

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

13 October 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to give a special thank you this week to the Year 7 pupils and their parents and families who attended the Year 7 Mass of Welcome on Thursday night. It was a lovely celebration for the Year 7 pupils and I hope that, now the transition period is over, they, and their families really do feel part of the All Hallows community. We look forward to seeing you in school for many more events going forward.

As a school we have also been involved in many community events raising money for charity and enjoying time developing links with our local parishes. Many of our pupils are developing their personal faith whilst putting their faith into action for the benefit of others. As we head towards the season of Advent we will be working together to support many local good causes.

Tomorrow is Cardinal Newman College Open Day 10am-1pm and I would encourage all parents of Year 11 pupils and potentially Year 10 parents to try and visit the open days of the local colleges to help make decisions about the next steps in your child's education. This process can take a while and college applications need to be in around Christmas time for Year 11 pupils. We will be holding a fantastic Careers Fair with over 40 local employers, colleges and apprentice providers in school on the evening of the 22nd November and hopefully this will be well attended and our young people feel well supported in their decision making. Mrs Ayrton-Parker is our in school Careers advisor and is always available for help and advice. She can be accessed through Synergy.

This is the last newsletter before half term so I hope that the weather stays fine and you all enjoy the break.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper
Headteacher



Mobile Phones and Earbuds/Earphones

This is a reminder that mobile phones are not allowed in school. They must be switched off before pupils enter the site and must only be switched back on when students leave the site.

Students must not call or message their parents/carers from school on their own device. Any student who wishes to call home may do so via the school office. The wearing of earbuds or wireless headphones is not allowed anywhere on school premises. Students who break the rules will be sanctioned, at first, with a Friday Night Detention.

Reminders

- School closes at 3:05pm on Thursday 19th October for half term.
- School will be closed on Friday 20th October for Staff Inset Day.
- School re-opens on Monday 30th October at 08:30am.

South Ribble District - Lancashire's U14's

Congratulations!

to Conor in Year 9 who was one of 5 players within the South Ribble District to be selected to play football in the Lancashire U14s squad this season. A fantastic achievement!



Lost Property

We have acquired a fair amount of lost property that has not been named or claimed. This will be displayed down in the foyer near Reception.

May we request that your child's name is attached to any uniform items or belongings such as water bottles, PE bags etc.

Table Tennis Club

Great to see so many pupils from across all years taking part in Table Tennis at lunchtimes. The club is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday with everyone welcome. Just come along to play, have fun and make new friends!



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



School Run Drop Off/Pick Up

We politely ask parents and carers if you could please refrain from dropping your child off or picking up (during the morning and afternoon rush) in school grounds eg: nearing the turn circle or on the car park as this disrupts the flow of incoming or outgoing traffic from staff members and buses making their way into/out of school. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Up To Date Information

As a reminder, please may you update school on any changes to your child's records. This could be a house move, new contact phone number eg: change of work place, new mobile phone contract, adding on or removal of contacts etc. Please inform us of these changes using the Synergy portal and send it on to General Enquiries.



All Hallows' Year 9 Students Reach for the Stars in STEM Day

In a bid to inspire the next generation of engineers and innovators, 47 All Hallows' Year 9 students embarked up on an exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) day. The event was made possible by the collaborative efforts of Create Education, and the generous support of BAE Systems, Lancashire's biggest engineering employer. The focal point of the day was an introduction to industrial-standard Computer-Aided Design (CAD) software to create and 3D print rockets. Beyond the rocketry, the students received invaluable career advice and gained insights into the world of engineering.

During the day there was the opportunity for the students to learn how to use industrial-standard CAD software to design their own rockets. Under the guidance of experts from Create Education, students were able to conceptualise their rocket designs, manipulate dimensions, and visualize their creations in 3D. This hands-on experience not only ignited their imaginations but also provided them with a glimpse into the sophisticated tools used by professional engineers.

Once the CAD designs were complete, the students were shown how to bring their creations to life using 3D printing technology. The process of 3D printing gave the students an understanding of the connection between digital design and physical production. They learned the importance of precision and accuracy in engineering, as well as the potential of 3D printing in various industries.

All Hallows' recognises the importance of providing students with hands-on STEM experiences. STEM education plays a vital role in shaping the future workforce and fostering innovation. It equips students with essential skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork, which are highly sought after in various industries.

Throughout the day, students were also treated to a wealth of career advice and insights into the world of engineering. Representatives from Create Education shared their personal journeys and offered guidance on potential career paths in the field. The students had the chance to ask questions, seek advice, and gain a deeper understanding of the exciting possibilities that await them in STEM-related careers. A great day was had by all involved.



