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Dear Parents and Carers

Silver Linings 13

As the penultimate week of term draws to a close, and we ease slightly further out of 'lockdown' I do hope that you are well and are looking forward to the summer break. Despite the most unusual circumstances I am reminded daily of just how resilient and resourceful the St Saviour's community is. Students continue to submit work, complete assessments, and stay in touch with their teachers in new ways. We didn't begin this academic year with plans to make extensive use of learning platforms such as google classroom but together we have made the best of really challenging circumstances. There are many things we will continue to learn about how we can do this even better, but I must congratulate staff, students and families for your persistence and engagement in this enforced change to how we have needed to operate. You have been amazing, and made possible what seemed impossible.

Year 10 and Year 12 students have maintained their superb attendance when they have been invited in for lessons, and in between their assessments some have also managed to complete applications for a prefect role next year. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the applications and the interview process is now underway. As with everything else we have had to find a new way to carry out the interviews, but it is wonderful to be able to continue with this important aspect of student leadership.

To end this most unusual year we are also finding new ways to hold annual St Saviours events such as Sports Day and Creative Arts week. They will both be happening next week. Please do let us know how the activities work, and if you wish to, please send us pictures for our time capsule and archive of lockdown learning. Next Friday there will also be an end of term assembly arriving in students' inboxes. Whilst we won't be able to re-create the noise of the celebrations of the whole school together, we hope it will look a little familiar!

We are continuing to work on our plans for the new school year. Ours is a small site, and like most London schools we have a variety of parts to our building that are not easily separated! We have identified groups of classroom spaces which can be the bases for year group bubbles. Students will remain in these areas and teachers will move to them so that subject specialist teaching can still happen. To re-iterate a point made in last week's edition, we do not intend to reduce the curriculum in any way. We will be using three entry points, each will have handwashing and sanitising stations. These will be the main entrance, the black gates on to Bartholomew street, and the staff entrance. Year group bubbles can each access their areas without interacting with other bubbles and we will have two distinct start and finish times. The plans for induction





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week were outlined in Silver Linings 12 and during this week we will ensure all students and staff are familiarised with the new routines. Further details will be published next week.

I am mindful that the public health situation is continually evolving and government guidelines will continue to be updated throughout the summer. If we need to respond to changes in the circumstances we will publish notices on the school website and will endeavour to email and/or text you as soon as possible with the updates. Please do ensure that you let us know of any changes to your contact details via the office@ssso.southwark.sch.uk email address.

The momentum around responding to the Black Lives Matter movement continues, and we are determined that it will be maintained in both our school and wherever we can have influence. On Friday afternoon I will be meeting (virtually) with members from Southwark council to be a part of shaping the Southwark wide response.

Next academic year will not be like any other we have experienced. Much of school life as we knew it will have to be carried out differently, but we are very excited at the prospect of seeing all of our students again in the same space. Before then we all need to keep going right up to the end of term and then make sure we have a break and a rest, to give ourselves time to reflect and recover. Please make sure you stay safe and take care, so that the infection rate stays low and we can realise our plans of a safe return to school in September.

Finally, a reminder of the dates for exam results over the summer: GCSE results will be available on 20th August and A levels on 13th August. Ms Ferguson will be sending further information to students as to how they can collect their exam results on each date.

Enjoy Creative Arts week, the last school week of this academic year.

With Best Wishes

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Links / Resources

Prayers / Thoughts for the Day

'I'm not interested in if you have stood with the great. I'm interested in if you have sat with the broken.'

'Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you would do: live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts.' – James 3:13

'If you erase all the mistakes of your past, you would also erase all of the wisdom of your present. Remember the lesson, not the disappointment.' - Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life.

'Great in His faithfulness; His loving-kindness begins afresh each day'. – Lamentations 3:23

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' – John 14:27

'Stop rushing. Breathe. Be where you are. You're where you're supposed to be at this very moment. This present step and experience is necessary.' – marc and angel.

Celebration of Great Black Britons

The National Education Union is running a series of competitions for students celebrating Great Black Britons. There are separate entry categories for students under 16 and over 16 to create a unique and innovative project, essay, podcast or video to celebrate the work and legacy of one or more of 100 great black Britons. To find out more please see the link: <https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/competition.html#children16>

The Red Cross Summer of Kindness Campaign

To support children and young people and to help keep them entertained over the summer holiday, The Red Cross have launched a number of activities and a kindness calendar. The activities will encourage simple acts of kindness, build resilience and include topics like mental wellbeing, loneliness and help children and young people prepare for the return to school. Suitable for students up to the age of 18. Please see link below: <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/summer-of-kindness-calendar>

Link to SOLACE Women's Aid Youth Survey

SOLACE are developing a summer campaign, to highlight issues facing young people today and to fund our children & young people therapeutic services. At the heart of this campaign are young people's voices and they would like to hear about the issues affecting them and their friends in lockdown and beyond. If you





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would like to take part, please click on the following link: <https://www.solacewomensaid.org/news/heard-and-shape-our-youth-voices-campaign-complete-survey-today>

Holiday food and activity programme:

Beginning July 22nd, the 'Lambeth and Southwark's Summer of Food and Fun' programme will ensure that children and young people (aged 4-19 years), their families and/or carers are able to access a regular source of free nutritious meals over the summer, whether at a local club or at home, and join an array of community activities including sports, theatre, arts and crafts and cooking. For more information please see the link: <https://www.mayorsfundforlondon.org.uk/lambeth-southwark-summer-food-fun/>

Latest Guidance from DfE on the re-opening of schools can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Latest DfE guidance on protective measures for holiday / after-school clubs

There is new guidance for parents and carers setting out what they need to know about changes to after-school clubs, holiday clubs, tuition, community activities and other out-of-school settings for children and young people during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Please see link below: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

