

St Saviour's
& St Olave's
School

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September/October 2019

newsletter

FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS, GOVERNORS AND STAFF

Ready for the second half

Dear Parents and Carers

What a terrific start to the new academic year we have had! Over the last few weeks I have been meeting with our subject leaders reflecting on the many successes we had over the summer at GCSE and A level. We had exceptional results in so many areas of the curriculum and lots of our girls have returned to us in the Sixth Form after their GCSE's or gone off to University following A levels.

There has been so much going on over just seven weeks of this half term. We have celebrated 'Girls in Education' at JAGs with a series of talks in which our girls met inspirational females including the author Sophia Bennett, and performed a dance piece with 'Feet off the Ground'. We had The Old Vic come into school, with award winning actors Claire Foy and Matt Smith to perform their new production, Lungs, which has just opened. Our Sixth Form students have met Phil Neville at an inspiring evening on gender equality. Finally, we welcomed author and journalist Richard Reddie into school as part of our focus on Black History Month - our girls have been involved in all sorts of activities to mark and celebrate this time.

Our new Year 7 have settled into life at Key Stage 3 and are looking forward to the outward bound trip to Wales, and our exam years (students at KS4 and KS5) are focused on the important time ahead of them, with the first round of mock exams due in November.

We now return after a well-deserved break, refreshed and ready for the busiest time of the school calendar and all that the second half of the autumn term brings.

With very best wishes, Catherine May

School hosts 'royal' visit



Earlier this month, stars Matt Smith and Claire Foy (above) performed their new play 'Lungs' in front of star-struck students. The actors, who played Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip in Netflix' *The Crown*, met pupils and performed their new production, Lungs, in front of 140 students in the school hall. *More inside...*

Diary Dates

Mon 4th -Fri 15th Nov
Y11 Mock written and practical exams

Thursday 14th Nov
Y10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 19th Nov
Lunch time Eucharist

Thursday 21st
Interim Deadline for 6th Form Applications

Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd Nov
School production of *The Odyssey*

Thursday 28th Nov
Awards Evening 6pm

Friday 29th
INSET Day
No students in school

Monday 2nd Dec
INSET Day
No students in school

Wednesday 4th Dec
Final Deadline for 6th Form Applications

Thursday 5th Dec
Y11 GCSE Certificate Evening
4.30 - 5.30pm

Tuesday 10th Dec
PSHCE Day 2

Thursday 12th Dec
Carol Service
Southwark Cathedral 2pm

Wednesday 18th Dec
Christmas Dinner

Thurs 19th Dec
End of Term

Mon 23rd Dec -Fri 3rd Jan 2020
Christmas Holidays

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'ROYAL' VISIT contd... On Wednesday October 9th, St Saviour's & St Olave's welcomed award-winning actors Claire Foy and Matt Smith, as part of a visit from The Old Vic to perform their upcoming production, Lungs.

Over 140 students were selected to watch the performance, which took place on October 9th.

The play, by Duncan Macmillan and directed by Matthew Warchus, explores the relationship between a couple wrestling with the biggest issues in the modern world – political unrest, climate change, over population and pollution - all themes that link to the curriculum within Drama, Geography and Sociology. Josie Murphy, Director of Creative Arts at the school said, 'It was a real privilege for our students to experience world class acting in our school hall. They have learnt so much which they can now apply as they prepare for their own performance exams.'

The school is incredibly grateful to the actors, director and The Old Vic for giving the students such an amazing and inspirational experience. Caroline Elliott-Janvier, Head of PSHCE com-

mented 'It was absolutely riveting to watch so many important themes being broached within the context of a 'typical modern relationship'. I am really looking forward to revisiting those themes in our future PSHCE days and we are exceptionally lucky that Claire and Matt have brought them to life in our school. I can very much see myself asking the question 'What would Claire and Matt have done?' when we discuss these issues in lessons!'

Kate Varah, Executive Director of The Old Vic, said 'It was an absolute joy to be able to share a production as exciting as Lungs with the students of St Saviour's & St Olave's School to physically bring a piece of The Old Vic and embed it within their school. At The Old Vic we are passionate about providing opportunities for young people to access the arts. It could be that seeing a production opens up thoughts of a potential career path, provides a chance to learn new skills, or simply offers a new enjoyable way to spend time and connect with others that they may not otherwise have been able to access. We hope it has planted the seeds for a lifelong love of theatre.'



