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Dear Parents/Carers, Students, Governors, Old Olavians

Headteacher's Newsletter 106

I thought it would be good to change the focus of the Newsletter this week away from COVID-19 and use it to introduce the new Senior Prefect Team for 2021/22. It gives me great pleasure to introduce them all. The [St. Olave's website](#) and Twitter page - [@saintolaves](#) has all the stories of student endeavour and success if you still want to know about what is happening around school and at home.

	<p>Steven (Captain of School) A Level Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics AS Subject: English</p> <p>If I could use a single word to define St. Olave's it would be community. It is an environment where people of all backgrounds can interact, learn and grow from each other, so taking up the mantle of Captain of a school which offers so much opportunity for growth in academia, maturity and character will prove to be both a huge honour and an immense task. I aspire to be a role model for everyone and from a young age, I have always felt obligated to help and give as much back to others as possible, so I am looking to study Medicine at university, and as such I am currently Vice President of Medics' Society. Outside of the classroom, I am an avid health and fitness enthusiast and aim to play for the 1st XV rugby team next year. Aside from sporting endeavours, I am a keen member of our Drama department having performed in a multitude of shows since I joined the school. During my tenure I aim to rejuvenate our community in the wake of the pandemic, and reform links between all year groups through the wonderful events on offer at St. Olave's, as these are so vital to creating the work-life balance we should all strive to master as students. I am tremendously excited to work alongside my amazing team of Senior Prefects to usher in a new year of change and restore the sense of unity amongst our school once more.</p>
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Millie (Captain of School)

A Level Subjects: Economics, History, Mathematics

AS Subject: Geography

Joining St. Olaves has been an aspiration of mine for much of my secondary education, and now having the honour of representing our community as Captain fills me with a strong sense of pride. I hope that over the coming year we will be successful at reigniting the sense of community we hold so dearly throughout the school. As Co-President of Environmental Society, I hope to push for change which will have lasting effects on the wider planet and inspire those around us to follow our lead. Christiana Figueres, a political inspiration of mine, led me down this path of interest in climate politics and economics, something I aim to pursue at university, where I hope to read PPE. Outside of school, I have a strong connection to mindfulness, something I implement into my life through yoga practice, and I also enjoy playing netball with the school team. Whilst forming relations has proved difficult due to the current circumstances, I want to ensure that I establish connections and re-instil that feeling of togetherness I know we all miss, as well as posing as a point of call for students' questions, suggestions and anything they may need.



Anupam (Head of House System)

A Level Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics

AS Subject: Latin

For me, St. Olave's at its core represents a place where like-minded individuals can come together to share in their interests and achievements. My desire to share with others has led me to becoming President of the school's Medics Society, as well as giving talks at many others including Natural Sciences, PolEcon and Classics. Even beyond school, I run a YouTube channel dedicated to sharing weekly medical content for others aspiring to study medicine. And now as Head of the House System, I seek to foster even more school solidarity through inter-house competitions and events. Alongside the brilliant Senior Prefect Team and spectacular House Captains, I hope to work to ensure everyone at St. Olave's really feels their house spirit this year.



Nikhil (Head of Sports)

A Level Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics

AS Subject: RS

Sport is something which can be considered intrinsic to Olavian culture. From playing competitively at the highest levels to playing at lunch with friends, it can be considered a gateway from the stress and workload of school life. Outside of academics, I play both basketball and badminton in which I have also been lucky enough to reap the benefits of coaching. I also heavily enjoy the performing arts, having played the guitar for 7 years and working towards my Grade 8, whilst also performing in

various school events such as Black History Month and Band Concert. During my tenure as Senior Prefect, I hope to implement a focus on introducing a wider array of sporting opportunities. I hope to do this by starting up inter-house competitions again and hence allowing people of all levels to partake in and try out a variety of sports, with hopes of creating newfound interest in many Olavians. I also believe sport is an exceptionally great way of keeping good mental health as it can help alleviate stress and hence am excited to be in a position which by working with the Sports department and Senior Prefect Team, I will be able to promote sport as a healthy means of coping with daily life.



