

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

20th June 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week, we said goodbye to our Year 11 pupils in a reflective Leavers' Assembly. They have worked incredibly hard in their exams, and we hope they can now enjoy a long and well-earned rest over the summer holidays. We look forward to seeing them again in August for results day. With college places and apprenticeships awaiting them in September, we wish them all the very best for the next stage of their lives.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Hodgson and her year team for their dedication and hard work supporting Year 11 over the past four years.

Next week, we hope everyone thoroughly enjoys prom night!

As is typical at this time of year, there are many sporting opportunities taking place. Numerous teams have achieved fantastic success, and individuals have excelled in both new and traditional sports. Enrichment trips are also underway, with many pupils enjoying learning experiences outdoors or in specialist and technical environments.

Please also note that we have two exciting evening events coming up in July. Tickets are now available for our Summer Performing Arts Concert, and we are also hosting our first Sports Awards Evening in several years. Both events will celebrate the amazing talent of our students, and we hope parents will feel as proud of their children's achievements as we do.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper

Headteacher



Staff Vacancies

We are seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to join our team. Please click on the link below to view our current vacancies.
<https://www.allhallows.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies/>

HUNT FOR SCHOOL MEMORABILIA FOR OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY



As we approach the end of this academic year and prepare for our 50th Anniversary 2025-26, we are assembling a treasure-trove of memories and would love your help!

If you have ANY MEMORABILIA —whether it is vintage photographs, old-style uniform pieces, programmes, leavers books, or other keepsakes from your time at the school—please share them with us. Simply email scans or photos to: nmc@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk

Alternatively, if you have any physical items to loan please drop them off to our school office and we will ensure they are tagged and get back to you.

Get rummaging for old memories and be part of commemorating five decades of All Hallows history!

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Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

This week Year 11 celebrated the end of their time here at All Hallows with a leavers' assembly. This followed on from leavers' Mass celebrated by Fr Ian, which marked the beginning of their exam period. Our Head Boy and Head Girl, Ryan and Rebecca, began the assembly by looking back over their time at All Hallows since September 2020. They made reference to the COVID restrictions the year group started high school with, being in 'bubbles', social distancing, split lunches, sanitising and wearing masks.

We looked back at Y11's involvement in Chaplaincy over the five years and talked about great memories on retreat at Lowe House in Year 7, Castlerigg in Year 8, Savio House in Year 9 and Castlerigg again in Year 10. We heard about the important role Y11 students have played in the Catholic life of the school, through being involved in the SVP and Faith in Action, collecting food for local homes and delivering it, and raising money for CAFOD and the Metanoia homeless project in Preston.

The sporting achievements of the year group were also highlighted, including memorable sports days, football tournaments in Year 9 and 10, winning netball and handball tournaments, along with successes in athletics at Stanley Park and UCLAN.

Success in STEM club, especially in the world of VEX Robotics was highlighted along with 3 of the year group who were part of the national STEM finals in Telford. Y11 pupils have visited schools across Lancashire to compete, share ideas and show off coding and engineering skills.

Trips abroad have been a real highlight and pupils talked about their memories of the New York & Washington Performing Arts and Science trip in 2023, the History trip to the battlefields in France and Belgium, and the West Coast of America trip in 2025.

Pupils looked back on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions throughout their time at school.

Y11 pupils also talked about their love of being involved in the Frozen and We Will Rock You musicals, with many Y11's playing lead roles, singing, dancing and working in technical support.

The assembly included performances from the Y11 rock band, and many of our Y11 singers, dancers and performers. Even the form tutors got on stage with tambourines and maracas to support Mrs Caw's appearance as a lead singer for the rock band!

It was a brilliant celebration which ended with a word of thanks and a presentation for Y11's wonderful Head of Year, Mrs Hodgson, who has guided the pupils with love and compassion through their All Hallows School careers to Grow Together in the Spirit of Christ's Love.

We ended with a prayerful reflection, using Matthew's Gospel to leave Year 11 with a final teaching: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Go forth into the world in peace, show love to everyone, love and serve the Lord'.



