# All Hallows Catholic High School

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**Dear Parents** 

# Newsletter No. 14 – 16 December 2016

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Christmas Concert on Monday this week. The concert was a huge success and was enjoyed by everybody who attended. Special thanks to Mrs Colclough and her team for providing such a rich variety of outstanding entertainment. Thank you also to everyone involved in organising the market stalls, which also went down very well and raised a significant amount of money for the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. I think it is fair to say that a good night was had by all despite the wet weather.

Congratulations to all those pupils in Year 11 who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. The presentation took place on Wednesday of this week and it was lovely to see so many pupils coming up to receive their badges and certificates from Mr Perry. Over 100 pupils have now achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award in the three years that it has been running and we have record numbers taking part from our current Year 10 pupils for cohort number 4. Sincere thanks to Mr Locke and all his team of helpers who have made this possible.

On Friday of this week we held our Senior Citizens Party, which once again was a roaring success. Thank you very much to everyone involved and particular thanks to our Librarian, Mrs Ruth Reid, who organises the event in such careful detail and ensures that local senior citizens have such a lovely time. Thank you to everyone involved in this.

Thank to Mrs Colclough and her team who presented concerts in three of our partner primary schools on Wednesday. It has become almost a traditional part of Christmas that the Performing Arts Department goes on the road to perform concerts in three of our four schools and this week was no exception. The concerts were very well received and congratulations to everyone who took part in them.

Week beginning the 19 December 2016 is the final part of a long and busy Autumn Term. Enrichment Day on Tuesday, during which our Christmas lunch will be served in two sittings, from 12.00 p.m. until 1.15 p.m. We have assemblies on Wednesday 21 December and then break up for Christmas at 12.35 p.m.

We hope that everybody will enjoy the last few days of term, which have been extremely busy and that they will enjoy quite a long Christmas break. We return for the Spring Term at the usual time on Monday 9 January 2017.



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### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Wednesday 21 December 2016 is Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils may wear a Christmas Jumper for £1.00 instead of their blazer, school jumper and tie. All other uniform rules still apply. All proceeds are going to the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital in memory of Dylan. Help us to reach our target!!

### Year 7 Girls Indoor Athletics Tournament – Friday 9 December 2016 at Lostock Hall Academy

Congratulations to the team who worked consistently hard to win this event. Well done.

### CHRISTMAS LITURGY TIMES IN OUR LOCAL PARISHES

#### **Advent Service of Reconciliation**

**St Teresa's on Monday 19 December at 7.00 p.m.** Many pupils took up the opportunity to go to confession during the first week of Advent. Those who did not get the chance to celebrate the sacrament may wish to attend this service in the parish – a helpful way of preparing for the coming feast.

### Christmas Mass Times

#### **Christmas Eve:**

5:00 p.m. St Teresa's 6:30 p.m. St Oswald's 7:00 p.m. St Mary Magdalen's 10:00 p.m. St Teresa's

## **Christmas Day:**

8:30 a.m. St Oswald's 10:00 a.m. St Teresa's

Yours sincerely

Mr C J Riding Headteacher