



Newsletter #45

9th March 2018

Dear Parents/Students/Governors/Friends,

This week has been as busy as ever. A group of senior students are preparing for the School's second visit to the African Leadership Academy for the ALAMAU conference. We look forward to hearing how they perform in the lively debates which no doubt will ensue.

Today we host the tri-school tournament with Kamuzu Academy and Bishop Mackenzie International School. Good luck to all of our sports boys and girls this evening and tomorrow morning.

Final rehearsals are in full swing for this year's musical 'Inside Out'. Tickets are selling fast so please make sure you get them ASAP! See reception.

Our Diamond Group are well into the detailed planning stages for our Diamond Weekend. Get the weekend into your diary!

- 27th April International Evening
- 28th April Black Tie Dinner Dance

- 29th April Family Fun Day and Open School

This week we all felt the ground shake. Mr Colliver has kindly prepared an article on this relatively rare event in Malawi. There were no reports of any accidents at school. The advice from Government for events such as these is to remain indoors and get under a strong table or doorway.

Last Friday afternoon, 21 teachers gathered for an informal discussion on questioning in lessons. It is wonderful to see so many teachers at SAIntS engage in lively discussions about best teaching practice. This 'Teaching and Learning Swap Shop' is a regular event backed up by workshop organised by the teachers for the teachers.

The Year 9's had an important evening this week as they finalise their choices for IGCSEs and BTECs next year. Our message to all is:

- follow your talents
- choose a broad selection of subjects

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at the musical. Have a good weekend.

Kieron Smith, Head Teacher

Calendar Dates

March

15th-17th

School Musical Performance
Inside Out

21st @ 18:30

Parents' Forum in IT1

21st-25th

ALAMAU trip

22nd-23rd

IGCSE Food & Nutrition practical
exams

PTA Corner

The PTA are delighted to be organising the International Evening. Please get in touch if you would be able to contribute your national dish. A letter came your way via the SAIntS App.



Tickets are on sale at SAIntS reception for 'Inside Out'



Diamond Events Weekend

Tickets will soon be on sale for the weekend of events to celebrate our Diamond Anniversary.

Friday 27th April – International Evening with fantastic performances and amazing food

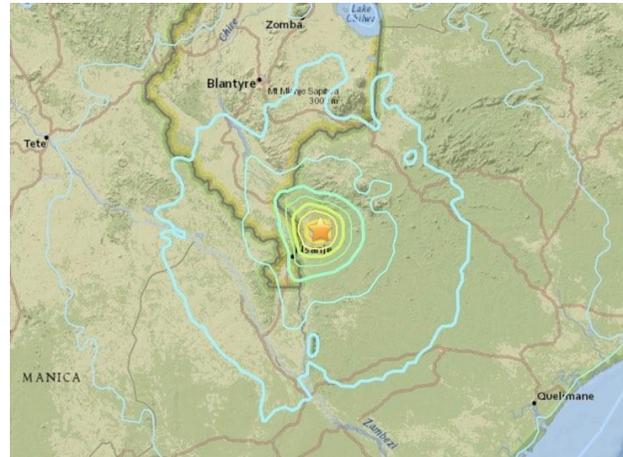
Saturday 28th April – Black Tie Dinner Dance. An amazing opportunity to dress up, meet your old school friends, enjoy delicious food, and dance to the tunes from your youth.

Sunday 29th April – Family Fun Day and Open School

Prices and further details will be announced soon and you can check out our Diamond Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/293062904434083/?ref=bookmarks> for regular updates.

