



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

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It gives me great pleasure to introduce the new Senior Prefect Team for 2018/2019.



Manav Babel

Role: School Captain and Head of House Captain Team

Subjects: Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics

I am looking to read Physics at university, and as such I am a Lead Physics Prefect at school. I am also a maths mentor, and I help tutor drama and public speaking. Outside of school, I play badminton, piano and drums, and in my spare time I am an ardent photographer. During my tenure as a School Captain, my dearest wish is to make sure everyone at St Olave's gets as much out of their time here as possible, and that everyone is happy, safe and given the best curricular and extra-curricular education possible.



Srishti Rentala

Role: School Captain and Head of Clubs and Societies

Subjects: Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

Hoping to pursue my fascination for science, I aspire to study Medicine at university, and as a result am a Vice President of Medics Society. In my spare time, I volunteer for Maypole, a charity supporting the lives of disabled children. Beyond school, I am a keen netball player and from an early age, I have been part of a team both in school and out. For the forthcoming year, in my role on the Senior Prefect Team I aim to encourage all societies to maximise school cohesion, and to also have a meaningful impact on the St Olave's Community during my tenure.



James Blackwood

Role: Head of Form Prefects

Subjects: Economics, History and Mathematics

I aspire to study History and Politics at university and am one of the Vice Presidents of Political Economy Society. I am a keen runner and am part of the school's cross country team, as well as being a devoted supporter of Liverpool FC and a qualified referee. During my tenure I hope to make a recognisable difference to the work of the Form Prefects as well as the School Councils.



Skai Campbell

Role: Head of House Captain Team

Subjects: Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

Academically, I intend to study Biology or Ecology at university, and I am currently President of Contemporary Issues Society and Vice President of Debating Society. I have a passion for art and music and have been placed second in a national art-themed public speaking competition. In my spare time I enjoy practicing photography, playing guitar, and every now and again watching football to support my favourite team, Arsenal. During my tenure, I hope to motivate students throughout the school to get more involved with inter-house competitions.

**Oliver Farrell**

Role: Head of Pastoral Ambassador Prefects

Subjects: Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

My aspiration is to study Biochemistry at university to pursue a science-related career. My main extra-curricular passion is drama and theatre, and I enjoy performing in productions, both in and out of school, as well as going to see West End shows with Theatre Society. In my remaining spare time, I work at a local pharmacy, and enjoy going to watch Palace matches. During my tenure, I wish to improve the already extremely high quality of pastoral care at the school and am excited to work with the rest of the team to ensure that all students have the most enjoyable, valuable and beneficial experience of St Olave's.

**Priyanka Patel**

Role: Head of Duty Prefects

Subjects: Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics

As the current President of Natural Sciences Society, a keen pianist and flautist, a huge cricket enthusiast and an avid public speaker, I hope to be able to encourage you in whatever you wish to do, whether it is academic, artistic or sporty. I am aiming to study Engineering at university, but outside of school I volunteer weekly at a nursing home and also happen to be a fan of all things Marvel. I very much look forward to working with the Senior Prefect Team to create a long-lasting and significant impact on how much you enjoy your time here at St Olave's, regardless of where your talents lie.

**Hai Duong**

Role: Head of Sports Prefects

Subjects: German, Mathematics, Physics

My unexplainable fascination for numbers has been a vital part of my life for as long as I can remember. It is just so satisfying to finally solve that one pesky problem that had my mind's gears ground to a halt. Besides my love for maths, I am also passionate about learning foreign languages and playing sports. While I am a member of the 1st XV rugby team, I enjoy playing various other sports in my free time, including table tennis and badminton. I aspire to be a role model for others. Arguably, I already am - what better way was there to end my rugby debut for the school than a self-inflicted nosebleed?

**Seren Ford**

Role: Head of Academic Prefects

Subjects: Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

My ambition post-Sixth Form is to study Biochemistry at university, and I attend Chemistry, Medics, Natural Sciences and Research Society. I am one of the Lead Academic Prefects for Chemistry, and tutor students in this subject. In my spare time, I do ballet, tap, and modern dance, and enjoy visiting museums and reading books and articles on a broad range of subjects, as I love to work towards understanding the complexity of the world. I look forward to working with the Senior Prefect Team, as well as the Academic Prefects of all departments, in order to highlight and increase connections between different subjects for students in all years.



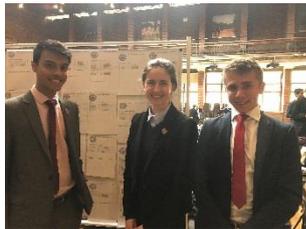
Jessye Tu

Role: Head of Old Olavian Outreach Prefects

Subjects: Economics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics

Since coming to St Olave's and being amazed by the wealth of opportunities available, the mentality I have adopted is: 'If you want something, go get it!' I am President of Political Economy Society, an Ambassador Pastoral Prefect, and a Sports Prefect for Ladies' Fives. I am now an eager Fives player and I have also set up a new volleyball club at school – coaching my friends has been hard work but incredibly fun and I am proud to say that we are going to the London Youth Games this summer! As a Senior Prefect, my core role is to help develop the school's connections with Old Olavians, as their contributions to school life will undoubtedly benefit students today.

