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Dear Parents/Carers, Students, Governors, Old Olavians

### Headteacher's Newsletter 113

Please tell your friends or family that we are currently looking for a Part-Time Teacher of Mathematics (Maternity Cover) and a Part-Time Admissions Officer. Further details can be found on the school website by following this [link](#).

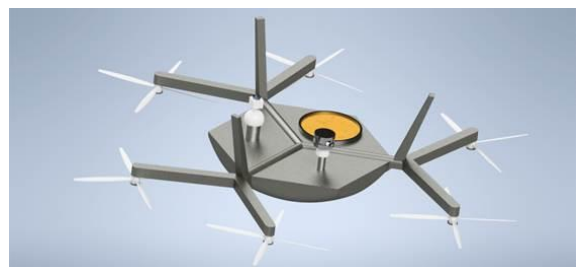
It is with great regret that following the Government announcement on Tuesday 14 June confirming a pause at Step 3 restrictions for 4 weeks, we have reluctantly had to cancel all 2021 Open Events due to these restrictions. All the information that would have been shared at these events together with a virtual tour of the school can be seen on our website by following this [link](#). I am aware that this is by no means the same, but I hope you will understand the reason behind the school cancelling these events. We are very much as frustrated as you will be, especially due to the vast amounts of planning that has already taken place. Our Online Application process for entry into Year 7 in 2022 can be reached via this [link](#) to our school website. We have also had to cancel our Induction Days for Year 7 and Year 12, which you would have been contacted about separately.

As last year's New Views playwriting festival did not take place due to COVID, the entries were entered along with those from this year's cohort into this year's competition. Nine of our students made it to the final 100, and Aran Grover's play 'At Home With Gavin and Fran', was one of the finalists. His dark comedy will receive a rehearsed reading by professional actors at The National Theatre. He will be talking about the experience on Radio Kent tomorrow at 2pm. A huge congratulations to him, and to all of the students who took part.

# National Theatre



Congratulations to Year 11 students, Siddarth, Vaibhav, Harsha and Chintan who have been nominated for the Stantec Developing Future Communities Award and The Siemens Award for Digital Skill due to their design of a Wildfire and Drought Prediction Drone in the Big Bang Competition 2021. The Team were interviewed for the awards by Teams from Stantec and BAE Systems and we look forward to hearing the results later this month.



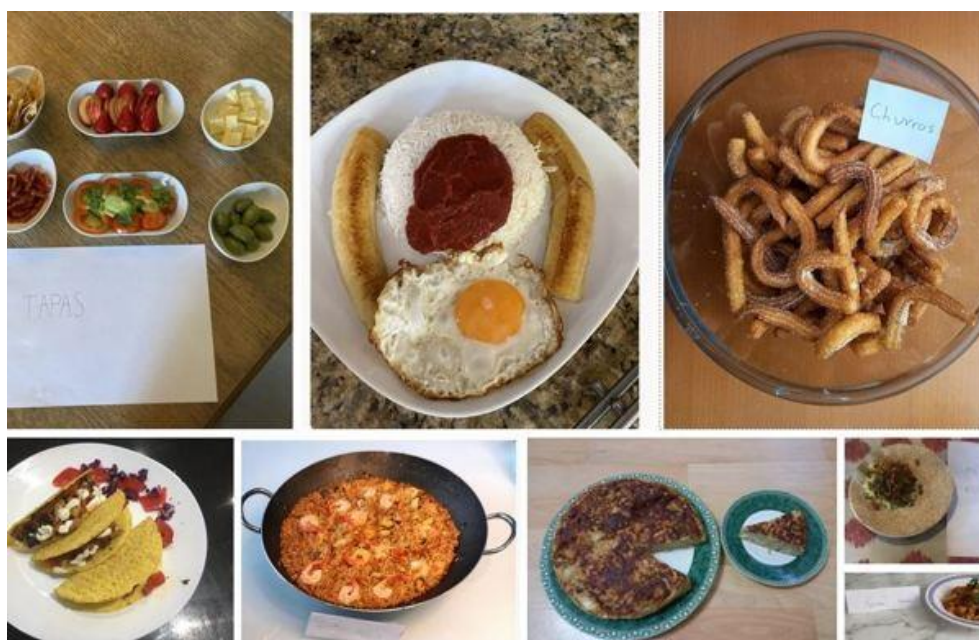
The term seems to be flying by with our second expedition completed over the weekend of 11 - 13 June, and the trialling of our new format for Bronze, the *Combined* Bronze Award. This came out of the necessity to ensure that students finally completed DofE awards, which were started *pre-COVID*, by condensing the Practice and Assessed expeditions into one weekend instead of two. On Friday after school, the student teams undertook training, covering areas such as pitching a tent, safe usage of

equipment and the creation of a route card for successful navigation. The next day, groups set off from School on the *Practice* expedition, with each team walking separately with a member of staff to offer tips, support and motivation whilst the students took turns map reading in pairs along a pre-determined circular route.



