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On Fire with the Holy Spirit!

by James Kibble, Headteacher

Since the last newsletter, we have been reflecting on the themes of Ascension and Pentecost and drawing analogies with life in school at this point in the academic year. Friday 24th May will be a big day here at Salesian School, not only will we be celebrating the important Salesian feast of Mary Help of Christians, with what will no doubt be another wonderful whole school outdoor Mass (it's not rained on us once in 11 years on this day!) but we will also be marking the point when students in Year 11 and 13 move on to the next stage of their education. Whilst the vast majority of Year 11 students will be returning to the Sixth Form in September, we recognise that some will be moving to new colleges and of course, everyone in Year 13 will be coming to the end of their time with us. Whilst there are bound to be some tears on Friday and some will feel nervous about moving on, it will be a day of celebration. Not that we'll be pleased to see the back of anyone, more that we will be celebrating all that has been achieved and the fact that, much like the disciples when Jesus ascended to Heaven, these young people are now ready to go out into the world and achieve great things. Of course, in order to achieve great things once they go, they are going to need a little bit of help and this is where the Holy Spirit comes in (see below for reflections on Pentecost).

Despite Friday's celebrations, it will continue to be very much business as usual right up to half term and again on our return. The Year 11 students have been exemplary in their approach to the GCSE exams so far and are to be congratulated for their mature and conscientious approach. Whilst timetabled lessons cease from Friday, there will continue

to be a range of subject specific revision sessions running after half term, some of which we will expect all students to attend.

As well as students, we have a small number of staff who will be moving on from Salesian at the end of half term. Sue Dilworth has taught English at the school for the best part of 11 years as well as being our Literacy Coordinator and supporting children in the debating team. Staff and students alike will sorely miss Sue as she is a real ray of sunshine and we wish her well in her new job in recruitment. Sarah Ross has taught Business and Economics here since 2014 and is moving on to Farnborough Sixth Form College and Maria Amato who has been a Teaching and Language Assistant for the last 2 years is going on to complete her teacher training, we wish them both well with their future careers. Finally, Sophie Rider our Head of History will be going on maternity leave today, we send her on her way with prayers and best wishes for a happy delivery. Miss Honeywood will be Head of History whilst Mrs Rider is away.

Thank you for all that you have done to support the school this half term. Best wishes to everyone for a happy holiday. God bless.

Gospel Reflection

Acts 2:1-11

2017-18: Building the Kingdom from Salesian School

The first reading at Mass on Sunday takes up the apostles' story after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. The Apostles, who are bewildered, frightened and unsure what to do next are kick-started into action by the Holy Spirit who arrives in the form of fire. The Apostles certainly get fired up and then go out into the world and do great things.

The Holy Spirit is God in the form that we experience in everyday life; God that gives us wisdom, understanding, right judgement,

courage, knowledge, reverence and awe & wonder (the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit"). When we allow God into our lives and receive these gifts, we and others then enjoy the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit". There is a long list of these fruits but the most important of the lot is love. Love is what we need to build the Kingdom of Heaven, love is what we need to fix the world's problems, love is what we need to run a great Catholic school, actually love is what we need to achieve anything that is worth setting out to do.

Whenever we experience love, we are experiencing God; "God is love" (as anyone who listened to the sermon at Harry & Meghan's wedding knows). Whenever we feel passionate about doing something good, this is the Holy Spirit moving in us and we've all felt like that at some point in our lives! Once you've been fired up by the Holy Spirit, it's your responsibility to pass it on...

Reflections on Pentecost:

For any of the questions below where the answer is "I don't know", try substituting the words enthusiasm, passion and determination, or even better LOVE for the term Holy Spirit.

- When have I experienced the Holy Spirit in my life?
- How did I (or might I) receive the Holy Spirit?
- How did I (or might I) pass on the Holy Spirit?
- What good came from my experience of the Holy Spirit?
- What good might I do in the future by passing on the Holy Spirit?

Moving on from Salesian

Having been at Salesian School from year 7 to year 13, I have found myself year on year becoming more and more reliant and involved with the Salesian community. At a young age

in year 7, it is hard to fully appreciate the efforts and extent teachers will go to for both the academic and personal wellbeing of the students. Now, as I am about to take my A-Level exams, the length teachers will go is more evident than ever. One of the best examples of this would be Mrs. Burke who kept me sane throughout my Biology AS when I was finding it difficult to meet the jump between year 11 and year 12. With the help of teachers like Mrs. Burke, I have found the jump much easier to make and have personally felt like I have achieved my academic and personal goals.

As I am preparing to leave Sixth Form, my part in the Salesian community does not end here; I plan to volunteer, during my gap year, with Bosco Volunteer Action somewhere overseas. This is one of the many privileges, which comes with being part of the Salesian community. I am doubtful that you will find any other school with such a sense of belonging. I found out about the Bosco Volunteer Action through an assembly at Sixth Form, which really helped me work out what to do during my gap year.

