

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

6th June 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach Pentecost, our assembly this week has been focussed on the Holy Spirit and the need for young people, more than ever, to have the courage and right judgement to make a positive impact in society. There are so many examples of this in our school and this was evident in the work of our Faith in Action students as well as with many Year 10s during their work experience week. Thank you to parents who supported their children in finding some wonderful placements and we have had some wonderful messages from local employees expressing how impressed they have been with our students.

As always there are many enrichment activities taking place at the moment as so many school memories are made when pupils enjoy their learning outdoors and with their peers in interesting locations. Particularly thanks must go to the Modern Foreign Languages team who ensured that our Year 7 pupils had a weekend full of particularly exciting opportunities on their recent visit to France.

As we approach the end of the year we begin to look ahead to September. This will mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of our school and we hope to shortly be announcing numerous events and opportunities to celebrate the event. Our new logo will be very visible next year and I would like to invite all present and past teachers, staff and parents to join our new social media sites to you are up to date with all our plans.



. Instagram: **allhallowsis50**
. Twitter: **AllHallowsis50**
. Facebook: **AllHallowsis50**

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/>

Faith in Action Awards

This week, pupils from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been preparing their final projects for their Faith in Action awards. Pupils are either aiming for their Bronze, Silver or Gold awards. Their final project evidences their spiritual journey during the award and how they have engaged with the Catholic life of the school and their parish, through servant leadership and love of neighbour.

For the Gold award, which several Year 9 and 10 pupils are working towards, they have to show an ongoing commitment to active service, outreach and missionary work on behalf of the Church community. This could involve taking a leadership role or organising a charity fundraiser. One of our pupils, Phoebe, has set up a school uniform bank for families to access and swap unused school uniforms.

The Silver award, which several Year 8 and 9 pupils are working towards, recognises and encourages a maturity of faith which is expressed in terms of leadership and initiative. Pupils show evidence of playing an active role in the Catholic life of the community, but also taking the lead. One of our pupils, Skyla, is taking a lead in encouraging the school community to 'Live Simply' by designing classroom signs to care for the environment.

The Bronze award, which several of our Y7 pupils are working towards, recognises those who regularly show service to others, by playing a role in school and parish events, such as taking part in Mass, and contributing to the SVP group and CAFOD club.

The award helps participants understand how faith binds people together so that they all belong to the Church community. It encourages young people to think about how they use their gifts and talents in response to their God-given vocation. It also rewards a maturity of faith which leads to innovation and leadership within the Catholic community.

Once final projects have been completed, pupils will receive their Faith in Action badges and certificates at the end of June at an Archdiocesan ceremony at Lowe House, St Helens.



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Work Experience Week: **180 Pupils Gain Hands-On Experience Across a Wide Range of Industries**

Before half term, 180 pupils took part in a week-long work experience program, immersing themselves in a broad spectrum of career fields. Placements included education, engineering, retail, construction, hospitality, health, law, manufacturing, the film industry, leisure, beauty, police headquarters, and architecture, giving students a well-rounded taste of the professional world.

Whether supporting teachers in classrooms or assisting healthcare professionals, pupils explored rewarding roles in education and health. Engineering and manufacturing placements challenged students with technical tasks and innovation, while construction and architecture opportunities highlighted the creativity involved in designing and building spaces.

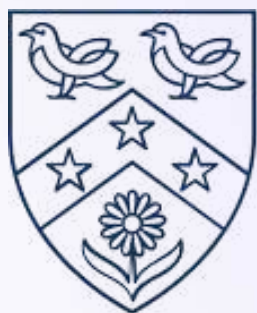
In retail, hospitality, leisure, and beauty sectors, pupils developed strong customer service, communication, and teamwork skills, working in dynamic, fast-paced environments. Those in the film industry gained valuable insight into production processes, creative teamwork, and media technology. Law placements introduced pupils to the legal system through research and observation, while placements at police headquarters provided a close-up look at community safety and law enforcement operations.

The diverse range of placements allowed pupils to discover new passions and develop important skills such as time management, problem-solving, and professionalism. Their enthusiasm and dedication impressed employers across all sectors.

We thank all the local businesses and organizations who hosted our pupils and contributed to making this week a valuable and inspiring experience. This work experience program has been an important step in helping students explore potential career paths and build confidence for their futures.