LUSoM Open Day 2023

Join us here at LUSoM on Saturday 14th October 2023 from 10am -12:30pm for our Open Day.

There will be a Headteacher's talk along with opportunities to tour the building.

You will be able to meet the team and chat to them about the curriculum, enrichment opportunities and general life at LUSoM!

Information regarding the Headteacher's talk and timings of the event will come this week.

Use the link below to secure your place:

<https://bit.ly/43GCXiz>





Synergy Reminder

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, message a member of staff as well as notifying us of any

appointments your child may have, as any lates without prior knowledge of any appointment may result in a late detention.

Please allow a realistic response time for replies, namely teachers, as they may not see your messages instantly. Your child's absence must be reported on a daily basis unless there has been an agreed arrangement with a member of staff.



Key-Connect

Peer Support Group For Parents and Carers of Autistic Young People

Do you care for an Autistic young person, with or without diagnosis or on the Pathway?

Our Peer support group may be of interest to you.

Key-Connect is an informal peer-support group in a relaxed, inclusive and confidential space.

Connect with other parents/carers with shared lived experiences, exchange practical advice, offer mutual support, and signposting.

The group will meet weekly on Tuesdays for 1.5hr / 12 weeks.



Who: Parents/Carers within Lancashire/South Ribble

Where: Wade Hall Family Centre, 73 Royal Ave, Leyland PR25 1BL

When: Starting Tuesday 24th October 2023 @12:30pm-2pm

For further information and to book a place please contact:
Niki (Group Facilitator) on 07580358080 / niki@keycharity.org.uk

Free to attend - Booking is Essential



Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you/ remind you that our school is participating in the Operation Encompass partnership scheme, between local school, academies, colleges, community health agencies, and Lancashire Police.

Operation Encompass was set up to provide early reporting to schools about any domestic abuse, Missing from Home or other incidents that occur outside of school hours to which a young person attending our school has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on their schooling the following day. This information will be shared throughout the year, including school holidays and the weekends.

Information will only be shared with the school by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved in an incident to which the police were called.

A nominated member of college staff, known as an Encompass Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. They will usually be school Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and/or deputy DSLs. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential, and will only share it on a need to know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

Operation Encompass was first introduced in Plymouth in February 2011, and has proved very effective in providing appropriate and timely support to young people affected by domestic abuse. This initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at www.operationencompass.org.

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Washington
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Manchester Jewish Museum Visit

We went on a Year 8 RE trip to the Manchester Jewish Museum. When we got there we were amazed at the look of the outside. It is a big building with the Star of David on the wall at the top. We were greeted by two guides who took us through the learning room and into the place of worship - the synagogue. The synagogue was originally used as a place of worship for the Jewish community, but when the community moved away it closed down and stopped being a working synagogue. It was in excellent condition considering its age and there were so many interesting and well-kept artefacts to see. We got to investigate the layout and the items in the synagogue before making some videos to explain our findings.

We spent some of the morning in the learning room looking at artefacts - some were over a hundred years old. We learnt about what Jewish males wear when they pray and got to handle the shofar horn that is blown in the synagogue in the lead up to, and on Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year). The museum part of the trip focused on Judaism in society today and we got to do a treasure hunt to find answers. There were stories and artefacts of people who had escaped the Holocaust and it was interesting to investigate individuals and what they had gone through.

The guides were very welcoming and kind and were more than happy to answer our questions. It was a very positive experience and we would recommend it as a day trip to anybody.

By Grace and Aliscia





PRESTON BASKETBALL CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED!

Girls Basketball Places Available
School Years 7-13

TUESDAY 6-7:30PM U14
TUESDAY 7:30-9PM U18

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.PRESTONBASKETBALL.COM

#WERREPRESTON

Girls Basketball

Preston Basketball Club have been into school to deliver a girls only basketball session after school for the last couple of days. The feedback that we have received has been positive.

"I just wanted to give some feedback, I had Danny give me a call after your session. He thoroughly enjoyed himself and nothing but positive things to say about the girls. 17 is AMAZING so great job on your part for getting so many down, thank you. He said they showed real promise and picked things up quickly."



PE Extra Curricular Timetable

The PE extra curricular timetable is in full swing with a variety of sports offered at lunch time and after school. The timetable is sent out to all parents and pupils weekly via Synergy as there may be some weekly changes depending on staffing and fixtures. The Year 10 boys have been enjoying basketball club with Mrs Preston on a Thursday lunch 12:35-1pm!

