

# All Hallows

## Catholic High School

# Newsletter

15 March 2024



### Dear Parents/Guardians,

There is a buzz around school with only a few days to go until we present our annual show 'We Will Rock You'. The whole school is excited to see the results of all the hard work of our staff and pupils in the Performing Arts department and we wish everybody all the best for the production next week. Tickets are still available from our website so please come along and support all our young people in what should be a wonderful experience.

This week we have had 9 priests visiting school enabling over 600 of our pupils to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our theme this week has been forgiveness and we are thank our local clergy for helping us prepare for Easter in this way. I would also like to encourage our families to join our school community on our Big Lenten Walk which takes place next Saturday. This event is usually well supported and this year our local primary schools will be joining us. Details are included in the newsletter.

We also had two significant events taking place in school last week. The staff and pupils were encouraged to mark World Book Day by dressing up and baking cakes. Some of the wonderful photographs are shown at the end of the newsletter. The other event was the Year 7 sleepover in school. This event was extremely popular and everyone had a great time whilst raising over £1000 for CAFOD, our Lenten charity. I'm not sure how much sleep some pupils managed to get and the staff must be thanked for allowing almost 130 pupils to take part.

I hope the weather improves this weekend and it begins to feel more springlike!

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper  
Headteacher



### Uniforms After Easter Break

Please note after our Easter break, blazers are optional and girls are required to wear knee high white socks, black tights are not permitted.

### Easter Term Break

28th  
March



School finishes at 1:30pm

15th  
April



School **re-opens** for the Summer Term at 08:30am.

### Year 11 Netball

Congratulations to the Year 11 Netball team who were runners up in the South Ribble District Tournament held at All Hallows on Tuesday 20th February. The girls all played well and were unlucky on the night not to be the overall winners, but we still have the league finals match. Wishing you all good luck!



### Year 8 HPV Vaccinations E-Consent Link Reminder

A polite reminder for parents/carers to have your consent or refusal passed on to the health care team. The link was sent to you via Synergy on 1st March will close at midnight on 15th March.



### Cycling to School

It has come to our attention again. A polite reminder for pupils cycling to and from school, 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/rules not being adhered to alongside poor visibility.



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



## Year 7 Rugby Union

Well done to the year 7 Rugby Team who put on an excellent display against Hutton in their first ever match as a team. The boys took the lead early on but unfortunately lost by a couple of tries in the end. Well done year 7, keep up the good work.



## Lunchtime Clubs Flying High

The lunchtime extra-curricular PE clubs are extremely popular at the minute, with pupils coming down to play sport from every year group.



## Year 7 & Year 8 Girls Indoor Athletics

Well done to our Year 7 & Year 8 girls indoor athletics teams who competed in the South Ribble District Competition on Monday 4th March. All 16 girls were outstanding. The Year 8 team finished in 3rd place overall whilst the Year 7 team finished in 1st place & go onto the Lancashire finals held in Stanley park on 20th March.



Well done

## Year 7 and 8 Indoor Athletics

Well done to the year 7 and 8 indoor athletics teams who both came 2nd in their respective competitions. Really good efforts from all involved. Well done!



## Year 9 Netball

Congratulations to the Year 9 Netball team who were undefeated in the South Ribble District Tournament held on Wednesday 6th March. The girls played really well as a team and were the overall winners for the third year running.



CONGRATULATIONS





# VEX 2024

## **All Hallows Fabulous Achievement at VEX IQ Robotics**

Nine talented students from All Hallows—six from Year 8 and three from Year 10— have had a brilliant robotics-based start to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) month. With success at VEX IQ which is the world's biggest schools-based robotics competition.

The VEX IQ competition is a rigorous contest that tests students on their ability to design, build, program, and control robots to complete a series of challenges. It is a true test of their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) skills, creativity, and teamwork.

Our students' hard work and dedication at STEM club throughout the year resulted in two teams building robots to complete a challenge called Full Volume.

