

# All Hallows Catholic High School



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Dear Parents,

## **Newsletter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Week 16**

### **Happy Christmas to All!**

I would like to wish everybody a happy Christmas as we end our autumn term. The pupils have finished today having been treated to a wonderful assembly about the true meaning of Christmas. As ever, their conduct and engagement were exceptional. I would like to thank all of the pupils and staff who made the assemblies such memorable occasions. We look forward to seeing everybody again in the New Year.

### **Changes to After School Detentions**

Please note that from the start of January, on our return to school, we are implementing changes to our Friday after school detention system. Our single detention which currently finishes at 3.45 pm will now finish at 4.00 pm. And the double detention will finish at 4.30 pm. We have become a little concerned that our current system is lacking impact in the eyes of some pupils, therefore we wish to increase its severity by making the sessions last a little longer.

### **Enrichment Day**

On Thursday of this week, pupils enjoyed a fantastic learning experience on our enrichment day, which afforded them the opportunity to enjoy learning outside of their normal lessons. I owe thanks to Mrs Rishton for organising the day, and to so many members of staff who engaged in the delivery of a wide variety of activities, all of which drew upon their time and took so much planning.

One of the activities proved to be quite 'hard hitting'. A session on knife crime delivered by the police, caused some anxiety among some groups of pupils. As educators we are always treading a fine line when presenting difficult topics to young people while remaining mindful of their wellbeing. I would like to assure parents and carers that we thought hard before delivering the session, which has already been seen by large numbers of pupils in other local schools. In light of the recent tragic death of a pupil in Liverpool at the hands of a fellow pupil, we believe that we took the correct decision to allow the police to teach our pupils about knife crime.

### **Full Time Meals**

Full Time Meals has seen Tom Kerridge and Marcus Rashford join forces to offer back-to-basics recipe ideas and culinary tips for low-income families to help tackle food poverty and encourage healthy eating. So far they have released over 30 recipes which are well worth looking at by everyone. They are being delivered through Instagram but the recipes are all available on <https://endchildfoodpoverty.org/full-time-meals>

They have released a Christmas Day and Boxing Day recipe which can be accessed from the following links: <https://youtu.be/Kn0fl9zQQVw> <https://youtu.be/-cZ4mZen8lY>

Please do take a look and see how you could create a family Christmas dinner for under £10.

### **FutureChef Competition 2021**

Congratulations to Year 11 Anand Cassie for winning the heat of FutureChef and gaining a place in the Regional Finals in February. He will have the guidance of a local chef mentor to prepare him for the next heat, the winner of which will attend the National Final. A very close runner up was Austin Ainsworth from Year 10 who will step straight into the local finals in the 2022 competition. Both boys cooked fantastic dishes and showed amazing dedication and commitment to the competition, working hard on their dishes at home before the school heat last week. Huge congratulations to you both!

### **All Hallows PTFA**

Over the years, the PTFA has raised significant amounts of money to enhance our provision which otherwise may have suffered in times of budget constraints. You may wish to support our fundraising by registering on Amazon Smile. A simple way of indicating to Amazon that you would like a charitable donation generated from your purchases to be made to our PTFA. The easy steps to register are described below.

For every purchase you make Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase to us – it's really easy!

1. Sign in with your Amazon Login
2. Search for Amazon Smile on the Amazon.co.uk website and click on it
3. Choose Friends of All Hallows
4. Select and follow the steps advised
5. Start your shopping!

### **Balloon Race!**

Due to the pandemic we have been unable to hold fundraising events, so looking to boost funds to enable us to support the children.

Each balloon costs just £3 and you can buy as many balloons as you want to increase your chances of winning. Every balloon really will make a difference. Ecoracing National Prizes: £500 Cash, Apple iPad, 10 lucky winners of £10 Book Tokens

In Addition to the National Winner Prizes awarded by Ecoracing, All Hallows PTFA have our own 'In House' prizes: 1st Prize £50, 2nd Prize £20, 3rd Prize £10

So please make sure you include your name when designing your balloon.

Our fundraising target is: £500

The link to take part in the balloon race is <https://ecoracing.co/user/page?id=1972>

### **Mock Interview Evening**

On the 06<sup>th</sup> January our Year 11 Pupils will take part in the Mock Interview Evening. We are looking for a few parents or members of our community who will be willing to interview our pupils as part of their careers education and guidance. The evening is from 4pm – 7pm, but if you are only able to offer an hour or two, any help would be appreciated. To register your interest, please email Mrs Cooper at [aco@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:aco@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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