



Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends

Welcome to the new school year. For our students and parents who are new to All Saints' may your time in our community be fruitful and enjoyable.

We would like to welcome seven new members of staff to the All Saints' teaching team. Mr Briggs takes over as Curriculum Leader of Science. Mr Gunel and Mr Hogg join the Maths and Design Technology teaching teams respectively and former student, Miss Schofield joins the English teaching Department along with Miss Tillotson and Miss Bell. We are also delighted to welcome Mr McCoy who will be looking after body and soul as teacher of PE and RE.

As we start to build an outstanding school we have introduced some new challenging initiatives and strategies

- The main school day starts at 8.20am and finishes at 2.40pm. However, we open early for those who need breakfast and later with the extra support classes, sports clubs and revision sessions.
- All our students are placed on a target setting pathway where we aim for them to achieve 4 levels of progress. This will tax all our students.
- Our investment in staffing has led to smaller classes with the average class size in Maths being 16 and only 12 in Y11, while in English it is 17 with 14 in Y11.

This year we will be consulting our parents and students on the uniform and the rewards system.

On behalf of the Governors and all the staff I thank you for your continued support as we all strive to "Luceat Lux Vestra".

Our warm regards,
Mr McNally
Headteacher

Summer School 2013

Summer School is designed to encourage academic development, social awareness, personal confidence and a smooth transition from primary to high school.

As in previous years, All Saints' invited students from Rossendale's primary community to attend our Summer School which ran for two weeks with over 40 students attending.

Students' days were packed full of academic challenges and sporting activities. These included; an English treasure hunt with Miss Foster and Miss Bell, numeracy dance mats with Mr Mayes, and football, dodge ball and trampolining with Mr Parkes. There was also a visit to the school by Konflux Theatre and, they and Mr Heald worked with students on their drama skills. The two weeks also included trips out to John Ryland's Library, where students were able to see a section of the original Bible, written in Hebrew. In addition the groups visited the National Football museum and were also rewarded for all their effort and enthusiasm with a trip to Aerial Extreme, where they pushed themselves to overcome their fears as they completed the 10 foot high assault course.



Shannon Chadwick, Year 7 said; "It was a great way to get to know the school and other people".

Zak Frankland, Year 7; "I learnt loads and really enjoyed the Aerial Extreme day".

Mr O'Sullivan
Year 11 Progress Leader

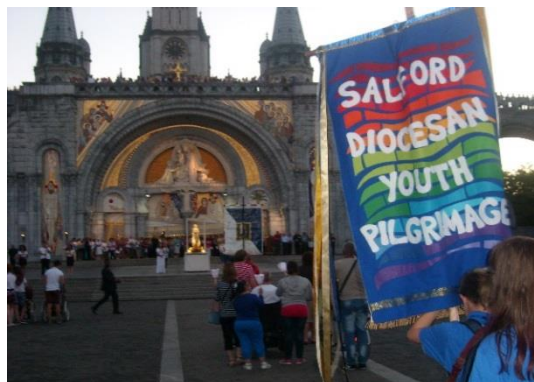


All Saints' Catholic High School Newsletter

Lourdes: A Doorway to Faith

"Totally amazing", "The most special place in my life", "Life changing", "Where my faith is alive"! These are not descriptions of Heaven, but of Lourdes. This year, two of our former year 7 students, Travis Smith and Sam Green joined the under 16 group representing All Saints' on the annual Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We had an enjoyable journey to Lourdes thanks to having the luxurious Blackburn Rovers team coach to travel in - perhaps God encouraging us to rest ahead of the busy week we had in store?

Once in Lourdes, it was apparent that different things touched different people, but few were left unmoved. Over the course of the week it was wonderful to see the smiles on the young people's faces as bonds of friendship grew between pilgrims of different generations.



One young pilgrim said "It's taught me a lot about respect and love, I get what the church means now when we are called brothers and sisters in Christ". The pride our young people had in carrying the banner, which led the pilgrimage in procession during the torchlight ceremony, is put into words by Sam Green; "Carrying the banner made me feel really proud to be part of the Diocese and the Catholic Community". Other young pilgrims were particularly moved by the way in which they found themselves closer to God and the way in which they were able to talk about Faith and share their own experiences with other young people.



The candle lit moment is one that particularly moved Travis Smith, he said "It was amazing, I was exactly where Bernadette was when she met Mary, it was really special". The students had a wonderful time and we are already looking forward to next year. The group has planned to do a sponsored climb and camp up Snowdon in October to kick start the fundraising challenge for 2014's pilgrimage.



Miss Beckford
Chaplain

JOIN THE SCHOOL CHOIR!



WE WILL MEET EVERY

TUESDAY

AFTER SCHOOL

2.45-3.30

IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



IN THE PAST, THE CHOIR HAVE PERFORMED AT MANY EVENTS INCLUDING CHILDREN IN NEED 2012, CAFOD 2012 AND THE CREATIVE ARTS EVENING 2013...

WHO KNOWS WHAT THIS YEAR WILL BRING...

Welcome Mass

Father Lupton officiated at Mass last week and welcomed the Year 7's to the All Saints' family. The first reading spoke to the students about their youth and the importance of being an example 'Do not let people disregard you because you are young, but be an example ... in the way you speak and behave and in your love,' (1 Timothy 4:12). Father Lupton also preached the Gospel which was the inspiration for our school motto 'Let your light shine' (Matthew 5:16). He explained to the students the importance of kindness and that everything we do in school from teacher to student, or student to bus driver, kindness must be present and only then will we really let our light shine bright.