

All Hallows Catholic High School



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Dear Parents,

Newsletter – Friday 22nd October 2021

Health and Safety Measures to Combat Covid-19

In my letter which you received on Wednesday 20th October, I laid out the measures which we have introduced following the meetings we have had this week with Lancashire's Public Health Team. In the letter, I also referred to an on-site testing team being allocated to All Hallows on the first Monday back after half term to enable us to gain a picture of infections which may have occurred during the half term break. The team will still be attending, but now on Wednesday 3rd November.

May I urge parents and carers to encourage daily engagement in the testing regime at home during the break and to report any confirmatory PCR tests to school via the enquiries@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk. Our hope is that the natural break of half term may bring down our infection rates and allow pupils to have a less interrupted second half to the autumn term. A final reminder, however, that the measures we have announced recently will still be in operation in the first week back to allow us at least one week to carry a full assessment of the picture at that point.

Covid-19 Vaccinations

A reminder that any pupils who missed the opportunity to access a Covid-19 vaccination in school due to absence or being on a school trip are able to access the service at the walk in clinic at the Issa Centre in Preston on any given Sunday (73 St Gregory Rd, Preston PR1 6YA).

Certificate Evening

Our current levels of Covid-19 infections has resulted in having to review a number of events which are in the calendar for the half term up to Christmas. We will risk assess each on an individual basis, taking into consideration the level of infection we continue to experience. At the moment, we have taken the decision not to hold Masses for All Hallows' feast day on the first day back after half term. Instead, the first two periods will be spent in form and there will be a virtual assembly for all and a number of celebratory activities. Our certificate Evening for last year's Year 11 cohort will also be delivered online. The achievement assemblies which historically have followed our Certificate Evening will be delivered in form and not in the sports hall as normal.

Administration Role Vacancy

An opportunity to join our admin team at All Hallows is currently advertised on both our website and Lancashire's Intranet System. We would welcome applications from parents and carers who may be interested in the post, or alternatively please pass the information on to friends and relatives.

Lettings Officer Vacancy

We require a Lettings Officer to oversee school lettings and secure the premises every weeknight between the hours of 6pm and 10pm. This post would ideally suit a student at further education.

Duties include:

- ensuring the letting user has the necessary equipment and that the playing areas are suitable for use.

- ensuring spectators and players leave the accommodation in a fit state ready for teaching the next day.
- ensuring spectators abide by school guidelines regarding smoking and dogs on site.
- Securing the school buildings at the end of the letting.

The contract would be casual, and the hours are dependent on hirers booking the school facilities.

Salary: £10 per hour

If you would like more information or are interested in the position, please contact Mr Adamson by email rad@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk

School Uniform

Please ensure that pupils returning to school after the half term break should wear the winter version of the uniform. For females, black tights instead of white socks are compulsory. As is wearing a school blazer. For the first week of the half term, pupils are permitted to wear PE kit to school to enable us to deliver PE without the need to gather pupils in the changing rooms. This practice will be reviewed in the first week and any change to the policy will be communicated to parents and carers.

Careers Opportunity

Please see attached document on careers advice opportunities available during the holiday period which will be delivered by our local health services.

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Each year approximately 400 young people from across Liverpool Archdiocese travel to Lourdes on pilgrimage. In Lourdes they work with sick, elderly and disabled pilgrims as well as participating in youth teamwork activities and times of prayer. There are 9 youth coaches which form part of the youth pilgrimage and Coach 5 covers the Penwortham, Leyland and Chorley areas. The dates of next year's pilgrimage are Thursday 21st - Saturday 30th July, and places are available to any young person aged between 15 and 22 years old. Mr McMullen is the Coach Leader for Coach 5 and is available to answer any questions you might have. If you are interested in your child participating in this pilgrimage, please contact him at school after half-term. Applications for the 40 places available are made on-line by visiting www.liverpoolourdesyouth.co.uk

Half Term Numeracy Confidence Challenge

Throughout the week, the Maths Department will be delivering different challenges and initiatives to help inspire both students and staff to use numeracy more confidently in everyday life. Please see attachment to find out more.

Morrisons It's Good to Grow Scheme

A friendly reminder that we are collecting vouchers to help buy equipment for the raised bed. More information can be found here <https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>

Thank you to those who have helped us so far. Please use the My Morrisons app to choose the school.

Yours sincerely



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