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All Hallows Girls Invited to Prestigious Women in Engineering Event

Two talented Year 8 students, Keira M and April H, represented All Hallows' at a prestigious Women in Engineering event held at BAE Systems last week, where they showcased their involvement in VEX Robotics and spoke directly with women engineers from across the country.

The event, part of BAE's celebration of female engineers, provided a rare and exciting platform for Keira and April to share their experience of designing, building, and programming robots for competitive challenges.

Both girls spoke with confidence and passion, impressing industry professionals with their technical knowledge, teamwork, and enthusiasm for engineering.

Keira and April were also given an insight into the revolutionary Factory of the Future. These cutting-edge environments are usually off-limits to visitors outside the defence sector and gave the girls a unique insight into advanced manufacturing, robotics, and aerospace technology at the highest level.

After the event they were invited to drop in to the Heritage Centre they became the first ever young people to receive a guided tour. Where incredible stories were shared about the people, places, products and companies who have formed part of BAE's history and contributed to their success over the years.

Support the Next Generation of Innovators Sponsor an All Hallows VEX Robot!

All Hallows STEM Club is seeking sponsors for the 2025/2026 VEX Robotics season. Each robot sponsorship costs £125 and will directly support the growing number of students taking part in this exciting, hands-on STEM initiative at All Hallows.

Due to the success and popularity of the VEX IQ Robotics Competition, our STEM Club (running on Monday evenings 3.05pm - 4.15pm) has grown rapidly in recent years – and this year we have seven robots needing sponsorship. That's seven teams of seven enthusiastic young engineers eager to design, build, and code their way through regional and national challenges.

We are appealing to local businesses and individuals who share our passion for science, technology, engineering, and maths. We need your help! This is a fantastic opportunity to invest in the future of innovation while supporting a thriving local school community. If you're not familiar with the VEX IQ program, take a look at this:

https://youtu.be/aa0B7kNHpg8?si=0-J_XzUsuLNxBg_E

Interested in sponsoring a robot?

Please contact Mr Jousiffe at:

✉ djo@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk

Together, we can help young minds push boundaries and build the future.



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On Friday 6th June, a group of Year 9 and 10 students made the trip down to Eton College for a day of enrichment activities and the opportunity to interact with the students at the college. The Year 9 group participated in a discussion group with their peers from Eton College, so they were highly anticipating the opportunity to finally meet. Throughout the day, we participated in workshops covering self-leadership, critical thinking and public speaking led by Eton staff. Both groups had the opportunity to have lunch with groups of students currently studying at Eton which, for Year 9, was a great chance to see faces in the flesh that they had previously only seen over Zoom. Finally, we got the chance to discuss future opportunities to gain full scholarships to Eton, and to meet up with William M and Joel H - two of our former students who are currently attending Eton on full scholarships. They day was a fulfilling and informative experience, which I am sure will inspire more than a few who attended to pursue a scholarship further.

Saturday 14th June was a significant day for our Head Boy from 2023, William, who rounded off his Sixth Form education at Eton by performing in Headmaster's Speeches at the Fourth Of June, Eton's annual celebration day. It is a unique privilege afforded to the top 20 boys at Eton, with records of Headmaster's Speeches stretching back to the 17th Century. Many notable Etonians have declaimed at Headmaster's Speeches, including Percy Bysshe Shelley in 1809, so Will is in fine company. Well done for a fantastic achievement, which stands testament to his exceptional efforts in his time at Eton.



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Year 10 Football Team Crowned South Ribble League Champions!

We are thrilled to share the fantastic news that our Year 10 Football Team have been crowned South Ribble League Champions, following an emphatic 7-2 victory over Priory in their final match of the season.

The team put on a dominant and confident display, showcasing their skill, teamwork, and determination from the first whistle to the last. Tom A was in sensational form, netting an astonishing six goals, with Tom C also getting on the scoresheet to complete the win.

This result caps off what has been a truly outstanding season for the team. Their consistent effort, discipline in training, and unity on the pitch have been key to their success. Every player has played an important role throughout the campaign, and this well-deserved league title is a testament to their commitment and hard work.