Scarlett (Head of Form and Duty Prefects)
A Level Subjects: Chemistry, Economics, History
AS Subject: Biology

Before entering St. Olave's in September, I was extremely worried that my time here would be somehow diminished because of the restrictive regulations and rules that the pandemic has made necessary. I see now that my worrying was in vain. Over the course of the last 8 months I have thrived, surrounded by a cohort of intelligent, curious and interesting individuals as well as by teachers who have an infectious passion not only for their subjects but also for watching their students succeed. As Co-President of Feminist Society, I have taken immense pleasure in leading and taking part in important and relevant discussions, as well as in helping to organise a successful and inspirational online event for International Women's Day. I am also a keen debater and so was super excited to represent my school in the external Cambridge Schools Debating competition. As my A level choices demonstrate, I am interested in a wide range of subjects, but I particularly enjoy reading about different societies, cultures and political systems and am fascinated by the causes of inequality, from that of income to race, which is why I hope to study Human Social and Political Sciences at university. As Head of Form and Duty Prefects my main aim is to restore inter school cohesion and interactions between year groups as restrictions are gradually lifted, working with the Senior Prefect Team to find the best ways to do this.



Rhea (Head of Clubs, Societies and Outreach)
A Level Subjects: Art, Classical Civilisations, RS
AS Subject: English

As an external student joining the Sixth Form, I found St. Olaves to be an open, friendly, nurturing environment that encourages all students to pursue their varied interests, alongside academic pursuits to create rich, multi-dimensional, well-rounded individuals. My unique set of academic interests; humanities and the arts have grown immeasurably not just due to the teachers and course content but also due to the challenge, support and dialogue in and outside class with my peers. I enjoy giving back to my community through volunteering at the

	<p>Maypole Project and I would like to pursue a career that aligns with my interests in Philosophy, Sociology and Psychology. For the forthcoming year on the Senior Prefect Team, I will build upon the school's existing community spirit by increasing inter-year cohesion throughout clubs and societies. I plan to engage with the wider community, and alumni through various outreach programmes. I would like to increase the intersectionality between clubs and societies by encouraging collaboration and by inviting external speakers. I want to encourage societies to not only teach and discuss with one another but also have a direct measurable impact on the school environment. I recognise the importance of societies in not only developing hard skills that universities hold in high regard, but also soft skills such as public speaking, debating, and organisation that dictates one's progress and success in life. Above all, I want my term to implement structures that foster a deep sense of loyalty, comradeship and kinship in students across school years, that will last a lifetime.</p>
	<p>Jahnavi (Head of Charity and Events) A Level Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics AS Subject: Physics</p> <p>Over my brief time at St. Olaves, what pleasantly overwhelmed me from the onset, and still never ceases to amaze me, are the variety of opportunities and culture this school has to offer, leading to success for all, both academically and otherwise. I immediately felt welcomed in this vibrant community, enabling me to take on many responsibilities within the school, such as being a Physics Prefect, Vice-President of Medics' Society, in which I have enjoyed taking the lead to arrange debates (having represented the school in the Cambridge Schools Debating competition), while also being Co-President of Feminist Society, where I lead and organise important discussions on topical matters. Recently, I helped to arrange the school's first International Women's Day Webinar, a successful and inspiring event that is sure to see subsequent celebrations in the future. The skills I have developed over these past few months, despite the extraordinary adversities of COVID-19, have equipped me to feel confident in taking up the role of Head of Charities and Events. Volunteering with St. John Ambulance throughout the pandemic, I have recognised the importance of giving back to our community, now more than ever before, further invigorating my desire to study Medicine at university. Currently, within my role, I hope to host a variety of events that are reflective of the school's diverse nature, as a way to integrate all year groups to support great causes, after what has been a difficult year for everyone.</p>

