

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

30 June 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

With all the lovely hot weather and the summer holidays approaching we have taken the opportunity to enjoy many extra-curricular activities and events during the last two weeks. Year 10 in particular have represented the school extremely well over the last week as they have completed their work experience in a wide variety of placements – some even overseas!

Many of our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed recent visits to France and Belgium, Cliffs Farm and Liverpool. These have been organised by staff to help enrich and develop the curriculum. A huge well done also to our sports teams and individuals. We have had success at many different levels and we were delighted that All Hallows has become District Athletics Champions. There were some amazing individual performances at Stanley Park but all year groups collectively contributed to the overall success.

To give parents some advanced notice for September, I would like to inform you that the school day will be lengthened by 10 minutes with an earlier start of 8:35am. The reason for this change was outlined in a previous correspondence and I hope that this will enhance the pastoral curriculum that can be delivered in school.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper
Headteacher



Past Pupil Sporting Success

CONGRATULATIONS

to our past pupil Isaac Delaney who has achieved a staggering milestone in his shot-putting career becoming an indoor and outdoor champion.

Isaac has also captained the England throws team at Loughbrough and has represented Team GB, winning at both events.

We wish you all the very best Isaac as you continue on such an amazing journey.



Lancashire Mind Workshop

Please follow the link if you would like to attend any of the workshops on offer by Lancashire Mind.

<https://lancashiremind.arlo.co/w/upcoming/>



STEM Club Quality Mark – Silver

We are very proud to announce that we have achieved the STEM Club Quality Mark Silver Award. This award is recognition of the exceptional provision the school offers to young people by enriching the STEM curriculum. The SCQM provides a framework for success assisting schools to identify and recognise the high calibre of extra-curricular provision provided by the school. STEM Clubs are a gateway to building enthusiasm for STEM subjects, increasing attainment and greater awareness of real-world context. Supportive of the Gatsby Careers Benchmarks 4 and 5, STEM clubs enable club leaders to encourage young people to develop their STEM career aspirations and careers capital. Supported by the Gatsby Foundation the STEM Clubs Quality Mark creates a solid foundation for the enhancement of STEM subject knowledge and practical application in a non-curricular setting. The SCQM endorses the embedding of careers awareness, enhanced STEM subject learning and promotes best practice and transferable skills amongst club leaders and young people.



"Growing together in the spirit of Christ's love"

History France and Belgium Trip

On Friday the 26th May 55 Year 9 and Year 10s travelled by coach to France and Belgium for the History Department WWI Battlefields Tour. Mr Jenkins started the tour in France, where the students explored the sights of Paris and were fortunate enough to spend a day at Disneyland. The third day of the tour saw students visit key battlegrounds, cemeteries and memorials connected to the battles of Arras and The Somme. A visit to the Wellington Tunnels provided extra insight into the role that the members of the Commonwealth played in Britain's victory over Germany in 1918. Day four saw the students travel to Belgium where they visited the museum of Passchendaele where they were able to explore a reconditioned trench system from the battle of Passchendaele. Later the group paid their respects at the German Langemark cemetery and British Tyne-cot memorial, laying wreaths for the fallen. The tour concluded with the students visiting the Menin Gate, where the party participated in the Last Post ceremony in the town of Ypres. This ceremony is performed every night in memory of those who lost their lives in the war. Lauren C (Y9) and Alexander B (Y10) laid a commemorative wreath at the gate during the performance of the Last Post. The students had a very busy tour but as ever their impeccable behaviour made for an enjoyable trip and a fantastic time was had by both staff and students; thank you Year 9 and 10.



District Athletics Championships

On Friday 16th June, the district athletics championships were held at Stanley Park, Blackpool. The sun was shining, and it was set to be a great sporting event for all involved. There are 11 South Ribble schools that entered teams into what has become one of the most prestigious competitions in the district. Over 500 athletes took part, displaying an exceptional amount of talent, in what was once again a fantastic meeting. We took 70 athletes from All Hallows who all produced excellent individual and team performances with several not only winning their events but breaking district records as well!

We also took some Year 10 Cambridge sports studies and GCSE PE pupils to help staff run the event and feedback from staff in other schools about these pupils was lovely to hear as they did a fantastic job in helping, leading or officiating when required. Thank you to those Year 10 pupils.

Congratulations!

to all the pupils who competed. The results speak for themselves and we are so proud of our pupils. Well done all!

Team results as follows:

Year 7

Girls - 2nd
Boys - 2nd
Overall - 1st

Year 8

Girls - 1st
Boys - 2nd
Overall - 1st

Year 9

Girls - 1st
Boys - 5th
Overall - 1st

All Hallows were crowned overall WINNERS for the 2023 South Ribble District Athletics Championships and Naomi S and Max R from Year 9 went up to collect the trophy on behalf of all the competitors!





A wonderful achievement for three of our Year 10 Students who were in the winning district team that won the Lancashire Schools District League.

Congratulations Aaron, Dan and Kamzi.



Further Maths – Year 11 Students

In January 2022 we launched Further Maths as an optional extra for our GCSE students. 11 pupils attended extra lessons every week and worked rigorously to achieve this incredible Level 2 Qualification. Working towards this extra qualification not only helped pupils prepare for Maths at A Level, but also significantly strengthened their understanding and application for their main GCSE in Mathematics. With this in mind, we made the decision to start Further Maths after school sessions from September 2022 for our current Year 11 cohort. Again, we were overwhelmed by the commitment and rigorous work ethic of all the students who signed up to the Further Maths programme. After months of extra sessions every Friday after school, our cohort of 17 Further Mathematicians sat their first exam on Thursday 8th June. On June 20th, whilst most of their peers were enjoying the start of their long Summer holiday, they all came into school for another revision. Pete Tiltman from LuSOM (Lancaster University School of Mathematics) very kindly offered his time to come in and work with the pupils, helping them with some key topics including factor theorem, binomial expansion and trigonometric equations (featured on the photo).

