

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

29 September 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we held our Open Evening for all prospective new intake pupils for September 2024. It was a fantastic evening with many of our current students proudly representing our school either in departments or taking parents and families on school tours. A special thank you to our team of senior prefect pupils as they played a crucial part in the success of the evening.

The Languages Department has been celebrating the European Day of Languages this week and the newsletter contains several activities where students participated in language events. Mr Hennigan also led staff prayer this week with a lovely prayer in Italian.

Year 7 are now well settled and I could not be more impressed with how they have settled into All Hallows. They are fully immersing themselves in all the school has to offer. One young Year 7 girl told me this week that she was enjoying seven different clubs of which the Performing Arts club is her favourite. Mrs Colclough backed this up by reporting that there were 127 pupils at the practice for the show last Tuesday night!

We have also had record numbers of students joining our school St Vincent de Paul Society. There are lots of opportunities to get involved in charity work at All Hallows and next Friday will be our CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day. This will mean that there will be a limited menu offered in school and we are encouraged to support CAFOD with the money we save. On Sunday 1st October the SVP will hold their Festival Mass to celebrate the feast of St Vincent de Paul at St Mary Magdalen's at 11am. The national president of the SVP will be attending and our pupils will be singing, reading and participating in all aspects of the mass. Please come along to celebrate and support the event. There will be entertainment and tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

On Tuesday night we have our next PTFA meeting. If you would like to come and offer any help and support to events that they run please join us in school at 6pm.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper
Headteacher



MFL Runshaw Trip

As part of European Day of Languages celebrations, eight of our Year 11 MFL students were invited to Runshaw College on Wednesday 27th September. They took part in a variety of fun languages activities and got a chance to see what MFL is like at college. They had a very enjoyable time and as ever, the students were a credit to our school.

2023 British Aerobic Gymnastics Championships

Tia has just competed at the 2023 British Aerobic Gymnastics Championships in Telford. Once again she excelled and came away a British champion for the 3rd time .

She is now about to trial for the European championships which will be held in Turkey later this year .

good luck



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



Congratulations

to our Year 7 'golden ticket' winners who enjoyed a Roald Dahl themed party on Monday 18th September. Pupils were selected from each class based on the Wonka creations they had designed in their lessons. The English department look forward to hosting other events in the future.



SCHOOL SYNERGY

Synergy

At All Hallows we are now utilising the Synergy platform a little more extensively than we have done so in the past. For ease, the app can be downloaded or you may choose to use the desktop version. Moving forward, this will allow a streamlined gateway for parents/carers to get in touch with school. You will be able to inform us of your child's absence, get in touch with the Headteacher, or message a member of staff. Please allow a realistic response time for replies, namely teachers, as they may not see your messages instantly.

Pupils Cycling to and from School

While a majority of our pupils observe road rules as they cycle to and from school, it has come to our attention, not only by members of the public, but also by our own staff at All Hallows, of a minority students who continue to be disruptive on their bikes whether they are on the roads or waiting around Sainsburys. May we take this opportunity to remind pupils, parents and carers, while students are in their All Hallows uniform they are representing our school and their behaviour should reflect as though they are still in school. Please ride safely.



Cake Stall

Tuesday 26th September was European Day of Languages and at All Hallows we had a European-themed Bake Off. The entries were absolutely magnificent! Thank you to everybody who made and brought in a cake. The cakes were sold at breaktime and proved to be very popular – never has such a large amount of cake been eaten in such a short length of time! Over £100 was raised for Cafod so once again, merci beaucoup! Vive le gâteau!



Year 7 Animate Retreat Days

On the 20th/21st/22nd September Year 7 forms visited Animate Youth Ministries (the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Team) for their Year 7 retreat days. The theme of the retreat was 'Building the Kingdom of God', inviting them to think about ways in which they build God's kingdom in our school and wider community, and how their unique and individual gifts and talents all play a part in making our All Hallows community one where everyone can grow and flourish.

The day included lots of team work games which encouraged the pupils to get to know themselves and each other better as well as the members of staff who attended the day with them. And throughout the day they were encouraged to think of things they felt were important to do to build a community they were proud of, a community everyone would be happy in. These words included: kindness, welcoming, inclusive, listening to each other, supporting each other. Through another game they explored how one word (or person) was at the centre of all that we do as a community, God.

One Year 7 pupil said: "It was such a brilliant day. It was great to be able to have fun with our form group, make new friends and get to know our form tutor better. The games were great and helped me to see that I have a part to play in the All Hallows community."

The day concluded with a time of prayer, a chance to get to know God better and also a special Catholic called Blessed Carlo Acutis. A 15 year old Blessed of the Church who used his gift and passion for computers to speak to his friends about faith and belief in God.

We look forward to concluding the Year 7 induction programme by welcoming all of Year 7 and their families and friends into school for their Year 7 Mass of Welcome on Thursday 12th October at 7pm. More information about this celebration will be sent out to Year 7 parents next week.



Happy Feast day: Celebrating St Vincent de Paul

On Wednesday the Catholic Church celebrated the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. We gathered all of our Vincent form groups for a celebration liturgy, giving thanks for the life of St Vincent and the inspiration he gives to us to reach out in charity to others. Catherine Jones, a parishioner from St Teresa's and Mary Magdalene's, and also youth SVP coordinator for Liverpool and Lancaster Dioceses spoke to Vincent forms, about the legacy of St Vincent and the opportunity for young people like them to be involved in their work in the local community. We have 2 large and thriving SVP groups in school that visit local elderly people, provide food parcels for local families and raise funds for other local SVP initiatives. The SVP groups in school are always happy to welcome any pupil that would like to be involved and give their time.

We concluded our time of prayer together with the worship song Build your Kingdom which reminds us all that we have a responsibility to building God's kingdom here on earth. Making our world the best place it can be for all people.

We continue to pray in thanksgiving for the life and inspiration of St Vincent and hold in our prayers all those in our school and local parishes who are involved in the work of the SVP.



Happy Feast Day!

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