I can now say confidently that, although there have been hard times throughout my education, I look back and am honestly glad that I have stayed with Salesian School throughout my education.

Jessica McGrath (Year 13)

Trip to St Hilda's College, University of Oxford

On Friday 11 May, 26 Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit St Hilda's College, University of Oxford. Students were fortunate in having a bespoke day organized for them, which involved a personal statement workshop, a lecture in Medicine/Law, Q&A with undergraduates across a range of disciplines, lunch with student ambassadors and finally a visit to the Oxford Science Museum. Everyone came away inspired by the day with many talking excitedly about their next steps on the coach home!



Clare Forman (Deputy Head of 6th Form)

Pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral

Friday May 18th saw another group of our students attend the second Diocesan Secondary School Pilgrimage to Arundel Cathedral. Nine pupils from Year 8 and 10 travelled by minibus accompanied by Fr Marco, Mrs Morrison and Br Mateusz.

After a remarkably stress-free drive, of just over an hour, the group arrived at the meeting point where we were joined by about five other secondary schools from across the diocese of Arundel and Brighton.



In glorious sunshine, we walked through hills and quiet footpaths, before arriving at the Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St. Philip Howard. The pilgrimage Mass started at noon, with Bishop Richard Moth, the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, presiding. Two of our students, Olivia Woods and Nicola Howie, were asked to represent our school by reading the first reading and responsorial psalm. They did a sterling job!

A picnic lunch was enjoyed in the grounds and a short visit to the Cathedral gift shop was followed by a stroll through the town with a sampling of local Arundel ice cream before our return to school.

Particular thanks go to the Diocese and the Catholic Education Service for organising the pilgrimage, not forgetting our own Mrs Morrison and Br Mateusz without whom the trip would not have been possible.

Fr Marco Villani (Chaplain/Teacher of RE)

Maths Challenge

Each year a large number of Year 10 and Year 8 students compete in the UKMT Maths Challenges. These multiple-choice problem-solving activities give students a chance to show off their puzzling skills and logical thinking. Around 40% of entrants nationally receive a certificate, and the highest scorers go through to a follow-on round.

In Year 10 Gianluca Maffi was Best In Year with 105 and was the first student at Salesian to enter the National Maths Olympiad. Nat James got 85 and went through to a different round called the Pink Kangaroo. 41 students in total received a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate. Well done to all our entrants!

In Year 8 nearly 60 students got a certificate which is an excellent result for a very able year group. Vincent Fulgencio and Davide Masini were joint Best in Year with a score of 90 and they, along with 4 other students will be taking part in their next round in June. Again, we are very pleased that all the students who took part showed so much dedication and confidence in their Maths.

Adam Creen (Head of Maths, College)

A Peek into the Art Department

Across the Art department, Fine Art and Photography students have been adding the final touches to coursework, after completing

their timed assessment pieces. The extended after school art sessions have certainly helped GCSE students complete their sketchbook work and their coursework final outcomes.

After half-term the serious business of setting up the Exhibition will begin. This will showcase at the **Creativity Evening on 12th July** and it will feature work by GCSE Artists and A-level Fine artists and Photographers.



Julia Da Costa Year 13 'The Two Faces'



Dan Jesus Year 13 'Merc'



Mia Southern Year 13 'The Face (of Dad)'

Do be sure to come along and immerse yourself in the visual arts.

Rorie O'Keeffe (Head of Art)

Mental Health Awareness Day

Given we are in exam season, a potentially stressful time for many students across the country, the House Team decided it would be appropriate to organise a fundraising day for 'Mental Health Awareness'. Also, one of the House charities this year is Rethink Mental Illness so, what better way to promote good mental health than with an ice-lolly and cake sale!

With balloons up around school and students sporting stickers and badges, the energy was high all day. We sold a huge number of cakes

with many students kindly bring homemade goodies to sell. Over the course of the day, we raised in excess of £150 with lots of kind donations from both staff and students.



The importance of raising awareness for mental health is vital and with the success of this event, we plan to for the fundraising to be both bigger and better next year!

Ingrid Barnsley (Head of Rinaldi)

Celebrating Our Students

The talent of our students never ceases to impress. Their ongoing commitment to their personal development is commendable!

Emily Spink (Year 7) in French for her fantastic attitude in class and with homework which is paying off as she has consistently achieved top marks. Fab student!

Daniel Dickenson (Year 7) for his brilliant performance of 'French Dance' on the keyboard, which he has been also practising at home. It just shows how hard work pays off!

Nicola Howie (Year 8) for outstanding homework in Music.