Beyond the goals and results, what really stands out is the team's sportsmanship, positive attitude, and the way they have represented the school with pride and maturity at every fixture.

A huge well done to all the players and coaching staff for an unforgettable season—you have made the whole school community proud. We look forward to seeing what this talented group can achieve next!



Proud Moments on the Pitch: Year 7 Cricket Team Competes in Lancashire Plate

Well done to our Year 7 boys who represented the school in the Lancashire Plate Cricket Cup!

Although the result didn't go our way this time, the team put in a fantastic performance, showing great effort, enthusiasm, and teamwork throughout the match. What made this match even more impressive was the fact that, for several of the boys, it was their first-ever competitive cricket game—a huge milestone and a brilliant learning experience. Despite the challenge, they rose to the occasion and played with real heart and spirit.

A special shoutout goes to Haris R, Malakai A, and Harry C, who were named joint Players of the Match for their outstanding contributions on the field. Well done, boys—your hard work and commitment really stood out!

We look forward to seeing how this talented group continues to grow and develop in future matches. Keep up the great work!



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Exciting Cricket Success at Hutton Competition!

What an exciting day for cricket! A big thank you to Hutton for hosting the hard ball cricket competition between three teams. The boys played exceptionally well and finished in 2nd place overall.

Congratulations to Finley Tate and Zac Spencer Gore for being named Batter of the Day, and to Louis McIntyre for earning Bowler of the Day.

Well done to all the players involved for their fantastic effort and sportsmanship!



Celebrating Our Athletes: Success at the Lancashire Schools AA Championship!

Congratulations to all the All Hallows pupils who competed in the Lancashire Schools AA Championship at Stanley Park, Blackpool, representing Team South Ribble! We are incredibly proud of their fantastic performances:

Ethan S. finished 3rd in the Inter Boys 100m

Tom W. secured 3rd place in the Junior Boys 300m

Jack T. achieved 2nd place in the Junior Boys 800m

Sam B. came 3rd in the Junior Boys 1500m

Eva W. took 1st place in the Inter Girls 300m

Imogen K. finished 2nd in the Junior Girls 300m

Eva S. placed 5th in the Junior Girls 300m

Millie W. finished 6th in the Junior Girls 800m

Ellie B. secured 2nd place in the Junior Girls 1500m

Elsie Mc. finished 4th in the Junior Girls 1500m

Akein F. achieved 2nd place in the Senior Boys Javelin

Isla B. took 2nd place in the Inter Girls Long Jump

Kiana T. finished 3rd in the Junior Girls Hammer Throw

Well done to all our athletes for their hard work and excellent performances! We are proud of your achievements and look forward to seeing you continue to excel in future competitions.

Proud Moment for Our Tennis Team: Regional Finals Ahead

Congratulations to our Girls under 13s tennis team for their outstanding performance at Kirkham Grammar on Wednesday! They played with incredible skill, teamwork, and determination, which truly paid off and made us all very proud. Their hard work, dedication, and positive attitude throughout the competition have earned them a well-deserved place in the regional finals in Hull this September. This achievement is a testament to their commitment, practice, and sportsmanship, and it highlights what can be accomplished through teamwork and perseverance. We are thrilled to see them succeed and are excited to support them as they prepare for the next stage of the competition. Their success is an inspiration to everyone, and we have no doubt they will continue to do their best in the upcoming finals. Well done, girls – keep up the fantastic work, and remember that we're all cheering you on every step of the way!

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Year 8 Boys Reach District Football Final

Congratulations to our talented Year 8 boys—Josh P, Lewis W, Spencer Mc, and Finley M—on their selection for the South Ribble District team!

This is an incredible achievement that reflects their dedication and talent. The team has had an impressive first season together, finishing second in the league—an outstanding result for their debut campaign. They also secured a remarkable 3-0 victory over a strong Blackburn District team in the semi-final of the League Cup, showcasing their teamwork and determination.

We wish our players the very best of luck moving forward. Well done to all involved—your hard work and sportsmanship make us proud!

