



Newsletter #56

2nd November 2018

Dear Students/Parents/Governors/Friends,

The temperature is rising and just in time for our 24 hour swim against malaria. We hope that this event is a great success. Thank you if you are contributing in any way to this event.

5 of the School's Governors came in to school yesterday for an informal "Meet the Governors" event. I hope this helps to put faces to a names.

This week some updates have been happening to our website. You might notice a new page containing some key school policies. More will be added soon.

This week has seen many messages on the school app. This is proving to be a very effective tool for keeping in touch. Please download it if you can.

The School is gearing up for its COBIS (Council of British International Schools) visit which takes place w/b 12th November. The School's Development plan states that it is our intention to gain full accreditation from COBIS and this visit marks the mid-point in this process.

Our new Facilities Manager Mr Mbengo has certainly made a tremendous impact in his first 3 months in post. The School is looking much more presentable and further improvements are on their way.

Mr Phillips, our Head of PE is working hard to secure arrangements for improvements to the gym including a possible extension if finances allow.

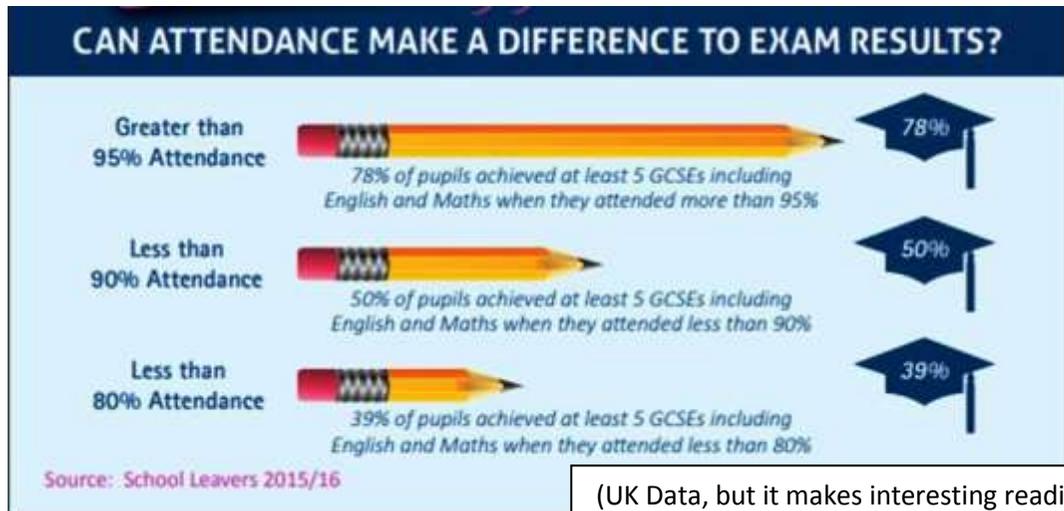
There are ring-fenced funds allocated for this purpose. Quotes are in for our new reception and you will start to see improvements to the front entrance of the school in the coming months.

K P Smith, Head Teacher

Calendar Dates

NOVEMBER

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| 2 nd -3 rd | 24-hour Swim Against Malaria |
| 6 th | Senior Maths Challenge |
| 9 th -10 th | Inter-schools swimming gala |
| 12 th - 16 th | Anti-Bullying Week |
| 16 th | 6th form fashion show |



(UK Data, but it makes interesting reading)

Singers' Night



The SAINTS's music department presents our first ever Singers' Night. Featuring 16 very talented singers with a live band. We will perform hits from Arianna Grande, Ed Sheeran, John Legend, Billie Eilish, Sam SMith, Westlife and many others. A lot of work has gone into this project, so please come and see the results of this collective effort!

6:30 for 7 pm Tuesday, November 6th, 2018 in the SAIntS main music room at the top of the school.

HAPPY HOUR for Year Seven creative writers!

VISITING AUTHOR Stan Cullimore



In October, KS3 students were treated to a special visit from Stan Cullimore, a former Housemartins pop star back in the 1980s now a children's author with over 120 books published in over 32 countries. During his visit, he shared his experience as a musician, an author and a travel writer. Year 7 students enjoyed an amazing session of singing silly jolly songs, engaging in role play and finding out about what it takes to write professionally. It was an hour full of laughs and giggles. "I loved how he made English more alive and funny but at the same time taught us the skills we need to tune our feelings into words."

Swim against Malaria

This week the main buzz words around the school are **24 hour Swim against Malaria**. This event starts today, 2nd November 2018 at noon.

Please note that today **all** students are welcome to swim afternoon (till 8pm), and Saturday morning (6am till noon). They will need to bring hats and sun cream.

There have been a number of students who have created teams and who are planning to swim overnight in relay format. We will be encouraging students and parents to camp in the gymnasium. Please make sure that you bring your own tent, sleeping bag, at least three towels, warm clothes, a torch, snacks and mosquito repellent. Please avoid bringing too many items of value. At present, the weather forecast is promising a big drop in temperature and a high probability of rain so it could be an interesting swim. There are toilets in the gymnasium and the changing rooms down next to the PE office will be open all night.

Ordering of food in advance is advisable (see the forms that were emailed out 2 weeks ago), and please bring a net to contribute to this worthy cause. If you cannot find a net then please send in MK10,000 to give to Mrs Gaunt and she will purchase one for you at a later stage.

If you have any further enquiries, please email: agaunt@saints.mw

Year 9 History students' visit to the Commonwealth Graves



On Monday 29th October and Thursday 1st November, Year 9 History students visited the Commonwealth Graves at HHI as part of their studies on how World War One affected Africa, and Malawi in particular. This year was a particularly poignant visit at 2018 marks one hundred years since the end of World War One, the conflict from which most the graves originate. Students found

that using their sources skills, they could find out much from primary sources,



some of which contained quite limited information. Follow up lessons have been taking place in class time with students studying the Kings African Rifles' role in global conflicts – with some students being able to give personal anecdotes. If you have any family anecdotes or stories that you think students would be interested in hearing about, please do not hesitate to contact the History Department – jwilkinson@saints.mw. Being an international school in Africa we are always keen to look the often overlooked African discourse in History.

On Monday 12th November, Sixth Form History students will be leading our annual whole-school Remembrance Assembly with theme being what remembrance means to them and hope for the future.