The first test for the students and their robots was to take part in the Northwest heat. Students travelled to Alderley Edge Girls Grammar School to compete on Thursday, 8th February. Facing stiff competition from five other teams, some of which journeyed from as far away as London, our students rose to the challenge, showcasing their exceptional abilities in robotics. Their work paid off spectacularly as the All Hallows teams clinched both 1st and 2nd places, securing their spots at the National Finals in Telford. This was the first time All Hallows had qualified for the UK finals. It was a massive achievement.

Our teams then had 3 weeks to prepare to compete against the best in the UK for one of the two coveted spots at the World Championships in Texas, USA.

The UK Finals were based at the International Centre in Telford, where the 60 best robotics teams took part in over 200 robotics matches against one another using a mixture of coding and driving skills to score as many points as possible.

The competition was held over 2 days (Sun 3rd and Mon 4th March) which meant our All Hallows students had to contend with 5am starts, 8pm finishes and 8 hours of intense competition sandwiched between 2-hour drives to and from Telford.

As well as the competition, there were constant interviews and scrutiny from the scores of judges and engineers that had come from all over the world to assess the robots.

Matches were played in arenas with crowds of up to 600 watching; as well as being live streamed on the internet to the world.

Despite the highly pressurised situation, our All Hallows students did brilliantly in all of their matches. They worked well in their teams and spoke eloquently and knowledgeably to the judges during interviews. They used complex problem-solving skills under intense pressure to fix and improve their robots and code throughout the competition. Overall, they finished in 17th and 21st position which is a phenomenal achievement considering it was our first experience of National competition.

A huge congratulations to Will W, Edward W, Harrison R, Eoin W, Ethan C, Oliver B, Jack B, Matthew C and Henry B.

This achievement is not just a testament to their prowess in robotics but also highlights the importance of STEM education and careers. By engaging in such competitive events, students gain hands-on experience that not only bolsters their academic knowledge but also prepares them for future careers in these crucial fields.

Looking ahead, our teams will now prepare new robots for next season's events which start at the beginning of May 2024.

### **Can you help??**

Many of the top teams at the UK national championships had local sponsorship to allow them to purchase high quality sensors, components, parts, and accessories for their robots. If there are any local companies who would be interested in sponsoring our team, in exchange for their logo being printed on our hoodies and robots, we would love to hear from you! (djo@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk)





## Theatre Trip to Hamilton

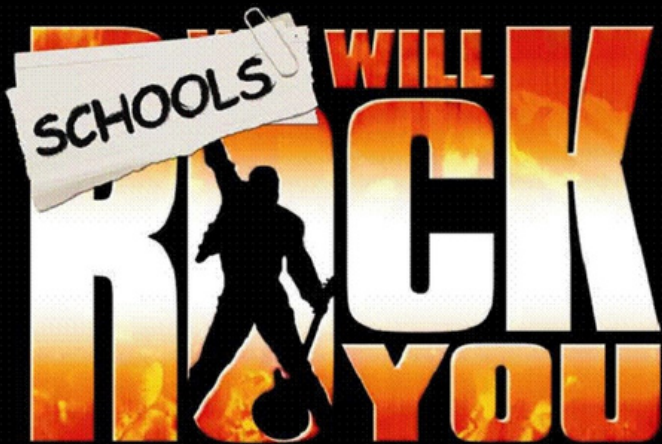


On Tuesday the 20th of February we drove down to the Palace Theatre, Manchester in anticipation, excited to see Broadway's smash hit musical Hamilton. The show is written by Lin Manuel Miranda and is based on the life of Alexander Hamilton and the founding fathers of America. The score blends a wide range of styles paired with the genius choreography of Andy Blankenbuehler, this whirlwind of a show is a must see. With best known songs Burn, You'll be back, and Alexander Hamilton the show covers everything from war, relationships to politics. This is one of the greatest musicals I have ever had the opportunity to see, and I would highly recommend seeing it if you get the chance.