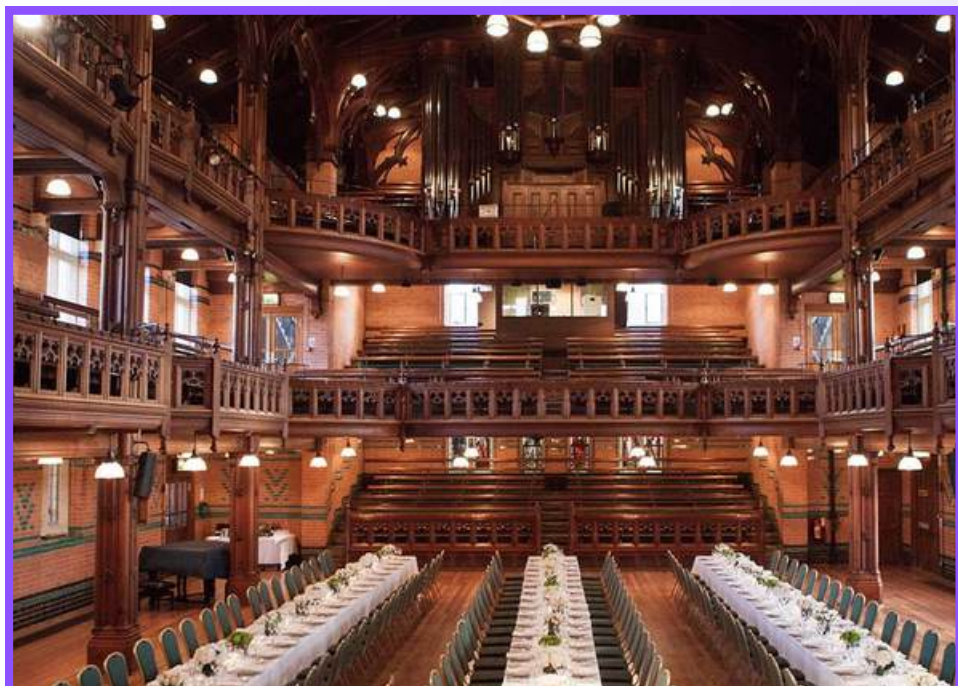


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CHEL TENHAM LADIES' COLLEGE

On Friday 16th May, a group of 13 Year 10 girls visited Cheltenham Ladies' College for a day of activities focused on helping them with their post-16 education. The girls were joined by a group from Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley as a collaboration between the schools. The aim was to help the girls gain a wider perspective on their choices after GCSE and to help them improve skills that they will need for Sixth Form and beyond. The girls attended sessions focused on university applications and debating skills, as well as touring the college and boarding houses. We also were thrilled to see two of our Alumni who are currently attending Cheltenham Ladies' College: Erin N and Lola H. It was great to see that they were both doing well and that they had some helpful words of wisdom for any of the girls hoping to follow in their footsteps. The girls all thoroughly enjoyed the trip, and we hope that some will be inspired to follow in Erin and Lola's footsteps.



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Young Chef Final - Blackburn College

We were over the moon to be able to take 2 pairs of finalists to the Young Chef Final at Blackburn College. This was following 2 previous rounds and being whittled down from 50 different school applications. Ruby and Will as well as Chloe and Addison (all Year 9) competed in their pairs, against 5 other finalists, to create 2 plates of their main and 2 plates of their dessert in intense competition surroundings. Ruby and Will created a spectacular Sunday roast inspired bacon wrapped, cheese stuffed, chicken burger with honey carrot ribbons on a homemade brioche style bun, served with horseradish mashed potato, buttered asparagus, homemade yorkshire puddings and a parmesan crisp. Their dessert featured caramelised bananas over crepes with a caramel sauce and tanghulu - a sugar glazed strawberry. Chloe and Addison created the most delicious Katsu Chicken curry, making the sauce from scratch, a beautiful coconut and lime rice and homemade vegetable gyozas with pickled side salad. Their dessert was a decadent Rhubarb and strawberry compote, layered with matcha chantilly cream, honey baked granola and chocolate fudge crinkle biscuits. All the dishes showed exceptional skills and they had worked incredibly hard practising their dishes on the run up to the final.

Incredibly, both pairs achieved top 3 finishes, which is absolutely outstanding. In 2nd place, Chloe and Addison were the proud winners of £150 voucher each to spend at Nigel Howarth's restaurant the Three Fishes. In 3rd place, Ruby and Will won £50 each towards a kitchen appliance of their choice. We are so unbelievably proud and happy for all of these pupils achieving such amazing success against very strong opposition.