The March 8 Earthquake

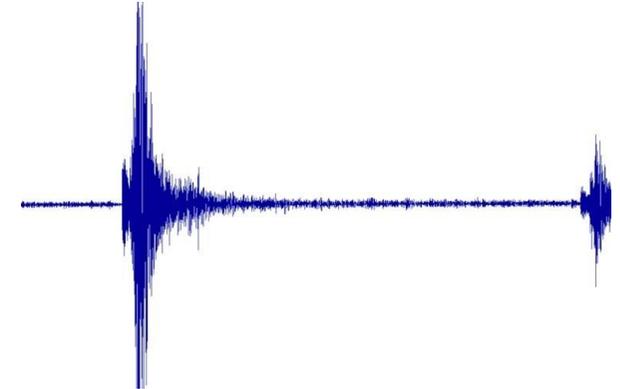
I think most of us felt the ground shaking on Thursday morning. It was in fact an earthquake which according to the USGS occurred at a



depth of 10km, with the epicentre 27km from Nsanje, just across the border in Mozambique. The quake which occurred at 10:49 and lasted for about 15 seconds was measured at 5.6 on the Moment Magnitude Scale (seismologists no longer use the Richter Scale). An alternative scale is the Mercalli Scale which uses peoples observations and experiences during the event to indicate the magnitude. Using this scale, our Year 9 Geography students were able to determine that the quake was a magnitude 5. Did you notice the second tremor, an aftershock, about 40 minutes after the first?

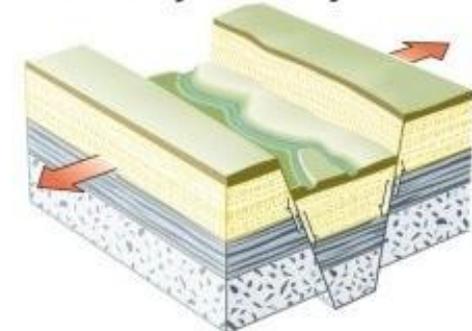
The seismograph below clearly shows the two events.

Earthquakes are common in Malawi but most are very weak and often go unnoticed. They are the result of movements in the Earth's crust



associated with the East African Rift Valley. This is a giant tear in the crust where the opposite sides are pulling apart. Africa's Great Lakes are evidence of this process; it is thought that eventually they will join together to form an ocean separating East Africa from the rest of the continent. The March 8 earthquake shows us that this process is active.

Rift Valley Formed by Extension



Malawi's location is a divergent tectonic setting – plates are separating so pressure does not build up in sufficient quantities to produce really large quakes. Thankfully there were no deaths as a result of the March 8 event although there was some damage to buildings reported in Nsanje. We would not get earthquakes of the same magnitude that devastated Haiti in 2010. However, we could get earthquakes of sufficient strength to cause injuries and damage to buildings. It is therefore worth discussing how we can protect ourselves from such a scenario.

Before an earthquake, check your home for dangerous objects that could fall on you when the shaking starts. Heavy items should not be kept on shelves above waist height. During the earthquake, if you are outside then stay outside in an open space away from any objects that could fall. If you are indoors, do not try to get outside as you may be hit by falling debris. The general advice is to **Drop** – get on to your knees, **Cover** – get under a desk in a foetal position and **Hold** – grab hold of the table leg in case it vibrates away from you.

S Colliver

French/Spanish/Greek/German Speaking Exams 2018



ALL IGCSE & IAS SPEAKING EXAMS IN FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH AND GREEK WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT MONTH.

International AS Levels - the week beginning 16th April in the afternoons (check your time slot)

IGCSE – the week beginning 23rd April all day (check your time slot)

Please spend some time EVERY DAY from now and during the Easter holiday practising (out loud to yourself, with a friend or relative, with grammar websites, Duolingo or vocab websites, like Linguascope and Quizlet). Then you will come back ready and confident for your exam – we have EVERY faith in you!

Year 11 French



A reminder to all Year 11 IGCSE French students - please keep an eye out for all the extra Master Classes we are running (2 Listening ones have already happened). Next session will be 'Au collège', on Monday 19th March at 13.30 in Lg1. It will be very beneficial. Keep using your ActiveLearn access to practise listening, reading, grammar and vocab at home.

