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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to a new half term and thank you for all your support since arriving at Savio Salesian College in September. It has been a busy few weeks with many exciting developments and I have enjoyed meeting all of our students and have been impressed by their enthusiasm and pride in our school.

Year 7 have quickly settled into a secondary school way of life and celebrated their first seven weeks with a Mass of Celebration on the last day of term. Led by our own Fr Jakub and with parents joining us, we gave thanks for our first, successful half term. Other highlights have included all Year 7 experiencing a spiritual retreat at St Joseph's Prayer Centre in Formby and this provided them with an opportunity to share experiences and develop new friendships.

In the Upper School, Year 11 have already start the countdown to their Summer 2018 exams and most subjects are running a 'Period 6' from Mondays to Thursdays whereby one-hour intervention after school lessons are being offered to boost exam success. Please do ensure that your daughter/son is fully participating in these sessions and challenge them if not.

As we enter into the winter and colder weather, please ensure that we maintain our high standards of uniform and, more importantly, that you child is fully equipped for winter. A sensible outdoor coat should be worn as per school policy, that is outdoor coats are removed and not worn around the building.

The school continues to work towards a return visit from Ofsted and have accepted the appointment of Mr Charles Lowry as the Archdiocesan appointed School Improvement Partner (SIP). He will be in school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and will be both supportive and challenging of the school in its drive to improve progress and achievement. Mr Lowry has a wealth of experience as both a Headteacher and Ofsted Inspector and the Governors welcome his expertise and support.

The school calendar has been updated on the website and do check for key dates (see below). In the run up to Advent and Christmas we have the following important events:

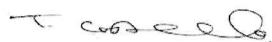
Year 10 Parent' Evening	Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup> November	3.00 pm-6.00 pm
Whole School Remembrance Services	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00 am
Year 7 & 8 girls' football competition	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> November	12.00pm – 3.00 pm
Year 9 Skills Show (selected pupils)	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> November	full day
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Year 9 & 10 girls' football competition	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> November	12.00 pm -3.00pm
Year 7 & 8 girls' football competition	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> December	12.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Pupil Advent Liturgy	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> December	in school time
KS3 rewards trip	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> December	after lunch
Awards Evening	Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Pensioners' Christmas Party	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm – 4.30 pm
Year 11 Retreats	from Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am – 1.30 pm
	to Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	
Pupil Christmas Liturgy	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	in school time
<b>End of Autumn term for pupils</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>
<b>School re-opens</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>
<b>Section 48 RE Inspection</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>all day</b>

Please find enclosed a copy of our latest newsletter, which I hope you enjoy. Also enclosed is a contact information sheet for your child(ren). Please take a moment to check the details are correct and let us know if there are any amendments. If we do not receive any changes from you we will assume they are correct

Finally I would like to further extend an invitation to all our parents and carers to visit anytime between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm on a Friday afternoon, which will be my opportunity to have a 'surgery' to discuss any of your concerns. If possible, please ring in advance and book an appointment to avoid any delays. Can I also encourage anyone who is interested in re-forming a Parent-Teacher Association/Parent -School Association to get in touch with me so that we can explore further.

Thank you once again for your continued support and do enjoy the next half term. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any issues of concern.

Yours sincerely



Mr T Costello  
Headteacher