God loves a cheerful giver

On 3rd October we celebrated our Harvest Festival. It was a very joyful occasion where every member of the school community brought up items of food to be donated to local charities. As students and staff came forward, we sang our way through 14 different hymns and songs, which got louder each time! It was a wonderful way to thank God for all that we have. A huge amount of food was collected which will go to help the following local charities: The Manna Society, who work with the homeless, a local food bank, and local elderly people. It is heartening to think of all the people who will be helped through the generosity of students and staff at SSSO. We felt the occasion was summed up by this Bible verse: "Each of you must give what you have decided in your heart to give, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Pictured right:

Ms Finnegan's form 7 Yellow, celebrate their record bumper harvest before the main event.

The students and their parents typified the great generosity of spirit within our school community.



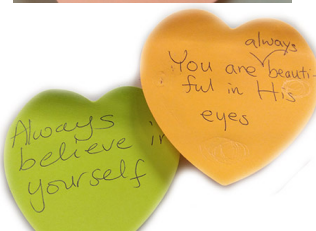
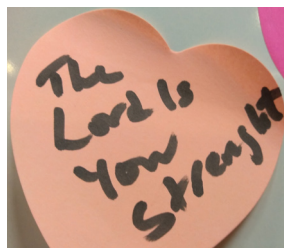
The Kindness of Angels

Just after the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, a project called 'Secret Angel' was launched across the school which encouraged everyone to carry out an act of kindness for someone else. It worked like this: Every student received the name of another student in their form. The challenge was to do an act of kindness for that person, such as leaving them a kind note saying positive things about them, or making an effort to hang out with that person at break or lunch. It was a chance to be a secret angel! Staff were also encouraged to do this for each other. Many people threw themselves into the task and were really thoughtful and creative in their act of kindness. It was also lovely to receive something back! Hopefully this helped to make our school feel like the welcoming, compassionate community that we aim to be. Many thanks to Joanna Jeevaruban in 11B for creating a fabulous logo (above) to go with the project!



Words of Wisdom and Prayers from Y7 Parents

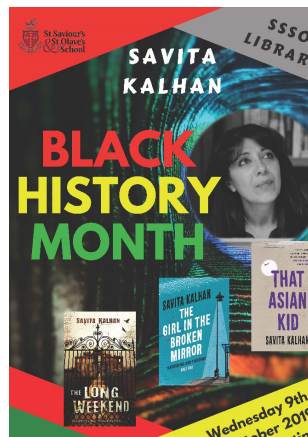
At the Year 7 Parent's Social in October, parents were invited to write words of wisdom, encouragement and prayers for all of our students. Some siblings and students joined in with this too. The messages were displayed in the foyer the next day for students to read. The words were really wise and uplifting, and were a reminder of how much love and positivity there is out there supporting all of our students. Many thanks to all who were able to participate.



Directors' Project in Performance

On Wednesday 16th October we hosted our annual Directors' Project performances. The event saw seven extracts from seven different plays showcased by our year 12 Performing Arts students who had been directed by the year 13s. Over the summer holidays the year 13s read a lot of plays and chose one they'd like to direct. They edited it down to a short extract and then held auditions, created and ran a rehearsal schedule and were in charge of all creative and technical requirements for their performances. The plays ranged from the 1950s 'A Raisin in the Sun' by Lorraine Hansbury to more contemporary offerings from Roy Williams, Bola Agbaje and Evan Placey. The cast and directors spent all day in technical rehearsals and their hard work paid off on the evening with some absolutely stunning, hilarious and deeply moving performances. The evening was rounded off by a performance of the contemporary play 'Queens of Sheba', by our Year 10 students directed by Ms Umerah as part of Black History Month.

Celebrating Black History with author Savita



Savita Kalhan visited our Year 7 students on Wednesday 9th October 2019 in celebration of Black History Month. The students were excited to meet Savita and to find out how she started her writing career. Savita kept the students engaged throughout the event, talked about her childhood and how she fell in love with reading at a very young age. Savita praised her parents for the encouragement and support they gave her to enjoy reading. Savita's parents took her to the local library regularly, she managed to read every single book in the children's section, yet, she wasn't satisfied, she wanted to read more and more. After a not-so-long negotiation with the librarian, using her persuasive skills and showing eagerness for reading, Savita managed to get an adult library card, which meant a lot to her. Savita then talked about teaching English in the Middle East. Her and her colleague decided to write a story-one chapter each. Savita wrote the first chapter and ended up writing 6 books all by herself, her colleague read them all and kept encouraging her to write more. After reading thousands of books, Savita realized that there were not many British Asian characters in these books that represent the Asian community and the diversity of Great Britain. She decided to write books that highlight the young British Asian lives, focusing on what could possibly happen behind closed doors. In her book, "The Girl in the Broken Mirror", Savita tackles some difficult subjects including negotiating beliefs and values. Although the book is not recommended to the young readers, our year 7 students showed much interest in reading the book when they are in year 9. Savita then talked about her latest book, "That Asian Kid" which was published in August 2019, and read out a couple of pages that ended on a cliffhanger. The students were amazed and were on the edge of their seats by the suspense in the story. Savita also recommended books to the students to read that were written by Afro Caribbean and Asian authors which the year 7 students borrowed at the end of the event. After the Q/A session, the girls had the opportunity to chat with Savita and got her autograph.