Congratulations again to Manav Babel who attended a presentation ceremony for his exceptional performance in the AS Physics Olympiad. This was held in the grandiose surroundings of The Royal Society in London. Manav was one of the finalists in the selection process for the British Team for the International Astrophysics and Astronomy Olympiad, placing him in the top 10 students in the country. Manav was presented with his prize by Professor John Zarnecki, the President of The Royal Astronomical Society. The afternoon was rounded off by a fascinating lecture by Professor Zarnecki, who worked on several high profile space missions (Giotto, Rosetta, Cassini-Huygens, Hubble Space Telescope) and holds the distinction of being photographed with the unlikely trio of Tony Blair, Neil Armstrong and Yuri Gagarin (not simultaneously!). Congratulations to Manav on this amazing achievement.



Thank you to the Parents' Association for organising the Careers Fair on Wednesday afternoon. The event was very well-attended by students, especially Year 12, and over 30 parents from a variety of careers were asked questions, such as 'Is there job security in this line of work?' to 'Is entry into this career very competitive?'. Students were advised on a range of occupations from Architecture to Hydropower Engineering.

The Parents' Association would like to thank everyone who attended or supported the Strictly St Olave's Spring Ball last Saturday. We were entertained by a fantastic live band and enjoyed some wonderful dancing whilst enjoying delicious food. Special thanks goes to those who donated prizes for the raffle and auction, which raised over £2,000 for the school, and to the family who donated funds for new rugby equipment. There were a few items left by guests, which were found when volunteers cleared up. These items have been handed into Reception.



Congratulations to 'Team Download Complete' comprising Year 10 students, Joseph Barradell, Noah Cassidy, Amaan Peerbhai and Daniel Shergold. The students were awarded the Inspire Award for their performance in the High School Competition in the VEX World Championships in Kentucky. They performed brilliantly, especially as they were competing against much older and experienced teams. They won their award for demonstrating outstanding leadership through their actions with other teams and were identified by their peers as being leaders in innovative and creative design in the robotics community. Thank you to Ms Hawley for accompanying the students and to L&T Technology Services for their support. The Old Olavian Society also helped with the funding of this trip, which was very much appreciated by the students and their families.





A near record number of Olavians from Years 9 to 11 qualified for this year's follow-on rounds to the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. In the demanding Olympiad Competition, the twenty qualifiers achieved our best results for many years with most able to successfully solve at least two of the six very challenging problems. Outstanding results were achieved by Linus Lu in Year 10 and Ivan Leung in Year 11 who received medals for scores in the top 100 nationally. In addition, Hieronim Lecybyl, Velian Velikov and Ruiqi Zhang, all in Year 9, achieved Certificates of Distinction. In the Kangaroo Competition, with an incredible one hundred qualifiers, an impressive record thirty-three achieved Certificates of Merit placing them in the top quarter of scores nationally. Congratulations go to William Guest (Year 11), James Davies (Year 10) and Alex Vatejelu (Year 9) who achieved best-in year results. As ever, these results reflect the strength of Olavians' problem-solving capabilities plus their enjoyment of a mathematical challenge.

Congratulations to Old Olavians Seraphin Gnehm, Alexander Bull, Carla Hill, Alice Speed and Joshua Davidson, for their contributions to Issue 2 of the Woodard Journal and to the enormous efforts of Mrs Farrell in collating this year's impressive edition. The Woodard Journal showcases some of the finest work from a broad and diverse community of learning within the Woodard family. The question 'Is the English education system broken and if so, can it be fixed?' is just one of the many fascinating topics explored.



The sun shone during the whole-school photograph on Tuesday. Two photographs were taking independently due to the large number of students in the school, and these photographs are then blended together to make one large photograph for printing. We have not had a whole-school photograph over the 14 years that I have been at St Olave's so it was fascinating to see the organisation required to make this happen. Thank you to all staff, especially Mr Davies and Mrs Barnard, for helping with the arrangements. Details of how the photograph can be purchased will be sent to all parents in around two weeks' time.

May I also do a plug for the PA Mock Tests? These will be taking place in June as a practice for boys or girls who will be sitting selective school entrance tests. This is a really important fund-raising initiative by the PA so please may I ask that you help to market this by telling as many friends as possible? For those interested, all of the relevant [information](#) is on the website.

Finally, congratulations to Nilay Balaji who participated in the Swimathon Challenge raising £528.35 for Cancer Research UK, Marie Curie Foundation and The Swimathon Foundation.

Wishing you all a very pleasant May Bank Holiday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Rees'.

Andrew Rees
Acting Headmaster