Once back at School, the students demonstrated what they had (and had not!) remembered from Friday's training session by setting up camp on the School field. Overnight, students worked on their route cards at home as well as brushing up on the online training modules created by St Olave's. On Sunday morning, the students set off without staff in tow, relying on their newly acquired map reading skills to navigate different footpaths to Sevenoaks station. Staff appeared without warning at various points along the routes to monitor progress. After a final Q&A session and debrief, the students returned home for a well-deserved rest! As always, Mr Holland could not run such a successful weekend without staff giving up their time and providing support so generously. Thank you to him, but also to Mrs Andrews, Mrs Attwood, Dr Carpenter, Mr Carroll, Miss Difford, Mr Jewson, Mr Masters and Frau Probodziak for their encouragement to the Year 11 students.

Spanish, our newest Department, set some work during half-term, where our Year 7 and Year 8 students were asked to research and make a dish from a Spanish-speaking country. The resulting dishes, from several countries looked very professional as well as tasty and can be seen below. Well done to them all!



La Martiniere for Girls in Kolkata have been in touch recently inviting our students to put forward entries for their Annual Science Journal on the following subjects:



- Integration of Science with Environmental Protection
- Challenges of the new normal and coping with it

The entries should be a maximum of 1000 words and you can select any topic from the above. Students should send their articles to [imgkolkata@gmail.com](mailto:imgkolkata@gmail.com) by 20 July 2021. The online journal will be released on 21 August 2021 at the inauguration of the Science Festival.

Our cricketers are revelling in the opportunity to play competitive fixtures and are training hard to develop their skills. The Year 7 squad (who have over 50 students attending every Tuesday's session) have reached the quarter-final of the Kent Plate, as have the U13B and U14B teams. The U13A team are in the Plate semi-final, whilst the U15A and B teams are also in the Plate quarter-finals. The U14A team have been playing superbly and have made their way to the semi-final of the main cup competition. Good luck to all of the teams for their next rounds and it is wonderful to see so much cricket being played.

I would also like to highlight further student achievements and activities that have taken place recently:

- Year 10 student, Mayukh Jayagopal, has been awarded a Grade 6 Merit in Classical Guitar from Trinity College, London.
- Congratulations to Martha Hodgson in Year 12 for being one of the winners of the Newsquest Young Reporters scheme. The students had to write articles on local stories, meet deadlines and hone their journalistic writing skills. Well done to all who took part.

In this week's Teen Tips, there is a tip sheet about mental health at university. Students are particularly vulnerable to mental health struggles as they are often living away from the comforts of home and dealing with the stresses of adult life for the first time. Whilst this new-found independence is exciting, it can also be a little daunting and perhaps overwhelming, so it is important they feel prepared. Tips are shared on how young people can stay mentally healthy at university. Further information can be found by following this [link](#):



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 a restful weekend. Enjoy the football, whichever team you are supporting!

Yours sincerely

Andrew Rees  
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

Year 11 students had a virtual experience of careers education on 14/15 June when the Department of Work and Pensions ran three workshops for them. These covered the skills for employability and CV and interview guidance and practical tasks. Although the students are going on to study their A Level subjects, the information and practice they have had will be useful as they take up work experience before leaving school. Our InvestIN colleague also presented a lively webinar on building your network and the skills needed for this. Finally, our enterprise advisor discussed his career progression into HR and his high-level involvement with two government departments. Following this, students wrote their own CVs and cover letters and updated their Unifrog profiles.



