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Dear Parents

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Coronavirus Update

I am aware that there is some concern about the potential effects that the spread of Coronavirus may have on the ability of All Hallows to stay open and to provide education to our pupils. We continue to follow the advice of Public Health England, Local Authority colleagues and the Department for Education (the DfE is currently sending a daily bulletin about the virus to schools nationally). At the moment we continue 'business as usual', however, the school's Senior and Middle Leaders have put together a business continuity plan in readiness, should we be forced to close in the future. In the event of the situation worsening we would communicate our plan in a timely fashion.

In the meantime I would urge you to talk through the advice which is readily available on measures which can be taken to prevent the spread of the disease, particularly with regard to the regular washing of hands. Finally, I would like to state that, despite rumours to the contrary in the local press, no confirmed cases of Coronavirus are connected to any persons, child or adult, linked to All Hallows.

Year 10 and Year 11 Parents

North West Apprenticeship and Careers Expo at Evoque in Preston on Tuesday 10th March 2020 from 12.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Free tickets to this event are available on this link:

<https://nwappexpo.co.uk/>

Medication in School

Can parents of pupils who have medication in school, please make a note of the expiry dates before bringing it into school.

STEM Fortnight – 2nd March – 13th March 2020

Stem Fortnight continues next week at All Hallows with a range of students in all year groups taking part in a variety of in school and out of school challenges and competitions which will be linked to the theme of 'British Science Week – Our Diverse Planet'.

Rotary D&T Competition (Friday 20th March 2020) – 2 teams of pupils (5 in each) to take part in the regional rotary competition in Chorley Town Hall.

Tomorrows Engineers EEP Lego Robotics Competition

On Tuesday this week, the hard work of a group of Years 7-9 paid off when they took part in the regional heats of the Lego Robotics Competition. 1 of 14 schools taking part in this heat (63 schools in the North West have taken part overall) they worked well as a team from the moment they walked into the iSTEM Centre at Preston's College. They took part in a range of challenges from executing tasks with their own robot, a blind team challenge set on the day, delivered a spectacular presentation which aimed to resolve an environmental issue the world faces and raced a speed robot. On the day they won the Presentation Award and came 2nd overall. They were due to take part in the UK final on Friday 13th March 2020 however a decision has been made to cancel the whole event including the Big Bang Fair. We understand that the students will be disappointed, however this is out of our control.



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The team comprised of Erin Delaney, Kathryn Ashcroft, Ciara Davidson, Ruth Worthington, Beth Landry, Joel Hodgson, Theo Kimmins, Kristian Lowe, Matthew Howarth and their two mentors Tom Parkinson and Jacob Forster-Leith. A special mention also goes to the rest of the STEM Club who have been working hard with the team during the preparation phases as well as their external mentor Mr Caw.

World Book Day

The whole school joined together to celebrate 'World Book Day' with our English Department on Thursday 5th March 2020. Activities included:

- 'Blind Date with a Book', where students went to the library and selected an anonymised book based on a one sentence description.
- 'This Book Changed my Life! School staff shared with students, books that that had an impact on them since they first read them.
- 'The All Hallows Great Book Bake Off' always a highly anticipated and competitive event. Students from across the year groups created cakes based on a literary theme. There were some amazing creations, with a total of £120.41 raised for the school library. First Prize was awarded to Sarah Adamson in 8P1, who baked and iced a version of the school library. Prizes will be awarded during year group assemblies next week. Well done to all our entrants and runners up, your efforts and cakes were greatly appreciated. The English Department would like to thank students and parents for your on-going support.

On Thursday the 12th March 2020, the whole of Year 7 will be visited by award winning author Andrew Michael Hurley, who will talk to Year 7 about his experiences as a writer. After Mr Hurley's presentation, a selection of our Year 7's will be invited to take part in a 'Gothic Fiction Workshop' run by Mr Hurley who will teach the students' creative writing skills. Both events will support the English work that we do in school and we are sure it will provide a stimulating experience for the students.

PE Fixtures

Monday 9th March 2020

Year 7 Football at Lostock Hall starts 3.45 p.m. finishes 5.30 p.m.

Year 7A Netball v Leyland St Mary's at All Hallows starts 3.45 p.m. finishes 4.45 p.m.

Tuesday 10th March 2020

Year 8 Indoor Athletics at Stanley Park, Blackpool starts at 11.45 a.m. finishes 6.00 p.m.

Friday 13th March 2020

U16 Gymnastics Competition in Stoke starts 9.00 a.m. finishes 4.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher