

St Saviour's
& St Olave's
School

Our school is committed to the safeguarding of children and to equal opportunities.

newsletter

FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS, GOVERNORS AND STAFF

Sept/Oct 2021

New term not 'old school' yet

Dear parents/carers

Phew! What a half term it has been. We are delighted that we continue to move towards operating more normally - students are no longer in bubbles and are able to move freely between lessons, with lessons back in their subject areas - particularly special for practical subjects like Science, Art and Design Technology. At the moment it is likely that there will be a return to actual exams next summer for the first time in two years. We still have some Covid-secure measures in place, such as additional hand washing facilities and a one way system around school, and I am grateful to our students who have been careful to observe these.

This half term has been incredibly busy. It has been an absolute joy to be able to welcome parents back in to school - prospective Year 6 parents, our new Year 7 parents and our Year 11 parents have all had the opportunity to come into our school. We look forward to welcoming more of you over the next academic year. Whole key stages have been able to join together and share in collective assemblies and worship, though we are not quite ready for whole school assemblies as yet. Our recent Harvest Assemblies were especially poignant at a time where our community and the charities we support need us more than ever. Thank you so much for all of your donations of food and toiletries. October has also seen Black History Month and over the past three weeks we have celebrated enormously with many events and activities, some of those will be featured in this newsletter. Please also look out for a note from the Chair of Governors concerning an important announcement regarding our school uniform; changes will come into effect from January 2022, and the full uniform policy updates will be communicated with you before the end of the next half term.

Students and staff are continuing to carry out lateral flow tests for Covid-19 twice weekly; please remind your daughters to test regularly and ensure they have a negative result before returning to school following the half term.

Wishing you all a restful half term.
Catherine May, Headteacher

No shortages on our shelves!



On 29th and 30th Sep, we were delighted to be able to hold two Harvest Festivals in person, firstly with Key Stage 3 and then with Key Stage 4 and 5 together.

Diary Dates

Half Term
Mon 25th Oct - Fri 29th Oct

Tues 2nd, Thurs 4th, Mon 8th Nov,
GCSE Maths Re-sits
9am start each day

Y11 Written Mock Exams
Mon 8th - Fri 12th Nov

Flu Vaccinations (Students) 1
Fri 12th Nov

Covid-19 Vaccinations for
Students 12-15 years
Mon 15th Nov

Y11 Practical Mock Exams
Mon 15th - Fri 19th Nov

Awards Evening
6pm Thurs 25th Nov

INSET Day
Friday 26th Nov

6th Form Mock Exams
Mon 29th Nov - Fri 3rd Dec

Final deadline for 6th
Form applications
Wed 1st Dec

6th Form Interview Evening
4pm - 6pm Mon 6th Dec

PSHCE Day 2
Flu Vaccinations (Students) 1
Fri 10th Dec

Carol Service
2pm Tuesday 14th Dec

Christmas Lunch
Thurs 16th Dec
Last Day of Term
Fri 17th Dec

Record Harvest truly special



This year we held not one but TWO Harvest Festival Assemblies due to our Covid protocols. As we had to hold our Harvest celebrations online last year, it felt particularly special to be able to join together with other year groups for this hugely important event in our school community. Each year we look forward to this opportunity to celebrate and be thankful for what we have, and also to think about supporting those in need within our local community.

There was lots of joyful singing as students and staff brought their gifts forward, after which students led prayers, and the gifts were blessed. There was possibly the largest amount of food we have ever seen for our Harvest Festival, and this was hugely appreciated by the two charities who received the food - The Manna Centre, who work with the homeless in Southwark, and Southwark Foodbank.

Southwark Foodbank said: "This is more than we could have hoped for and we are so grateful for your contributions which will help many people in this area."

Manna Centre: "Thank you so much to St Saviour's & St Olaves' for your Harvest Festival to the Manna Centre. The food that we have received will be used throughout the next twelve months to provide meals to some of the poorest members of our society. We are so grateful for your generosity."

It is wonderful that our whole school community can join together to make a difference to others in this way. It was also a way of upholding our Christian ethos by seeking to be a community which is supportive and compassionate. Thank you so much to everyone for your generosity, and for helping to create such an uplifting occasion.

A note from our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Uniform

In a process which began before the onset of the pandemic, the governors have been reviewing various aspects of the school's uniform. We are very grateful to those of you who contributed to the consultation which was undertaken.

Having considered the various responses, and following discussions of their own, governors have agreed the following changes to the St Saviour's school uniform for students in Years 7 – 11:

- Trousers: navy trousers may be worn as an alternative to a skirt
- Hijab: a navy hijab will be introduced for those who wish to wear it

These changes will become effective from the start of term in January 2022. Before that, there will be some important discussion with the newly-elected members of the School Council to discuss certain aspects, particularly the styling of the trousers. Further information will be communicated when this is complete.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

James Rothwell

Chair of Governors



History was never so tasty...

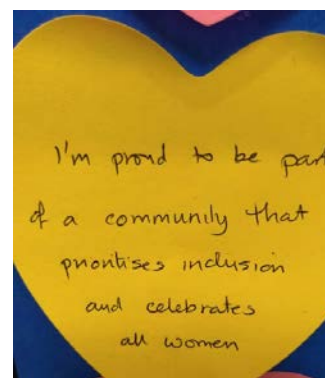


Some of our year 7s took part in an exciting food tasting session, sampling a range of dishes from Africa and the Caribbean. The students also learnt about the history of

African-Caribbean foods and discussed the types of traditional dishes they eat at home.

Dishes sampled included; Mrs Omolaso's secret recipe jerk chicken, Jollof rice, plantain, spicy meat patties

and chin-chin. The students enjoyed their tasting session and are looking forward to BHM 2022!



Year 7 elect their School Council representatives



Starting secondary school can be a bit daunting at times, but one great way to make transition easier is to 'get involved' with our community life as quickly as possible. That is precisely what the students in the picture have done, by successfully standing for election to the School Council. In the picture above, our Head Girl, Indra Ramku, is surrounded by the main reps (sitting) and their deputies (standing behind them). From left to right, we have 7B—Imara-Dior and Kalisha, 7G— Busola and Lola, 7O—maya and Jeda, 7R—Dami and Stephanie, and 7Y— Adebimpe and Abigail. Their first job was to give us a soundbite:

Imara Dior wants "to start some clubs to get students more fit".

Busola says "I want us to be united as a community!"

Maya shares that she is "overjoyed at being elected for School Council. I assure you that I will do my best to make this school the best it can be and attend to all my peers' needs."

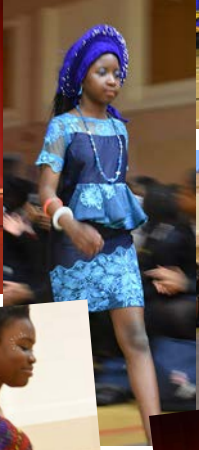
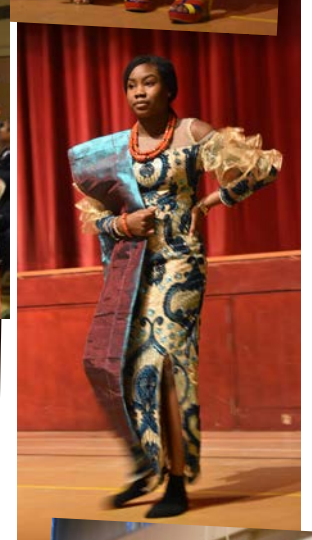
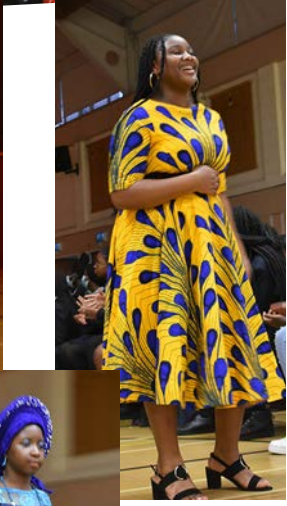
Dami says "Thank you for voting for me as School Council representative. I will make sure that I'll do my best to make our school an even better place for all of us."

