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

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I wanted to update you about the summer holidays as the Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that the Government is not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest. We are currently working through the guidelines that were published by the Department for Education yesterday and will outline the impact of these guidelines for September as soon as possible. The guidance can be seen by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>. Please be assured that the safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount, and we will communicate with you further details as soon as these have been confirmed.

Now that all UCAS offers have been received, I wanted to share with you the students' successes in achieving offers for Medical related courses. 48 students have gained Medical, Dentistry or Veterinary Science offers. This is very impressive and congratulations to the students for their hard work in preparing for their interviews. 38 of these offers are for Medicine, which we should be very proud of in this current climate and continues the impressive number of Olavians who have entered the profession. This is alongside all of Year 13 who must be congratulated for their excellent work on their applications and gaining their offers across a wide variety of courses.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the new Senior Prefect Team for 2020 - 2021. I am sure you will join me in offering our warmest congratulations to joint Captains of School: Rose Hind and Joshua Selfridge, with Vice Captains: Ayomide Akande, Sheena Akende, Georgia Higgins, Srikar Namireddy, William Song, Mitra Stainsbury and Ishkaar Ujoodia. Thank you and well done also to the students who put themselves forward to be part of the team but did not make the final selection.

Thank you to Mr Birtchnell, Ms Benham, Ms Clift and the new School Captains, Rose and Joshua, for hosting a Microsoft Teams live event for the Year 11 students who we hope will join us in the Sixth Form in September. The event allowed us to highlight many of the outstanding opportunities and support when the new term begins. We hope the session alleviated any concerns, anxieties and challenges students might have about joining us either from our current Year 11 or from another school. It was particularly pleasing to hear from the School Captains in their first role, and they both spoke with wisdom, thoughtfulness and passion about the school.

On Wednesday 1 July, our annual Lower School Celebration event took place remotely. The winners of the various prizes can be seen below. Prizes will be distributed when we return to school in September. Congratulations to all the boys who won Academic, Diligence, Tutor and Governors' Awards.

| | 7B | 7C | 7H | 7L |
|------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Academic Prizes | Maxim Abou-Deeb Daniel Halton Robin Saldanha | Ryan Tran Samuel Pang Mikhail Sumygin | Eythan Soysa Agastya Singh Eashan Rautaray | Shaurya Mehta Thomas Blew Sammy Djelil |
| Diligence Prize | Ahmed Rashed | Aayush Kampani | Thinesh Sachithanandam | Shrish Devaramani |
| Tutor's Prize | Aneesh Sagar | Wessel Haartsen | Abdul Rehman | Arit Maheshwari |

Year 7 Merit Prize: Aneesh Sagar - 203

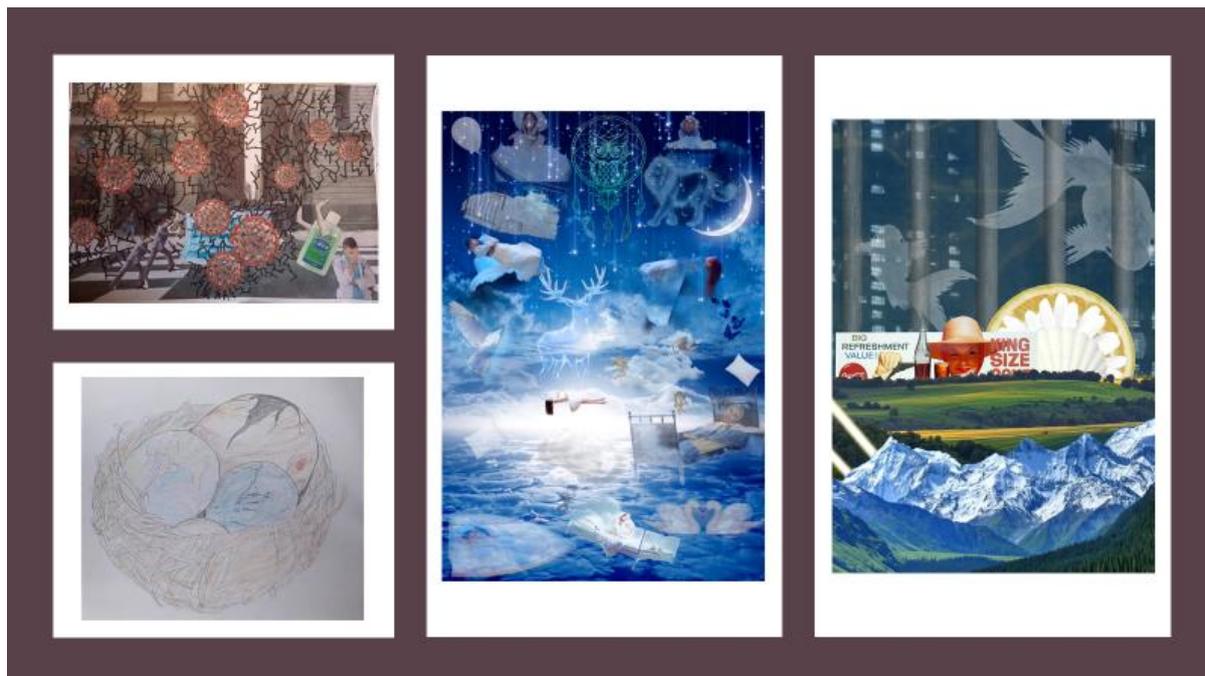
| | 8B | 8C | 8H | 8L |
|------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Academic Prizes | Rishiyan Ravichandran Ruben Smith Chinchon Matthew Wong | Ethan Chan Pranav Devaguptapu Tayo Ogunyemi | Folabomi Adenugba Yiming Guo Praneel Agrawal | Srithan Chanda Patrick Williams Arjun Jadhav |
| Diligence Prize | Denis Tekingunduz | Tristan Ly | Aryan Pandiri | Shivan Rajendiran |
| Tutor's Prize | Ryan Varikat | Max Machado | Qusay Dekkoun | Tanish Arjaria |

