

# All Hallows Catholic High School

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Dear Parents

## **Newsletter No. 20 – 9 February 2018**

School closes to pupils for the half term on Thursday 8 February 2018 at 3.05 p.m. We return to school at 8.40 a.m. on Monday 19 February 2018. We hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable half term break.

### **'Grease' The Musical Production 2018**

As we come to the end of a short but busy half term, I would like to begin by congratulating everyone involved in the school production of 'Grease', which has taken to the stage for the last four nights. Around a thousand people have seen this fantastic production which involved over 160 pupils and transported us all back to days of 50's America and reminded us of tunes, some of which had their hay day in the famous film from the 1970's. The production was truly spectacular and mammoth involving as many people as it did. The costumes were amazing, the scenery fantastic and the use of an actual car on stage a first even for All Hallows.

Many congratulations to the pupils and staff who have worked so hard to bring 'Grease' to the stage, maintaining the unbelievably high standard of productions for which the school is now noted. They have worked so hard for so many months and given up so much of their own time to entertain us so wonderfully over last four nights.

Every team needs a leader and it would be wrong for me to talk about the performing life of the school without formally thanking, once again, our inspirational Head of Performing Arts,

Mrs Colclough, whose vision and desire to transport us back via the medium of performance continues to amaze us all, ensure that everybody who took part in this production will remember for a very long time. Congratulations to everyone once again on such a fantastic production.

### **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 / phone call from the parents / carers explaining the reason for the absence.
- The full Attendance Policy can be viewed on the school's website.



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## **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.

## **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

### **Year 10 Participants**

The dates for the expedition phase can now be confirmed as follows:

### **Practice Expeditions**

Group One 23 and 24 March 2018.

Group Two 25 and 26 March 2018.

### **Qualifying Expeditions**

Group One 8 and 9 June 2018.

Group Two will take place on either 12 and 13 June or 13 and 14 June 2018 depending on circumstances beyond our control. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.

The final date for participant registration will be Friday 23 February 2018. After this date the groups will be confirmed and after-school sessions will begin.

Many thanks for your patience with what has turned out to be our greatest ever number of participants and therefore most complex to organise.

## **PTFA Spring Ball**

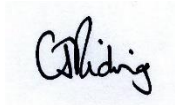
As you are aware, we are hosting our annual Spring Ball on 24 March 2018 at Preston North End football ground. With tickets on sale at just £35 a head, it would be lovely to see as many people supporting this wonderful evening. This year we will have casino tables and a

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 [ktrafford2@gmail.com](mailto:ktrafford2@gmail.com)

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!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Riding', is centered below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

Mr C J Riding  
Headteacher