Adebimpe is "really happy and excited that I've been chosen to be the representative for 7 Yellow."

Well done to all these Y7 students!

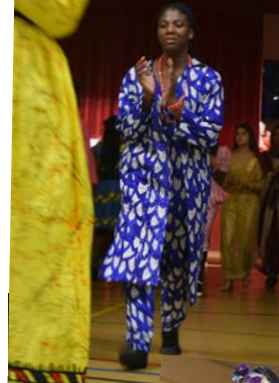


FASHION SHOW



The fashion show was amazing, all the models were beautiful and the outfits were stunning. I feel like the show was a good opportunity for people to celebrate black culture in a way that has never been done before at SSSO. The audience was so supportive and I loved seeing people I know being confident and owning themselves. I would like to thank everyone involved for the best hour and a half.

Beau, 8Y



Y7 Black History Month 'Door' Competition

This has become a new tradition for Y7, since October 2020, thanks to a brilliant idea from former Y11 student, Teniola Lamidi. Basing their designs on this year's BHM theme—Proud To Be—all the forms came together in a spirit of team work to plan, design and execute their designs. And the results are in:

The winners: 7 Green

The runners up: 7 Red

Special mention: 7 Orange, for the fantastic 'Proud to Be' hair!

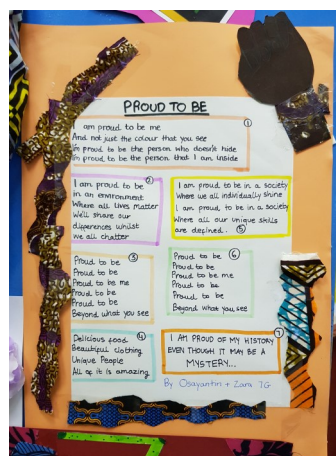


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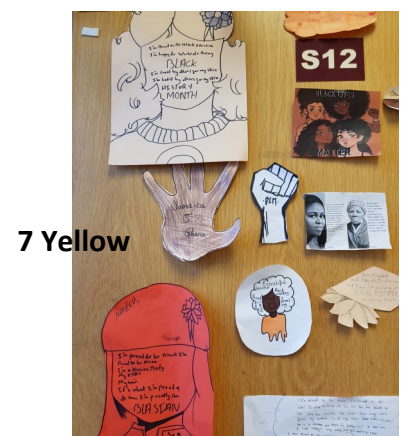


7 Green



7 Blue

7 Orange



7 Yellow



Mesmerising Satyagraha

Our Black History Month Trip to the Coliseum

Tuesday 12th October 2021

Today I had the privilege of going on a trip organised by Mr Gilder to watch an opera for the first time.



It's called Satyagraha and it is based on Philip Glass's meditation on Gandhi's early years in South Africa and the progress of his concept of non-violent protest as a positive force for change.

We started off by having a discussion about Gandhi's early life during his twenties when he believed that there was a hierarchy in terms of race, however this belief soon dissipated as he got older and wiser. The opera was mesmerising and the links between the music and the acting was very clear, extravagant and minimal at the same time. For example, when there was violence the singers and actors would portray that through stronger and sharper movements and the orchestra would also add onto that by speeding the music up or getting louder with a crescendo and then quieter to show the end of the war or solemnity with a diminuendo.

Despite the singing being in Sanskrit I could still understand what was going in the story through the excellent presentation and music. I had a really good time and I can't wait to go again!