A huge thank you to Dave Lyons and his team for their hard work at Blackburn College, not only organising the event but showcasing the talent of the young chefs training there as well as achieving funding to help the competition take place. We really appreciate their hard work and continued promotion of the hospitality and catering industry and all associated career paths.

If you are in Year 8 or 9 next year, watch out for the competition appearing again next year around February for your chance to take part.



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Year 7 Trip to France – May 2025

Parlez-vous français? Year 7 certainly do!

Friday 16th May

At 10:45 pm, forty-eight Year 7 students and six of their teachers set out on the long journey to Dover. There was a great deal of excitement under clear, starry skies. We were on our way!

Saturday 17th May

We arrived at Dover around 6:30 am. Some had slept more than others! We seemed to be the only coach there, and the port did not appear to be open. However, after a very brief passport check, we headed to our lane in readiness for the 8:15 am ferry, over an hour ahead of schedule. The ferry was quiet, and the crossing was smooth. An hour and a half later, we arrived in France. Our first stop was at Wimereux War Memorial, where the First World War poet John McCrae is laid to rest. We listened to his famous poem "In Flanders Fields" and said a prayer, thinking of all those who have passed away. Our students were very respectful during our visit. After a brief stop at the beach at Ambleteuse, we headed to the bakery at Escœuilles. This proved to be an enjoyable visit, as our students watched how bread is made, folded the dough themselves, and later ate a pain au chocolat—all the while listening as the baker explained everything in French. The students gained a lot from this experience and really used their loaf to answer questions. Afterwards, we headed to our accommodation (the Hôtel du Moulin aux Draps in Desvres). Following our evening meal and a treasure hunt, it was an early night for everyone.

Sunday 18th May

After a very good French breakfast, it was time to head to the market at Condette. Here, our students really excelled. The task was to buy provisions to make a picnic lunch, which we later ate in Boulogne. Very little English was heard as our students bought ham, cheese, olives, fruit, whole chickens, and even squid! The local stallholders seemed very impressed, as did the seagulls, as we ate our lunch outside the Sea Life Centre in Boulogne. Nausicaa is the largest sea life centre in France, and it proved to be an enjoyable visit for our students as they saw thousands of fish, sharks, and other sea creatures. After a brief stop in the old part of Boulogne, we returned to the hotel for our evening meal (which included the opportunity to eat snails), a quiz afterwards, and a woodland walk to round off the day. It had been a fantastic day.

Monday 19th May

We said "au revoir" to our hotel after another good breakfast and headed to the Escargotièrre at Saint-Martin-Choquel. Visiting a snail farm might not be on everyone's bucket list, but this proved to be another interesting stop as our host explained all manner of snail-related facts. Our students were great again, and a good number sampled the snails on offer—those in garlic sauce were delicious! A little while later, we headed to Calais for our ferry. A long journey lay ahead, but our students remained in good spirits. We arrived back at school at 10:50 pm.

Summary

Our students really threw themselves into this trip. They engaged in all the activities and spoke a great deal of French, which various members of the public commented on. I would like to thank them for making the trip so enjoyable, and I would also like to thank Mrs. Grierson, Mrs. Noad, Mrs. Shilton, Mr. Gilchrist, and Mr. Ringrose for giving up their time to accompany us. Vive la France (les escargots aussi!) et à la prochaine. Merci à tous.

Mr. Hennigan



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Exploring Liverpool: A Human Geography Field Trip for Year 8

On May 20th and 21st, Year 8 students took an exciting trip into Liverpool city centre to explore human geography in a real-world setting. During the visit, pupils carried out environmental quality surveys, land use surveys, and questionnaires to investigate the various functions and characteristics of the Central Business District. The students gained valuable hands-on experience in observing and analyzing urban environments, which enhanced their understanding of key geographical concepts.

We were very fortunate to enjoy sunny weather on both days, which made the experience even more enjoyable. Many of the pupils were quite taken with this historic coastal city, appreciating its vibrant atmosphere, rich history, and unique architecture. The trip provided an engaging opportunity for students to connect classroom learning with the dynamic cityscape around them, fostering a deeper appreciation for urban geography and the diverse functions of Liverpool.



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Celebrating Isabelle K's Exciting Half Term in Netball!