Neeve T



ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



### WE WILL ROCK YOU School Edition

Music and Lyrics by Queen  
Story and Script by Ben Elton

Tuesday 19th March - Friday 22nd March @ 7.30pm

Tickets £10

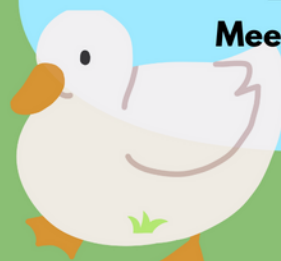
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"WE WILL ROCK YOU School Edition" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW),

[www.theatricalrights.co.uk](http://www.theatricalrights.co.uk)

**Celebrate National Social  
Prescriber Day  
Thursday 14th March, with  
Preston and South Ribble PCN.  
Come along to one of our activities.**

Join us for a walk around  
Brickcroft nature reserve for  
**'Lunch time Legs'**  
Meet at **12noon** outside the  
Visitor Centre.



**Adults**, come along to LSCft Wellness &  
Recovery Taster session **3:15-5pm**  
Priory Lane Community Centre  
Penwortham PR1 0AR booking essential  
via [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Children**, join Barnardos Lancashire Link  
separate Children's Activity session  
**3:15-5pm** Priory Lane Community Centre  
Penwortham PR1 0AR



**Preston & South Ribble  
Primary Care Network**  
Working together for our patients



**Believe in  
children  
Barnardo's**





# #LETGIRLSPLAY

## Let Girls Play

The PE department celebrated International Women's Day by participating in the #letgirlsplay football campaign at lunch and afterschool. Well done to all the girls who came to play – it was great to see lots of new faces enjoying football. Many thanks to the girls who took part in this.

## Year 8 District Netball

A big well done to the Year 8 girls who played in the District Netball Tournament on Monday 11th March. The girls played 9 games in total, against all the other schools in the district and won every single one. Player of the tournament goes to Darcie D. A massive improvement from last year. Congratulations girls!

★ Congratulations!

#LET  
GIRLS  
PLAY



## All Hallows Catholic High School

Took part in a record breaking Biggest Ever Football Session on 8th March 2024

AMAZING



DELIVERING EARLY HELP

LANCASHIRE  
**FAMILY  
HUBS**  
NETWORK

Children and Family  
**Wellbeing**  
Service



**SOUTH RIBBLE  
EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY  
AND FOOD PROGRAMME 2024**

**Ages 12-16years**

[www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk)

**Lancashire**  
County  
Council



**Thursday 4th April 5pm until 7:30pm  
@ West Paddock Family Hub**

Climbing wall  
Meal and drinks provided

**Friday 12th April 7pm until 9pm  
Youth BUS @ Bamber Bridge Leisure  
Centre**

Games, Arts & Crafts  
Meal and drinks provided

**Friday 12th April 7pm until 9pm  
@ West Paddock Family Hub**

Carnival games  
Meal and drinks provided

To enrol on any of these programs you must be  
on free school meals.

To request a booking form or ask any questions  
please contact:  
[chorleysouthribble.TYS@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:chorleysouthribble.TYS@lancashire.gov.uk)



Where's Mr Carr?,  
Oops we mean Wally!



"To Be Or Not To Be!"  
Asks Mrs Simms



Baked Harry  
Potter goodies  
brought in by  
James from  
Year 7

Olive of Year 7  
with a Roald  
Dahl classic in  
cake, James  
and the Giant  
Peach



Fae vibes  
from Mrs  
Gilbertson  
as  
Maleficent



Bake Sale at break  
time, however. It looks  
like Mr Henderson had  
his fair share.



AH's very own Tech  
Department's,  
Where's the tech  
teachers?



The English Department  
showcasing an eclectic  
selection of characters



Ella from Year  
7 with her  
amazing  
colourful  
book cake.