Celebrating Sebastian's Outstanding Performance at the Stonyhurst Aquathlon

Congratulations to Sebastian B from Year 8 for his outstanding performance at the Stonyhurst Aquathlon this weekend! Despite facing challenging weather conditions that tested the limits of all participants, Sebastian demonstrated exceptional resilience and determination throughout the event. His swimming was truly impressive—showcasing strength, technique, and confidence in the water.

During the run, his grit and perseverance shone through as he pushed himself to give his best, never giving up even when the weather made things more difficult. His positive attitude and unwavering focus contributed to a fantastic overall performance, once again highlighting what a dedicated and talented athlete he is.

Sebastian's achievement is a testament to his hard work, commitment, and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of him and look forward to seeing even more great things from him in the future. What a superstar!



Imogen K Shines at Northern Championships

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Year 9 student Imogen K, who claimed victory in the Under-15 Girls 300m at the Northern Championships in Liverpool.

Competing against some of the region's top young athletes – and battling through challenging windy conditions – Imogen delivered an exceptional performance that secured her yet another title in what has already been a remarkable year of sporting success.

Her win is a true reflection of the determination, focus, and resilience she demonstrates both on and off the track. Imogen's commitment to her training, alongside her strong work ethic in school, sets a fantastic example for her peers and makes this achievement all the more well-deserved.

We are incredibly proud of Imogen and look forward to following her continued success in athletics. Congratulations on this superb accomplishment!



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Summer Concert



**ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND
DANCE**

Tuesday 1st July @ 7.30PM

All Tickets £5

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EZBE>





Information for pre-loved uniform



This year the students alongside Faith in Action have decided to launch a Pop-Up Uniform shop. This initiative will provide the opportunity for old uniforms to find a new home as part of our recycling efforts.

Please donate any uniform by bringing it into Form where it will be collected by a member of the Cafod team.

Alternatively mark it for the attention of Mrs H Ames and drop it off at the school office or in the drop off box at the front gate.

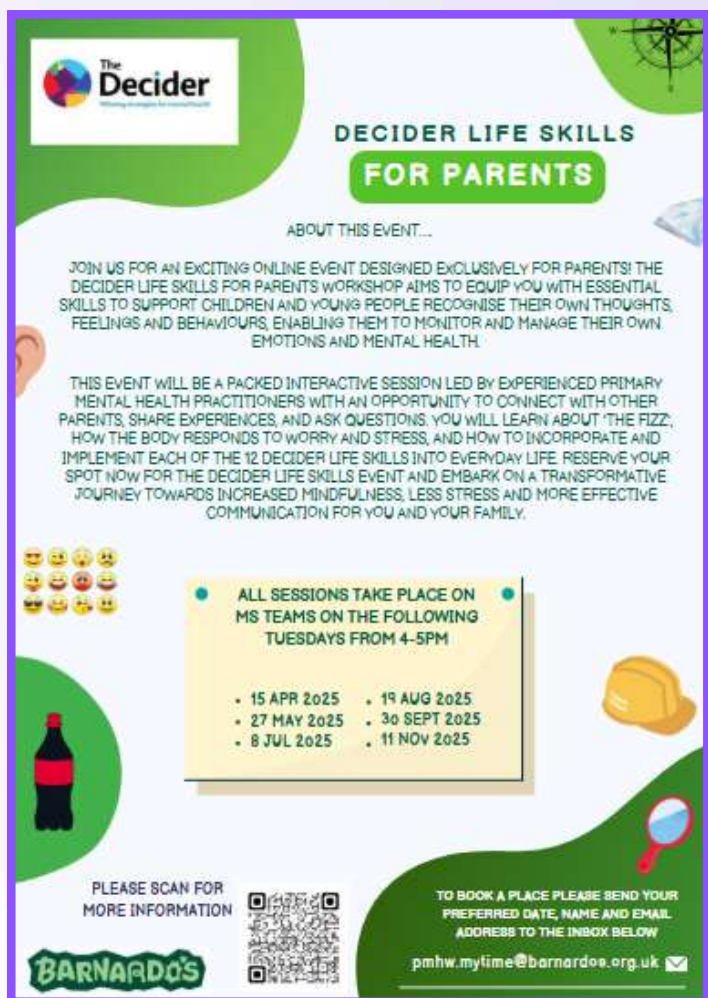
If you would like to contact school to request some items of uniform subject to small donation , please email

preloved@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk



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Reminder: **Please Use the Forgotten Items Box**

We'd like to kindly remind all parents and carers about the Forgotten Items Box that has been placed outside the main school entrance.

