



Newsletter #77

6th February 2020

Dear parents/students/friends,

As always, term 2 is a non-stop series of events. Last week we welcomed our crop of new students during the School's Open Evening. Thank you to the tremendous number of SAIntS students (over 200) who helped out on the night. We really appreciate you helping to sell the school in the best way you know; by being yourselves!

Last night we held our options evening for Years 9 and 11 who are about to make the next important decisions in their journey through SAIntS. Thank you to all the teachers who came out 'en-masse' to give all the help and advice needed at this important decision making time.

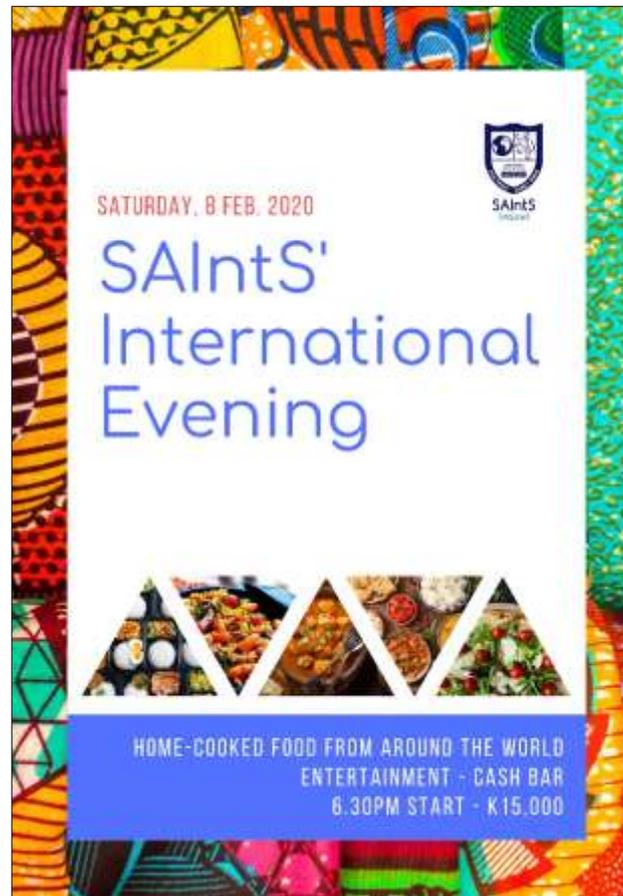
I am pleased to inform you that the COBIS Inspection Report Summary is now live on the School's website under the News & Info Governors Section.

<http://www.saints.mw/storage/2020/02/COBIS-Inspection-Report-Summary-2020.pdf>

The School's Governors have been given incredibly useful feedback from the inspection team which will enable us to continue to improve. We are delighted to now be a COBIS Member School, the first High School in Malawi to gain this seal of quality.

This week we look forward to the biennial International Evening. Tickets are still available, but please purchase them soon to avoid disappointment. The PTA, ably assisted by a wider group of volunteers, has been working very hard to make this event possible. Please join us to celebrate the diversity which is SAIntS (Over 40 nationalities represented on our student body).

Kieron P. Smith, Head Teacher



Calendar Dates

February – Next Week: Safer Internet Week

8 th	PTA International Evening
10 th -12 th	6 th Form Mock Exams
11 th	Visiting Author
10 th – 14 th	House competition week (no clubs)
15 th -23 rd	Half Term Break

LIBRARY NEWS

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New Additions to SAIntS Library

Over the past two years, SAIntS library has expanded its portfolio of teen-targeted novels by more than 2000 volumes. The majority of these are Accelerated Reader novels, read in conjunction with SAIntS KS3 reader-reward process. Our aim is to make reading a life-long habit, as well as improving literacy amongst our students. Come and see our burgeoning collection for yourselves - you *might* find the book which changes your life.

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Students' Wellbeing

In keeping with SAIntS child care policies, the library welcomed a donation of a dozen books concentrating on student wellbeing. These texts,

gratefully received from Mr. Harvey-Craig's Wellbeing Club, have their own library section. Feeling blue? Overwhelmed by social media? Stressed out by all the demands on your time? The *Mindfulness Section* has the answer. Choose from...

1. A Mindfulness Guide For The Frazzled / Ruby Wax.
2. Don't Read this Book / Donald Roos.
3. Five Element Acupuncture / Nora Franglen.
4. Handbook of Music, Adolescents and Wellbeing / edited by Katrina McFerran.
5. Help! How to Become Slightly Happier and Get a Bit More Done / Oliver Burkeman.
6. How To break Up with Your Phone / Catherine Price
7. Keepers of the Soul / Nora Franglen.
8. Looking After Your Mental Health / Alice James.
9. Mind Your Head / Juno Dawson
10. Mindfulness for Students / Natasha Kaufman.
11. Thinking, Fast and Slow / David Kahneman
- Why Love Matters / Sue Gerhardt.

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Donations

Do you have good quality teen- targeted novels taking up shelf space at home? SAIntS Library welcomes donations of suitable texts from friends of the school. Simply drop them off at reception, FAO Mr Oulton, Whole School Literacy Co-ordinator. Your donations will be gratefully received, and your

generosity marked with a dedicated label within the cover of each book.

English: Year 8 students have recently completed their unit study of the contemporary play, *Noughts and Crosses*. Students were challenged to imagine a time when they felt like the characters in the play who experience extreme prejudice in a segregated world. Enjoy Alex Ofem's writing based on a football match.