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Spanish A level go to see 'Dolor y gloria'

In September AS and A2 Spanish students went to the cinema to see a screening of the latest film by Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar, whose work we are studying. The film is semi-autobiographical and allows us to piece together the elements of Almodóvar's life that have influenced his films over the last thirty-five years. The themes he focuses on are strong women, his love of Spanish culture, taboos and death, all with a backdrop of vivid primary colours. Comments on the film included: 'me encanta esta película', 'fue increíble', 'es una película súper emocionante'.

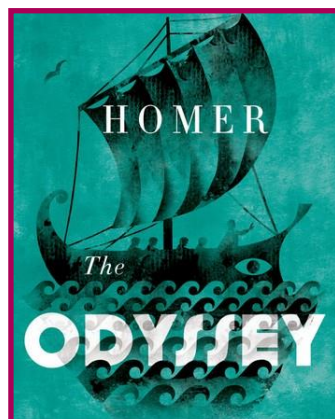
AS – Activity studio
DH – Dining hall
ED – English department
LS – Learning support

Weekly clubs – Winter term 2019

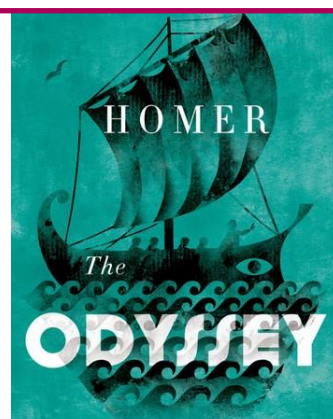
All	KS4
KS3	KS5

School Meal Price Increase

Please be aware that prices will from Monday 18th November 2019. Please visit www.pabulum-catering.co.uk for information on the new menus and pricing structure.



St Saviour's & St Olave's is proud to present **The Odyssey**, a play by Zoe Thomas-Webb, based on Homer's Classic tale. Performances take place on the evenings of **Wed 20th, Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd Nov**. Tickets will be available from **Nov 11th**. Students **£1.50**, Adults **£3.00**



	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	Activity	Where	Activity	Where	Activity	Where	Activity	Where	Activity	Where
Breakfast	Chaplain's Breakfast club - Y9-11	DH	Chaplain's Breakfast club - Y7-8	DH			Basketball club	Hall		
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Lunch	Politics club	S11	Gospel choir	G8	Manga club	Library	Brass Band	G8	Food & Nutrition Y11	S2
	Music Theory	G9	Reading club	Library						
	Percussion ensemble	G8	Production rehearsal - 5pm finish	AS	Production rehearsal - 5pm finish	AS	Production rehearsal - 5pm finish	AS	Computer Science revision - Y11	S16
	Homework club	LS	Cyber Discovery club - Year 8-10	S16	Science club - Y7	F13	English Y11 intervention	F17	Set design club	G6
After School			DT club - 5pm finish	S17/S18	DT club - 5pm finish	S17/S18	Basketball club - 5pm finish	Hall	History homework club - GCSE	G1
			Geography revision - Y10	S11	Geography revision - Y11	S11	Trampolining KS4	Gym	Trampolining KS5	Gym
3.30pm - 4.30pm			Flute Ensemble	G8	Senior Choir	G8	Football	Playground	Japanese club	S9
			Composition	G9	Cheerleading	Hall	Homework club	LS	English intervention Y11	F19
			Basketball club - 5pm finish	Hall	History intervention - Y11	LS	Maths club Y7/Y9	S5		
			Trampolining KS3	Gym	Maths club KS3	S5	Orchestra	G8		
			Homework club	LS						
			English GCSE intervention	LS						
			Maths club Y11	S1-6						