This system was introduced to reduce classroom disruptions and allow our office staff to manage their workload more effectively. Despite this, we have noticed an increasing number of parents continuing to press the office buzzer to drop off items, which makes it difficult for staff to carry out their responsibilities throughout the day.

We ask that all forgotten items (e.g. PE kits, books, lunchboxes) be clearly labelled and placed in the box. The box is checked regularly—at 8:55 am, break time, lunchtime, and 3:05 pm—and items are delivered promptly to students.

Please support us in making this system work by using the box rather than pressing the buzzer, unless it is a genuine emergency.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated—thank you for helping us minimise interruptions to the school day and keep things running smoothly.

Mary's Meals Picnic Walk.

Mary's Meals Walk will take place tomorrow, Saturday 21st June, departing from St Mary Magdalen's Church at 11:30 am. The charity helps to feed hungry children in various parts of the world. Last year, the walk raised over £800. Everyone is welcome to join and support this important cause. Please pack a picnic, consider making a donation, and enjoy a walk along traffic-free paths to Avenham Park.

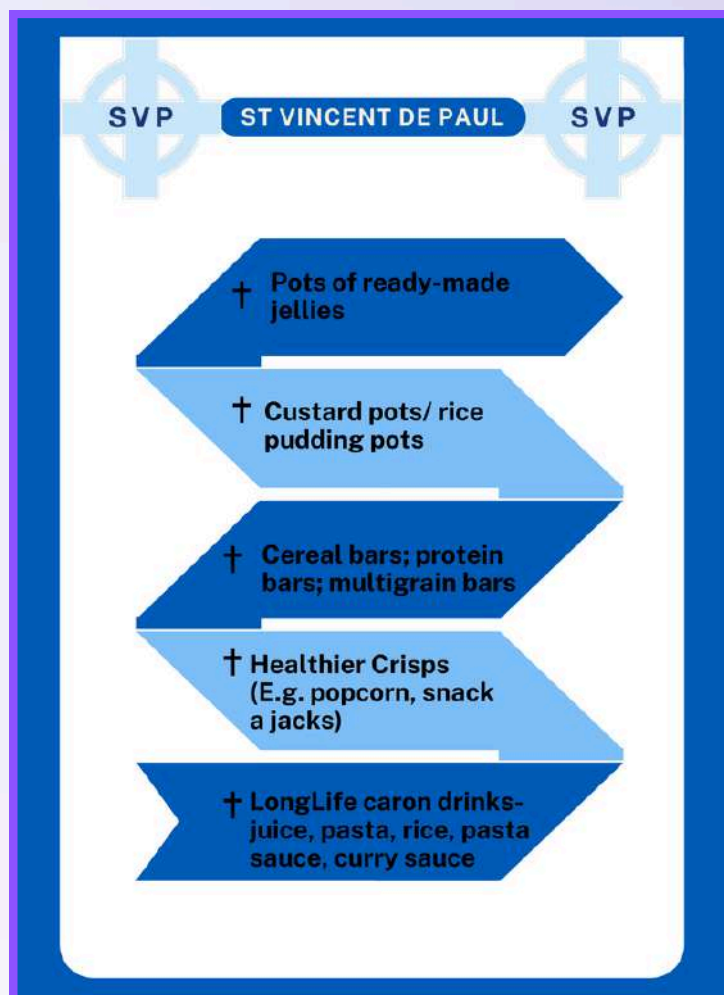
Saint Vincent de Paul Society – Ongoing Food Bank Support

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is a Catholic-based, international organisation dedicated to supporting those in need through acts of kindness, compassion, and service. Here at school, our SVP student volunteers have been working hard to support our ongoing food bank initiative, which continues to provide essential supplies to families within our community. As the need for support remains, we would like to re-promote our food bank collection and encourage continued donations of non-perishable food items. These contributions make a real difference in the lives of those facing hardship and help ensure that no one in our school community goes without. Please see the poster below for suggested items.

