



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

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May I start by wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year. I hope that the Christmas break was a good opportunity to relax and to catch up with family and friends.

The new term is now well underway with Year 11 doing their important GCSE mock examinations. These will be followed by mocks for Year 13, who are also continuing to receive university offers. Please remember, the pastoral team are keen to support student wellbeing and academic achievement so do make the relevant Head of Year aware if you have any concerns.

I would like to remind parents/carers once again that 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 the School as the Park Avenue gates will be locked. There continues to be a number of parents/carers using the Goddington Lane entrance for dropping off and collecting students, which has led to various concerns about the safety of staff, students and visitors being expressed to me.

Here is my usual outline of the important dates for this term. Please do keep an eye on my Newsletter and the school website for any updates or changes.

Thursday	23 January	Year 8 Options Evening
Thursday	6 February	Year 11 Internal Options Evening
Saturday	8 February	Entrance Test Day for External Sixth Formers
Wednesday	12 February	Well Being Talk to parents/carers: Alicia Drummond
Thursday	13 February	Showstoppers

Saturday 15 February – Sunday 23 February Half Term Week

Wednesday	26 February	Higher Education Evening
Thursday	27 February	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Saturday	29 February	Cultural Evening
Wednesday	4 March	Oxbridge Information Evening
Thursday	5 March	Spring Mid-Term Concert
Saturday	7 March	New Year 7 Taster Morning
Thursday	12 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Wednesday	18 March	Spring Concert
Thursday	19 March	Medics Information Evening
Wednesday	25 March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday	1 April	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday	3 April	Term Ends

The Olavian Lecture Series will continue this term. Details regarding dates, speakers and lectures will be available on the school website and in future Newsletters so please look out for further information. Please also watch out for timings relating to the school production, which this year is 'The Crucible', and will take place during the week beginning 9 March 2020.

Moving onto careers: Year 10 students who opted to take the Morrisby Profile on-line psychometric tests will do so on Wednesday 15 January after school. The scheduled individual interviews will take place during school time in February. Although this is not an exam and students do not need to revise, there are some practice questions at <https://www.morrisby.com/practice-aptitude-questions>.

February will also see the first of our series of lunchtime careers talks in the Chapel. A diverse range of career options will be described by our speakers, giving students a chance to gain an insight into possible career routes for themselves. Each presentation will be followed by opportunities for students to ask questions of the professionals. Booking information will be appearing on MOODLE soon.

Spring Lunchtime Careers Talk Series - The Chapel - 1.00 -1.30pm	
6 February	Army Officer
13 February	Medical Careers
27 February	Finance Software Developer Apprentice
3 March	Economics Careers
19 March	Banking Careers
26 March	Auditing Careers
2 April	Employability Skills and Immersive Career Experiences

Finally, congratulations to the following students on their recent successes:

- Thank you to the three Sixth Form students who helped a local resident before Christmas. An extract from the letter by the resident can be seen below:

I had a fall in the alleyway leading from Goddington Lane to Park Avenue on 18th December and just felt I would like to share with you the fact that 3 of your pupils on their way out of school at lunchtime noticed me and came to my assistance. One boy actually ran back into school to the medical department and returned equipped with disposable gloves, wipes and plasters and offered to clean the wound on my face as I had broken my glasses. There were 2 boys and a girl but, unfortunately, in my dazed state, I failed to find out their names. I would like to convey my sincere thanks to them.

I have nothing but praise and admiration for the courtesy and mature behaviour of St. Olave's pupils and have witnessed, first hand, in the past their thoughtful and respectful demeanour around the area, in the High Street and on the buses on leaving school for home.

Once again I thank those 3 pupils for their valued help and for making sure I would get home safely.

Thanks is also due to the school staff and parents for all their input and hard work in producing such responsible and mature future citizens.

- Year 9 student, Mayukh Jayagopal, who achieved 85% in his Grade 5 Classical Guitar (Trinity Guildhall) exam in December.
- Year 7 student, Alan Rayan, who, before Christmas, won the Junior Club Championship at Bromley Tennis Centre, winning all matches played against Junior players aged 11 to 18.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Rees
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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-resolution photo you are willing to share and have published on the school website.
