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

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Tonight, I shall be attending the Rotary Club Bromley Youth Awards at Langley Park School where our students are among the winners. I am looking forward to celebrating, together with their families, the outstanding contribution our students make to the local community. It brings to an end another busy week, which included last night, the Year 8 Options Evening.

Please can I remind you to complete the survey being organised by Mr Espejo, Acting Assistant Headteacher, to determine what key characteristics define an 'Olavian'. Please use the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P6TZS2H>. The survey will offer the entire Olavian community (students, parents, staff and governors) the opportunity to focus on the key characteristics we want our students to aspire to. Please note that this does not take the place of the Parents/Carers Survey which will be carried out after half-term looking at broader aspects of the school.

It was a pleasure to welcome Wing Commander Andy Green to the school to discuss 'Bloodhound', the British supersonic land vehicle currently in development. Year 13 students, Shayne and David, had the pleasure of interviewing the world land speed record holder, where they engaged in a fascinating discussion around the engineering of the car and the team's goal to exceed 1,000 miles per hour.



On Saturday 20 January, the Kent Schools' Cross Country Championships were held in Dover. In difficult conditions the Olavian representatives for Bromley Schools ran extremely well. Ananjan Ganguli and Daniel Newman came 29th and 85th respectively to help Bromley win the Junior Boys' event. Holly Page came 2nd in the Senior Girls with the Bromley team coming 2nd overall. Well done to all of you for this excellent achievement.

We have now had all our Oxbridge offers confirmed. The final total is one more than last week: 37 offers, 32 for Year 13 and 5 for students who left last year.

Please note that the School will close early at 2.30 pm on Monday, 5 February to allow all staff to attend an in-house event. The day has been reorganised so that students will still receive all six teaching periods, and the start time for the day has not changed. The Year 10 RS exam will go ahead as planned and any Year 11 interviews or EPQ Presentations, which have been arranged for after school, will still take place. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause; students are free to remain behind in the School Library until 3.30 pm.



I hope that you will join us on Thursday 8 February, for 'Showstoppers' in The Great Hall. This exciting night comprises extracts from West End musicals and tickets are now on sale via sQuid.



St Olave's Parents' Association will be hanging up the glitter ball to welcome parents and friends to a night of fun, food and fundraising at the Strictly St Olave's Ball on Saturday 28 April. We hope you will be able to join us for what has now become one of the highlights of the PA social calendar. Keep an eye on your inbox next week for the invitation and full details, including an early booking discount. You will have to be quick as tickets are limited and sell out fast!

Finally, at the end of last week, we said goodbye to Anne Maria-Hudson after 13 years' service. Mrs Hudson worked as part of our Admissions Team and played an integral role when your child joined the school. We are extremely grateful for all her hard work over the time she has spent with us.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Rees
Acting Headmaster