# All Hallows Catholic High School Newsletter 19 January 2024



#### Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! The celebration of the Epiphany greeted our return to school and provided a focus on the gifts of our young people. Central to the scenes of the nativity we reflect on the God given gifts and talents and look to grow together 'in the spirit of Christ's love', to become the people that we have been called to be with confidence and courage to make a difference to the community in which we belong.

As always, our young people have risen to the challenge and we applaud their successes and achievements. Firstly well done to all our Year 11 pupils who have had to face the challenge of mock exams this week. This comes on the back of the mock interviews last week where over 160 had a fantastic experience of a one to one interview with a local employer. Our Year 11 always make us proud but Miss Conlon has been particularly impressed with how well all the year group has responded to both these key events.

We have also had some fantastic sporting success and as you will see in the newsletter it is in many different areas of sport. You will also notice that due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to move the date of our show this year. The Performing Arts department are working very hard and the rehearsals are in full swing. The show will now take place the week of the 19th-22nd March.

The PTFA are very active and have outlined some key fund raising efforts. If you feel you can help please be in touch with Mr Adamson.

Today a group of year 8 left for their retreat to Castleriggand we wish them a wonderful visit. The lakes is to as a wonderful place to be and I'm sure there will be some beautiful scenes from all the recent snow and ice.

Can take the opportunity to signpost some key dates for January and safety reminders in regards to cyclists and cars dropping off in a morning and remind parents to not use the turning circle when dropping their child at school.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper Headteacher



#### Dates for January

15th >>> Year 11 Mock Exam fortnight begins
19th >>> Year 8 Castlerigg Retreat (For Forms Johh, Margaret and Vincent
20th
24th >>> Year 9 DTP Vaccinations
25th >>> Year 7 Parents Evening
29th >>> Year 9 Savio House Retreat Week

#### **U13 Girls Indoor Cricket**

Congratulations to the U13 Girls Indoor Cricket team who came runners up in the South Ribble District Tournament on Tuesday & progress to the U13s North Finals day on 27th February at Bolton Sports Arena. Player of the Tournament goes to Ava M who got a hattrick of wickets in one of our games! Thank you to Stuart Naden at Lancashire Cricket for organising.



#### **PTFA - Friends of All Hallows**

Friends of All Hallows - Penwortham are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-all-hallows/</u>

#### **Year 9 DTP Vaccinations Consent Forms**

A request has come from the healthcare team to remind parents/guardians to have the DTP vaccinations form filled and sent back to the school. If you could please have these done as soon as possible that would be appreciated, as the healthcare team will be at school on Wednesday 24th January 2024.

#### **Cycling to School**

A polite reminder for pupils cycling to and from school, may you please remind your child of the use of appropriate equipment eg: a front/rear light added to their bike or wearing of any reflective gear. We have had reports from members of the public of road safety not being adhered to alongside poor visibility.

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

#### Year 7 Netball vs Penwortham Girls

Well done to all three of the Year 7 Netball teams who played against Penwortham Girls on Wednesday 10th January. Each team played two games, with some wins and some losses. The girls all played extremely well and should all be proud of their performance. Penwortham Girls brought a very strong team, and we will be developing in training on our technique and tactics for the next time we play them in the tournament.



#### Year 7 Girls Football

The Year 7 girl's football team played against Hodgson in the quarter finals of the Lancashire Cup on Thursday 11th January. It was a close first half, matching Hodgson for every ball and after a great goal from Ellie B leaving the score at 1-1. The second half Hodgson came out stronger – winning 5-1, but the girls played extremely well with their heads held high and put in 100% effort. Players of the game were Kacey E-R and Olivia D S, who did not stop running and pressuring the opposition.



#### Year 7 Netball vs Walton Le Dale

Well done to the B and C team who played against Walton Le Dale A's on Monday 15th January. The B team played extremely well as a team, with much improvement winning 18-1. The C team played well, improving throughout but were unsuccessful against Walton Le Dales's A team. Special mention goes to Grace M and Ella F who played outstanding to receive players of the match.



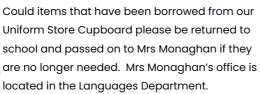
Football Boots Appeal The PE Department would greatly appreciate any donations of football boots.



### Year 10 Netball v Priory

Well done to our Year 10 Netball A and B teams who were both winners in their match against Priory A team on Tuesday night. The A team won 28-1 and B team won 18-4. A special mention to Brihde A and Sally F who were the Players of the match chosen by the opposition!

#### **Borrowed Uniform Items**

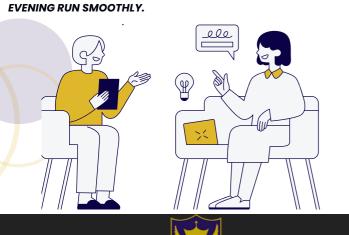


#### **Mock Interview Evening**

On Thursday 11th January 90% of our Year 11 pupils took part in our Mock Interview Evening. The purpose of the Evening is to give the pupils an opportunity to practise having a formal interview with experts in their chosen field.