Congratulations to Isabelle K in Year 7! She has had an incredibly busy and exciting half term, showcasing her talent and dedication in netball. Isabelle has been playing in various competitions across Manchester and Wales, demonstrating her commitment and skill on the court. She was part of the Greater Manchester County U12 team that won the championship, and she also competed in the U13 category, where her team finished as runners-up. Additionally, Isabelle contributed to her team winning the Thunders League, a fantastic achievement. We're all very proud of her hard work and success. Keep up the amazing effort, Isabelle!



Seeking Guest Speaker for All Hallows' Sports Award Evening

Our All Hallows' Sports Award Evening will be on Monday, 7th July at 7:00 pm. We're looking for a guest speaker to help make the evening special by handing out awards and sharing a brief speech about their sports experiences. If you know someone interested and available, please ask them to contact Mr. Finch at dfi@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk. Thank you for your support!

Lilly and Amy's Netball Success

Congratulations to Lilly W. and Amy D. in Year 11 for their fantastic achievements! Both students were successful in the recent trials and have been offered a place in the prestigious Newman netball squad for the upcoming academic year. Although they will no longer be at our school when they start this new chapter, we are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and wish them all the best for the season ahead. Their dedication and talent have truly stood out, and we are confident they will excel in this new opportunity.



Year 7 Girls Football Team South Ribble District Cup Winners



Congratulations to our Year 7 girls football team on being crowned champions of the South Ribble District Cup! This is a fantastic achievement, and everyone should be incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication throughout the season. You all truly deserve this success after an excellent first year of playing football at All Hallows, and tonight's game was by far the best performance you've all played together as a team. There were some outstanding individual performances during the match. Hollie, Issy, Missy, and Liesel were rock-solid in defence, showing great strength and resilience. Maddie in goal made some fantastic saves and executed excellent goal kicks, helping to keep the team's momentum going. Halle worked tirelessly in midfield, battling hard to control the game, while Nora, Emily, and Scarlett were exceptional in attack, creating numerous scoring opportunities. The goals from Nora and Emily were well taken and truly deserved, showcasing their skill and determination. It's been wonderful to see how much you've all grown as players and as a team this season. Your teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance have been inspiring. We are so proud of each and every one of you for your efforts and achievements. This victory is a perfect way to celebrate the end of the football year, and we look forward to seeing what you will accomplish in the future. Well done, girls! You've made us all very proud!

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After-School Rounders Showdown: Staff Triumphs in Friendly Match



Congratulations to all the staff and Year 11 students who took part in the exciting staff versus pupils rounders match! It was a fantastic event filled with energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship from everyone involved. We saw some impressive skills on display and enjoyed a fun and friendly competition that brought our school community together.

A special congratulations to the staff team for their well-deserved victory! Their teamwork and determination truly paid off, and they showed great sportsmanship throughout the game. Thank you to everyone who participated, cheered on their teammates, and helped make this event such a memorable occasion. We look forward to more fun and games like this in the future!

Under 12's Core Values Player of the Year at Preston Grasshoppers



Congratulations to George P. in Year 7!

George joined his local rugby club, Preston Grasshoppers, at just 5 years old and has thoroughly enjoyed playing rugby ever since. At the club's recent presentation evening, George was awarded the U12's Core Values Player of the Year in recognition of his dedication and sportsmanship.

His award was presented by the first team captain, Scott Richardson (right), and the first team scrum half, Rory Brand (left).

For anyone interested in trying rugby—boys and girls alike—please visit the club's website and contact the relevant age group manager: <https://www.pgrfc.co.uk/>

Well done, George!

Year 10 Rounders Team Excels at South Ribble District Tournament

Well done to the incredible Year 10 Rounders team for an outstanding start to the last half term! This talented group kicked off their season with a fantastic victory at the South Ribble District Tournament held at Priory this week. Despite a delayed start caused by heavy rain, the girls showed resilience and determination, playing a total of four matches and emerging victorious in all of them — a truly impressive feat! Special mention goes to Jess G for her precise and effective bowling skills, consistently putting pressure on the opposition, and to Eleanor A for her powerful and well-placed hits that kept our team ahead. Their teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication were evident throughout the tournament, making us all proud. Congratulations to the entire team for their hard work and success — keep up the excellent effort and continue to make us proud! Well done, girls!



