# All Hallows Catholic High School



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**Dear Parents** 

# Newsletter No. 19 – 2 February 2018

Thank you to all parents who came along to Year 7 Parents' Evening this week.

# Half Term Holiday

Next Thursday, 8 February 2018, at 3.05 p.m. pupils finish school for half term and return to school on Monday 19 February 2018 at the usual starting time.

# School Attendance

Please could parents ensure school is informed before the end of the morning form period of a child's absence. This must be done on a daily basis otherwise our Attendance Officer will contact parents / carers. This is to ensure that we know the child is safe.

- Authorised absence, e.g. illness, must be supported by a letter from the parents explaining the reason for the absence.
- The full Attendance Policy can be viewed on the school's website.

# Is Your Child Eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium?

There is now a new Free School Meal / Pupil Premium form for parents to complete. If you think you may be eligible please complete the attached form and return it to the school or direct to: Pupil Access Team South, Level 1, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ.

# **Mobile Phones**

Reminder of the change to the Mobile Phone Policy, which came into force on Monday 15 January 2018. From that date any pupil using the mobile phone in school will have the phone removed, the phone will be taken to the School Office from where the pupil can collect it at the end of the day but the punishment for this will now be an automatic Friday Night Detention. This is to help parents who have, in the past, had to come into school to collect the mobile phone once it had been removed. We are very proud of our pupils and the sensible way in which the vast majority of them comply with the school rules about mobile phones. In short, pupils are not allowed to use mobile phones during school hours, anyone doing so will have the phone removed. Thank you for your continued support in this area.



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# **Grease The Musical Production 2018**

Tickets for this year's production went on sale to pupils in the cast from Thursday 18 January 2018 are priced at £10.00 each. To purchase tickets, pupils need to see Mrs Westgarth in the Finance Office with their payment and completed order form. **Tickets are non-refundable and cannot be reserved. Please understand that it is difficult to accommodate late requests and that it must be a first come first served basis as it would be in the professional theatre.** Tickets are now only available for Tuesday 6 February 2018.

During the performance of Grease, the PTFA are delighted to announce that they will be selling interval drinks – these can be purchased and pre-ordered in the foyer from 6:45 p.m. ahead of the show commencing. Interval drinks are strictly for audience members only and cannot be sold or passed to any cast members participating in the show in any way. We will be offering a choice of white wine, red wind, prosecco, beer and cans of pop, with all proceeds going to the PTFA.

# Duke of Edinburgh Award

#### Year 10

All pupils who had registered by Friday 15 December should have received their registration details by e-mail this week. Participants can now start to plan their three sections and begin to manage their personal eDofE section.

For other pupils wishing to gain a place in the New Year, staff are currently attempting to find appropriate dates for the four expeditions in the very busy school calendar. Confirmation of these dates will come as soon as possible.

#### <u>Year 11</u>

Pupils should have sent their three sections for approval to their group leaders including their assessor's reports. If this has not been completed, please do so as soon as possible so focus can be placed on preparation for the examination period.

The final expedition section will be addressed in the New Year and will be completed as soon as possible and with the minimum distraction to the pupils' studies.

Finally, we have only received half the expedition kit back in school, please return any outstanding items as soon as possible.

#### PTFA Spring Ball

As you are aware, we are hosting our annual Spring Ball on 24 March 2018 at Preston North End football ground. With tickets on sale at just £35 a head, it would be lovely to see as many people supporting this wonderful evening. This year we will have casino tables and a few other little surprises through the night – it really is going to be a great night out.

If you are able to donate a raffle prize for the Spring Ball we would be most grateful – please contact Karen Trafford, Chairperson of the PTFA on 07957 659230 or by e-mail <a href="https://ktrafford2@gmail.com">ktrafford2@gmail.com</a>

A date for your diary is 27 April 2018 when we will be hosting a Quiz Night with Hot Pot Supper – more details to follow nearer the time – but it is an event for all ages!

# <u>Netball</u>

Big congratulations to the U16 Netball Team who travelled to Ellesmere Port at the weekend to represent the North West in the Regional Round 2 of the Netball Finals. All the girls played exceptionally well and were a credit to themselves and the school. The team comfortably won the first two matches, but unfortunately were beaten by two very tough teams in the next two games. However, the girls fought hard throughout the games and just missed out in qualifying for the semi-finals. Yet again their conduct, team spirit and sportsmanship was exemplary both on and off the court.

Well done to: Taylor De Klerk, Hannah Barlow, Katie Matthews, Maddy Fish, Evie Dilworth, Georgina Ayrton-Parker, Erin Bragan, Paige Wilson and Hollie Cook.

# **Gymnastics**

Well done to the U13 and U16 Gymnastics Teams who competed at the North West Championships last weekend. Both teams performed to an exceptionally high standard and were a credit to both themselves and the school.

The U13 team just missed out on a medal position and for a couple of the girls it was their first time ever competing at this standard.

The U13 team consisted of: Thea Chester, Zoe Marriott, Nailah Paruk and Grace Walker.

The U16 team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and now go on for the third year running to represent the North West at the National Finals in Stoke.

The U16 team consisted of: Eva Jeens, Jenny Briscoe, Freya Adams and Hannah Gray.

Well done to all the girls who competed and good luck to the U16 team at the National School Championships.

#### School Meals

Menus for the week commencing Monday 5 February 2018. Soup 82p, Salads  $\pounds$ 1.79 –  $\pounds$ 2.55, Potatoes 66p, Baked Beans 66p.

**Monday:** Beef Bolognaise Sauce served with Pasta & Crusty Bread £1.99. Vegetarian (Quorn) Bolognaise served with Pasta & Crusty Bread £1.99. Oven Baked Breaded Chicken Fillet in a Bap served with Salad £1.73.

Salad: Ham & Egg £1.79. Soup: Tomato & Basil 82p.

Tuesday:Traditional Lancashire Hot Pot (Lamb) £1.99. Cheese & Leek Pasta Bake<br/>£1.73. Chilli Beef & Rice Burrito served with Salad £1.73.

**Salad:** Tuna Nicoise £1.79. **Soup:** Carrot & Coriander 82p. **Wednesday:** Meat & Potato Pie served with Vegetables £1.99. Vegetarian Quiche served with Salad £1.73. BBQ Chicken Fillet on a Bap served with Salad £1.73.

**Salad:** Prawn & Melon £2.55. **Soup:** Mushroom 82p.

Thursday: Oven Baked Prime Pork Sausages, Gravy, Chips & Vegetables £1.99. Roast Chicken Portion served with Chips & Vegetables £1.99. Cheese Pasty with Vegetables £1.58. CHIPS 73p (May only be purchased with another product).

**Salad:** Chicken £1.79. **Soup:** Vegetable 82p.

Friday: NO SCHOOL TODAY

**INSET DAY** 

Each day a selection of freshly prepared Sandwiches, Wraps, Hot & Cold Paninis, Salads, Jacket Potatoes, Pasta Pots & Pizza will be available. For any special requests, please see a member of our highly trained Catering Team.

(All items are subject to availability)

FOOD ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES

# *IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS, PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF OUR CATERING TEAM. ALSO, PLEASE BE AWARE ALL OUR FOOD PRODUCTS MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS.*

Yours sincerely

Mr C J Riding Headteacher