

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

15 December 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

With only one week left of the Autumn Term and as we approach Christmas, I reflect on what has been a really wonderful year at All Hallows. Back in February, we were again awarded our Outstanding grade by Ofsted and throughout the year we have seen continued success in all areas of school life.

Our examination results were a credit to our outgoing Year 11 pupils and we really made an impact in the community with our Faith in Action and SVP groups. Our Year 7 pupils have made such a wonderful start to their years at All Hallows and we can see there are some stars in the making.

In the New Year, we will be launching a new rewards scheme which will hopefully allow our young people to be praised more easily and frequently for the wonderful work and attitudes they show in school and we also hope to capture some parent views and opinions later in the year. I hope that you found the reports that were sent out last week helpful and informative and please feel free to contact us via the Synergy system if you have any issues or concerns. We also say goodbye to Mrs Bretherton, our Pastoral Support Assistant as she moves on to pastures new. We wish her all the best in her new role.

I would like to wish all our families and friends of the school a happy and peaceful Christmas. Enjoy time with each other at this very special time of year.

Happy Christmas

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper
Headteacher



England Rounders Talent Pathway



JOB WELL DONE!

to Brihde A and Amy D Year 10 who, following selection in the summer term, attended the England Rounders Talent Pathway coaching session in Burnley on Saturday! Roll on next summer and rounders again!

Reminders

- Thursday 21st is Christmas Jumper Day
- School closes at 1:30pm on Friday 22nd December for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.
- **School re-opens on Monday 08th January at 8:30am.**

Goodbye Mr McMullen!

Goodbye



This next week will be Mr McMullen's final week in school. He is leaving All Hallows to become the Deputy Director for Education in the Archdiocese of Liverpool and so although he will not be in school, he will remain connected to the education of young people in our diocese.

Mr McMullen has worked at All Hallows since 1999 and completed almost 25 years of service to the school as a Head of Religious Education, Faculty Leader and for over 12 years as the Deputy Head of the school.

He has worked tirelessly to enable many young people to thrive and has been a hugely valued member of the Senior Leadership Team under Mr Riding, Mr Horrocks and myself. Mr McMullen will always be remembered at All Hallows as someone who cared deeply about the spiritual and personal development of our pupils. In his time at the school, he has organised so many retreats to both Savio House and Castlerigg as well as ski trips, visits to Krakow in Poland and many other enrichment experiences which enrich the education of so many pupils.

He will be continuing his work with the Archdiocese in running the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes and one aspect of his new role will allow him to be more involved with chaplaincy across the whole diocese. We wish him well and the All Hallows community want to thank him sincerely for his service to our school for so many years.

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

Year 9 Trip to the Manchester Christmas Markets



On Monday 11th December, fifty-nine Year 9 students and eleven of their teachers went to the Christmas Markets in Manchester. We all had a great time visiting the different stalls and attractions. A great deal of festive food was consumed! We also bought presents for loved ones and even sang with a local choir in St Ann's Square.

I would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour and great attitude, and I would also like to thank their teachers for accompanying us and making the trip so fun. Joyeux Noël tout le monde! Mr Hennigan



Year 9 DTP/MEN Injections

Forms have been sent out with your child for the above injection. Please may these be completed (even if consent isn't given) and brought back into school for the 18th December. They are to be passed on to their Form Tutor or the General Office.



Up To Date Information

As a reminder, please update school on any changes to your child's records. This could be a house move, new contact phone number, new point of contact. If you can advise us of these changes using the Synergy portal and select General Enquiries.