Matthew Sandfort (Year 9) in English, as part of the Ted Talks he spoke enthusiastically about his passion for music, which helped him get through tough times and overcome certain barriers. Additionally, how recently he has taken up the hobby of boxing, which constantly reminds him to never stop fighting to achieve his dreams.

Ollie Jones (Year 10) and Sean Moore (Year 10) have been practical super stars this week. Absolutely nailing a difficult titration practical, which requires excellent chemistry and practical skills.

Alfie Holmes (Year 10) in RE he is a truly standout student...his focus and enthusiasm is amazing and his ability to expand philosophically is wonderful!

Juliette Grammer (Year 10) in RE is amazing...her ability to link knowledge and share it with others is inspirational.

Leizel Abrahams (Year 10) for showing so much enthusiasm in music and constantly striving to achieve her potential. She has such an impressive attitude towards her work and is a joy to teach.

Emma Horsey (Year 10) another stand out RE student... her attention to detail truly lovely to see.

We are always keen to hear about our students achievements outside of the classroom, so please do share these by emailing jhawkins@salesian.surrey.sch.uk

New House

Next year we will be introducing a new house to the school, '**Mazzarello House**' that will be represented by a yellow bear.

Feast Day: May 14th

Mary Mazzarello co-founded the Salesian Sisters, known officially as the 'Daughters of Mary Help of Christians' with Don Bosco in 1872. Remembered for her cheerful spirit and willingness to help others, even at a cost to herself. Those around her knew her as Mother Mazzarello.

Graphic Design Club



Graphic designer at 11! Well done to Nancy Cruikshank in Year 7, designer of the logo for the new school house, Mazzarello. Like a true professional, Nancy worked at speed (after school and at lunch) in order to make the deadline.

The dedicated and talented members of the Graphics club, all from year 7 and 8, have been learning the professional and frustratingly difficult Adobe programs, Photoshop and Illustrator.

Since the club formation, they have been responsible for designing a number of posters for different departments as well as developing their personal projects. Currently the group are designing a flag for inter house competitions (to be made externally) and a number of graphics for the design technology department, celebrating where they are integrating literacy, numeracy and science into their schemes of work.

Longer term the club are creating a Sean Deveraux Calendar, which we hope to have printed and ready for sale next Autumn to raise money for the charity, The Children's fund.

Norah McKeogh (Teacher of Art & DT)

School Production – Annie



Students have been rehearsing very hard since Easter for the lower school musical production of 'Annie'. We have been incredibly impressed with their talent, hard work and commitment and it's looking like it's going to be a fantastic show. We have a cast from Years 7 to 9 and a very special guest appearance from Miss Wynter's dog!



Tickets will go on sale after half term via Tucasi for the shows on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th July so get in quick as it's likely to be a sell out!

Sarah Garbett Harte (Head of Drama)

Sporting News

On the 12th and 13th of May, Salesian students took part in the Surrey County Athletics Championships.

Holly Landon took a very credible 4th place in the 800m final. Emma Horsey secured a bronze medal in the 300m and a silver medal in the 300m Hurdles.

Matthew, Katie and Rachel Clutterbuck all finished in the top 6 of their respective races, watch out Brownlee brothers, they're hot on your heels!

Imogen Burton came 4th in her 800m heat, Sam Johnston finished 5th in his 1500m heat, Ella Stoner came 5th in the 200m semi-final and Tom Cursons achieved a silver medal in the 400m hurdles. Finally Will Harding finished 7th and 5th respectively in the 100m and 200m respectively.

They all made us extremely proud and they should be delighted with their personal achievements in such a tough and high-level competition.

Lisa O'Brien (Sports Coach)

The Year 7 football team narrowly lost 3-1 on penalties in the District Cup Final, after a splendid performance and 2-2 draw on normal time. Scorers were Tom Kinsella with an absolute worldy into the top corner from a free kick and Laurence Wijngaarden with a classic poacher's toe poke to equalise for a 2nd time. The boys were brilliant and their performance throughout the year is commendable. They have won 10 out of their 15 games and have gone the furthest of all our teams in the National Cup reaching the 4th round. High hopes for next year too!

Dan O'Shea (Head of Boys PE)

The U13 girls, made up entirely of U12 girls, travelled to Stoke Park and competed in a round robin tournament against other teams in their pool, namely Tormead, Guildford High and George Abbot in the Surrey Cricket Cup. The girls made a great start with some excellent catching in the field and tight bowling made it difficult for the opposition to get runs on the board.

The girls played really well throughout a cold day and showed great promise for next year's U13 competition. Some great bowling from Alex Lane and good batting from Rose Gray. Great fielding all round!

