

# WHAT IS THE LATEST FROM ALL HALLOWS?

## Our wider Curriculum

At the start of the autumn term in September 2019 Ofsted is launching its latest framework for the inspection of schools. There will be a renewed focus on the areas of personal development and curriculum. We are currently assessing the implications of changes for our school with both the Governing Board and teaching staff. Elements of our current provision which have impressed me greatly since my arrival last September, are the range and quality of learning experiences outside the classroom which are available to our pupils. It is through the dedication of our staff members and their willingness to give freely of their time which enable pupils to access educational experiences both in this country and further afield.

The latest venture for our History Department saw Year 7 pupils travelling to Beeston Castle in Cheshire. Our pupils clearly had a memorable visit, as the quotes from some of the participants below would suggest.

'This was one of the favourite trips I have ever been on.....I loved this extraordinary day and would rate it 10 out of 10' (Emily Riley)

'Walking the gate was like walking through a portal to an ancient world. There was a field of freshly cut green grass with wooden benches perched safely on the top.....With a good eye, you could see a twisty cobble walkway leading you up the hill' (Samantha Rawlings)

'.....it was very educational, and I have learned a lot about castles after seeing one in real life. I enjoyed it a lot and found it really fun' (Freya McGeoghan)

'We then proceeded to climb another steep hill until we reached a tree and a bench. Whilst we caught our breath, Mrs Washington told us about how you would be able to see enemies from miles away, and the view was spectacular' (Matthew Gallagher)

## Year 10 ASDAN Group

Further examples of the breadth and variety of curriculum offer are the course on offer to our pupils at Key Stage 4 following the options process in Year 9. For many years, our Year 10 pupils have gained key life skills and have improved their resilience and confidence by following the ASDAN course. Mrs Melling, our SENCo who leads the course has written the following account.



Sailing and ASDAN:

On the 26<sup>th</sup> March, seven Year 10 pupils went to Waterside Lodge at Southport to participate in a six week sailing programme. The first week was quite breezy and the pupils found the experience quite hard. However, after 6 weeks of learning how to sail, most of the pupils felt very confident in their own boats sailing around Southport Lake. The pupils learnt lots of new skills, ranging from how to rig a boat, launching a boat, different parts, how to tack, capsizing, parking a boat and derigging. This is what the pupils thought.

'I thought it was very good as I was taught a new skill.' (Adam)

'I really struggled the first week but I enjoyed it as the weeks went on, I did not enjoy capsizing.' (Alex)

'It was good to be pushed out of my comfort zone even though I capsized three times!' (Issy)

'The first week I didn't want to sail again but after some encouragement I really enjoyed it.' (McKenzie)

'I quite liked it overall and I might like to take this up in the future.' (Will)

'The first four weeks I hated it but the last two weeks were decent.' (Reece)



## School Uniform from September '19

Our school uniform is distinctive and for the most part is worn with pride by our young people. Members of the local community and visitors to our school often comment on how smart our pupils look and the high level of compliance with the rules regarding the wearing of their school uniform. We have no plans to make any major changes to our uniform policy for September, however, I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the fact that boots worn above the ankle will not be permitted. I am aware that there is an argument to be made that boots can prove to be hard wearing through the winter period, but they are also not considered smart formal wear for the workplace. I will write to remind parents of this rule in my end of year letter so that you can avoid making an expensive purchase during the summer holiday



## Our Wonderful Displays

Anybody who visits All Hallows can't fail to notice the impressive displays in our corridors and on our classroom walls. Mrs Blackledge, in collaboration with members of staff, ensures that pupils' work is celebrated, key events in the calendar are captured and significant religious feast days have their spiritual messages brought graphically to life. A montage of photos from our recent production of Beauty and the Beast is proudly on canvas in our foyer and the LRC has a marvellous depiction of Romeo and Juliet featuring the work of many of our pupils.





## Pupil Achievements

### Superstar Goalkeepers

We are all following the progress of two of our girls with great excitement, as Grace Pilling (Year 8) and Olivia Black (Year 10) are excelling 'between the sticks'. Both have had an amazing year with star performances at both local and national level. Grace, who started the season at Preston North End, was talent spotted by Manchester City and has now joined its development squad. She has been a member of the Lancashire squad which reached the final of the national cup final. Likewise, Olivia has represented Lancashire at her age group and played in the Northern Area final, beating Northumberland 3-0. Her age group also won through to the national final which was unfortunately lost in a penalty shoot-out.