Training for parents and carers of Children Looked-After (CLA), Previously Looked-After Children (PLAC) and Children with a Social Worker (CWSW) 2023/24

Funded places for 2-4-year-olds	Next Steps: Post-16 options	Personal education plans (PEPs)
Promoting the Achievement of PLAC in Education	School Readiness and Transition into Reception	The Power of Books -Encouraging and supporting Reading at Home
<i>The impact of Trauma on Sensory Processing</i>	<i>You and Your Young Person – Mental Health Workshop</i>	<i>Self-Harm – A Parenting Workshop</i>
Speech, Language and Communication	Understanding your child's behaviour through developmental stages	

We also have a range of e-learning courses if the following areas: (available on request)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Attachment and Loss -Managing Challenging behaviour -Mindfulness -Healing Environments -Children and young people who run away or go missing -Bereavement -Harmful Sexual Behaviours -Caring for a child who has been sexually abused 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The impact of trauma on sensory processing -The impact of parental mental health on parenting -Trauma and the impact on brain development -Healing Environments -Online safety and Cyberbullying -Pornography and the potential impact on young people -Social Media, Selfies and Sexting -Harmful Sexual Behaviours -Impulsive behaviours
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Visit: www.lancashire.gov.uk/virtualschool for further details on the courses and to book a place.

What is HAF?

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) scheme aims to provide healthy food and enriching activities for children aged 4 to 16 who are eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals, or other criteria detailed below. The national HAF scheme has been running in South Ribble since 2021 and is available in the Summer, Christmas and Easter holidays,

We deliver a programme of activities as part of the HAF scheme, through South Ribble Leisure Centres and our high quality providers. Activities change throughout the year, but often include swimming, gymnastics, tennis, boxing skills, arts and crafts, multi-sports, football, forest school, climbing wall and much more.

The HAF scheme:

- Is free of charge
- Offers fun activities and experiences
- Includes free food and refreshments
- **The latest you can book an activity is 48 hours before it starts.**

Is my child eligible?

Free School Meals

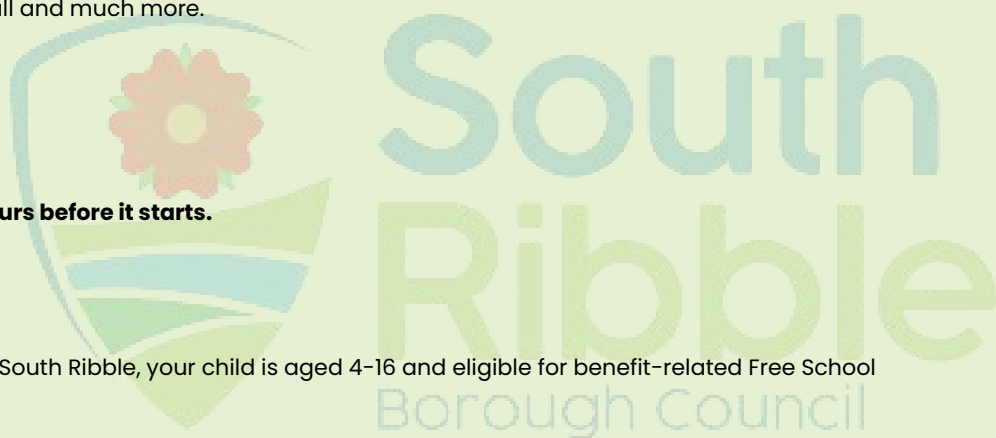
Your child is eligible if you live in the Borough of South Ribble, your child is aged 4-16 and eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals.

Other criteria

We are also able to offer a place to children who are not on free school meals, who as a result of other circumstances or vulnerabilities would still benefit from a free place. This could be:

- children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities
- children missing from education
- young carers
- those being supported on an early help plan
- looked-after children or previously looked after children
- children in transition phases between nursery and primary school or primary and secondary school
- children from low-income households not in receipt of Free School Meals

This list is not exhaustive, so if you think this may apply to you please contact haf@southribble.gov.uk



North West Regional Trampoline Competition

CONGRATULATIONS

Year 9-10 Girls Novice All Hallos	
Brihde	54.80
Haslingden A	26.70
Falkestone	26.40
King's, Maclefield A	26.10
All Hallos	25.93
King's, Maclefield A	24.89
King's, Maclefield A	24.95
Haslingden A	25.50
Haslingden A	23.42
King's, Maclefield B	23.15
Great Banky	23.15
Weatherhead A	24.73
Wimslow B	24.89
Weatherhead A	24.10
King's, Maclefield A	24.10
King's, Maclefield B	24.20
Wimslow B	24.20
Haslingden A	24.20
King's, Maclefield B	23.75
Wimslow B	23.25
Weatherhead A	

to Brihde in Year 10 who won her category at the North West Regional trampoline competition held at Robin Park and progresses onto the National Finals. Well done Brihde!

