



CAB/ MDB
13th July 2020

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping well and safe in this transitional period, as we start to go back to a new version of normal. As things are changing so rapidly at the moment, I thought I would provide you with an update on several matters, as much as I can.

Thank you to all those students who came into school for **Book Return** over the last week. It was lovely to see you all and we are grateful for the return of textbooks, library books and any other equipment you might have borrowed from the school. It was also wonderful to be able to provide yearbooks to those who ordered them, which act as strange memento of the year as many comments were written before the global pandemic and lockdown began. Nevertheless, I am sure the yearbooks will enable plenty of nostalgia in later life for those of you who purchased them. Congratulations should go to the students involved in the organisation and production of the yearbook; they have done a brilliant job.

For those students that have not been able to return their books during the allocated week, please get in touch with **Mrs Berry** (aberry@saintolaves.net) to arrange an alternative time or way to return textbooks and equipment to the school.

There may be some students in the cohort who have some property left in **lockers** and/or the Common Room. If this is the case please contact **Mr Birtchnell** (mbirtchnell@saintolaves.net) to arrange a time to collect this property by 17th July 2020.

With regards to the **hoodies** many students have purchased, we expected them to be dispatched on 17th July due to slower processing time in the manufacturers. We will endeavour to get them to you as soon as possible, and hopefully this can be done in conjunction with some kind of Leavers Event (see below for further discussion).

The students who attended Book Return were also prompted to complete the **Leavers Survey** (which can be accessed [here](#)). This survey is vitally important in allowing students to remain in contact with the school following the automatic closure of their **Office 365** (email and OneDrive) accounts in the early Autumn term, and this is of particular importance to those considering taking the [Autumn Exams](#). We would also encourage students to take time over the summer to ensure that any website logins that use their school email address are altered, and any files stored on their school **OneDrive** or in Teams are downloaded and saved into a secure location. This may well include any revision materials provided by staff during the lockdown period, for those considering the [Autumn Exams](#).

With regards to **Results Day** (Thursday 13th August 2020), you will all hopefully have seen the recent [communication](#) from Mr Birtchnell with the planned arrangements for the day. Please ensure that you can log onto your school email account before Results Day, checking that you can remember your **password**. If you are not able to log on please contact **Miss Benham** (cbenham@saintolaves.net) to request a password reset. If you are a student in need of guidance or support on Results Day, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the pastoral team (01689 820 101).



Finally, and perhaps most importantly, being able to meet students for Book Return has reminded us once again of the disappointment this cohort has faced, in missing out on the many rituals and traditions of their final year of school. Please do not think that we have forgotten our promise that we will still strive to organise a **Leavers Event** for you when we are able to do so. We have been keeping a close eye on the [government guidance](#), and at the moment indoor interactions are limited to groups of only two households and outdoor interactions are limited to groups of six only, and it is currently against the law to hold gatherings of more than 30 people in a private place, and schools have been instructed to have no more than 25% of a year group on site at one time for the remainder of this term.

We will still continue to watch the guidance and plan for some final goodbye for you all, and we hope that you will continue to want to engage in something of this manner, although we are aware that situations may change in September with students moving around the country for university potentially. As soon as we have something solid to offer you, we will get in touch using the email addresses you provide via the [Leavers Survey](#).

One final rite of passage is becoming an [Old Olavian](#), which will allow you to maintain contact both former pupils and staff of the School. You can be kept informed about Old Olavian and School news and events, report your own news and events and benefit from a searchable list of professional and business contacts within the Old Olavian community. Access to the site is free for all former pupils, but if you would like to become a member of the **Old Olavian Society** there is an annual membership fee. Select 'Register' on the Welcome Page, and complete the 'New Member Registration' form. Your account will be validated against school records and you will receive a confirmation email once access has been granted.

We hope you can enjoy your summer, and we hope to see you soon.

Kind regards,

Miss Benham
Head of Year

Miss Clift
Assistant Head of Year