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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:

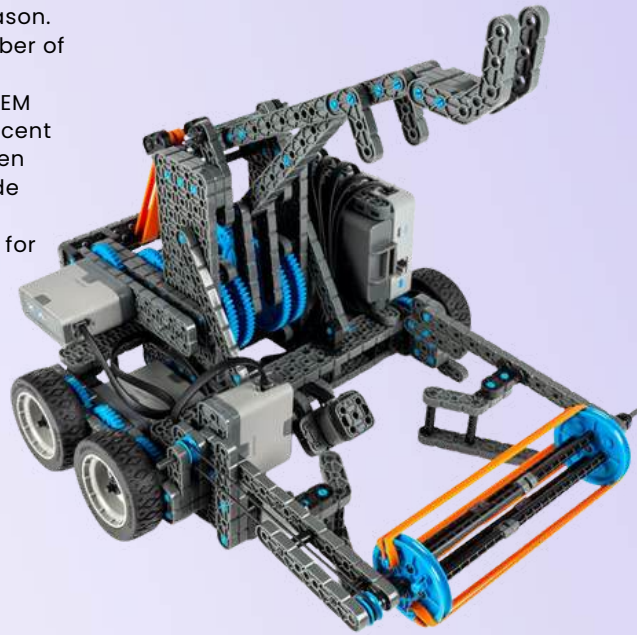
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Interested in sponsoring a robot?

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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Uniform Pop-Up Shop



This year, students at All Hallows, alongside Faith in Action, have decided to launch the Uniform Pop-Up Shop. This initiative will provide an opportunity for old uniforms to find a new home as part of our recycling efforts. This project contributes towards the Live Simply Award here at school, and we hope that through this, we can gain a greater understanding of our impact on the environment.



Year 11 Exams

The Year 11 GCSE exams have been going very well. The students have demonstrated great focus and dedication, and we are confident they will continue to do their best throughout this important period. Their commitment and hard work are truly commendable, and it's inspiring to see them approaching their exams with such determination and resilience. We want to remind all students to stay positive, maintain their focus, and keep up the good work. Remember to bring all the necessary equipment for each exam. This is a significant milestone in their educational journey, and we are all very proud of their efforts and perseverance. As they approach the final stages of their exams, we encourage everyone to stay calm and believe in their abilities. Good luck to all—keep going, stay motivated, and finish strong!

Morgan Watson in Year 7 Performing at Longton Live

We are excited to announce that Morgan Watson will be performing at Longton Live on June 27th and 28th, 2025. Cost: £6 per wristband.

If you are a pupil interested in purchasing a wristband, please visit the Finance Office during break or lunchtime. Please note that payment is cash only.

Saint Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is a Catholic-based, international charity dedicated to helping those in need. As part of our mission to combat poverty and support our community, our SVP volunteers are collecting food items for our school's food bank.

Please see the poster below for the list of items we are collecting. Your generous donations of non-perishable food will make a big difference to families in need. Thank you for your support and kindness!



DECIDER LIFE SKILLS FOR PARENTS

ABOUT THIS EVENT...

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING ONLINE EVENT DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PARENTS! THE DECIDER LIFE SKILLS FOR PARENTS WORKSHOP AIMS TO EQUIP YOU WITH ESSENTIAL SKILLS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE RECOGNISE THEIR OWN THOUGHTS, FEELINGS AND BEHAVIOURS, ENABLING THEM TO MONITOR AND MANAGE THEIR OWN EMOTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH.

THIS EVENT WILL BE A PACKED INTERACTIVE SESSION LED BY EXPERIENCED PRIMARY MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS, SHARE EXPERIENCES, AND ASK QUESTIONS. YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT 'THE FIZZ', HOW THE BODY RESPONDS TO WORRY AND STRESS, AND HOW TO INCORPORATE AND IMPLEMENT EACH OF THE 12 DECIDER LIFE SKILLS INTO EVERYDAY LIFE. RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW FOR THE DECIDER LIFE SKILLS EVENT AND EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY TOWARDS INCREASED MINDFULNESS, LESS STRESS AND MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



- ALL SESSIONS TAKE PLACE ON MS TEAMS ON THE FOLLOWING TUESDAYS FROM 4-5PM
- 15 APR 2025
 - 19 AUG 2025
 - 27 MAY 2025
 - 30 SEPT 2025
 - 8 JUL 2025
 - 11 NOV 2025