Chocolate or Biscuits Tubs/Tins

Mrs Caw would like any unwanted chocolate tubs (Celebration, Roses, Foxes, Quality Street) that you may have no need for. This will enable students to use these as food containers when they have forgotten to bring these in.



Lost Property

We have acquired a fair amount of lost property that has not been named or claimed. This will be displayed in the foyer near Reception. Any unclaimed items will be reused or disposed of in the new year.

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

With Thanks From The PTFA

The Friends of All Hallows PTFA would like to issue a big thank you to the following for their kind and generous donations for the Christmas Raffle: Sue for the Luxury Hamper, Robert Barry - St Michael's Airfield Microflight leisure flight, Hickory's Smokehouse, Tap & Vine, Salvatores, Mercer's Traditional Meats, Jessy Weave @ Blossom Hair, GM Studio, A Gift 4 U, Blundell's Hardware, Rachel Whittingham - Tropic Bundle, Janet Finn - After Dinner Drinks Hamper

We will announce how much was raised after the Christmas break.



Senior Citizens Christmas Party

On Wednesday 13th December we had the joy of welcoming parishioners from St Teresa's and Mary Magdalens, St Oswald's, and Our Lady and St Gerard's to our school for a Christmas party. Parishioners enjoyed a Christmas afternoon tea prepared by our wonderful catering team, entertainment from our Performing Arts department, a few games of Bingo, and a Christmas sing-a-long. A great time was had by all involved and our pupils are a credit to the school making sure everyone felt welcome and were well looked after. Everyone left with a small gift put together by our SVP and Faith in Action team and lots of left overs.

Thank you to everyone that came along and to all the staff and students who made this party a true celebration of Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next year!



FutureChef - Local Heat

On Wednesday 29th November Jacob and Keanan set off to Blackpool & Fylde College, armed with all of their knives, crockery, pans, ingredients - well basically, with everything but the kitchen sink! Their task was to create 2 portions of a main course of their choosing that cost less than £5 to create. Keanan made Katsu Chicken Curry with Lime and Coconut rice whilst Jacob cooked Sticky Salmon with a fresh herby cous cous salad. The boys worked incredibly hard, in an unusual kitchen whilst being scrutinised by chefs! Both boys can be extremely proud of their efforts. Sadly, they did not progress to the Regional final but we wish the winner all the best in the next round. Watch out for details about FutureChef Junior BakeOff coming soon!

CATHOLIC
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YOUTH

A group for all young people aged 11+ (Year 7+)

FREE PIZZA **MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

Have fun

Change the world

Join us
SUNDAY
14TH JAN
5PM-7PM
ST TERESA'S SCOUT HUT
PENWORTHAM

@CATHOLICLANCSYOUTH





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.

FutureChef Junior BakeOff - Years 7 & 8



Fancy showing off your culinary skills?? Take part in a national competition to create a winning savoury tart recipe. It must be a shortcrust pastry filled with whatever savoury topping you like. It can be shaped in a circle, square, oblong (anything) but must serve between 4-8 people. The focus should be on seasonal ingredients and minimising food waste. Think about using the whole of a product e.g. a vegetable tart, using carrot tops to make a pesto to drizzle over the top or even making a relish or chutney to go with it. Roast vegetables to play around with flavours or puree them and swirl into the filling. Last years winner created a Wild mushroom and lamb crumble tart so let your imagination run wild.

As part of your submission you must take photographs as you are making it as well as the final presentation picture. **Entries need to be sent to Mrs Caw by Monday 8th January.**

If anyone is interested in taking part please ask Mrs Caw for more details.

