



All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

May 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, it has been wonderful to reflect on the many achievements, experiences and opportunities our pupils have enjoyed over recent weeks. This month's newsletter highlights just some of the many ways in which pupils at All Hallows continue to contribute positively to school life and represent the school with pride, both within the classroom and beyond.

May has been a particularly special month within the Catholic life of our school. Our beautiful May Altar provided a calm and reflective space at the heart of the school community, allowing pupils and staff to honour Our Lady through prayer and quiet reflection throughout the month. We also marked an important milestone for our Year 11 pupils as they gathered together for their Leavers' Mass during the GCSE examination period. It was a wonderful occasion and a fitting opportunity for pupils to reflect on their time at All Hallows, celebrate the friendships and memories they have made, and come together in prayer as they continue their examinations and prepare for the next stage of their journey. The atmosphere throughout the day was incredibly positive and it was lovely to see pupils enjoying the celebrations together.

I have also been immensely proud of our Year 10 pupils during their recent work experience placements. The excellent feedback received from employers was a credit to the pupils, their families and the values we promote at All Hallows each day. Pupils approached the experience with maturity, enthusiasm and professionalism, representing the school exceptionally well.

As always, I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support. The strong partnership between home and school plays such an important role in the success and wellbeing of our pupils, and we are very grateful for all that you do.

As we begin the half-term break, I would like to wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable week.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper

Headteacher



May Altar

During the month of May, pupils at All Hallows came together to honour Our Lady by creating a beautiful May Altar within school. A statue of Mary was placed at the centre of the display, surrounded by colourful flowers generously brought in by pupils as offerings of love, prayer and devotion.

Throughout the month, the altar became a special focal point for prayer and reflection within the school community. Pupils spent quiet moments there during the school day, taking time to pray, reflect and ask for Mary's guidance and protection, while also offering their own personal intentions for family, friends and those in need. Staff and pupils alike appreciated the peaceful atmosphere the altar created.

The simple act of bringing flowers allowed everyone to take part in this long-standing Catholic tradition, reminding us of Mary's important role in our faith and of her example of kindness, faithfulness and compassion. The flowers brought by pupils helped to make the altar a vibrant and meaningful symbol of devotion throughout the month of May.

The May altar provided a calm and prayerful space at the heart of the school, encouraging pupils to deepen their relationship with God through the example of Our Lady. It was wonderful to see pupils showing such reverence and respect, and the altar served as a lovely reminder of the strength of our faith community and the importance of prayer in daily school life.

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Year 11 Leavers' Mass and Celebration Day

On Friday 8th May, we celebrated our brilliant Year 11 pupils ahead of their written GCSEs beginning. Pupils attended a wonderful leavers' mass as a year group to reflect on all they have achieved during their time at All Hallows and ask for God to be with them as they sit their exams and continue their journey beyond high school. We would like to thank Father Michael for joining us and for leading us in prayer for this special event. Thank you also to the various pupils from the younger years who sang beautifully and supported this event. Mrs Colclough, Mr Burbidge, Mr Burgess and the Chaplaincy team worked incredibly hard to ensure the year group could come together in prayer one final time; thank you to them all for their time and effort.

After the mass, pupils began the process of getting their shirts signed and enjoying a trip to the Robinson's ice cream vans which arrived to mark the occasion. It was clear to see the pupils had put a lot of effort into preparing their leavers' shirts and it was magnificent to watch the year group enjoy receiving messages of support from their peers, younger pupils and staff. We are sure these will be items to cherish forever.

As the afternoon progressed, all Year 11 pupils joined for their final leavers' assembly. The event began with a fabulous debut performance from Harrison's band (resulting in a standing ovation), before pupils listened to our senior prefects recounting some of the achievements and memories of pupils' time at All Hallows, and both Miss Cooper (Head of Year) and Mrs Cooper (Head Teacher) praising this wonderful year group and offering words of advice for the future. The assembly was accompanied by additional performances from Caitlin and Pheobe before Joe and Freddie rounded off the assembly with a raucous performance and rapturous applause.

Following the assembly, pupils received the Year 7 letters they wrote to themselves all those years ago in September 2021, which brought a tear (sometimes of laughter) to many eyes. Pupils who had ordered a leavers' hoody also received their wonderful hoodies, which we are sure you will agree look fantastic after all the work Zoe at Justs Clothing in Penwortham has put into creating them.