Whether it's a tin of soup, a box of cereal, or a bag of pasta, every donation counts. Your generosity enables our students to live out the values of compassion and charity that lie at the heart of our Catholic ethos.

We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support and proud of our SVP group for their continued commitment to making a positive impact.

Thank you for your kindness and for standing with us in helping those who need it most.



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Keeping Attendance Strong as Summer Approaches!

As we head into the final weeks before the summer holidays, we want to remind everyone how important regular school attendance remains right up until the very last day. Every day counts when it comes to your child's learning, growth, and success! Consistent attendance helps ensure that students don't miss valuable lessons, activities, and important end-of-year assessments. It also builds good habits that prepare children for future school years and beyond.

We understand that the warm weather and excitement for summer can sometimes make it tempting to take extra days off, but we encourage you to keep your child engaged and present every school day. If your child is feeling unwell, please do follow health guidance, but if they are able to attend, their presence is invaluable.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us finish the school year strong. Together, let's make sure every student has the best possible ending to their school year and a smooth transition into summer.

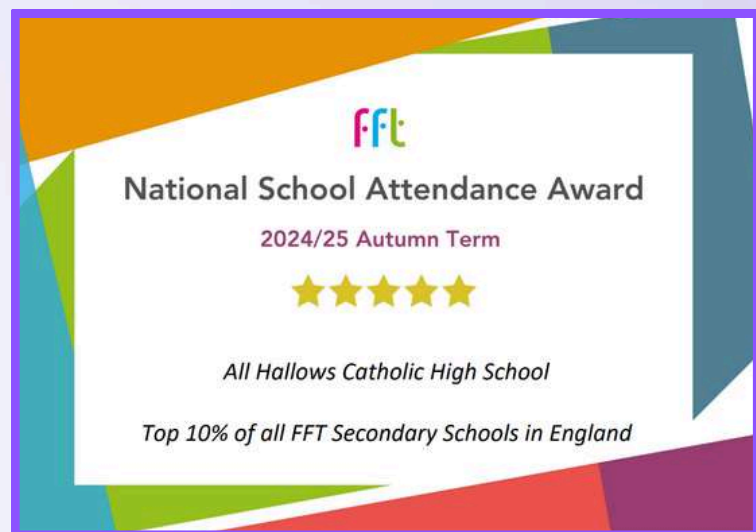
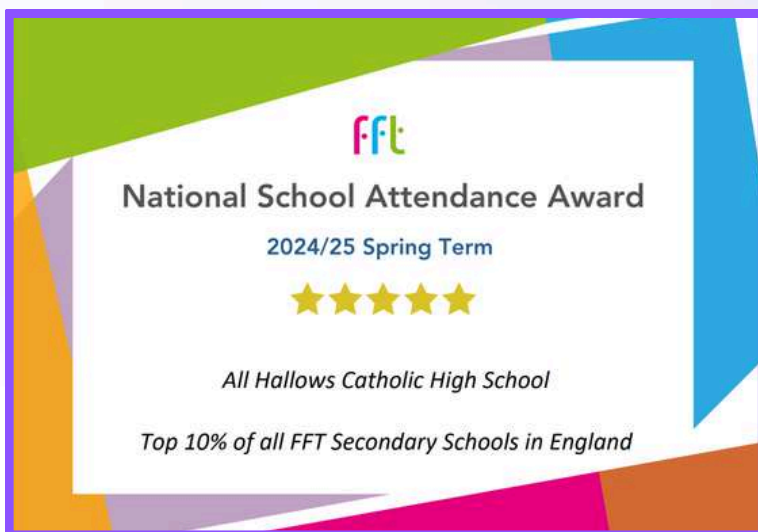
PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE UPDATED NATIONAL CHANGE TO PENALTY NOTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE. THIS APPLIES FROM AUGUST 2024.

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.
- Pupils who are late after 9.00am will receive a 'U' code which is classed as an unauthorised absence. Lates are classed as unauthorised absences and will count towards the fines.



Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning
This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

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