

Dear Parents/Carers, Students, Governors, Old Olavians

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## Headteacher's Newsletter 110



2021 is 450 years since Queen Elizabeth 1 granted that the school be erected in the parish of St. Olave *"from henceforth is, and shall be, One Grammar School, for the bringing up, Institution and Instruction of the Children and Younglings of the Parishioners and Inhabitants therein, as well in Grammar as in Accidence and other low Books, and in Writing, at all times hereafter to endure. And that that School shall be called The Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth of the Parishioners of the Parish of Saint Olave in the County of Surrey."* The date, 1571, can be seen on the original school seal, but also on the new school crest. To celebrate this

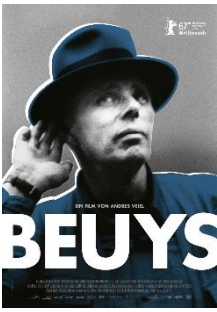
occasion, the School is refurbishing the Great Hall, which includes replacing two stained glass windows above the entrance to the Great Hall and by the organ. The Olavian magazine will also have a section containing articles from students, parents, staff and Old Olavians reflecting on the 450 years since the Royal Charter. The Senior Prefect Team are organising an academic journal based on the theme of 450. There are other ideas being discussed, but as we look forward to next year and the rebuilding of the school community following the pandemic, I wanted to share with you some ideas on how we will celebrate this important year.

We are still monitoring closely the number of Coronavirus cases within school and will continue to allow staff or the situation to determine whether face coverings are required within the classroom. Students are expected to wear face coverings in communal areas, such as corridors. Please would you ensure your child also continues to report their LFD result (positive, negative, or void) to both NHS Test and Trace and to school. Please click on the following [link](#) to report your test result to school.



Thank you to everyone who entered the Senior Prefect Teams' competition based on the theme 'Community'. Congratulations to Year 10 student, Max Acton, with his winning entry showing the West Norwood Feast market, which can be seen below:





Last Friday, Year 12 students of German watched an online stream of a documentary about the German artist, Joseph Beuys. Beuys would have been 100 on 12 May 2021, so the Goethe Institut arranged the streaming of this film to mark the event. He was a fascinating character who broke new ground in modern art and became involved in politics in the 1970s. Germanists study art and architecture of German-speaking countries on both the AS and A Level course, so were able to learn about this pioneer of performance, art and sculpture. Thank you to Frau Probodziak for organising this event, and also well done to her for running her second marathon recently, which raised £960 for Battersea Dogs and Cats.

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements:

- Year 8 student, Aneesh Sagar, came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Under 17 Four Nations Chess League tournament.
- Year 13 student, Adrian Manickarajah, was awarded a certificate for completing his Electronic Keyboard with Trinity College London and passed with a Merit.



In this week's Teen Tips, they talk to Tilly Spur, a nutritional scientist specialising in adolescence and sport. Tilly works in schools advising staff and students about nutrition and she lectures twice a week at the Chichester Institute of Sports. In part 1, she discusses the importance of a balanced and nutritious diet during adolescence, and how to encourage young people to form good nutritional habits. Part 1 focusses on nutrition for sport and exams, while part 2 dives deeper into the relationship between nutrition and mental health. You can listen to the podcast by following this [link](#).



If you have not already done so, please make a note in your diaries that the Prayer Meeting for the parents and supporters of St. Olave's will take place on Saturday 22 May at 12 noon on Zoom. Please follow this [link](#) to the meeting or use these login details: Meeting ID: 865 4122 4952 Passcode: VzH4Z0

Well done to all students for their commitment and dedication during the Summer Teacher Assessments, which have taken place over the last few weeks. This assessment period is now over, and I hope Year 11 and Year 13 students can now relax and re-energise before they return for feedback and their leavers' events after half term. Every year, there is an increased anxiety during an assessment period, and students should speak to a member of the pastoral team if they have any concerns or worries. Ofqual have also released this [document](#) for students relating to the process of awarding qualifications this summer. I trust this will prove a useful document to help you all better understand the process, and that it will offer further reassurance and clarity at a demanding time.