Year 8 Merit Prize: Aarav Gupta – 173

Governors' Awards

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|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Year 7 | Sammy Djelil | Cycling/Football | |
| | Sonny Landemann | Swimming | |
| | Shaurya Mehta | Chess | |
| | Ahmen Rashed | Swimming | |
| Year 8 | Ayan Mahajan | County Badminton | |
| | Arnav Sharma | CO2 Chem Challenge Prize | |
| | Oliver Tovalarza | Skiing | |
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Thank you to the Art Department for sending me these splendid pieces of art created by Nam, Tristan, Jacob, Tymoteusz and Louis in Year 8 for the Surrealism project they have just completed.

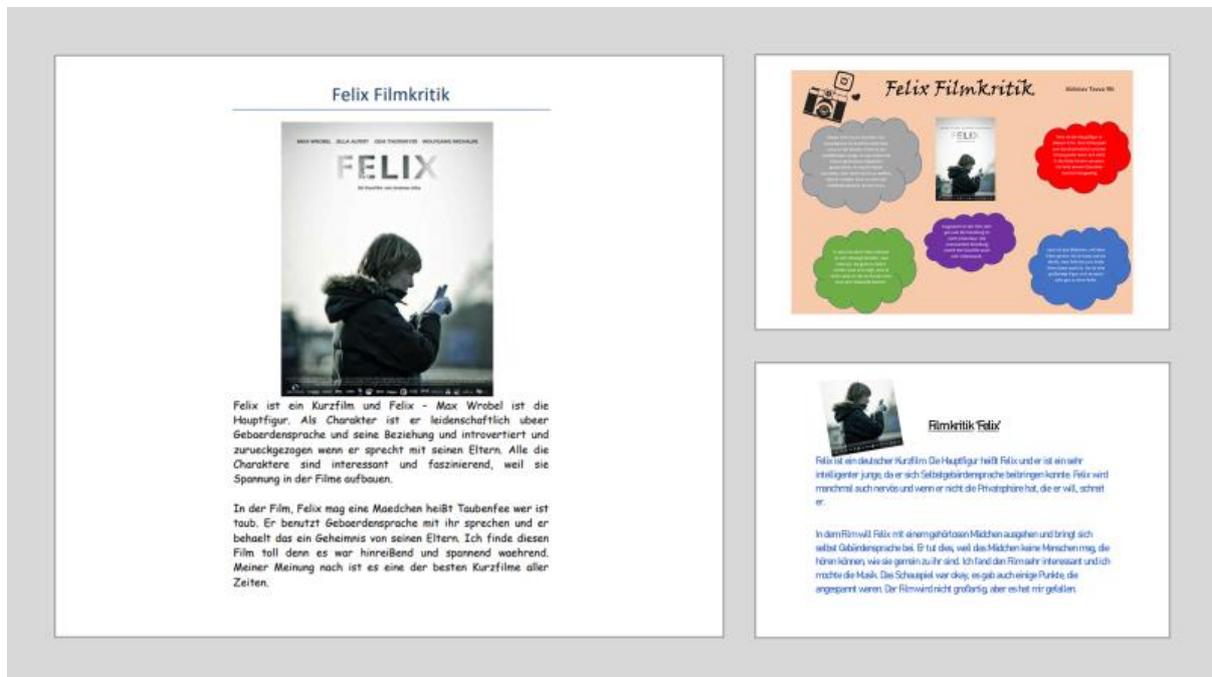


Congratulations to our student editor Surya Senthilkumar and all the students who contributed to the first issue of the Olavian Chemistry Journal. This is a superb piece of collaborative work, achieved throughout lockdown and viewable [here](#). There is a diverse selection of topics ranging from explosive reactions to electron microscopes. This issue aims to display the energy and excitement of the world of chemistry, as well as the dedicated passion of the writers of this journal process.