Y10 STEM Enrichment Morning

Our Year 10 students recently explored the world of STEM during our Enrichment Day in Technology. The morning was filled with innovation as students got stuck in to various projects such as electronic breadboarding, a sports equipment development challenge and TinkerCad Christmas table decorating. The OnShape games development session allowed them to have a go at game design, while the cardboard Christmas furniture modelling project saw them bringing festive cheer to life through a practical workshop activity. In textiles, students crafted beautiful Christmas cards, demonstrating their artistic flair.

It was great to see the enthusiasm and talent on display as our students embraced their challenge activities. These hands-on experiences not only enhance their academic knowledge but also foster skills crucial for their future careers. Well done Y10!

If you would like to see more about what goes on in the Technology dept then why not follow us on Instagram at allhallows_tech



All Hallows Christmas Concert 2023



Christmas Concert

We had a sold out show and a wonderful turn out from the community, students and staff alike. With performances entertaining our audience from our feeder primary schools, our own pupils, members of staff and community a huge thank you goes out to Mrs Colclough and her merry band of elves that have helped make this possible. All Hallows' annual Christmas Concert was a huge success.



Year 10 and Year 11 Girls Badminton

Well done to the Year 10 and 11 Girls Badminton Teams who were runners up and came third place in the South Ribble District Finals on Wednesday night.



Year 11 Leadership Day

Earlier this term our Year 11 Cambridge National Students planned and led sports coaching sessions for some of our feeder primary school pupils. In total, 60 pupils were invited from St Teresa's and St Oswald's to be coached by All Hallows pupils. The sessions were a huge success and both the primary school pupils and our PE cohort gained a tremendous amount from the day!

Year 8 Seven a Side Football



The Year 8 football team were in action again last week, competing in the District Tournament over at Priory. Some excellent performances throughout the night saw them go through the evening with 4 wins, 1 draw and only 1 loss, meaning they secured runners up position on the night!

Year 7 Five a Side District Football

The Year 7 boys played in the 5 a side competition held and hosted by All Hallows earlier this week and showed what a talented team they are. The football on display was outstanding and they progressed through the group stage to play Lostock Hall in the semi-final. A strong performance saw them through to the final, where they met an incredibly talented Priory team; full time ended with a 4-4 draw and it was decided by penalties, with Priory edging their way to victory with the final spot kick. Congratulations to the winners and our very own runners-up, who were incredible on the night.

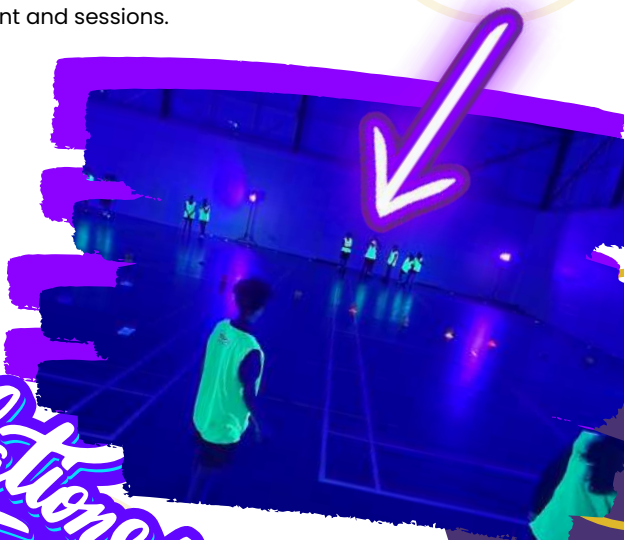


PE Enrichment

For the recent Enrichment Day, the PE department organised UV Dodgeball, which was really impressive to see. The glow in the dark session was a huge amount of fun for our pupils and they all really engaged with the activity. Thanks to Anthony Graham, the School Games Organiser for all his help in supplying and help set up the equipment and sessions.

Year 8 Inter Form Football

Congratulations to 8C who are the winners of the Year 8 Inter Form Football Competition. A fantastic night of football with all the forms represented, thanks to all the pupils and staff who supported it.



Congratulations!



SVP CHRISTMAS DINNER