PLEASE SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION



TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE SEND YOUR PREFERRED DATE, NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE INBOX BELOW

pmhw.mytime@barnardos.org.uk



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† Pots of ready-made jellies

† Custard pots/ rice pudding pots

† Cereal bars; protein bars; multigrain bars

† Healthier Crisps (E.g. popcorn, snack a jacks)

† LongLife caron drinks-juice, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, curry sauce

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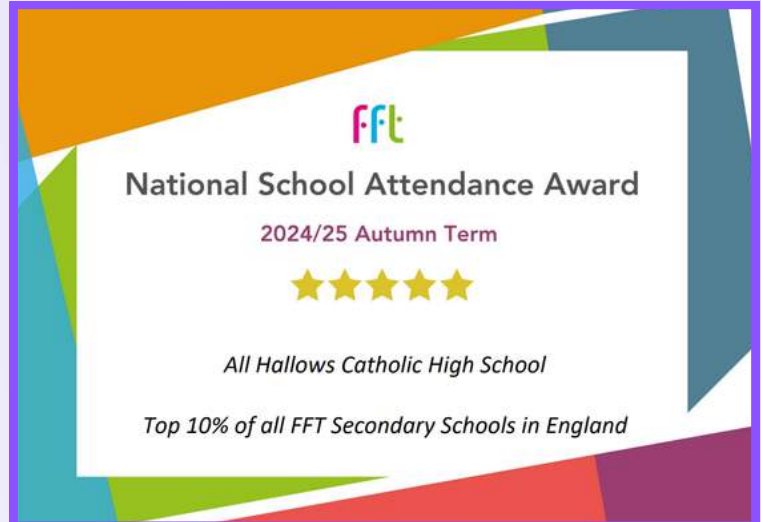
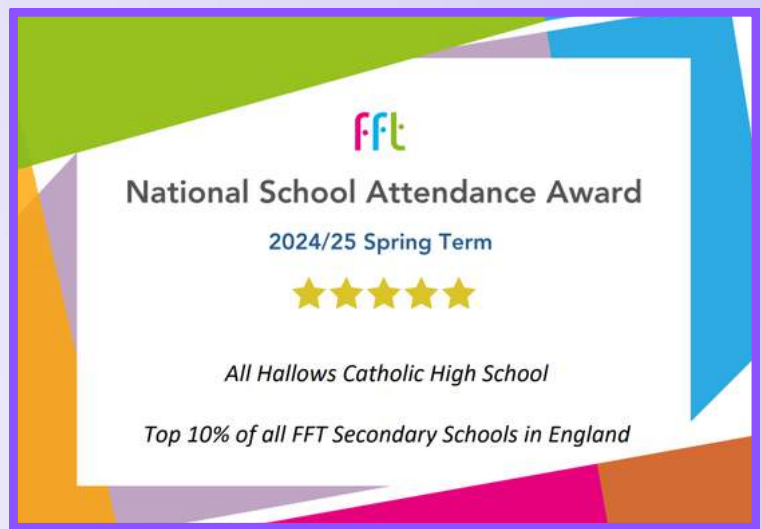
Celebrating Outstanding Attendance: Our School Recognized Among England's Top 10%!

We are delighted to share some exciting news with our school community. Our school has been awarded special certificates in recognition of our exceptional attendance rates during both the Autumn and Spring terms. This achievement places us proudly within the top 10% of schools across England, a testament to the collective effort of everyone involved.

This success reflects the dedication of our students, families, and staff in creating a positive, supportive, and engaging learning environment. Regular attendance is fundamental to student success, as it helps students stay on track academically, build strong relationships, and develop important life skills. When students attend school consistently, they are more likely to succeed, feel confident, and make the most of their educational opportunities.

We want to thank everyone for their ongoing support, hard work, and commitment. Your encouragement and cooperation have played a vital role in fostering a culture where attendance is highly valued and prioritized. This recognition is not just about numbers; it's about celebrating the shared responsibility we all have in helping our students thrive. Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to maintaining and improving our attendance rates. We believe that every day in school counts and that consistent attendance is key to unlocking each student's full potential. We will continue to implement initiatives and offer support to ensure that our students are able to attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn.

Once again, thank you for being part of this achievement. Your support makes all the difference. Let's continue working together to make our school an even more welcoming, supportive, and successful place for everyone. Together, we can help our students reach new heights and build a brighter future for our entire community!



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