Descriptive Writing

By: Alex O. Year 8

As I ran down the pitch rallying my team to victory, I realised something; Heathcroft was racist and its headmaster was a jerk. With me being a nought I was different from everybody else, I stood out like a spotlight in a dark starless sky.

I ran quickly down the wing and chipped the ball to my teammate, as he began to jump for it, a player from the other team jumped at the same time and kicked my own player's face. I looked at the referee expectantly but he just waved play on.

I stomped to the ref shouting at the top of my lungs and gesticulating wildly. I could feel my blood boiling as years of pent up anger came tumbling out of my mouth in the form of words I didn't even know I knew. I had noticed that the ref had been working

his hand to his pocket and brought out a shiny red card.

I didn't even bother staying at school. I took my bags and started walking to the library; the only place I could think of to go. As I walked, I recalled all of the bullying I had experienced at school; on top of being shunned by almost half the world's population.

If you had asked me before I would have told you that I could endure; but not today, I changed my mind—I would run away. I don't care where I go.

As long as I'm nowhere close to here.

Sixth Form News



Every endeavour is being made to ensure that our Sixth Form Centre is well-resourced with not only computers, but also with relevant university prospectuses for our sixth formers to make informed decisions in choosing their career paths. The centre has a full-time study supervisor providing study support. There is also a university guidance counsellor who has an office within to give our students more access.

The Sixth Form study room will soon be installing 8 laptops that will be used by our students during their study periods. As A level students, academic research remains an essential part of their daily life in the Sixth Form.

As such management thought to make the study centre fully operational with installation of these laptops for our sixth formers. This will help to minimise the time our students used to spend going to the library to use computers. Not only will they be accessing these computers, but students will also be given printing quota under the Sixth Form Budget. This means this will address the problems of our students going to the reprographics to access printing services.

Sixth Form Leadership greatly appreciates all the effort and hard work by the **PTA** for organising a fundraising event in which all the proceeds were given to the purchase of these laptops.

Jackson Paundi, Sixth Form Study Supervisor

Year 7 Historians ask 'Who should be king?'



When a King dies, their successor comes from the loyal bloodline - but unfortunately this was not the case when King Edward the Confessor died in England on 5th January 1066. With no children to continue his legacy, three men claimed the throne – a Saxon, a Viking and a Norman. As part of their Medieval Europe topic, and the theme of leadership, Year 7 students considered the question of what makes a good leader. To decide once and for all they had to present their case to the council of important nobles – a panel of SAIntS non-History teachers!

All four Year 7 History groups came up with some impressively creative ideas during preparation time, and before they knew it, it was time to present their final cases to the panel of judges. For almost one hour the Year 7 students battled more than the actual Battle of Hastings! T-shirts, posters, cakes and music were all present, in order to enhance their group performance and to win the war of words so that their candidate would be crowned as the next king.



Some Year 7 groups took it further and bribed the judges (surely persuaded?) with cakes and sweets so that they could take the English throne! The taste of chocolates and sweets made it hard for the judges to resist the creativity of these history students. Unlike 1066 where the winner was victorious after shedding blood, in the year 2020 it was creativity and words that won the battle. Well done Year 7 History students! - **Mr Kalonjeka**

AFRICA RISING WEEK...

On the back of last year's success SAIntS is proud to announce **Africa Rising Week** will be held once again from 2nd to 6th March 2020. The week aims to celebrate all aspects of Africa and is a chance to showcase how our students can make, and already are making, a big difference in shaping Africa's future.

We will be having visiting speakers, story-telling workshops, visiting dancers, music, the now-famous languages quiz, sports events and African-themed lessons. The week will end with a celebratory assembly and non-uniform day where students are encouraged to wear African attire – this is always a popular event!

We intend to publish a timetable as soon as the last few events are finalised. If you wish to get involved in anyway please contact jwilkinson@saints.mw – we are always looking for new ideas and speakers.

Students Walking Home after School

We are pleased that some students who live close to school have decided to walk home. In order to ensure their safety, we would urge students to walk in pairs and to take particular care when near the Chileka Road as cars move quickly past the entrance to Brereton Drive. G4S security monitor the movement of people into and out of school and to assist them in their work, I ask parents of all

students who are walking home to call Mrs Simbeye to request a gate pass. After February half term, only students with gate passes shall be allowed to exit the school on foot.

Entrepreneurs on Site

SAIntS recognises that many of our students go on to become successful businessmen/women in the community. However, we cannot condone young entrepreneurs selling items to fellow students on the school's premises. Some students have been trying to sell sweets and cakes to others students! This does not support our healthy eating agenda amongst other issues. Please may you communicate clearly to students that they are not allowed to sell food (or anything else) on school site unless they have approval from management!

Safer Internet Week Feb 10th – Feb 14th

In truth, every week should be safer internet week, but next week there is a particular focus. You should have received a letter of invitation to an important event taking place next Tuesday evening from 6pm to 7:30pm at Mount Soche Hotel where a number of guest speaker are going to present useful advice and guidance. Places are limited but if you

would like to attend, please contact Ms Lemekezani Chisambiro on 0995 830 993, 01 812 912 or e-mail lchisambiro@macra.org.mw to book a place.

MATILDA

Tickets will be on sale for this year's whole school production '**Matilda**' from 10th February from our school reception.

K6,000 adults

K3,000 concessions

Performances

- Thursday 19th March
 - Friday 20th March
 - Saturday 21st March
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