

Looking forward to 'normality'...?

Dear parents/carers

This has been the most extraordinary year for us all. It was an absolute delight to be able to have Sports Day last week and to bring our school community together in one place for the first time in over a year. There have certainly been plenty of challenges for us this year and an almost constant sense of uncertainty. I am so very grateful to all of our community, our staff, our students, our governors and our families for the support and encouragement that has enabled us to come through these times in as positive a manner as we have. Your resilience, your determination, your willingness to adapt and work differently, often at short notice, has made it all possible. Thank you.

We look forward in anticipation of a calmer, more 'normal' school year. We look forward to un-bubbling, to students moving around school more, to proper assemblies, and so much more. Before that, we look forward to sharing results days with year 11 and year 13 and to hearing about their plans for the future. But first we must enjoy the break! I wish you all a restful, safe, and blessed summer and look forward to seeing our community back in September.

Have a wonderful summer With all good wishes Catherine May

Start Dates for the New School Year

Please make a note of the school starting dates for each year group listed below. Also please be aware that Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Monday 6th September will be shortened days for students, starting at 10am and ending at 2pm; this will include time for students to have lunch. Normal school timings will return on Tuesday 7th September.

Date

Wednesday 1st Sept 2021 Thursday 2nd Sept 2021 Friday 3rd Sept 2021 Monday 6th Sept 2021 Tuesday 7th Sept 2021

Students in school

No students in school - INSET day for staff Year 7 and Year 12 students (10am-2pm) Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students (10am-2pm) Year 7, 8, 9 students (10am-2pm) All students in school, normal school day



There will be more news to come later this summer so watch out for part two in your inbox !!

Creative Arts Week

Creative Arts Week is a time for exploring the arts for pleasure and as a career choice. This year we were unable to offer the girls the full range of activities but none-the-less, several exciting activities took place including the following: a theatre performance by year 11 students for KS3 and KS4, a year ten photography masterclass, KS3 origami workshops, a KS4 and KS5 art and photography exhibition, Blackout poetry writing, illustrated haiku poetry writing, the life and work of Frida Kahlo and more! If any parents are creatives and would like to contribute to next year's events, please get in touch!

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Activities Week: Year 8s have fun-draising time!!

Chiamaka Ibeakuzie, 8 Red, sums up a fantastic week:

I cannot help but to say that year 8s activities week was an enormous success, with the teacher's incredible support and the tenacity to see their students thrive. Fortunately, the students of year 8 were able to demonstrate their talents, skills, and the ability to work with one another successfully. This display of intelligence amazed me. I am delighted to applaud year 8 for their hard work and the teachers for embedding this kind of knowledge into the minds of these young girls. During activities week, the whole of year 8 focused on the topic of world of work. We took part in a variety of different activities ranging from interviews, sports, Planning, advertisement, choosing future careers and marketing.

Most of the girls agreed that, taking part in trampolining, was a very enjoyable experience since we had not been on the trampolines since year 7. Also, we were excited to learn we can take trampolining as part of our PE subjects again in year 9. Additionally, over the course of the week we looked at careers we might want in the future and we prepared for selling in the market on Friday. The year 8s were grouped according to their forms and were assigned a range of different projects. 8 Blue created an amazing collection including, Bath bombs, Lip balm and soap; 8 Green produced fabulous calendars; 8 Orange invented a unique school magazine; 8 Red came up with fantastic greeting cards and 8 Yellow designed excellent postcards. Each form also fabricated eco-friendly products which were showcased on Friday afternoon. Furthermore, I am thrilled to say that as a year group we made a sum of £321.16 which was later donated to the charity organization, Save the Children. St Saviour's and St Olave's girls' school is immensely proud of the hard work that year 8 put into the activities week. They hope to have many more activities weeks that will be just as successful as this one.











E321.16 raised for Charity!!

Activities Week: Year 9s knock it out of the park!







During activities week Year 9 was given an opportunity to renovate the old nursery which is now called 'The Hideaway'. The teachers were sceptical about giving Year 9 this huge responsibility but we knocked it out the park. 9 Blue and 9 Red came together to get the job done in the space of 3 days.

Different groups were given different tasks in the hideaway.

Our group was given the task of redecorating the Zen Zone which was a lot of fun and a great experience. The idea of the Zen Zone was to make it feel peaceful, calm and a safe space for the people doing counselling. There was a lot of thought and team work that went into the room, and seeing the end result made all the hard work worthwhile.

Amiah and Elizabeth 9 Blue





Activities Week: Year 9s make fashion news!

As part of activities week year 9 put together the long-established fashion show with outfits expertly made from newspaper. One entry wore a stunning flamenco dress and, going against tradition, there was also a snazzy trouser suit.





Winnie's World

Winnie our therapy dog continues to grow and get more confident around the school. She can walk up stairs now by herself and enthusiastically lollops into school every day.

Amongst her first official duties was meeting the Year 13 students on the last day of school and woofing hello to most of Year 11 before they left for the summer.

Since then Winnie has been very busy. She helped fly the rainbow flag for LGBT week, posed for photos as part of 8 Yellow's postcard project in activities week, and she has started to spend some time with individual students. Her first big outing was Sports Day when she spent most of the day staying cool and enjoying walks with small groups of students accompanied by a teacher.

