



MDB/LMD 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As the end of term approaches, thoughts turn to our annual Festival celebrations in school. Whilst the COVID pandemic means that we are unable to run Festival in the usual way, as a school community we are still keen to raise money for charity.

Festival will take place during Period 2 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The plan for this year has to take into consideration year group bubbles and the fact that we are unable to collect cash. For this reason, Festival will consist of activities within tutor groups and we will also hold a non-school uniform day. The form time activities will consist of pre-recorded staff v student quizzes, a quiz for the students to take part in and the famous Teachers' Video. There will be a suggested donation of £5 for the nominated Festival charities, which will include all the activities and the non-uniform element of the day and we are encouraging students to wear a Christmas jumper as part of this.

Please could you make donations through sQuid in the usual way. There will be the option to donate £5 or there will be the option to donate an amount of your choice. Should you experience any problems in connection with the online system please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office by email ([financeoffice@saintolaves.net](mailto:financeoffice@saintolaves.net)) and they will assist you with your query.

We are currently in the process of choosing charities for the event and, once these are known, I will inform students and Parents/Carers. Please make all donations before the end of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December so that we can announce the total raised during Festival.

Over the years, significant sums of money have been raised through Festival and it would be a shame to lose this tradition because of the pandemic. The Senior Prefect Team has been working hard to arrange a suitable replacement for the usual event. Alongside the Senior Prefects, I would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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