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Dear Parents and carers

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I do hope this letter finds you well. This has been the most remarkable term, one I think we will remember for many years to come, and it is a little difficult to believe this academic year is now ending. I hope that you have plans to rest and relax over the summer break, and I hope that by September we are all able to return to school safely.

A few parents have contacted us about their daughters cycling to school. This is not something we have previously encouraged as the roads around our school can be extremely busy and dangerous to inexperienced cyclists. However, we acknowledge that under new guidelines cycling may be a preferred option if the walk to school is too far and the buses too busy. If you would like your daughter to cycle to school from September please email office@ssso.southwark.sch.uk with her name and the form group she will be in next year. Please put 'cycle to school' in the subject line, and state that you are giving her permission to cycle to and from school. We do not currently have cycle racks in school for students but we will have a temporary solution to this in September whilst we are using all three school gates to keep year group bubbles separate. We plan to have a permanent solution for cycle racks, if and when bubbles can be removed and we can operate more normally.

Despite the vast majority of our students not being in school the engagement in lessons and the standard of work completed by most students has been excellent. Wherever we are working we are always a part of the St Saviour's community. I am grateful to students for their effort and persistence, to parents for your support, and to staff for their willingness to rapidly learn new ways of working. I suspect there will be new skills acquired during this time that will prove useful to us in the future. It's been a steep learning curve!

Attached to this letter is a document that contains useful links that may help you in the summer holiday period, along with many links at the end. I hope that you find it all useful. The end of term assembly was shared with students at 11am today, and includes the all-important question of which house was awarded the house cup. A few departments have shared their experiences of





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learning in lockdown and these are included below. There is also a message from James Rothwell, our Chair of Governors.

Have a relaxing summer, stay safe. See you in September.

Catherine May
Headteacher

News from around the school...

English

In English, it has been so uplifting to hear about the determination and hard work of the students across all year groups. As with all subjects, the transition between the majority of learning taking place in school to learning at home has been a steep learning curve for all involved. We have missed out on the most powerful learning tool in English – discussion and debate - but as Head of English, I am immensely proud of both staff and students. We maintained very high expectations of the girls; Year 8, 9 and 10 all completed a Shakespeare play, Year 7 and 8 have had the chance to express their feelings about Covid-19 and of Lockdown in their own writing. Teachers never relented in providing great learning opportunities and students took full advantage of this, demonstrating resilience and independent learning skills. It has certainly been a new challenge but students have risen to these and deserve full recognition.

Most recently, all of the English teachers have been so impressed with the creativity of our students during Creative Arts week. The theme and inspiration of the work is incredibly emotive in the Black Lives Matters movement and we, as a department, are very proud that our students are able to look at the injustices around the world and to be inspired to communicate their feelings so positively and with genuine hope for change. – Mr Harty.





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Maths

Students competed in the UK Junior Maths Challenge, a 60-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at students across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Junior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience. Well done to all those that participated in the challenge online, but particularly Maggy R, 8G who was awarded Gold and Best in School, and Daniela Mchaki, 8Y, who was awarded Silver.

Pupils in Year 8 have researched various black mathematicians and their contribution to society. This included posters and presentations on the lives of Katherine Johnson, Kelly Miller, Marjorie Lee Browne and Mary Jackson. – Ms Green.

Science

Years 7-10 were invited to watch the 'big bang digital event' live-stream on Tuesday, where experts discussed topics such as developing vaccines, designing low cost ventilators and how to reduce plastic pollution. 7 Orange were the speediest class to all complete their exams, with everyone finished by the 24-hour deadline. 8Sc2 practised different revision techniques to help them prepare for assessments, and work out what techniques worked best for them. Years 7 and 10 community group students took part in science experiments, practising their skills of acid and alkali titration, investigating water pressure and modelling waves. - Mr Walkden.

Design & Technology during lockdown

We would like to start by saying a huge thank you and well done to all of our hardworking students who have delighted us with photographs of the amazing creations that they have been inspired to make while most of you have been away from school. They have been a real burst of joy which has made such a positive impact in these difficult times. There has been lots of baking as well as experimenting with new recipes and skills to feed your families. Your Food Tech skills have really come into their own and we look forward to seeing these progress even further when you are back next term.





