of the day coming in 58th place out of 298 participants; rowing a fantastic 473m in only two minutes. A huge well done to all girls that participated!



Chaplain's Corner

Money down the drain for a good reason!

Earlier this term our Yr 8's heard about a charity called Toilet Twinning who work to provide toilets for communities in the developing world who don't have them. We were very shocked to hear that 40% of people in the world don't have a proper toilet. This is a major cause of disease in many parts of the world. Wanting to do something to help, Yr 8 set out to raise £240 so they could twin the Yr 8 & 9 toilets with a toilet block in a school in the developing world. The money they raised would go towards helping a school in the developing world to build their own toilets. With the help of some enterprising 6th formers, they came up with some fantastic money-spinning ideas. After a week of selling cakes, sweets, Mother's Day cards and a raffle, together they shattered the £240 target and raised £350!! So they twinned their toilets AND were able to donate further money to help communities in the developing world build much needed toilets.

The totals each form raised are as follows:

8G – £52, 8B – £54, 8O – £67, 8R – £84, 8Y – £93

Every form made a really good amount, so they have all been given house points in accordance with the amount they raised. The Yr 8's now have a certificate which will be put up in their toilets. The certificate shows the GPS coordinates of the toilet which theirs is twinned with – it is at a school in a town called Treguine in Chad. Thank you Yr 8's and 6th formers for all your hard work, and thank you to everyone who supported them by buying sweets/cakes etc. This is a great example of our school showing compassion and support to people in other parts of the world. "Jesus said "Love one another as I have loved you...by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."" John 13:35,36

Library News



Award-winning author inspires Year 7s

Without a doubt, the library is the heart of the school; it has a positive impact on the overall success of the student learning and wellbeing as well as the academic achievement. Emphasising the school ethos of Compassionate, Reflective, Inclusive, Supportive and Transformative, the library strives to provide the students with the latest resources, various activities, competitions and events. On Friday 11th March 2016, Frances Hardinge, author of 'Cuckoo Song' and 'The Lie Tree' (the 2015 Costa book award winner) visited St Saviours and ran a session for Year 7. It was such an amazing opportunity for our girls, where they learned about Frances' experiences as a writer, what inspired her and the different places she got her ideas from for her books. During the session, Frances shared anecdotes, told a little about her life growing up and pointed out where certain events in her books were based on real-life events.

It was a wonderful session that the Year 7s thoroughly enjoyed and after the talk, during the interactive Q&A session, they asked questions about Frances' life as a writer. They were even lucky enough to get a book signing (and a quick chat with the author herself!).

Science on the stage



Students in Years 7 and 8 were entertained and educated by visitors from the Science Museum as part of our "Danger High Voltage" programme. The event featured our own Head of PE, Mrs Kennedy, (above) lighting up the stage, but this time not as a pantomime villain!

Lawyers in School

This programme gives our students the chance to work with City Lawyers based at Mitsubishi UFJ Financial group (MUFG) to voice their opinions and find out more about the law and how it can be applied, whilst also developing their skills of discussion, debate, and critical thinking. We had 25 year 10 students taking part in this programme. At the end of the programme the students were given a Young Citizen's Passport guide to the law and a visit to MUFG to see the City Lawyers in action.