Swansea University is running its summer school virtually this year in the week 12 - 15 July for Year 12 students. There will be the opportunity to undertake subject tasters, find out about enhancing UCAS personal statements, explore career options and gain insights and advice from current students as well as discovering Swansea University's attractive location. Those interested can find out more and register using the link: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/study/summer-school/>

St Olave's students are invited to attend the 2021 [Harvard Science Research Conference](#) (HSRC) held via Zoom on 2/3 October. HSRC is a two-day conference for senior school students who are passionate about the sciences. It aims to provide a space to encourage and promote interest in all scientific areas as well as research. Traditionally, the conference is held at Harvard University, however, due to the current pandemic, this year's conference has been adapted to an online version that will take place via Zoom. Despite the change, students will still find themselves engaged with the programme which includes a series of keynote speeches, workshops, and mentoring sessions.

Conference participants will attend presentations by Harvard professors and participate in workshops on skills such as public speaking or CV writing. Students will also interact closely with current Harvard students in the sciences, many of whom have won accolades from competitions such as the Intel Science Talent Search and the Siemens Competition.

Although there is a competitive application for the conference, all students are encouraged to apply and no prior research experience is necessary. HSRC is simply intended for students who have demonstrated interest in the sciences to learn more and the short application should not be seen as a barrier for any students.

The application will open on 14 June and the deadline to submit the application is 13 August. The application, as well as further information and details about HSRC, will be made available at [hcura.org](http://hcura.org) on the HSRC website: [www.hcura.org](http://www.hcura.org)

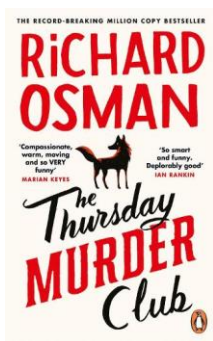


## Appendix 2

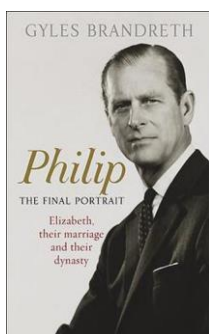


Inspired by the success and presence of Mother's Day, the history of Father's Day in the UK began not too long afterwards (both early 20<sup>th</sup> Century). The celebration of Father's Day did not originate in the UK, but in the USA. It originated in Spokane, Washington, USA in 1910. However, with all the beliefs of how men should be perceived as macho and the provider, Father's Day was originally laughed off, ridiculed and parodied.

Now over 100 years old, Father's Day has gone from a concept to a bona-fide celebration to show appreciation for your father, or the man who is the father of your children. While the dates that this day is celebrated vary across the world, the most popular day for the celebration is the third Sunday in June, with the UK, USA and Canada all observing Father's Day then. A book is always a great gift! Here are some Father's Day recommendations for you:

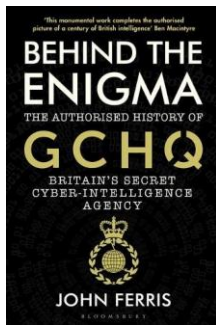


In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty, but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. Can the orthodox yet brilliant gang catch the killer before it is too late?

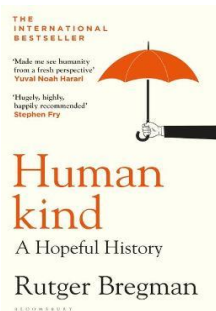


This is the story of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh - the longest-serving consort to the longest-reigning sovereign in British history. Philip - elusive, complex, controversial, challenging, often humorous, sometimes irascible - is the man Elizabeth II once described as her 'constant strength and guide'. Who was he? What was he really like? What is the truth about those 'gaffes' and the rumours of affairs? This is the final portrait of an unexpected and often much-misunderstood figure. It is also the portrait of a remarkable marriage that endured for more than seventy years. *Philip: The Final Portrait* tells the story of two contrasting lives, assesses the Duke of

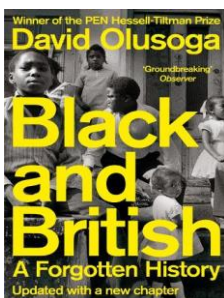
Edinburgh's character and achievement, and explores the nature of his relationships with his wife, his children and their families - and with the press and public and those at court who were suspicious of him in the early days. This is a powerful, revealing and, ultimately, moving account of a long life and a remarkable royal partnership.