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Many of you have watched the DT YouTube tutorials and have made some impressive products utilising your recycling at home. We have been especially pleased to see you making things to look after the wildlife in your local area; lots of bird feeders and bug hotels making the most of your workshop skills using the equipment you have to hand. Keep up exploring the huge range of 'Make it' videos on sites such as YouTube and who knows one day you could be building your very own home! DT skills are there for life and will always come in very useful. Please do keep sending us your photos.

The students who are working in school made their own herb planters and we have been thrilled to see lots of parsley, mint and coriander photos popping up in our email inbox. And we were delighted to announce the winners of the KS3 DT competition a few weeks ago. The winner was Sofia S.R in 7B and runners up were Amy P 9B, Maggy R 8G and Breanna L 7B. Well done to them and everyone else who took part in this competition.

Our year 10 and 12 students have been in for face to face lessons and have made an excellent start to their coursework which will make up half of their final GCSE grade next summer. They have research to do and their friends and families are going to be an important part of their market research so make sure you get involved and give them a helping hand.

Keep being brilliant and have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. Thank you! - Ms Hall

Social Sciences

The Social Sciences department have undertaken the challenge of working primarily remotely head on. They have been incredibly impressed with the consistent, diligent and displayed passion and enthusiasm from students. Their resilience in the face of evolving lesson formats and work setting has been inspirational and they have really developed their independent learning skills. Their application of concepts they've studied to the societal events unfolding has given them a real appreciation for how applicable their subjects are to how the world works.

Some quotes from students which sum up their experience:

"It was quite a challenge and at first I wondered how I was going to do it but my teachers rose to the challenge and gave me so much support with always being there for me on emails, putting audios on the slides and webinars ...I didn't feel so alone" - Léshay B.





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"Keeping up with the content was a little hard at times but it was nice to be able to choose my own schedule and work whenever I wanted. The webinars were a great replacement for our lessons and were very beneficial. Overall, it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be, especially because my teachers were so supportive." Myriem G.

"Studying economics based on the events has helped me to see things from a direct perspective. This is through government intervention methods in order to protect society, through slogans such as 'Stay Safe' and 'Stay Home' along with government funds and grants to help those greatly affected by the pandemic." -Rhoda A.

"I view this as a great opportunity since it has given me an insight into what studying in University may be like which will help me find it easier to keep on top of work when I go off to University." - Kerri-Ann A.

- Ms. Charlton.

History

In the history department, we have been very pleased with our students' engagement with the topics covered during the school closure. Year 7 students have been learning about life in a medieval village. Year 8 students have been studying the slave trade and Year 9 students have started the civil rights unit of the GCSE course.

For Arts Week, with the theme of Black Lives Matter, students have completed a variety of interesting activities. Year 7 have been introduced to key black people from British history, including the Ivory Bangle Lady from Roman York, John Blanke, the black trumpeter from the court of Henry VIII, and Dido Belle Long, the first black aristocrat from the Georgian period. They have then researched and produced posters to show the importance of the contribution of black people to British history. Year 8 have drawn on their study of pre-colonial Africa to produce African masks, whilst Year 9 have used the 'Soul of a Nation' Black Power art exhibition as inspiration to produce their own artwork. We have been very impressed with the originality and creativity of the work that has been submitted so far on Google Classroom.

We were delighted to welcome back some of our students in Year 10 and Year 12 for history sessions in the summer term. Google Classroom has proved invaluable in recreating history lessons virtually and supporting our students with their preparation for public exams next year. Despite the difficult circumstances, so many of our students have shown independence, resilience and





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determination to succeed in history. We are very proud of the achievements of all our students in lockdown. – Ms Quigley.

Ms Delvaille's year 8 classes have produced some beautiful drawings as part of a competition commemorating Granny Nanny who is a Jamaican national hero. Granny was taken from Ghana and forced into slavery in Jamaica. She led rebellions courageously against her oppressors and strategised for battle for their emancipation. The student pictures were moving, some entries captured her strength and bravery whilst others shared messages and symbols which represented the need for change. Mariam won first prize, with Raya runner up.

Geography

During the last month, our community group students have been gardening in our Mayflower Gardens. They have worked extremely hard, digging, cutting and raking and have managed to clear a large area of overgrown land in the gardens. In September, a gardening club will be established to continue the valuable work the students have accomplished and turn the area into a space that can be used and enjoyed by staff, students and the wider school. Well done girls for your commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance – you have really helped to improve our environment. - Mr Bruce.