South Ribble District Netball League

The South Ribble District netball league is now underway with years 8, 9, 10 and 11 playing fixtures against Penwortham Girls and Walton le Dale. All of our teams are undefeated so far this year! Well done girls! Netball practice is on Mondays after school for all years!

Growing Together

Last Sunday, alongside two other All Hallows' alumnae, Mrs Walsh ran the Chester Marathon.

For anyone who has an interest in running, you will understand that this is quite a challenge, and Mrs Walsh has asked to make a special shoutout in this newsletter for her special cheerleaders from All Hallows. Alongside an abundance of good luck messages and prayers, Mrs Walsh was supported by numerous staff on the day. She wanted to share the following comment, "All Hallows is a very special community, in which everyone constantly goes above and beyond to support, encourage and congratulate one another. Seeing my wonderful friends and colleagues along the course gave me the energy and enthusiasm to keep going even when my legs didn't quite want to! Thank you!"



Year 7 & Year 8 Halloween Disco

MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER

6:00PM UNTIL 7:30PM

£3 A TICKET

TO BE HELD IN THE ARTS THEATRE
FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED

Tickets can be purchased via your Year 10 buddy





World Porridge Day

On Tuesday we celebrated World Porridge Day and our wonderful CAFOD club organised a porridge party to raise money for Mary's Meals. The pupils designed posters to advertise the event and thought about what toppings they could provide for people to choose from. The chocolate chips and maple syrup were a big hit!! Mary's Meal is a wonderful charity that provides a meal for children in some of the poorest communities around the world in their place of education. It costs just £19.15 to feed a child for a year and our pupils raised enough from their porridge sale to feed 3 children for a whole year.

To find out more about Mary's Meals please visit this link.

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Year 7 Mass of Welcome

On Thursday evening we celebrated our Year 7 Mass of Welcome with our new Year 7 pupils and their parents, carers and families. It was a wonderful event which brought to a close the induction programme for Year 7. The Mass was a true celebration of what it means to be part of the Catholic Community of All Hallows with our Year 7 pupils leading us beautifully in the readings and prayers and they raised the roof with their songs of praise and worship.

Thank you to all the families that came along for this celebration and thank you to Fr Michael (Parish Priest at St Oswald's, Longton), for coming to celebrate the Mass for us.

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Last week we gathered our Francis form groups together to celebrate their form saint, St Francis. During their celebration liturgy we reflected on and prayed about the beauty of creation and how lucky we are to have such a wonderful world. Inspired by the example of St Francis we reflected on how all of creation including ourselves can praise and honour God by being themselves, being who God created them to be. We also prayed for our world, praying for the inspiration to do all that we can to look after God's creation. Finally we had the privilege of welcoming Ged Edwards from CAFOD who talked to us about how the poorest communities in our world, and the ones that contribute to climate change the least, are the ones most affected by it. We heard about the work CAFOD do to raise awareness about climate change, how they encourage people to act, and to speak out about it, and how they work with the communities most affected to help them rebuild lives following natural disasters. Thank you to Ged for coming to speak to us and for all the work he and his team do at CAFOD. To find out more about the world of CAFOD you can visit their [website here](#).

It was a wonderful celebration of an inspirational saint and we wish all our Francis form groups a Happy Feast Day!



SVP Festival Mass

At All Hallows we have a flourishing SVP group who are working really hard to have a positive impact in the community. Last Sunday they were involved in the Festival Mass at St Mary Magdalen's where members of the society celebrated the work of the SVP and the Feast day of St Vincent de Paul. Afterwards many of the All Hallows SVP performed music and songs to entertain members of the community after mass. On the Tuesday night following this event a concert was held at St Teresa's Parish centre where the All Hallows Community Choir along with several other teachers, current and past pupils performed. It was a fantastic charity and community event where over £750 was raised for the SVP Society. This money will go towards a special Christmas Dinner which is being arranged in December to support the older, venerable or more isolated members of the community. A special thank you must go to Mrs Colclough who does so much work to co-ordinate these community and parish events. If anyone is interested in joining the All Hallows Community Choir it is open to anyone who enjoys singing, and rehearsals are in St Teresa's Parish Centre on a Tuesday night at 7.30pm.



Year 9 Online Health Questionnaire

Year 9 students will be involved in completing an online health questionnaire about their health. If you would like any further information in respect to this then please contact the school nursing team on 0300 247 0040