

# All Hallows Catholic High School



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## **Newsletter – Friday 06<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week Year 10 have been taking their Year 10 Exams in the Sports Hall and Arts Theatre. They have made a good start and their exams continue to next Thursday. This is a valuable experience for them in how public examinations operate at the end of Year 11. It will soon come round for them! Year 11 will have their final week of normal lessons before beginning a timetable of GCSE examinations and revision classes on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. As this is a challenging period for them, we are marking this with a special Mass for Year 11 in the Arts Theatre on Friday morning.

### **LEGO Robotics Regional Competition**



7 of our Year 7's and 3 Year 8's headed off to Preston College on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May full of hope and excitement, ready to take part in the competition against 10 other schools. They have been working hard on using the Spike Prime Lego kits since September, learning how to code and build robots to complete a number of challenges. On the day they had to put their robot through its paces by completing 8 challenges, from a robot show dance, pollution clean-up task and collecting an engineer and eco

vehicle. The students also had to complete a speed robot challenge to travel a specific distance, stop and return to the start in the quickest time (they managed to come 2<sup>nd</sup> in this task).

They were also set an engineering design challenge which they then had to present to a panel of judges from industry. They delivered a great talk about their idea to help with the rising cost of electricity, which was to harness the electrons produced in soil! They delivered handouts, had a model and even did a role play in the middle! Another blind challenge on the day was for them to work as a team and solve a problem where judges watched how they interacted with and supported each other.

It was tense at the end of the day as they waited to hear the results of each category. They won the Presentation Award which was thoroughly deserved, with fantastic feedback from the judges. They also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall which secured them a place at the National Final in Birmingham in June.

A massive well done to the 10 who competed on the day (Amy B, John D, Florence T, Jessica S, Harrison R, Eoin W, Mia W, Roman L, Lily W, Joseph F) but also to the rest of the STEM Club, particularly Amarah O, Isabella W and Chloe T who also contributed to the preparation for the competition. Finally, a massive thank you also to our 2 STEM Ambassadors Steve

Cooper and Paul Taylor and to Mr Carr, Mr Jousiffe and Mr Gray who all have been contributing to STEM Club over the last few months.

Well done and congratulations!

### **Year 9 Hospitality Taster Day - Manchester College**

13 prospective Food Preparation & Nutrition students went to Manchester College, Harpurhey on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May to take part in a Hospitality Taster Day organised by The Chef's Forum. They were treated to live demos from local chefs (working for James Martin etc) making pasta, Masterchef finalists, seasonal fruit & vegetable talk by Roots and also a local rapper performed a couple of songs. Pupils were also able to taste a range of interesting foods from Goats Cheese and Onion Tart, Wild Garlic Gougere and a new meat free 'lamb kofta' that isn't even available in the shops. They came home with all the recipes and some goody bags and had a great time experiencing life in college.



### **Year 8 Girls Regional Handball**



Having progressed by winning the Lancashire round, the girls went on to the North West round of the competition. The girls took part in a hugely competitive tournament against seven other qualifying schools and showed great determination and character to eventually be crowned champions of the North West. Their efforts were characterised by two outstanding defensive efforts in the semi finals and the final, winning both 1-0.

This group will now go on to represent the North

West at the National Finals, an outstanding achievement. Good luck!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'C. Horrocks'.

Mr C Horrocks

Headteacher