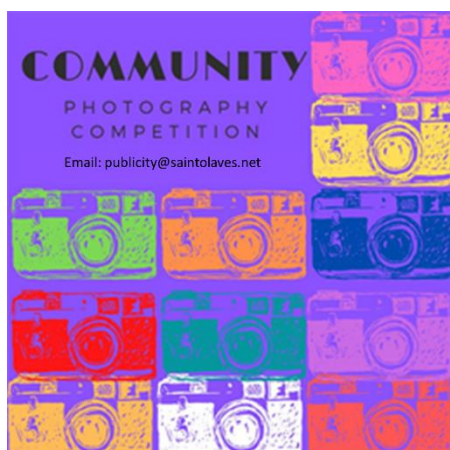


Matthew (Head of Ambassador and Academic Prefects)

A Level Subjects: Double Mathematics, Economics, German

AS Subject: Physics

My past 6 years at St. Olave's have helped me to grown into who I am today, and I am honoured to have been selected as a Vice Captain of School. I hope to use this opportunity to give back to the school and all students, making sure everyone has the best possible experience. I have a passion for Economics, and I am one of the Political Economy Society Presidents, a Financial Times Student Advocate, as well as an Economics Prefect and I would love to study Economics at university. As the Head of Ambassador and Academic Prefects, I aim to inspire as many students as possible, encouraging students to pursue any interests they may have. To any student reading this: I look forward to working with the rest of the incredible Senior Prefect Team to make your time at school as amazing as possible and I would be more than happy to talk to you, about whatever it may be, so feel free to message me on Teams or (when possible) stop me in the corridor!



The Senior Prefect Team want to announce their first competition of the year! They are launching a photography competition based on the theme 'Community' and they are excited to see what everyone in our community can take – parents, pupils, teachers, Old Olavians and governors. Whether you are an aspiring Eliot Porter or have no experience (just like them!), they want to see what community means to you and how you display that.

Please submit your entries to publicity@saintolaves.net by Monday 10 May. We hope to see all your amazing ideas come to life.

Old Olavian, Charlotte Tripp, (2018-2020) has decided to run the London Landmarks Half-marathon at the beginning of August, in memory of fellow Olavian, Sam Nunn. She is raising money for the charity 'Place2Be', who provide help and support for children struggling with their mental health. Place2Be helps eleven schools within a five mile radius of St. Olaves, so she is raising money to support a charity who work very close to school. If you would like to support Charlotte, donations can be made via her Justgiving page by following this [link](#).



Finally, to continue reading around the world with Ms Wilkie, please see Kurt Vonnegut's 'Harrison Bergeron' posted on Teams. We hope you enjoy the story and discussing it with family.

Please see the Appendices below for further Careers news from Mrs Platts, and information about reading from Mrs Martine, our librarian.

Further news about events that have happened over the last week and during the holidays will appear next week.

I hope you and your families have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Rees
Headteacher

The [St. Olave's website](#) and Twitter page - [@saintolaves](#) has many more stories of student endeavour and success. Please do keep sending me news items and student successes either via colleagues or email. The email address is publicityteam@saintolaves.net. Do not forget to include all the details along with a high-resolution photo you are willing to share and have published on the school website.

If you would like to donate into the Voluntary Fund to support the development of our school and enhance learning, and you are not already doing so, please follow this [link](#) to the Virgin Money Giving webpage.

Appendix 1

Careers News

Many organisations concerned with assisting students in their future choices also provide useful information for parents and carers. Among these the Department of Education's ASK service produces regular updates for them. The April edition features tech industry and mental health nursing degree apprenticeships as well as advice on stress awareness. It is available at <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2021/04/Parent-Pack-April-2021-2.pdf>

Queen Mary, University of London, also offers a range of support resources for parents and carers. You can sign up for email alerts for the university application process here as well: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/outreach/hub/>

The careers interviews for all Year 12 students are now underway via Teams. Students are meeting virtually with Mrs Christine Edwards, our qualified careers advisor. Ideas for progression following school and useful links to websites are posted onto Moodle and accessible to all students.