Adelina Godinho

Summer Term Catch-up #1: Gamelan Gift from Indonesia



On 21st June we celebrated International Music Day with a Gamelan workshop for some of our year 7 students (now in Year 8 of course), kindly funded by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Kingdom.

Students learned about the music of Indonesia, and Javanese gamelan in particular, and were all able to try each of the instruments of the Southwark Music Service gamelan orchestra which is housed at St Saviour's and St Olave's School.

The day was led by local gamelan musician Aris Daryono, and we were honoured to host the Indonesian education and cultural attaché in the Indonesia embassy, Dr Mohammed Arif Rokhman, who brought some gifts for the students participating and spoke to our students about his role.



Summer Term Catch-up #2:

Y7 Visit the Home of the Anglican Church

Canterbury Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has been welcoming visitors for over 1400 years, dating back to medieval pilgrims. A holy place steeped in history, the Cathedral has its roots in the Benedictine tradition. As one of the first school groups to visit since the lockdown restrictions began to be eased, the Canterbury team were really keen to make a film of our trip, so the students and staff were accompanied on their voyage of discovery by a camera person—we look forward to seeing and sharing the video with you, as soon as it is available! In the meantime, here are a few photos to enjoy. It must be said that the Cathedral staff and volunteers were really impressed by the knowledge of our students, especially about Thomas Becket. Thank you to the RS department for organising this visit!



Spires spied from afar



Nothing Trojan about this horse...



An impressive backdrop for lunch!



Impeccable timekeeping throughout!



Discovering the local flora



Learning about the Cathedral's history in the Visitor Centre

Summer Term Catch-up #3:



Mystery participant, reveal your identity!



Tactical planning



Underneath the arches



Arguably the best bit of the day!



Enjoying a healthy snack between activities



Time out, and some exuberant hair!



OK, Team, time for a debrief in the shade

Greendale replaces Aberdovey for Y7 Outward Bound

Those of you in Y9 and above will surely have fond memories of your Y7 trip to Wales, but Covid has got in the way of that for the past two years. Fortunately, thanks to the OBT team's creativity, this summer Outward Bound came to us! No mountain climbing or gorge scrambling, to be sure, but some fun activities organised to promote team work and communication skills. Spread over 2 days, each group was thoroughly mixed up so that students finally got to know people in other forms a bit better. Our OBT instructors were their usual amazing selves and a good time was had by all! Special thanks go to the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors, without whose generous support the course would not have been able to take place.



Giant tidlywinks??



Let's just take it step by step...



This task is really draining...!



Here's a very small selection of the notes left on our 'Proud to Be..' panels in the foyer to celebrate Black History Month 2021



For Parents/Carers of children 5-19 years old at school in Southwark or Lambeth



Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Evelina London School Nursing Service.

As a parent/carers of a child(ren) at school you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

School nurses are here to help, we work in teams across Southwark and Lambeth and you can contact us for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

Please let us know if your child has medical or physical and/or emotional health needs that they need support with.

We are able to discuss your child's needs and see children:

- Face to face in school
- Face to face in a health centre
- Text
- Telephone
- Virtually
- Home visit

For advice and support please contact the School Nursing Service:

Text: If you need advice or support regarding your child, you can confidentially text a school nurse on **07520 631 130**. Texts will only be seen Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm (excluding bank holidays).

You can find out more on www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/parentline

If you are a parent or carer

**You can text a school nurse on
07520 631 130**

Telephone: You can call the School Nursing Central Hub: **tel: 020 3049 4777**, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm (excluding bank holidays).

In an emergency, call 999 or go to your local Emergency Department (A&E)

Your information

We might inform someone if we are concerned about your child's safety, or the safety of someone else, but we would usually try to speak to you first. Your information is stored on secure electronic records and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules.

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text.

If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111.

The School Nursing Service can assist with:

Support with managing medical needs in schools

Bedwetting

Sleep

Emotional health and wellbeing

Weight management

Immunisation advice
www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/

Healthy lifestyle

Keeping safe

Puberty and relationships