Music

At St Saviour's, students who receive free instrumental lessons all work towards prestigious exams with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Starting at grade 1, student work all their way to grade 5 before taking a difficult written exam to progress to grades 6, 7, and 8.

This year, one of our year 13 students took her grade 8 singing exam - the final numbered grade they offer. Vanessa Bockarie has worked exceptionally hard, and you've all heard her beautiful voice at cathedral services and school events. She took her grade 8 exam during lockdown and passed with distinction, their highest award. This is an outstanding achievement, and one which Vanessa should be really proud of. – Mr Gilder.





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Sports Day

This year we completed our first ever virtual sports day! Well done to all that participated and completed the online challenges! If you didn't get a chance to complete them this week they will be available throughout the summer..... let's see if you can beat your personal best! – Ms Andrews.

Health and Social Care

During the Summer term the Health and Social care students have been working on a unit about supporting people with learning disabilities. This unit complements the volunteering work that some of our students undertook in the Spring term.

As part of their home learning the girls have diligently researched a number of definitions of learning disabilities to enable them to formulate their own definition. They have produced fact sheets about Down's Syndrome and Rhetts Syndrome and they have been examining ways to overcome difficulties experienced by people with learning disabilities. – Miss Minnott.

Learning Support

The Learning Support department would like to wish our students, parents and carers a wonderful summer. We have all been learning throughout lockdown. Whether that has been new ICT skills or adapting resources to benefit the students or my personal highlight managing to voice record several exam papers to ensure they were accessible for all. As a result life skills such as resilience, independence and organisation have been consistently demonstrated by the students and this has been wonderful to see. This has been further highlighted by extra-curricular projects that students have been active in especially Amecia in 9 Orange who is working with the Evelina Hospital and Grace in 7 Blue who has contacted Lexus to share her engineering ideas.

The LSA team have worked tirelessly throughout lockdown and the relationships that have flourished between staff, students and their families has been wonderful to see. One parent wrote in an email 'I have a completely new level of respect for the LSA's - they have been outstanding.'

The external professionals that we are delighted to work with have conducted lessons, one to one sessions and have held numerous reviews throughout lockdown to ensure the support and care





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continued. We wish to thank them for their unwavering support and for the engagement you displayed for this work. - Best wishes, Miss Wilson.

Computer Science

We have seen some incredibly inspiring pop art created online by our Year 7s. If you have the chance, please take a look at their stunning pieces which are on the school website. Fyori G 7Y, Sally-Ann T 7B, Raya T 8G and Maggy R 8G have been taking part in an exciting online competition programming a musical glove powered by a BBC Microbit. The top 5 teams will be invited to take part in an online Code Camp and hackathon sponsored by Open Source legends Red Hat. The competition will be judged by Grammy award-winning musician, Imogen Heap. We wish them all the best!

Congratulations are also in order to Oluferanmi B 9Y, Olivia R 9B, Ayesha C.T 11B, Arianna C.T 11Y, and Sara A 12S, who have all been selected to take part in the highly competitive and prestigious GCHQ online cybersecurity courses this summer.

Well done to all of our students this year. We are incredibly proud of you all and wish you a restful summer holiday. – Miss Daniels

Sixth Form

Lockdown for our Sixth Formers has been a wildly different experience. Year 12 have continued to come into school for their subject sessions with smiles on their faces and enthusiasm to continue their learning in any way possible. Alongside their incredible efforts with learning, Year 12 students have found multiple ways to be there for their community in these tumultuous times. They have supported those in need, found many ways to support the Black Lives Matter movement and been teaching younger siblings. Over the last few months and the coming summer weeks the opportunities they have taken up has been amazing, from watching talks from CEO's of businesses, to taking on paid and unpaid virtual internships and signing up for a plethora of different summer school opportunities with universities up and down the country. We could not be prouder of determination and ingenuity they have displayed in ensuring that lockdown will never have been wasted time. We look forward to appointing our new Sixth Form Leadership Team as soon as we return in September – really hope to see lots of applications as we have a pool of incredible young





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leaders who have now not only proven themselves in a school context but as leaders within the community.