The German Department is delighted to announce that Min Jie (JJ) Guo in Year 12 has won the Year 12 and Year 13 Oxford German Olympiad 2020 Category. The theme for entries into this category was 'fahrerloser Verkehr' (driverless cars). JJ gave a fascinating presentation in German on the benefits and risks of driverless cars to the rest of the Year 12 German class earlier this year, which was recorded, and submitted to this prestigious, national competition. We received the comment from the organisers of the competition that "the judges were very impressed with your entry", along with the news that JJ had won in this category. Unfortunately, the prize-giving ceremony which usually takes place at the University of Oxford has been postponed to 2021, but JJ has received an electronic copy of her certificate. You can see the script of JJ's presentation – in both English and German – attached [here](#).



Well done to our Year 9 Germanists who have been learning about a German short-film, called 'Felix', over the past two weeks. They have been analysing the characters, talking about the plot, and learning key words, all in German. This week, they wrote film reviews about 'Felix', in German, using an impressive range of structures and vocabulary, and featuring well-justified opinions. Examples of their work can be seen below.



In French, Year 10 students have been revisiting the imperfect tense and the topic of healthy living in the present context of quarantine. They first wrote about their contrasting lifestyles pre-quarantine with the way they live now, then created their two or three slides and voice-overs. Examples of their work can be seen by following this [link](#).

Avant le confinement...



Je devais me coucher tôt, et je me réveillais tôt aussi!

Mais maintenant...



Je peux me réveiller une heure plus tard et je peux me coucher un petit peu plus tard, par conséquent



Moving onto Careers, PWC's early careers programme has online resources for students in Years 10 to 13 and their parents to access from home at <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers>. For parents and carers there is an influencer session on 15 July and the focus for students is on employability skills. Pre-registration is required, and you will receive a link and confirmation once you have registered. All live sessions start at 4:30 pm and last for approximately 50 minutes.

We encourage our senior students to undertake work experience as part of their careers' education. This year, unfortunately, opportunities have been affected by the virus. In order to improve how we offer work experience to our students in the future and to assist those who have completed it, we are requesting students' feedback on any experiences undertaken this year. Please click on this [link](#) to complete the feedback form. There is advice about finding and applying for work experience on Unifrog and opportunities are promoted on Springpod, InvestIN and Moodle. Work experience is not paid work such as a weekend job you may have, it is temporary experience of a workplace where you undertake tasks, shadow or observe in an environment associated with a career you are interested in following.



What Career Live's website 'What Next' features information and links relating to careers and universities. There are university open days, apprenticeship opportunities, company profiles, jobs with ongoing training and information for parents at <https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/> They have gone virtual with their careers exhibition which is open for registration and takes place on 7/8 August. There are numerous workshops, talks and advice sessions including some for parents and carers.

There has already been lots of voting and interest in the Olavian Cricket Team of the Century both from current Olavians and Old Olavians. It has even been liked by ex-England star, Kevin Pietersen! Follow us on Twitter to get involved and vote for your favourite Olavian cricketers from this century!



Well done again to Harvard who won last week's quiz and congratulations to Year 12 who were the highest participating year group. Numbers are beginning to dwindle so there is a request to have a push in asking students to participate.

| House | Top 35 scores + staff average | Student Responses | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Staff | |
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| Bingham | 439 | 36 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 42 |
| Cure | 445 | 47 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 52 |
| Harvard | 537 | 53 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 57 |
| Leeke | 498 | 53 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 55 |
| | | 189 | 34 | 30 | 37 | 30 | 11 | 42 | 5 | 17 | 206 |

Week 10's quiz 'the Penultimate Quiz' can be found by following this [link](#). Question topics are all from requests made by participants (Star Wars, Movies and Random Requests), and I do hope you enjoy it.



Congratulations to Rohan and his team who won the SELKENT Under 12C Navy League 2019/20. He was thrilled to receive his trophies last weekend following the ease of lockdown restrictions.

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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).

A reminder that 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. This can be seen by following this [link](#) which we hope will give you a flavour of our wonderful school and the unique environment and opportunities we are able to offer our students.

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 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.