Many of our current Year 10 cohort have already shown a great interest in attending Further Maths sessions next year. These will officially begin in September 2023, however we are planning a few taster sessions before the Summer break to give pupils an insight into the content and challenge in store. With a 55% increase in numbers from our first year, we are excited to see the Further Maths programme at All Hallows' continue to flourish.

Thank you to Pete and Mrs Ormerod who have supported me in delivering this programme, and a huge well done to our Year 11s. We are all immensely proud of you and wish you great success in all your future pursuits in mathematics.

Mrs Walsh



Year 9 Girls Rounders

Congratulations

to the Year 9 Girls Rounders Team who were winners in the South Ribble District Tournament held at Priory on 19th June. The girls will now go onto represent South Ribble at the Lancashire School Games on the 4th July at Stanley Park in Blackpool. Well done girls and good luck!



Cliffs Farm – Rock & River



Over two days, our Year 7's had the wonderful opportunity to learn and explore the great outdoors with a trip to Cliffs Farm where they investigated the geography of a diversified farm. Whilst there, they were able to sample the activities provided by Rock and River, including lake activities and high ropes.

The weather was kind to us and fun was had by all.



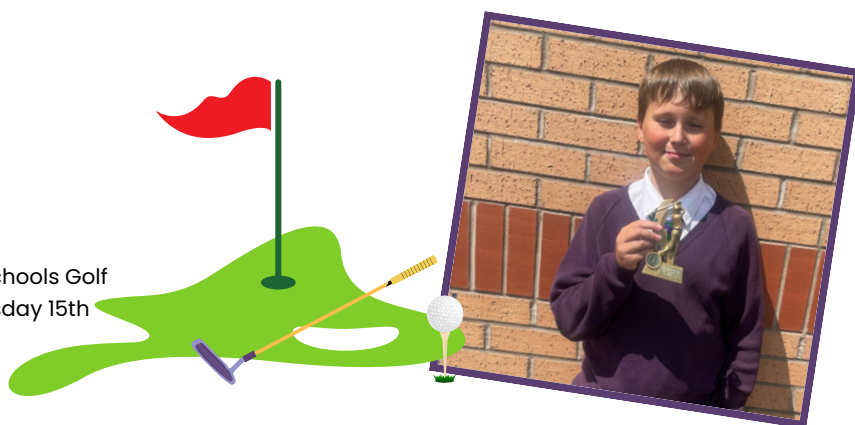
School Uniform Donations

The school will gratefully receive any uniform donations that you would like to pass on, namely ties. This will allow us to help our students and families. Thank you in advance and to all the families who have passed on donations.

Lancashire Schools Golf Competition

WELL DONE!

Isaac U in Year 10 who finished runner up in the Lancashire Schools Golf Competition for the Boys net score at Bury Golf Club on Thursday 15th June.



Science with Mr Ringrose

Following on from the animal care programme at Blackpool Zoo, Mr Ringrose's 7PG class spent a science lesson studying the Owl pellets that the pupils brought back after their final zoo visit. Owls, like many other birds, regurgitate pellets containing the undigested parts of their food. This includes plant matter, bones, fur, feathers, bills, claws and teeth.

Mr Ringrose said that he and the pupils were fascinated to discover what the owls had been eating. By gently dissecting the pellets, the pupils found mice skulls, tails and various small animal bones. Mr Ringrose said "It was really interesting, and the class loved it!"



Come on a reading adventure!



Readathon Charity

Last term KS3 worked hard to raise money for the Readathon Charity. Pupils took part in sponsored reads at home and in their Literacy Lessons to raise money for the incredible charity who raise money to provide books for children in hospitals. As a school, we raised over £2,200 in one week! Thank you for all of your support with this, we can't wait to run it again next year.

Miss Poston.



Year 8 Rounders

Well done to the Year 8 Girls Rounders team who were Winners in the South Ribble District Tournament at Priory on Tuesday 27th June. The girls were unbeaten and showed great teamwork in all their matches.

JOB WELL DONE!



Shakespeare Folio 400 Visit to Eton College



On Tuesday, 13th June, fourteen Year 10 students embarked on the long journey to Windsor to take part in Eton College's Shakespeare Folio 400 Event alongside three other visiting schools.

As the solo representatives from the north, we were travel-weary on one of the hottest days of the year, but we were welcomed with lunch in the oldest part of the college. After refueling, students attended a lecture by Professor Emma Smith, Professor of Shakespeare Studies at Hertford College, Oxford. Then it was time to visit the College Library, which contained the display of Eton's copy of Shakespeare's First Folio, which was completely open for us to peruse. Impressive enough on its own, we discovered on arrival that they actually have an original copy of all four of Shakespeare's folios: the third is actually the rarest, due to most unsold copies being lost in the Great Fire of London.

The students all gained some valuable context for their study of Shakespeare and there may even be one or two of the boys who will be tempted to apply for an Orwell Scholarship to attend Eton College for Sixth Form, which has been won by two of our boys in successive years prior to our trip.

If you are interested to learn more, Eton College have also posted an article about the event on their website. It can be found by clicking on the title of this article.

Reminder: ALS Open Event at Runshaw College

Runshaw College's Additional Learning Support and Foundation Learning team are having an Open Event at college to inform careers coordinators, parents and students of the support and Foundation Learning Courses offered at Runshaw.

The date is Monday 3rd July 3pm – 6pm at the Student Entrance, parking is available on car park B and C to avoid the buses.

The event is open to students, parents, careers coordinators and teachers.

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