A spaghetti  
Western  
inspiration  
by Mrs  
Colclough



Willy  
Wonker,  
move  
over!  
There's a  
new kid in  
town



Captain  
Hook and  
Tinkerbell  
from our  
Geography  
Department



Mr  
Hennigan as  
La Chenille  
Qui Fait Des  
Trous



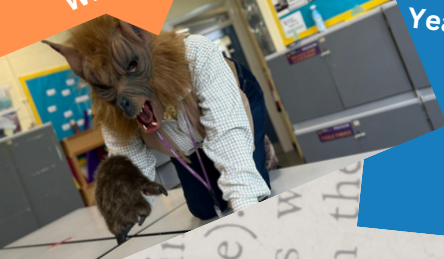
Our very  
own Mrs  
Trunchbull  
served up  
by Mrs Hall



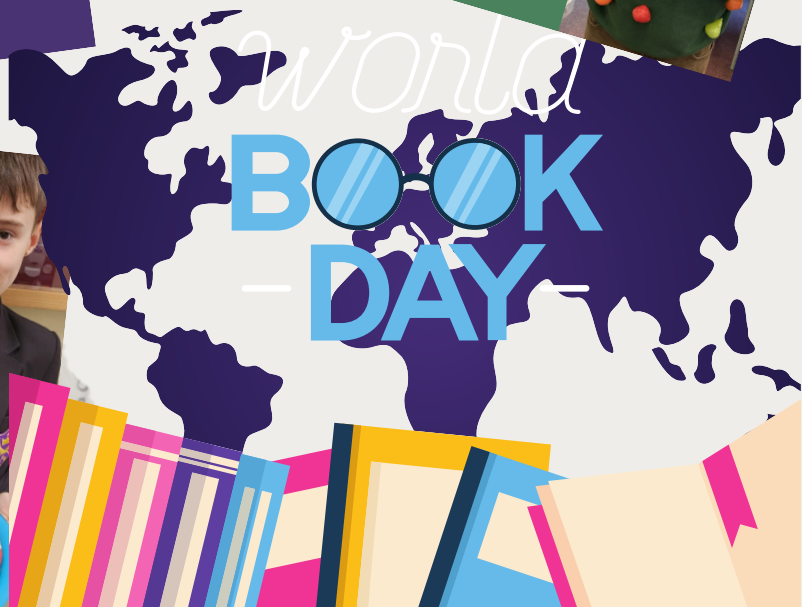
A fun day was had amongst  
staff, as pupils had their  
memories jogged from all  
these characters.



This member of staff  
got tongues wagging  
amongst the  
children.  
Who could it be?



No need to  
guess who  
gave  
inspiration to  
this cake by  
Thomas from  
Year 7





## Inter Counties Cross Country Championships

A special mention to our current and former pupils who all competed in the Inter Counties Cross Country Championships in Nottingham on Saturday representing Lancashire.

Y7 – Jack T & Ellie B

Y8– Sam B & Elsie M

Ex pupils – Dan S & Poppi W

Ellie and Jack were both running a year ahead of their age group with Ellie finishing in 1st place for the Lancashire U13 girls team and an impressive 29th out of over 300 runners.

## Under 16 Girls Football

On Tuesday this week the U16 Girls from Y10 & 11 travelled to Fleetwood Town FC training ground at Poolfoot Farm in Thornton to play Montgomery Academy in the Lancashire Schools Football Quarter Finals. The girls dominated from the start winning 12-1. The girls gave an impressive display of teamwork considering the girls haven't played together at 11 a side since October. 8 goals came from Eve, 3 from Anna & 1 from Amy. A strong midfield and solid defence with Olivia making some great saves to keep their score at 1 goal. Onto the semi finals we go!



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## Year 11 Prom Wear By St Catherine's

This year's Year 11 prom will be held on Thursday 20th June at Barton Manor Hotel, PR3 5AA. Details for the prom and other Year 11 celebrations are currently being finalised and more information will follow soon.

St Catherine's Hospice are running their annual 'pop up' prom shop this weekend on Saturday 16th– Sunday 17th March, with excellent quality dresses available at a range of price points. Full information is available at the following link:

[St Catherine's Prom Dress Pop-Up Shop](#)