The final event of the most wonderful day was the option for Year 11 pupils to put their rounders skills to the test with a match against staff. There's some uncertainty about the overall result, but most people seem to agree the staff were victorious!

Overall, the leavers' day was a huge success and we would like to thank the Year 11 pupils for their superb conduct and their contribution to the great atmosphere of the day. We would also like to thank their families for all they have done to support with the leavers' celebrations and in preparing the pupils for the GCSE exams. Finally, we wish the whole cohort the very best of luck as they sit their exams, but most importantly - we hope they will always know All Hallows is a place they belong.



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS PROM

2020

**JUNE
24**

**ARRIVE NO
EARLIER THAN
6.30PM FOR A
7PM START**

**All pupils to be collected
by 11.30pm**

**JUNE
24**

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Dress Code: Formal

RIBBY HALL

**Ribby Road, Wrea Green
near Blackpool,
Lancashire, PR4 2PR**

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Cheltenham Ladies' College Visit



On Friday 15th May, 5 girls set off early to visit Cheltenham Ladies' College to experience a bit of Sixth Form life and learn some vital skills for their post-16 pathways. The day consisted of 3 sessions and a tour, with topics ranging from discussion and research skills to university pathways. The girls were really positive about the visit and said that it had broadened their ideas about life after high school.

The visit also introduced the girls to the possibility of pursuing bursary routes into Cheltenham Ladies' College, following on from two of our former students who have already attended the college after winning full bursaries. We hope that there will be many more to follow. If any girls in Year 10 are interested in pursuing a bursary to attend Cheltenham Ladies' College, please see Mr Henderson or Mrs Ayrton-Parker for more information.



Discussion Groups

Over the last few weeks, both Year 8 and Year 9 students have been participating in discussion groups with different schools. The groups offer the students the chance to discuss topical issues with students from different backgrounds and different perspectives, whilst enabling them to improve their oracy and research skills.

The Year 8's undertook 4 after-school sessions with Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley. The students prepared really interesting contributions on the topics and the exchange of views was engaging and insightful. The group discussed topics such as 'can sport ever be truly fair?' and 'Is tourism a force for good or bad?' The group enjoyed the sessions and contributed well to discussion.

The Year 9 group had the slightly more onerous task of participating before school from 8.20am. They engaged in a discussion group with 5 boys from Eton College, allowing for an interesting and insightful exchange between students of markedly different backgrounds. The group discussed different current affairs, covering the social media ban, Trans rights, free speech and the influence of nationalism in the modern world. This is our second discussion group with Eton College and both sets of students found it a valuable and interesting experience.

Hopefully, there will be more discussion groups to come!



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Year 10 Pupils Impress During Work Experience Placements

Over 175 Year 10 pupils recently completed a highly successful week of work experience, gaining valuable insight into the world of employment across a wide range of industries and professions.

Pupils embraced opportunities in sectors including primary education, engineering, retail, veterinary services, automotive industries, beauty therapy, the justice system, construction, hospitality and leisure, to name but a few. The breadth of placements allowed pupils to explore potential future careers, develop new skills and build confidence in professional environments.

Feedback from employers was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising our pupils for their politeness, punctuality, inquisitive nature, smart appearance and outstanding work ethic. Employers repeatedly commented on how well pupils conducted themselves throughout the week, with many stating they were a real credit to both themselves and the school.

Work experience continues to play an incredibly important role in preparing young people for the future. It provides pupils with first-hand experience of the workplace, helping them to develop essential employability skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving and professionalism. For many pupils, the experience also helps to shape future aspirations and gives them greater confidence when considering career pathways and further education choices.

We are extremely proud of the maturity, enthusiasm and resilience shown by all of our Year 10 pupils during their placements.