Last week the U15 Girls Cricket team continued their winning form in the Surrey Cup, beating St. George's by 15 runs. Charlotte Close gave Salesian a solid start, which was later continued by Jasmine Fawcus-Smith. The girls finished their innings with 70 runs from their 15 overs. Nicole Dragos, winner of last year's Bedser Scholarship from Surrey Cricket, opened the bowling and set the tone with a maiden over. Each of our 6 bowlers bowled a good line to ensure that scoring was made difficult. For the opposition. Special mention to our fielders, most notably Carla Hobbs whose calm decision-making led to two run outs. Hopefully, we will pick up another win to progress to the Cup finals in June.

Charlotte Gallagher (Head of PE)

We have had great success with the girls rounders this week, with our Year 8, 9 and 10 teams coming second in the District Tournaments.. Congratulations as all 3 teams have made it through to the District Final Competition. A particular well done to Natalie Tognelli, Year 8 for her superb batting. The year 7's played in their first ever tournament demonstrating that the team has great potential for future fixtures. Well done to all the girls involved!

On Sunday 20th May, Miss Poulter and Miss O'Brien took a group of students to the O2 to watch the British Basketball Play Off Finals. We managed to see two games with the countries best male and female players competing to become overall winners. Both the men's and women's games were fast paced and high energy. All had a fantastic time and I am sure that we will be back at the O2 again next year.



April Poulter (Teacher of PE, Health & Social Care/Head of Savio)

Getting to Know Our Teachers



Amy Jackson
Teacher of English/KS3
English Co-ordinator

How I got into teaching:

In 2014, after almost a decade working in management consulting, I decided that I would consider alternative career options. Having worked in a number of organisations where profit was the primary goal, I was interested in working in a non-profit organisation - where my work made a valuable contribution to society. I first thought about teaching when I attended an event called 'Escape the City'; this event was targeted at people working in the consulting sector looking to change their career. At this event, I met Deborah James (our Assistant Head at the time) and was blown away by her enthusiastic anecdotes about teaching. That evening I applied and within a month I was teaching my first 'interview' lesson - which I absolutely loved!

Why I love my job:

Spending all day reading and discussing literature is a true vocation, and I thoroughly enjoy sharing my personal interest in novels, plays and poems with the students. Every week I never fail to be amazed by the creativity of the students I teach, and the refreshing way in which they question themes, ideas and, at times, quite challenging concepts. From tear-inducing poems about the joys of fatherhood (from a Year 8 boy); to metaphors about the solitude of silence; to narrative accounts of a utopic world - no day is the same! Aside from the students, it is wonderful to be part of a team where everyone is valued; and from a more spiritual perspective, teaching within our Don Bosco ethos creates a wonderful environment for work and other extracurricular activities.

If you are interested in pursuing a career in teaching, email Joanne Hawkins jhawkins@salesian.surrey.sch.uk or visit our website www.teachsoutheast.co.uk

School Refurbishment

Some exciting developments commencing and more in the pipeline. We start with the refurbishment of the Rosla block, which will include the demolition of the ground floor to accommodate the building of a new science lecture theatre, science classroom, improved welfare facilities, refurbishment of 5 classrooms for the Languages department and the expansion of the In-house IT team. The refurbishment will be fully compliant with current building regulations once the works finish at the end of the summer holidays. The building will have not only a new look but new name too, find this out in a later edition!

We will also be installing a new external staircase to serve the LRC and newly created Student Common Room on the 1st floor of the main building. Apart from creating an exciting new space for our students' wellbeing, the project will also ensure that this particular

area of the school will be updated in line with improved building control standards.

The last big project of the summer will be the creation of a new Music Centre at the front of the school campus. The school has received planning permission to install a new modular building that will accommodate a new learning centre and a number of music practice rooms. The completion of the project will ensure that the Music Department has its own unique identity within the school grounds. Listen out for the sound of song as soon as you enter school premises!

Paul Harte (Estate Manager)

Teaching School

Are you an exceptional Maths or Physics student with a strong desire to teach? Then why not apply to join the Future Teaching Scholars programme.



A prestigious new route for high-quality A level students planning to study a maths or physics related degree at university. In addition to a £15,000 grant, scholars will receive early preparation for teaching alongside studying for their degree.

After graduating, you'll receive bespoke employment-based teacher training, earning a salary while you learn and working in schools from day one, with additional support for two further years and support finding your first teaching job.

Be part of the Future Teaching Scholars programme in 2018. To find out more www.futureteachingscholars.com

Building Our Alumni

If you are a past student or parent of past student interested in joining our alumni please do get in touch by emailing alumni@salesian.surrey.sch.uk with your contact details so we can continue to grow our school community.

Salesian Parents Association



Tickets on sale on Tucasi - £12 per head including a hot meal - Vegan- Gluten free and Lactose free diets catered for.

Contact: spa@salesian.surrey.sch.uk if you require more information.