Our Year 13 students have been equally exceptional, if in different ways. They have not needed to continue attending school in the same way as the Year 12 students, but that doesn't mean they have stopped learning. We have supported them in free resources for a huge array of different university courses and we have heard that students have been doing lots of reading around their subjects from law to midwifery. They have also engaged themselves in lots of online courses such as MOOC's and free courses available from world-wide universities at future learn. They have proven that learning is far deeper and more important than studying just for exams and they are an inspiration to us all. We are looking forward to being able to see many of them on results day, but in the meantime, their teachers and form tutors have enjoyed putting together a leavers video for them to be able to tell them just how proud we are. They should all be looking forward to receiving something in the post over the next few days as another way of us trying to say goodbye from a distance. Please could Year 13 students ensure they sign up to our alumni network (www.futurefirst.org.uk) so we can stay in touch for years to come. – Ms Kennedy.

Chair of Governors, Mr James Rothwell

If I include my now distant days as a pupil, I have been actively involved in the world of schools for over half a century. During that period, one becomes accustomed to a certain sameness of rhythm in the days, weeks and terms which make up the school year. In one sense, there is reliability and a comfort which this provides to the point that it becomes something which we easily take for granted. It has required the advent of a dreadful pandemic – firstly, to bring that known reality to an abrupt end and, secondly, to make us appreciate perhaps how much we miss it.

So, we have all had to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances in every aspect of our lives. In this extremely challenging situation it has fallen to St Saviour's to remain a rock of solidity. I believe that the school has stepped up to the mark magnificently to play its role in this new world. For that I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Catherine May, her Senior Team and all the staff for the way that they have worked very hard indeed, in some cases through the Easter Holidays and Half Term when the school remained open, to deliver the best educational and pastoral care which we could manage. I do not believe that we could have asked for more.





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I would also like to thank you, the parents and carers, for your positive support during this period; this has been very much appreciated. I believe that the weekly issue of Silver Linings has been a crucial medium of communication in recent weeks. In many ways, for me, it has represented and conveyed clearly and effectively the very essence of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed either to its content or its production. This has been no small undertaking but one which has been vastly helpful and worthwhile.

Probably the most heartening news of all was the report of the sheer enthusiasm with which the Year 10 and Year 12 girls returned to school in mid-June. Not everyone always leaps back to school with alacrity but these have been strange times indeed and St Saviour's undoubtedly has its own special attraction!

Assuming that all proceeds well, as various of the current restrictions are further reduced, we are now making active preparations for the careful return of all girls to school in September. I am sure that they will exhibit similar levels of enthusiasm to those we saw last month. Perhaps there might also be a certain amount of relief on the part of parents and carers...

In the meantime, whilst this probably won't be a very normal school Summer Holiday, I hope that it will nevertheless contain some good moments. My very best wishes to you all and to every member of your family. – Mr James Rothwell.

Links / Resources

National Assembly on Flourishing

Here is the final national faith assembly which is on the subject of flourishing. It's a great assembly which includes students from a local school in Greenwich and the brilliant Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin who has visited out school twice in recent years. It lasts 12 minutes and is well worth a watch!

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/activity-clubs/faith-at-home/episodes/flourishing-secondary>

Prayers / Thoughts for the Day

'See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called Children of God; and such we are.' – 1 John 3:1





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'Always be a first rate version of yourself and not a second rate version of someone else.' – Judy Garland

'You have a choice each and every single day. I choose to feel blessed. I choose to feel grateful. I choose to be thankful. I choose to be happy.' – sleepingangel.com quotes n more

'Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.' – Pslam 62:8

'You have permission to rest! You don't have to fix everything that's broken. You don't have to try to make everyone happy. It is time to rest. It is time to find refreshment for your body and your soul.' – unknown.

'The Lord replied My presence will go with you and I will give you rest.' – Exodus 33:14

Parentline

During these unsettling times, as a parent/carer of a child aged between 5-19 year olds, you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need. The Evelina school nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues. Parent/carers of child(ren) and young people aged 5-19 living or going to school in Southwark & Lambeth can text **Parentline** on **07520 631 130**

You can find out more about the service and confidentiality on the Evelina London website: www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/parentline

Care for the Family

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/family-life>

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





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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 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 would like to take part, please click on the following link: <https://www.solacewomensaid.org/news/be-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>





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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>