Also, for students in Year 12 the Universities of Bath, Cardiff, Exeter, Lancaster and Warwick are hosting a series of online conferences aimed at providing information, advice and guidance on what is available and how to apply. These Saturday sessions are between 13:00 - 15:30. The first is on 24 April covering: applying to a competitive university, the UCAS process, choosing a course, personal statements and making the most of virtual open days. Second, on 8 May there is a range of subject specific sessions to find out more about the host universities and what they are looking for in an application alongside opportunities to talk to current staff and students. To register for either of the conferences go to: <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU02d0YRXBrHIX>



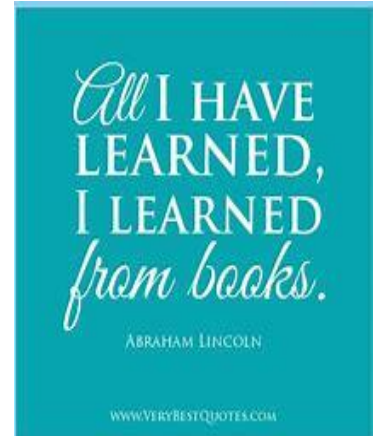
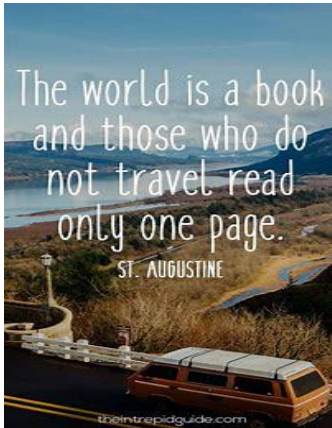
Maritime careers feature on the information from Solent University at Southampton. Their Warsash Maritime School provides fully sponsored officer cadetships that lead to a foundation degree and a professional qualification for a career at sea or onshore. The school offers over 150 accredited maritime courses in areas such as engineering, marine electrical, technical and nautical science.

Other courses available include BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching and Development and this can lead to an MA in Physical Education and School Sport at Solent. Those with a passion for playing and coaching sport can apply their experience to studies and then progress into a professional career in an aspect of sport. More information is available at: www.solent.ac.uk/post-16



Appendix 2

Library News



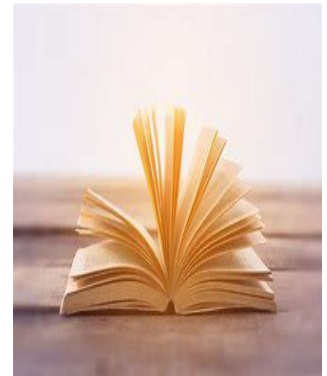
The following is a **Year 11** Recommended Reading List:



1. Looking For Alaska by **John Green**
2. Savage Her Reply by **Deirdre Sullivan**
3. The Westing Game by **Ellen Raskin**
4. The Time Machine by **H.G.Wells**
5. The Kite Runner by **Khaled Hosseini**
6. Game of Thrones by **R.R. Martin**
7. The Book Thief by **Markus Zusak**
8. Birdsong by **Sebastian Faulks**
9. On the Road by **Jack Kerouac**



10. The Three Musketeers by **Alexandre Dumas**
11. The Name of the Rose by **Umberto Eco**
12. How it all Blew Up by **Arvin Ahmadi**
13. The Trial by **Franz Kafka**
14. The Hound of the Baskervilles by **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**
15. The Moonstone by **Wilkie Collins**
16. #MurderTrending by **Gretchen McNeil**
17. Out of the Shadows by **Jason Wallace**
18. Flowers for Algernon by **Daniel Keyes**
19. Fahrenheit 451 by **Ray Bradbury**
20. Maus by **Art Spiegelman**
21. Cosmos by **Carl Sagan**
22. A Short History of Nearly Everything by **Bill Bryson**
23. The Last Lecture by **Randy Pausch**
24. Carrie by **Stephen King**
25. The Soulkeepers Volume 1 by **G.P.Ching**
26. Thirteen Days of Midnight by **Leo Hunt**
27. We Were Liars by **E.Lockhart**
28. A Song for Achilles by **Madeleine Miller**
29. Beneath A Scarlet Sky by **Mark Sullivan**
30. Heartstopper by **Alice Oseman**



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