

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

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As we seem to be experiencing a spell of colder weather, may I again remind you all that we shall endeavour to post messages on the website, via In Touch and on Twitter if it becomes necessary to close the school. Students should also take care when walking to and from, or around, school on any icy areas.



May I also remind you that the new school crest will be available on school blazers from the end of the Spring Term, 2020. This means that from this time onwards all blazers purchased from our uniform suppliers, Graduates, will have the new crest incorporated. If you need to purchase a new blazer before the end of this term due to your son either growing out of their blazer or to damage, please do contact the school or Graduates as a temporary arrangement can be found as we move over to the new design. We would expect that all students in Year 7 to Year 11 will therefore be wearing the blazer with the new crest from September 2021.



We celebrated further Fives victories recently, with our Junior Fives team enjoying a very successful weekend at Eton College. St Olave's entered two teams into the Three-pair U14 Team competition. The second team finished in 3rd position, and our first team won the whole event, gaining the most points across six matches. Congratulations to the winning team. At the same time, there was an individual U15s

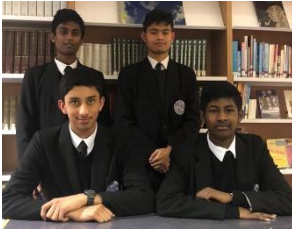
championship in which all the participants are randomly mixed together to partner someone different in each of six rounds, and always against different opposition. Franklin Baron won the tournament in partnership with a Highgate pupil. Ethan Nancekivell-Smith also reached the Final, having only dropped a few points. Congratulations to both Franklin and Ethan on their successes.



Congratulations to the Junior and Intermediate Badminton teams who represented Bromley at the London Schools Championships last Friday. The Intermediate team had a tough pool but managed to win their final match of the tournament to come 7th overall. The Juniors also had some tough fixtures but were able to go through as runners up in their pool and finished a creditable 4th.

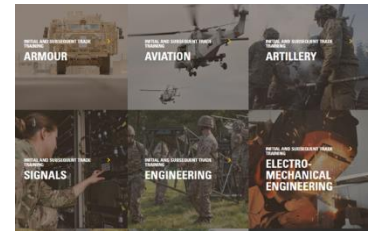
Last Sunday, a group of Year 11 - 13 students studying German visited the Serpentine Gallery in Hyde Park with Frau Probodziak to see an exhibition of Albert Oehlen's art. Oehlen is a contemporary German artist, and some of the pieces in the exhibition were made just last year. The art explores medium as genre, and its experimental, 'remixed' approach is based on a variety of older artists, such as Mark Rothko. Year 12 and 13 students of German study art and architecture from the German-speaking world, so this is the most recent example of a well-known German artist that they can add to their understanding.





I have been thoroughly impressed by the Higher Project Qualifications (HPQs) that 30 of our Year 11 students have recently completed. In addition to the substantial research that underpinned their investigations and write-ups, they had to deliver a presentation to an audience of peers, parents and teachers, followed by a Q&A session. The quality of their material, the clarity with which many of them spoke and the accomplished, convincing way in which they dealt with some challenging questions was a pleasure to behold and augers well for the future. Well done to Year 11 students Anupam, Vitheeshan, Tausif and Kathir who opened the week of HPQ presentations with outstanding talks on cardiac surgery, cryonics, diabetes and artificial intelligence. Details of all the talks that have taken place this week can be found in the Appendix at the end of my Newsletter.

Next week sees the first of our Spring Series of lunchtime careers talks when Victoria Dwyer from the Army Officer Recruiting Team will be speaking to students in The Chapel and answering any questions they may have. To book this or any of the forthcoming talks please visit Moodle on the school's website and complete the sign-up form. These brief talks from professional employers will give students an insight into a range of careers and help them with the academic choices they make for their future.



Careers and progression interviews for Year 12 will begin on 11 February 2020 and continue until the Easter holiday. Students will benefit from this guidance irrespective of what stage they are currently at in terms of thinking about their career. Careers Advisor, Mrs Christine Edwards, will assist each student with suggestions for routes to lead them along their chosen direction. To gain from the experience, students should prepare by considering ideas they already have, attend our careers talks to spark ideas and look at the kind of career opportunities we post onto Moodle.



Year 10 students who undertook the Morrisby careers profiling tests have the opportunity now to visit their Morrisby profile and complete the planning sections in preparation for their feedback interviews. These will be conducted by Ms Sally East, our Morrisby Advisor, from 10 February 2020 and will assist students in making appropriate decisions to reach their educational and occupational goals. They will explore the possible outcomes of different choices and be reminded of the career support they can access for life via the Morrisby email links to professional careers advisors.

Finally, I have had the pleasure of attending the Year 7, 8 and 9 Council Meetings over the last week. The comments, opinions and reflections made by the students were interesting, thoughtful and perceptive and allow us to consider how we can improve students' experience within school. A number of the suggestions require the students themselves to problem solve and take ownership of the issues. These, among others, are key skills they will require as they move onto employment in the future. Well done to all students involved in these meetings and for promoting student voice.

Wishing you and your families a restful 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-resolution photo you are willing to share and have published on the school website.

Appendix

Name	Topic
Anupam Bandi	Fixing the heart: how has cardiac surgery developed in the last 100 years?
Vitheeshan Kajanthan	What does the future hold for cryonics?
Rupankar Majumdar	The origin of the universe, its present and what lies in its future.
Tausif Samad	Artificial Intelligence and its impact on the future of game development.
Kathir Saravanan	Why, and to what extent, do lifestyle factors impact on Type 2 Diabetes and its management?
Ishaan Bhargava	Is it worth spending resources on astronomical research at the expense of way of life on earth?
Rohan Boyapati	What are the different views of those who believe and those who disbelieve in God and why?
Nikhil Chidipothu	Impact of globalisation of technology on the world.
Griffin Keemer	How has the sociopolitical situation of the central Asian states changed since the collapse of the USSR?
Oliver McCabe	Environmental impacts of electric cars.
Shreyas Shubham	What caused the decline of the rust belt, what is its current state, and what can be done in the future for the area?
Prajval Haldi	Can a developed country run entirely on renewable energy?
Thanmay Mangala-Sachidananda	Applications of stem cells.
Daksh Mehta	How do genes control the existence of all life and the future of the human race?
Chima Ndukwu	Racism in football: will it ever stop?
James Perry	To what extent, in which field, and why was the A380 a failure for Airbus?
Tanay Saksena	To what extent are neural networks beneficial to society?
Shrey Choudhary	How can electric cars become viable forms of mainstream transportation?
Yash Karlekar	What is the origin of religious thought?
Chima Mwim	Is social media to blame for the rise in rates of depression in teenagers?
Amartya Pandey	How do other people's thoughts affect our actions?
Aakash Rai	Fermi paradox.
Aarush Upadhyay	What is modern slavery and how can we abolish it?
Hardiv Harshakumar	Use of tech to inhibit climate change.
Aaron Sanjeevan	How is climate change shaping our future?
Barathsri Sivasritharan	Why are we moral?
Luxan Sureshan	Who was the worst dictator to have ruled Asia?
Bravin Vijayaakanthan	Will the electric car take over the car industry?
Vaibhav Vinod	How will the running out of its oil impact Dubai's future?