Their positive attitude and willingness to learn made a lasting impression on employers and highlighted the excellent values they demonstrate every day as members of our school community.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the employers, parents and organisations who generously supported our pupils by providing placements and mentoring opportunities. Their continued support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

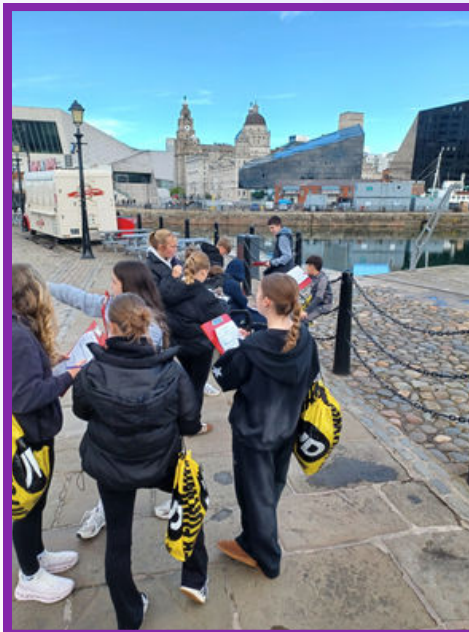


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Year 8 Geography Field Trip to Liverpool

On 18th and 19th May, Year 8 students visited Liverpool city centre to explore aspects of human geography. Pupils carried out environmental quality surveys, land-use surveys and questionnaires to investigate the functions of the Central Business District. For some students, it was their first visit to a major city, and many were impressed by the character and history of this famous port city.



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SEND Ambassadors Bring Colour to Our Sensory Garden

Our Year 9 SEND Ambassadors have been busy helping to develop our new sensory garden by painting colourful stones to bring the space to life. They have enjoyed working alongside pupils from Room 7 during lunchtime nurture sessions, showing teamwork, creativity and kindness while helping to create a calm and welcoming environment for everyone.



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6th July 2026

SPORTS AWARDS EVENING

**We are currently preparing
for our
Annual Sports Awards
Evening on 6th July and
are looking for any
donations for raffle prizes.
If you, your workplace, or
anyone you know would be
willing to donate a prize or
voucher, we would be
extremely grateful for any
support.**

Year 8 Reach South Ribble Cup Finals Night

The Year 8 football team produced a superb performance to defeat Penwortham Priory 10-0 in the South Ribble Cup semi-final. After a closely contested first half, the boys went into the break with a narrow 1-0 lead. However, the team delivered an exceptional second-half display, scoring a further nine goals to secure an emphatic victory. The result means the team will now progress to the South Ribble Cup Finals Night, where they will face Hutton Grammar. Goals were scored by Joe D (4), Alfie S (2), Ollie R, Marley B, Tymon N and George P. Excellent effort, boys, and best of luck in the final!



U14 Girls Crowned South Ribble District Tournament Champions



Congratulations to our U14 Girls' Football Team, who were crowned overall winners at the South Ribble District 7-a-side Tournament! The girls showed fantastic teamwork, determination and skill throughout the competition, earning a well-deserved victory in a brilliant team performance. A special congratulations goes to Ayda P, who was named Player of the Tournament after scoring some fantastic goals that helped secure the win in the final stages of the competition. Well done to all the girls on an outstanding achievement – we are incredibly proud of you!

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Year 7 Rotary Football Tournament



This month, our Year 7 girls' and boys' football teams took part in the Rotary Football Tournament at the UCLan Sports Arena. The girls played four matches, securing an impressive 4-0 victory in one game and showing great enthusiasm throughout the tournament. The boys also performed well, winning one match, drawing one and narrowly losing three games. In between matches, pupils enjoyed playing friendly mixed-team games against each other, as well as fixtures against Walton-le-Dale High School. It was a fantastic day of football, teamwork and sportsmanship, with all pupils representing the school brilliantly.

Year 7 Girls Football



Our Year 7 girls' football team have enjoyed an excellent run in the South Ribble cup matches, producing some fantastic performances along the way. In the quarter-final, the girls delivered an outstanding display to defeat Lostock Hall Academy 6-0, showing excellent teamwork and attacking play throughout the match. The team then progressed to the semi-final, where they secured a brilliant 2-1 victory against Priory Academy. The girls were solid in defence and worked tirelessly for one another in a closely contested game. Their impressive performances earned them a well-deserved place in the South Ribble final – a fantastic achievement for the team. The girls also took part in the South Ribble tournament held at Leyland St Mary's, competing against six other schools over the course of an excellent evening of football. The team won four matches and narrowly lost two, scoring plenty of goals and continuing to impress with their determination and teamwork throughout. Their performances saw them finish as runners-up in the tournament, an excellent achievement against strong opposition. A special mention goes to Phoebe S, who produced some excellent performances across the competition. Congratulations to all of the players involved on a superb achievement.

