

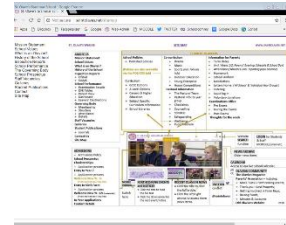


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Dear Parents/Carers, Students, Governors, Old Olavians and Grandparents

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May I start by congratulating, and extending a very warm welcome to, all of our new students in Years 7 and 12 and to their parents. I hope that you will find this weekly Headteacher's Newsletter a helpful mechanism for keeping track of, and celebrating, what is happening in school. Alternatively, to keep up to date with all the latest news, please follow us on twitter @saintolaves or look at the information available on our website. A site map, located at <http://saintolaves.net/sitemap>, highlights the location of the most useful content.



I am sure you will be delighted to know that our public examination results in 2019 were consistent with previous years. At Advanced level 93% of grades were at A* to B, with 71% A*/A. This placed us in The Times as the 2nd best Mixed State school. In addition to some exceptional individual results, 40 students secured 3 or more A* grades. At GCSE our boys achieved 89% grades 9-7, with 71% 9-8, which would have ranked us in The Times as the 4th best Boys' State school nationally. Congratulations to all of the students on these superb outcomes.



These results are a great testament to the talented students, devoted staff and supportive parents. League tables and exam results only measure a small part of what makes an outstanding education, and these results have been achieved by students who have not only been focussing on their academic studies, but who have also been active on the sports field, performing in musical concerts and drama productions, mentoring younger students, leading clubs and societies and engaging in Duke of Edinburgh. We wish our students the very best as they move onto the next stage of their education.



Over the summer holidays, the school has again been a building site due to the copious amount of work taking place. A new Quad has been created outside Science and the Gym courtesy of funds donated by the PA, and the Small Hall has been refurbished, including new tables and chairs, to enhance the dining experience for the students. The area on the way to the Chapel has been updated and student artwork is in abundance on the stairwell. Thank you to the site team for organising all this work. Money from the PA and from the Voluntary Fund has enabled these refurbishments to take place so thank you, once again, for your contributions.



There have been several changes to the staff since the end of last term and the following members of staff have joined us:

- Dr Alessandra Abbattista - Classics
- Mr Francis Affram - Biology
- Mr Matthew Birtchnell - Assistant Head (Sixth Form)
- Mrs Joseline Eugene - Mathematics
- Mr Ajibola Fasoranti - Mathematics
- Mr Sebastian King - Computing
- Mrs Elizabeth Maltman - Chemistry
- Mr Robert Masters - Mathematics
- Mr Eric Roye - KS3 Mathematics Co-Ordinator
- Mr Jacob Savage - Mathematics
- Miss Holly Smith - English
- Mrs Tetty Baxter - Science Technician
- Mr Joshua Peters - Sports Coach/Assistant Cover Supervisor
- Miss Catherine Seery - Trips Administrator
- Mrs Stella Platts - Careers and Progression Co-ordinator

I am sure you will want to join me in welcoming them to the school.

To all new parents, and some who may have forgotten, students must use the Park Avenue entrance (not Goddington Lane) before school and between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Only in exceptional circumstances should students be dropped off or collected at the front of School (e.g. if they are carrying a large musical instrument or have a sports injury) during this time. After 5.30pm students should be collected from the front of School as the Park Avenue gates will be locked.

Wishing you and your families a very successful term.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Rees
Headteacher

The [St. Olave's website](#) is full of 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 high-resolution photo you are willing to share and have published on the school website.