### Hockey Leaders

Well done to Olivia Black, Faye Fishwick, Imogen Collier, Maddie Hawtin, Eva Sturzaker, Chloe Kozlow who were match officials for the Preston School Games Quicksticks Tournament on Friday 3rd May at Uclan Sports Arena. All the girls attend the Hockey Club at school every Thursday run by Josie Rice. Please see Mrs Preston for a letter if you would like to join the club. **All are welcome!**



### Cross country success

Congratulations to Jessica Watson in Year 10 who ran in the English Schools Cross Country event at Temple Newsham Park in Leeds on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Jessica came 124<sup>th</sup> out of 346 runners. Jessica also ran in the Inter-Counties Cross Country event in Loughborough on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March and came 135 out of 361 runners for her age group. Well done Jess and good luck for the Athletics season!



### Emerging Talent in Table Tennis

Congratulations to Caelen Hunter, Jake Bradbury, Tom draper and Dan Ebden who came second in the Boys U13 Lancashire Table Tennis Competition held at Garstang Academy. Over 80 schools were involved in this competition so it is a fantastic achievement. Well done!



### Year 7 Netball

On 1<sup>st</sup> April, All Hallows hosted a netball tournament for many schools in our local area. The girls played a total of 6 short matches over the evening. Teams we played against included; St Marys Leyland, Worden, Wellfield, Browndedge St Marys, Penwortham girls and Balshaws. The team played extremely well with great technique and enthusiasm in all games. Their overall amazing performance resulted in winning all the matches and becoming champions! Personally, I am extremely proud of the team as we have had great success over this season and hope to carry it on into next year!

By Jess Fairclough, Year 7A Captain





The netball season has been very successful for the B team because we have won every match played and won the district tournament. The whole team played really well at the tournament but as always, there are things we can improve on for next season. Well done to everyone who has played this season! It was a great feeling to end the season on a high.

By Abbey Taylor (Team Captain 7B)



### Gymnastic Success for Freya

Freya recently competed at the Lancashire floor and vault championships at Robin Park in Wigan . She won gold for floor, gold for vault and became overall Lancashire Champion. She has now qualified for the Northwest Championships in June. She is also currently training for the British Aerobics Gymnastics Championships held at the echo arena in Liverpool in July. Freya can be proud of her achievements as she successfully manages to balance competing at such a high level with the demands of her studies at school.



### Athletics Success for Poppi

Congratulations to Poppi Watson in Year 7 who ran came 3<sup>rd</sup>place in the 800m race at a recent Athletics Meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.





### Year 8 Football Team

A fantastic result for the Year 8 Football team who beat Brownage St Marys in the South Ribble Cup final 6-2 at Uclan Sports Arena earlier this month.



### Joshua and William Are Proud Sea Cadets

Preston Sea Cadets held their Annual Awards presentation for 2018 and had His Worshipfulness the Mayor of Preston as the VIP. Two members of our school were recipients of awards:

Best Sea Cadet of 2018 - Joshua Lappin

Most improved Cadet of 2018 - William James

There are quite a number of our pupils at Preston Sea Cadets, and these awards are a testament to how the ethos and environment at All Hallows and the Sea Cadets is helping to shape effective, polite and successful young people.





### [A Singing Sensation](#)

The following report has been submitted by Catherine Houghton, the singing coach for Hannah Thompson in Year 11.

Hannah Thompson, one of your year 11 students, has been coming to KTB Music for singing lessons for quite a while now. Our staff recently made a video with her for our YouTube channel and wondered if the school might like to share it on your website/social media. We are very proud of her performance. The song she is singing is 'Midnight Train to Georgia' by Gladys Knight and the Pips. She sang this for one of her popular music vocals exams last year, for which she scored a whopping 95% for. All of her performances scored full marks. She is now working towards her grade 8. We are very proud of her talents and success and you must feel free to share in our pride.

<https://youtu.be/-QjNBuf1K14>



## Dates for Your Diary

- Thursday and Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 9 Cardinal Newman Taster Day
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Non-Feeder Parents evening at 7PM (Year 6 -7 transition)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Leavers Ball
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – New Intake Parents Evening at 7PM
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – New Intake Taster Day
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June – PTFA All Hallows Summer Tea Party at 7:30PM

