All Hallows Catholic High School Newsletter 15 September 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Academic Year 2023 -2024!

I would like to give a very special welcome to our new Year 7 pupils and their families as they join us in their first year as members of our All Hallows Community. We hope that you enjoy your 5 year journey through our school and that we can work effectively together so that your children thrive and enjoy being part of our school. To existing parents I hope this year proves to be successful and that your children flourish as they are presented with the challenges of a new school year.

The children look extremely smart and their behaviour and conduct has been exemplary so far and for that I would like to thank parents who have ensured that we are able to set and maintain such high standards.

There have been a few changes this year and I hope you are aware that our shift to the digital platform Synergy is well underway. This is part of a whole school improvement which we plan to roll out over the next few years. Homework diaries have gone and now all assignments are being set online. You should have access to homework set as well as many other aspects of your child's education via the Parent Synergy app. Although there will be teething troubles we hope that home school communication will be easier and that information will be easier to access. In the longer term we are hoping to have a system where hand held digital devices become more widely used in school in line with modern and progressive teaching and learning platforms.

This week Mr McMullen and I began our annual visits to the primary schools to speak to Year 5 and 6 parents as they begin the process of visiting high schools and choosing the place for their child's continued education. We will be visiting St Teresa's on Tuesday, Our Lady and St. Gerard's on Thursday and St. Oswald's next Monday. Our Opening Evening for all Year 5 and 6 pupils interested in applying to All Hallows is on the 28th September. This is an event where families and prospective pupils can visit the school and get a real flavour of what we have to offer here at All Hallows. I will be delivering an address to parents and prospective pupils at 6.00pm and again at 7.30pm.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper **Headteacher**



PTFA Invite

An open invitation is extended to new parents who wish to join the PTFA, we meet once a month. Please register your interest via email at ptfa@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk

Start of Year Assembly

Last Friday we celebrated our Start of Year Assembly. It was a wonderful way to officially begin our year together. The theme of our assembly was Building the Kingdom, inviting us to pray about ways in which we are called to build the kingdom this year. Having listened to God's Word, we reflected on how we can use our TALENTS to SERVE others but also how important it is to come together to PRAY too. All important ways to build God's KINGDOM.

Thank you to all of our pupils involved in our assembly last Friday, especially to our Year 7 group who very bravely performed a gospel drama in front of the whole school in their first week at All Hallows.







At lunchtime on Monday we relaunched our Youth SVP group and it was wonderful to see so many pupils come along! If any pupils would like to be involved but missed Monday's meeting please speak to Kate or Mrs Colclough and we will tell you all you need to know, it's not to late to join!

Thank you to Catherine and Tim from our local parish SVP for coming to speak to our group and to give them their badges. We are excited to see how this group develops this year. Also a big thank you to Mrs Colclough and the group of staff who have volunteered to accompany our Youth SVP this year.



September Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event
20	Retreat Day 7B & 7C
CANCELLED	Newman subject information evening 4pm - 6:30pm
21	Retreat Day 7F & 7J
22	Retreat Day 7M & 7V
26	3D Printing workshop Y9
27	Geography visit to Calder River Y11
28	Open Evening. Doors open at 6pm

Tempest Photos - Year 11 & Year 7

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the **closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 24th September 2023**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit **www.tempest-orders.co.uk**

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Parking Reminder

It has been brought to our attention that our neighbouring residence have had their driveways obstructed in the mornings and afternoons. Please may we request road signs are observed when you are dropping of your child.



Notice of Appointments



A polite reminder to parents/carers. May we please request any evidence of appointments for your child to be passed on, so that we may log your child's absence accordingly. Without this, it may result in an unauthorised absence and the possibility of a lunch time detention.

Late Arrivals

Late arrivals without a valid reason may result in a lunch time detention, this is usually held in Room 31. Pupils will be notified by their Form Tutors if they are logged as late.

Student Property

May we kindly request that your child's property eg: clothing, water bottles etc are labelled or named. As this allows us to return said items to your child, in the event that it is lost.

Salford Quays GCSE Trip

60 GCSE Geography pupils went to Salford Quays for a day of fieldwork, collecting data for their investigation. Pupils were looking for evidence of regeneration of the Quay area through the use of bipolar surveys and environmental quality surveys. The weather held out and the pupils engaged well with the day. Some pupils were even lucky enough to be invited into the BBC news set whilst carrying out their survey work.



Senior Pupil Leadership Team

We would like to welcome and congratulate our Year 11 Senior Pupil Leadership Team of 2023–2024. Tasked with an extremely important role within our school, they will assist our staff within many different areas of school life, but more importantly to support, guide and inspire the pupils within our school. We wish them every success on their leadership journey.