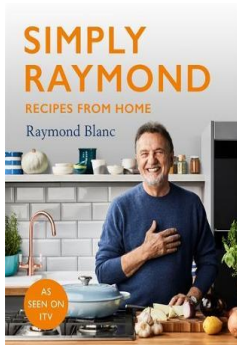
You know about MI5. You know about MI6. Now discover the untold stories behind Britain's most secretive intelligence agency, in the first ever authorised history of GCHQ. For a hundred years, GCHQ - Government Communications Headquarters - has been at the forefront of innovation in national security and British secret statecraft. Famed for its codebreaking achievements during the Second World War, and essential to the Allied victory, GCHQ also held a critical role in both the Falklands War and Cold War. Today, amidst the growing threats of terrorism and online crime, GCHQ continues to be the UK's leading intelligence, security and cyber agency, and a powerful tool of the British state. Based on unprecedented access to classified archives, *Behind the Enigma* is the first book to authoritatively tell the entire history of this most unique and enigmatic of organisations - and peer into its future at the heart of the nation's security.



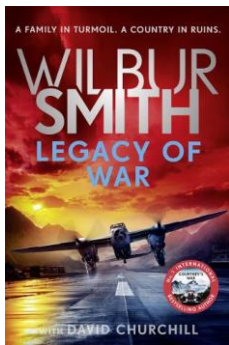
From 'the folk hero of Davos', Fox News antagonist and author of the international bestseller *Utopia for Realists* comes a radical history of our innate capacity for kindness. *Humankind* makes a new argument: that it is realistic, as well as revolutionary, to assume that people are good. The instinct to cooperate rather than compete, trust rather than distrust, has an evolutionary basis going right back to the beginning of Homo sapiens. By thinking the worst of others, we bring out the worst in our politics and economics too. In this major book, international-bestselling author Rutger Bregman takes some of the world's most famous studies and events and reframes them, providing a new perspective on the last 200,000 years of human history.



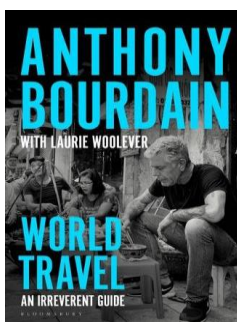
This edition, fully revised and updated, features a new chapter encompassing the Windrush scandal and the Black Lives Matter protests of 2020, events which put black British history at the centre of urgent national debate. *Black and British* is vivid confirmation that black history can no longer be kept separate and marginalised. It is woven into the cultural and economic histories of the nation and it belongs to us all. Drawing on new genealogical research, original records, and expert testimony, *Black and British* reaches back to Roman Britain, the medieval imagination, Elizabethan 'blackamoors' and the global slave-trading empire. It shows that the great industrial boom of the nineteenth century was built on American slavery, and that black Britons fought at Trafalgar and in the trenches of both World Wars. Black British history is woven into the cultural and economic histories of the nation. It is not a singular history, but one that belongs to us all.



His long-held plan to write a simple cookbook - inspired by his mother, Maman Blanc - began months before the COVID pandemic hit. Suddenly everything changed, and Raymond, like the rest of the world, struggled to find a way through lockdown. Dish by dish, *Simply Raymond* presents an irresistible feast. This is cooking from the heart, and here you will find must-make dishes to add to your weekly repertoire, as well as others for special occasions. There is also a profound poignancy to this book. Shortly before Raymond finished writing it, his mother sadly passed away. This book is a heartfelt tribute to her, created with passion and thoughtfulness. It is also a testament to the great pleasure derived from stepping into a kitchen, simply to cook simply for others. Something he has done all his life.



A nail-biting story of courage, bravery, rebellion and war from the master of adventure fiction. The war is over, Hitler is dead - and yet his evil legacy lives on. Saffron Courtney and her beloved husband Gerhard only just survived the brutal conflict, but Gerhard's Nazi-supporting brother, Konrad, is still free and determined to regain power. As a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse develops, a plot against the couple begins to stir. One that will have ramifications throughout Europe... Further afield in Kenya, the last outcrop of the colonial empire is feeling the stirrings of rebellion. As the situation becomes violent, and the Courtney family home is under threat, Leon Courtney finds himself caught between two powerful sides - and a battle for the freedom of a country.



Anthony Bourdain saw more of the world than nearly anyone. His travels took him from his hometown of New York to a tribal longhouse in Borneo, from cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, Paris, and Shanghai to the stunning desert solitude of Oman's Empty Quarter. In *World Travel*, a life of experience is collected into an entertaining, practical, fun and frank travel guide that gives readers an introduction to some of his favourite places. Featuring essential advice on how to get there, what to eat, where to stay and, in some cases, what to avoid. Supplementing Bourdain's words are a handful of essays by friends, colleagues, and family that tell even deeper stories about a myriad of other or the same places.