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Noah B Named Lancashire Long Jump Champion

Congratulations to Noah B, who has been crowned the Lancashire Long Jump Champion following a superb performance at Stanley Park in Blackpool. Noah, who joined Blackburn Harriers less than a year ago, has shown outstanding dedication and determination in training. In that short time, he has improved his personal best in the long jump by more than a metre – an incredible achievement and a clear sign of his hard work paying off.

As well as his success in the field event, Noah also impressed on the track, finishing 5th overall in the 100m sprint against strong competition from across the county.

Everyone at school is extremely proud of Noah's achievements and we look forward to seeing what he accomplishes next. Well done, Noah!

Congratulations as well to all of our pupils who competed at the Lancashire Athletics Championships and performed so brilliantly throughout the event.



Excellent Results at the English Schools Athletics County Round



Our pupils delivered an outstanding set of performances at the English Schools Athletics County Round, with all four teams competing brilliantly throughout the event.

The Junior Boys team scored an impressive 360 points, whilst the Junior Girls scored 306 points. Both teams finished in an excellent 2nd place and have successfully qualified for the Regional Final at Trafford.

Our Intermediate Boys team also performed superbly, scoring 369 points, with the Intermediate Girls adding a further 300 points. Both teams achieved a very respectable 4th-place finish and are expected to qualify for the Regional B Final at Stanley Park.

Congratulations to all pupils involved on their fantastic efforts and achievements. We wish them the very best of luck in the next round of competition.

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Regional Tennis Tournament Success at Stonyhurst College

On 6th May, our girls' team competed in the Regional Tennis Tournament at Stonyhurst College. The team performed brilliantly, with all four girls winning their singles matches against Bury Grammar School. Sylva also secured an excellent singles victory against Stonyhurst College.

Although the team narrowly missed out on progressing to the next round, the girls should be extremely proud of their outstanding effort and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.



Street Dance Success at South Ribble Competition

The girls delivered fantastic performances at the South Ribble Street Dance Competition, showcasing incredible talent, energy and teamwork throughout the event.

We are delighted to announce that every girl successfully qualified for the finals — a tremendous achievement and a testament to all their hard work and dedication.

Special congratulations go to India, Enya, Sophie and Alyssa, who all secured podium positions with outstanding routines on the day.

Well done to all of the dancers for representing the school so brilliantly. We are extremely proud of you all!

Netball Success at the ENG Championship Finals

Congratulations to Emily A and Faye R, who achieved an excellent 3rd place finish at the ENG Championship Finals held at the University of Gloucester this weekend while representing Wyre Netball Club.

Competing against some of the top teams from across the country, the girls demonstrated outstanding teamwork, skill and composure throughout the competition. Their hard work, commitment and talent were evident in every match as they progressed through a highly competitive tournament to secure a place on the podium.

To finish third at a national championship is a fantastic achievement and reflects the effort both girls have shown in their training and development throughout the season.

Congratulations also to Issy K, whose team were crowned ENG U13 YNPL champions after an impressive 39–14 victory over Essex in the final.

Well done, Emily, Faye and Issy — everyone at school is incredibly proud of your success and we look forward to hearing about your future achievements both on and off the court!



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Lancashire U16s Crowned National Champions at ESFA Final

Tom A and Conor Mc, both in Year 11, proudly represented Lancashire County Schools FA in the ESFA National Final held at Stoke City FC on Saturday 9 May. The Lancashire U16s side produced an outstanding performance to secure a superb 2-0 victory over Essex and be crowned ESFA National Champions. Representing Lancashire at this level is a tremendous achievement in itself, and both pupils played an important role in a memorable and highly successful campaign. Winning a national title is a reflection of the team's hard work, commitment and determination throughout the season. We would also like to extend our congratulations to Mr Clitheroe, who manages the Lancashire County U16s team, on this fantastic accomplishment. His leadership and support have helped guide the squad to national success. Everyone at school is incredibly proud of Tom, Conor and Mr Clitheroe for this remarkable achievement and for representing both Lancashire and the school with such distinction.