M^{me} Harrison & M. Izzett

Auditions for International Evening Entertainment

Please remember to hand audition slips in to Mr Gunda or Mrs Harrison. There are 8 5-minute slots available to perform (song, dance, poem etc) to the guests at our Diamond International Evening on Friday, 27th April here at SAIntS.

Auditions will now take place on **Monday, 19th April, 14.30 – 15.45 in the hall.**



**SAIntS Art Department proudly invites you
to our
Diamond Exhibition
at Jacaranda
Cultural Centre
Monday 26th March
6-8pm**

The evening will showcase the Arts at SAIntS with IGCSE and AS/A Level art work on display, music from the Senior Jazz Band and Performances by Drama students.

We welcome you to join us for drinks, conversation and a celebration of the achievements of the students involved.

SAIntS Maths Does It Again!

Saint Andrews International High School continues to fly above the sky of excellence as it has once again defied all odds in this year's UKMT mathematics competitions, with its promising, ever conquering and hardworking Future Stars.

Every year, Saint Andrews Mathematics Future Stars take part in the UKMT mathematics competitions and the music has always been melodious in this exciting challenge.

Established in 1996, the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for students between 11-18 years of age.

The competition attracted over 600,000 pupils from 4,000 schools who took part in the three individual challenges of the competition last academic year. This is the UK's biggest national mathematics competitions.

The first of the competitions this year which was deemed; Intermediate Mathematical Challenge (IMC18), conducted on 8th February saw our Year 9-11 Future Stars group achieve

outstanding results. The results were described as 'astounding' and very 'pleasing' by the entire Department of Mathematics at SAIntS.

The Mathematics Department and the entire SAIntS family join the Head Teacher in celebrating the achievements of the following Silver and Bronze certificates awardees in our Diamond Year!!

Silver Certificate: Nathan, Sally, Yanling, Kanishka & Helen



Bronze Certificate: Claudia & Amy



Best in Year 9: Johannes R (Bronze)



Best in Year 10: William C (Bronze)



Best in Year 11: Nathan T



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Message from the Head of Boarding

On behalf of the Boarding Staff Team, I would like to welcome back our Boarders from half term break, I hope you all had an enjoyable break and experienced some wonderful moments together away from school.

It was very pleasing to see their smiling and excited faces as they were being dropped at school from home to their respective Boarding houses, as such we the Boarding family would like to thank you all our dear Parents/Guardians for the usual support you always render to our dear learners.

Second half of the term

May I also take this opportunity to remind you all that according to the School calendar here at SAInts, the second half of the term will run for five weeks and we will close on Thursday, 29th March at 12noon.

Medical Insurance cover

A gentle remind to you all our dear Parents/Guardians that it is important to have our learners covered with any medical aid Insurance of your choice, as this can ease our job when we want to seek medication attention from private hospitals within Blantyre.

Exam preparation

The Boarding family has organized a series of programmes to help our Boarders in their exam preparations by engaging Prep supervisors (Teachers) to help them in different disciplines of their studies – Mr. J. Walasi (A-level Mathematics), Mr. O. Mkandawire (Physics, Science and Mathematics), Mr. E. Nyirenda (Mathematics and ICT), Mr. A Harvey-Craig (AS and A-level Psychology), Mr. M. Hara (Chemistry, Mathematics and ICT), Mr. B. Jumbe (Physics, Biology, Science and Mathematics), Mr. G. Thindwa (ICT and Mathematics), Ms. N. Sibande (Chemistry and Science), Ms. P. Kananji (English), Ms. E. Meki (French), Ms. J. Chikwana (Business Studies) and Ms. U. Khoswe (English).

This arrangement has been put in place in order to help our learners in Boarding to excel in their academics.

Boarding Contacts

Parents must contact Head of Boarding or Boarding Supervisors for any matters related to boarding either by phone or by email using the contact details highlighted below: info@saints.mw or [Boarding Hotlines](#).

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