



11 September 2015

Dear Parent/Carer of a Year 7 Student,

As we mentioned during the school event on September 7, on behalf of your Parents' Association (PA), we would like to congratulate you and your son on gaining a place as well as to welcome you to the St. Olave's "community." Your PA currently helps you and the school in two main ways:

1. **Creating a school community and social fabric to enable parents/carers and boys to get to know one another.** We do this through a number of activities:

- a. A *Class Representative* system. Each form has one or more Class Representative volunteers (list overleaf) whose responsibility is to circulate and keep updated the contact details of parents/carers of boys in that class. We also look to Class Representatives to foster a sense of community amongst the class by organising social events / get-togethers at periodic intervals, as well as taking responsibility for organising collections/gifts for the class teacher at Christmas or at other notable occasions, e.g., if he or she is getting married, having a child, etc. The final responsibility of Class Representatives is to collect feedback from parents for onward dissemination to the PA and school, and also passing on information from the PA;
- b. In addition, *servng refreshments* at all school events (such as the forthcoming Year 7 Parents' Evening on March 23, 2016 when you will have the opportunity to discuss your son's performance with his teachers) are facilitated by your PA.
- c. Amongst the many *events* to help the school community are:
 - i. **A Quiz Night for Year 7 Parents and Boys** on Saturday October 3 at 6.30 pm (details will be sent separately),
 - ii. a **Sale of Nearly New School Uniform** on the same morning at 10.00 am, and
 - iii. a formal **Spring Ball** on March 19, 2016 at 6.30 pm and a **Summer Family Fun Day** in July.

2. **Ensuring Excellence:** Not only do we raise funds through the social events above for specific items that may not otherwise be met from the school budget, we also look to parents to support our Ensuring Excellence Campaign that is aimed at *augmenting the school budget and offsetting the impact of governmental cuts.*

Many of you have filled in the **Gift Card** received with the admission pack, committing to contribute (typically £50 per month, though larger contributions are most welcome!). In case you have not yet filled in the Gift Card received with your admission pack, another is attached. If your financial circumstances do not permit a contribution of £50 per month, please do demonstrate your commitment to the school by making a smaller contribution each month (and / or by volunteering time to help your PA each month). Either way, please return the form selecting one of the options.

Matched Funding: Many employers offer what is often referred to as a matched funding scheme and you can find out about this on your company's intranet or from your HR department. Some:

- i. match any *contributions* that you make to a charity – please contact us pa@saintolaves.net while filling in the Gift Card mentioned above if your employer does.
- ii. match any funds that you help a charity to *raise* – please contact us to see how you can help with one of the social events mentioned above.
- iii. if particularly generous, offer both kinds of matching.

This does not cost you anything and the contribution will benefit your child in the form of better school facilities.

Making Phone Calls: We are also looking for a small group of parents to telephone fellow parents to ensure as high a participation rate in the Ensuring Excellence campaign as possible. We plan to meet at the school for an hour or two from 6.30 pm onwards on a week day evening for just 3 or 4 evenings in total. Please volunteer now.

Mock Entrance Tests: New for this year, we are considering having Mock Entrance Tests for potential applicants to Year 7. These will be held during weekends in May and June. If you have ideas and can help with this fund-raising effort, do volunteer.

Please either attend our PA meeting on Monday 21 September at 7.45 pm in the School Library or contact us at pa@saintolaves.net if you can help with any of the items above.

Thank you
Ravi Savur
Secretary – St. Olave's Parents' Association

House	Y7 Volunteers to be Class Rep	E-mail address(es)
Leeke	Sandhya Harshakumar Mangala Gowrishankar Claire Barker Sachidananda Bangalore Shashidhara Charlotte Rutter Lola Sanusi Shubra Tripathi Mayuri Upadhyay	sandhyaharsh@gmail.com mangala2thanu@gmail.com claireebarker@icloud.com sachi_000@yahoo.com charlotte@lottieplum.co.uk oyinkhadijat@yahoo.co.uk shubhtrat@gmail.com updmayuri@gmail.com
Cure	Dua Arya Reshma Nami Bernadette Jeyachandra Cristina Keemer Chiamaka Muoneke Oladunni Palmer Ms Madhu Pandey Susmita Kumari	aryavb@yahoo.com namereshma@gmail.com stefimich@aol.com cristinaanghelescukeemer@gmail.com chiamaka30@yahoo.co.uk dunnipalmer@gmail.com madhoukandpal@gmail.com sus.2006@yahoo.co.uk
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St Olave's & St Saviour's Grammar School **Gift Card**



I am/we are pleased to make a gift to support St Olave's Grammar School Voluntary Fund

Personal Contact Details (IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

Title : Title :

First Name : First Name :

Surname : Surname :

Address:

Post Code: Telephone :

E-mail :

Gift Details: Please tick an option below and complete either section 1 or 2 as appropriate

1. I wish to contribute to the School Voluntary Fund at the rate of

£ _____ per annum

£ _____ per month

A sum of £50 per month or £600 per annum is suggested.

Please also complete the Standing Order Mandate overleaf and return it to your bank with a copy to the School, or set up a payment via the Virgin Money Giving facility at:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/donate/makeDonationForCharityDisplay.action?charityId=1007320&frequencyType=M>

2. I would like to make a single donation of £

3. I am/we are unable to support the School at this time.

Signature/s: **Date:**

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PLEASE TURN OVER AND COMPLETE DETAILS OVERLEAF

Gift Aid Declaration

By using Gift Aid you can increase the value of your gift to the School (please tick as appropriate).

- YES, I would like St Olave's & St Saviour's Grammar School to reclaim the tax from HM Revenue & Customs on all donations I make.

I understand that I must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax the School reclaims on my gift/s in the appropriate tax year. I am under no obligation to make any further donations and I can cancel this declaration at any time.

- I am not currently a UK tax payer and, therefore unable to allow the School to reclaim tax from HM Revenue & Customs on all donations I make.

(Please notify the School if your circumstances change. If you are unsure if your gift qualifies for Gift Aid tax relief, please ask your local tax office.)

Signature/s: **Date:**

Method of Contribution

- I am establishing a regular payment using the School's facility at Virgin Money Giving.
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/> St Olave's Grammar School Voluntary Fund
- I have completed a copy of the Standing Order Mandate below and sent it to my bank.

To the Manager (of your Bank) :.....

Bank Address :.....

Bank Sort Code :My Account Number :.....

Please pay to : St Olave's Grammar School

Bank : HSBC Sort Code : 40-35-30 Account Number : 41177648

The Sum of £ on (date): / /

and thereafter annually / quarterly / monthly on the same day of the month until further notice.

Signature/s: **Date:**

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