U14 Rugby Team Secure Impressive Victory



The U14 Rugby team produced an excellent all-round performance to secure a convincing 19-0 victory against Balshaw's. Tries were scored by Lewis, Seth and Spencer, while Leighton added two successful conversions to complete the scoring. A special mention goes to Lewis W, who was named Man of the Match following an outstanding display. He was excellent in defence throughout the game and posed a constant threat in attack. Congratulations to the entire team on a fantastic performance and result.

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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Half Term 6 – 1st June - 17th July



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING SUMMER TERM 2



Overview

PD is a vital part of our curriculum that supports students' well-being, character and future aspirations. This term all pupils will develop an understanding on personal safety and well-being. Pupils will explore how to navigate the world outside of school.

Year 7

Pupils will take part in Pol-Ed sessions covering personal safety, managing risk and understanding the impact of crime, while learning about how to access support and making safe, informed choices.

Year 8

Pupils will take part in Pol-Ed sessions exploring drugs and their risks, online safety topics such as sextortion and deep fakes helping them make informed, safe, and responsible decisions.

Year 10

Pupils will explore topics including online harm, navigating the NHS and body modifications. They will develop skills to make safe, informed, and respectful choices.

Year 9

Pupils will take part in Pol-Ed sessions covering gangs, child criminal exploitation and the dangers of asphyxiation**, developing skills to help them recognise warning signs, resist peer pressure and exploitation.

**Although no references to suicide are made, the school will ensure pupils who may find the session difficult are supported throughout the lesson.

LESSON TITLES



Year 7*

- Independence and risk
- Road users
- Online addiction
- Vaping
- Reporting a Concern
- Witnessing a Crime

Year 8*

- Legal drugs
- Sextortion
- Deep fakes
- Emergency at school
- Possession of drugs
- What is stop and search?

Year 9*

- Gaming and grooming
- Microtransactions
- County lines
- Gangs
- Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)
- Asphyxiation

Year 10

- Incel Culture*
- Image-based sexual abuse*
- Tackling Violence against women and girls
- Navigating healthcare services*
- Body Modifications x2

*Delivered using Pol-Ed

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

These organisations provide trusted advice and support to help parents and carers continue conversations at home and support children in making safe, informed, and healthy choices.



Helpful Websites for this half term:

Pol-Ed -

<https://www.pol-ed.co.uk/audiences/parents/homes>

Think You Know CEOP -

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents>

Young Minds -

<https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/>

Frank -

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>

Crime Stoppers -

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless>

Emergency and Support Contacts:

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Emergency Services: 999

Non-Emergency Police: 101

Questions to ask

What would you do if you or a friend felt unsafe online or in real life?

How can you tell if something online might be risky or untrustworthy?

Who could you speak to if you were worried about yourself or someone else?

How can you make safe and positive choices when spending time with friends?



DON'T MISS THIS!

JUNE

Year 11 exam period

Healthy Lifestyle Week

JULY

Year 10 Newman Taster Day

Celebration assemblies

WHAT IS POL-ED?

Pol-Ed is an educational initiative developed by the local police force to support schools in teaching PSHE topics, focusing on safety, law, relationships, and informed decision-making.

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Safeguarding

What does bullying look like?

- . Name calling
- . Writing/saying nasty comments
- . Excluding you from activities
- . Hitting you
- . Making unkind demands of you
- . Humiliating you in front of others
- . Demanding things from you that don't belong to them

eSafety

- . Protect yourself at all times by keeping your password safe
- . Never give out personal details on the internet
- . Don't agree to meet up with strangers from on-line activities
- . Do not send any pictures of yourself which are inappropriate
- . Report to an adult if explicit pictures are sent or requested of you

How can you tell someone?

- . Go to your Head of Year or DSL'S Office
- . Tell your form tutor
- . Tell your parent/carer

If you have any concerns, you can talk to any member of staff in school

If there is something or someone worrying me, who should I tell?

- . Form Tutor
- . DSL
- . Head of Year
- . Head Teacher / Deputy Head Teacher
- . SLT
- . Teacher
- . Office Staff / Support Staff
- . Canteen Staff
- . Parents
- . Friends

How do I stay safe in school?

- . Follow staff instructions in the classroom
- . Walk around the school safely
- . No play fighting, pushing or tripping anyone up
- . Walk calmly and sensibly along corridors and follow the one way system



DSL
Mrs J Washington



Backup DSL
Miss R Taylor

Trained DSLs – Mrs A Cooper, Mrs M Rishton and Mr D Finch