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

I hope you and your families have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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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](mailto: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 or via the [SQuid login](#). The offer is called 'Donation to the School Voluntary Fund'.

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## Appendix 1

### Careers News



Careers advice and guidance for parents and carers as they help their children in making choices is the focus of the National Apprenticeship Service's new series of podcasts. The Parent Perspective podcast broadcasts the first of its eight programmes at



the start of June. Expert speakers will interact with a panel of parents to provide insights into how the world of work is changing, highlight role models and explore careers currently available. The podcast is available from all the usual channels including Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcasts. For more information use the link: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>

Investment banking company, Morgan Stanley, is running a one-day programme for female students in Years 12 and 13 called 'Step In, Step Up.' It will take place in London on 30 July and depending on the situation, either live or virtually. The company is keen to encourage talent and widen diversity and participants gain an oversight into the different technology programmes Morgan Stanley offers, as well as having the opportunity to participate in interactive challenges, panel sessions and career workshops. Eligibility criteria apply and applications are rigorous. Applications close on 6 June. To find out more about their offer and the industry in general use the link: <https://www.morganstanley.com/careers/career-opportunities-search?opportunity=sg>

As part of a series of webinars on medicine, healthcare and work experience, St George's, University of London, is running a webinar for Year 12 students on 'Work experience for healthcare courses' on 8 June between 4 - 5pm. Those participating will discover why universities ask for work experience from healthcare and medicine applicants, what types of experience are useful, and how to reflect on your experiences to make a strong university application. You will be advised by staff and medicine and healthcare students on what you can do now to gain insight into clinical roles and work experience alternatives during a pandemic and will be signposted to useful resources and tools. To register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8978954314892623628?source=Cat+B2>

Springpod is a platform providing links to work experience opportunities and our students have already used it to find suitable places. All students in Year 10 and above can log in using their school email to take advantage of their latest free webinars and other student sessions at <https://www.springpod.co.uk/> They are currently working alongside Virgin Media to run their 'Tea and Talk Sessions' for students interested in



apprenticeships. These are live webinars in which like-minded individuals and current employees present on a topic of interest, giving further insight into the Virgin Media company and how to be successful with an application. The next two are 'Nail your apprenticeship application' on 26 May at 5pm and 'Apprenticeship v University' on 16 June also at 5pm. For more information and to book use the link: <https://virginmedia.onlineinsightdays.com/>

## Appendix 2

*“Reading makes immigrants of us all. It takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere.” – Jean Rhys*

The following is a **Year 12 and 13** Recommended Reading List:

1. When Things Fall Apart by **Chinua Achebe**
2. Kate Case Histories by **Kate Atkinson**
3. Regeneration by **Pat Barker**
4. The Sellout by **Paul Beatty**
5. The Rover by **Aphra Behn**
6. Seize the Day by **Saul Bellow**
7. Wuthering Heights by **Emily Bronte**
8. The Thirty Nine Steps by **John Buchan**
9. The Outsider by **Albert Camus**
10. The Bloody Chamber by **Angela Carter**
11. The Songlines on the Black Hill by **Bruce Chatwin**
12. Heart of Darkness by **Joseph Conrad**
13. The Deptford Trilogy by **Robertson Davies**
14. Crime and Punishment by **Fyodor Dostoevsky**
15. The Mill on the Floss by **George Eliot**
16. The Black Tulip by **Alexandre Dumas**
17. Spies by **Michael Frayn**
18. Memories of a Geisha by **Arthur Golden**
19. Miss Smilia’s Feeling for Snow by **Peter Hoeg**
20. The Odyssey by **Homer**
21. Sleeping on Jupiter by **Anuradha Roy**
22. War and Peace by **Leo Tolstoy**
23. White Teeth by **Zadie Smith**
24. Fathers and Sons by **Ivor Turgenev**
25. The Year of the Runaways by **Sunjeev Shaota**
26. Oranges are not the only fruit by **Jeanette Winterson**
27. Mrs Dalloway by **Virginia Woolf**
28. A Little Life by **Hanya Yanagihara**
29. The Help by **Kathryn Stockett**
30. Therese Raquin **by Emile Zola**



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