The evening was a huge success with positive comments from both pupils and interviewers.

WELL DONE YEAR 11! YOU ARE A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL. THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEER INTERVIEWERS AND A BIG THANK YOU TO THE YEAR 10 PUPILS WHO HELPED THE



## **ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**



## The school production is fast approaching!

We are fast approaching the performances of this year's school production 'We Will Rock You'. Everyone involved both staff and students, are working hard in rehearsals and back stage to make sure that it is a success. The performances will be on the 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd March. Tickets will be on sale through school shortly. We know that this will be a popular event and ask that you book early to avoid disappointment.





#### **College Application**

YEAR 11 College applications need to be submitted by

20th January 2024

## Careers on Social Media

Please follow our social media channels on the following





Please note, the dates have change from what was originally scheduled on the School's Calendar

#### **Children and Family Wellbeing Service**

Please follow the link for more information







#### **Science Commendations**

Each month Mrs Cooper celebrates the work of a chosen group of pupils with the 'Headteachers Commendation Award'. They are selected for their excellent efforts and achievement in a specific subject area. As recognition for their hard work, they are presented with a certificate, receive positive reward points and join Mrs Cooper for a well-deserved 'Brunch at Break'.

In December, the following pupils received the award for Science:

Olivia P 7G1 outstanding effort, both in lessons and Science club Harry B 7G2 Continued high levels of effort and engagement and high standard of classwork

- Ava R Year 7
- Elsie M Year 8
- Ava M Year 8
- Annabel R Year 8
- Jaiden P Year 8
- William K Year 9

- Ruby D Year 9
- Dylan W Year 9
- Ryan L Year 10
- Lanika P Year 10
- Ruth W Year 11
- Ella J Year 11



## <u> Girls Into Engineering 2024 (Residential)</u>

If your budding engineer loves the idea of using science and maths to make a positive impact on the world, or if she's a natural problem-solver with a creative flair, then we have the perfect opportunity for her! Girls into Engineering, run by The Smallpeice Trust, invites 12 to 14-year-old female students (Years 8/9 or equivalent) to embark on an exciting journey at one of the UK's leading universities –

Loughborough University. Details are as follows:-

- 3 Aug 15 Aug 2024
- Start time: 10:00 hrs
- Finish time: 16:00 hrs

Funded places can be applied for and accessed if:

- Lives or raised in Local Authority care
- Eligible for Free Schools Meals (we will require evidence of eligibility)
- Is a Young Carer

If you meet the above criteria, please contact our event administration team on <u>info@smallpeicetrust.org.uk</u> to provide evidence of eligibility and tell them which course you would like to apply for a funded place on.

Please use the link for further information about this.

#### **Teen Strongman Competition**

Congratulations to Francisco who has competed in his first Teen Strongman Competition.

1st = axel press 75kg for reps (his body weight)

- 3rd = deadlift 170kg for reps
- 3rd = farmers walk 90kg in each hand 30m fastest time
- 3rd = sand bag loading 60kg, 70kg & 80kg fastest time
- 3rd = power stairs 70kg, 90kg & 110kg fastest time

Francisco finished overall in 3rd position and to end up on the podium on his very first competition is an amazing accomplishment. Francisco has qualified to the next round which will take place in summer 2024.



All Hallows Students Success At The South Ribble Rotary Club's Youth Speaks Public Speaking Competition In a thrilling display of teamwork and sportsmanship, All Hallows' Year 9 students showcased their talents in the recent Youth Speaks public speaking competition held by South Ribble Rotary Club in December. Two teams from All Hallows entered the competition. Team 1, consisted of Joseph Finn, Ruby Lupton, and Amy Baxter, who demonstrated a very persuasive argument on their enthralling topic on The Evolution of Education in Schools. Team 2, led by Edward Clitherow, Isabella Woodall, and Martha Birtell-Cullen, demonstrated commendable teamwork and their speech on The dangers of Fast Fashion was exceptional. The competition was fierce, with six schools competing for first and second place. The outcome of the competition is a testament to the hard work and dedication shown by our students. Although Balshaws claimed first place, All Hallows' Team 2 secured a well-deserved second place and Ruby Lupton from Team 1, won the prestigious Best Vote of Thanks Award for her individual role. Mrs Cairns, who supported the students in preparation for the competition, said she was, "incredibly proud of the hard work and commitment of the teams, their thought-provoking speeches show their growing maturity, incredible research skills and I'm grateful for their commitment." Congratulations to each team who took part in the competition, we are incredibly proud of you all.



#### Young Chef Schools Competition 2023/2024



The Young Chef Schools competition 2023/2024 in partnership with Nigel Haworth is back for Year 8 and Year 9 pupils.

The competition is great way to encourage young chefs to develop their culinary skills alongside industry experts and be in with the chance to win amazing prizes! The first stage application closes on Thursday 8th February. Teams of 2 needed so get your applications in soon. Please follow the link for more information or pop in to see Mrs Caw who will be in Room 39 during

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