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Dear Parents/Carers, Students, Governors, Old Olavians and Grandparents

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It was a real pleasure to welcome Year 12 students back to school this week for their PSHE, Science, Maths, Classics, Economics, Art and Computing sessions. I hope Year 12 students appreciated the welcome they received and enjoyed socialising again with their year as well as going over the work they should have covered during the lockdown period. It was lovely to be reminded of the Sixth Formers' smiles and laughter. Today, Year 12 went through all the information needed to complete their UCAS applications. Under normal circumstances, this would be a very busy day in school with a variety of speakers from different universities, but this was not possible this year. Thank you again to all the parents for supporting your child and the school during this week of return. We look forward to seeing Year 10 again on Monday as they come in for their option subjects.



You may be aware that we commenced the process of selecting our new Senior Prefect Team this week. Sixteen outstanding young men and women were put through a daunting process involving student votes, staff votes and an interview with myself, their Head of Year and the Director of Sixth Form. We were extremely impressed by the high quality of all those on this final shortlist and we will announce the new Senior Prefect Team for 2020/2021 in next week's Newsletter.

On Wednesday, 1 July we shall be holding our annual Lower School Celebration event. As a result of the pandemic we will not be able to do this in person. However, we wish to continue to celebrate student success. We will therefore post via Microsoft Teams a recording from Mrs Maxwell, the Heads of Year 7 and 8 and some soundbites from a few students. As in previous years, we will hear about various activities which the boys have been involved in. We will remotely share the programme and therefore information about the prize winners. Prizes will not be distributed though until the current pandemic situation is resolved.

Next Wednesday would also have been Sports Day. To mark this occasion the PE department are launching a school-wide challenge to see which group can cover the most distance by running/walking in a week. The groups will be: Year groups/Staff/Parents. We will be using Strava to record distances so you might want to download it now to become familiar with it (it is a free App, you can pay for a subscription but there is no need to). Further details and a link will be sent out next Wednesday.

The PE department are delighted to announce that over the course of the next two weeks they will be allowing their Twitter followers the opportunity to vote for the St. Olave's First XI Cricket Team of the Century. Further details can be found on Twitter via the following [link](#).

As Open Morning is not taking place this year, we have tried to recreate this day with our Open Day and Virtual Tour page on the school website which can be accessed by following this [link](#). We hope this will give you a flavour of our wonderful school and the unique environment and opportunities we are able to offer our students. Due to the current social distancing requirements, we are disappointed not to be able to meet any prospective parents face to face on this occasion. Staying with the school website, we have been working hard to revamp this during the lockdown period to make it more user friendly when using a mobile telephone or tablet as well as being easier to navigate. We can show you a screenshot of one of the welcome pages below. We are working towards launching the new site when we return in September.



Mobile



Webpage

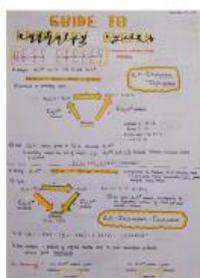


Congratulations to Year 8 student, Tymoteusz, who from January this year has studied the theory of radio communication. In February he completed the Ham Radio Foundation course organised by Essex Ham Radio. After this he continued to self-study different aspects of electronics, technology, radio wave propagation, physics, health and safety, legal regulations etc. Finally, last Sunday, Tymoteusz passed his Amateur Radio Examination Foundation Level, organised by the Radio Society of Great Britain, achieving 24 out of 26 points. He has already received his ham radio licence issued by OFCOM. His call sign is M7TBL and he is authorised to communicate (transmit and receive) on multiple amateur radio frequencies between 137kHz and 10.5GHz.



Three Year 8 students have been awarded a Bronze Level CREST Award for experimental work that they carried out before lockdown. Their reports have been carefully checked against the British Science Association criteria and all three have been successful. Congratulations to Year 8 students, Amogh Bhat and Joshua Fakulujo for their investigation into how different types of metal affect the current in a circuit and to Aravinth Sri Sivasritharan for his experiment on how to increase the percentage yield in an acid-base reaction. Huge congratulations to all the boys for their efforts! They will receive certificates when we return to school.

Well done to the Year 12 chemists for creating these colourful posters on the Enthalpy Cycles during the lockdown period:



Higher and degree apprenticeships are increasingly an option for students. Employers use rigorous selection processes to ensure their investment in a young person will be worthwhile for their organisation. Useful information to guide students and their parents is contained in The National Apprenticeship Service's Parents' and Carers' Pack June 2020 which is now available to download from their website at:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/> The detailed guide contains clearly presented information on finding an apprenticeship in the current situation, traineeships are explained and there are interviews with current apprentices. A question sheet is provided for parents to complete together with their child.



Well done to Harvard who won last week's quiz and congratulations to Year 7 who were the highest participating year group.

House	Top 40 scores + staff average	Student Responses	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Staff	
Bingham	587	48	16	5	14	6	1	5	1	8	56
Cure	520	42	9	7	6	7	6	4	3	3	45
Harvard	620	52	13	5	13	10	1	8	2	3	55
Leeke	545	48	14	7	12	9	2	4	0	1	49
		190	52	24	45	32	10	21	6	15	205

This week's quiz - Week 9 - has a special section put together by LGBTQ+ Society, highlighting Diversity Week, and also includes questions on the various houses at St. Olave's and Marvel questions. The quiz can be accessed by clicking on this [link](#).

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As remote learning continues and the nature of this type of learning requires students to be online more, it is important parents and students are aware of the need to stay safe online and know how to report any safeguarding concerns. The Child Protection policy has once again been amended to further reflect the changing situation. The policy as well as further information about staying safe online are available on the School's website. The details of Childline should anyone wish to gain support from this external agency are here: <https://www.childline.org.uk>

May I remind parents school would be available to students of key workers if required. There would only be supervision of independent student remote learning. No teaching would take place. If this is something you would like your son to now attend, please email Mrs Maxwell ([rmaxwe@saintolaves.net](mailto:rmaxwe@saintolaves.net)).

Finally, it is a real pleasure to see the recently created PA Quad between the ADT and Science blocks looking magnificent having been re-seeded, dressed and kept thoroughly watered during lockdown. We now need students back to use it.



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](mailto:publicityteam@saintolaves.net). Do not forget to include all the details along with a hi-res 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.