



Dear All Saints' community,

On the 13<sup>th</sup> January HMI Shirley Gornall carried out a section 8 monitoring inspection at All Saints' Catholic High School. We are pleased with her assessment that the Senior Leaders and Governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection.

This provides the validation of our systems that we are applying in order to make All Saints' an outstanding school. Mrs Gornall confirmed that the cornerstones for improvement are in place, *"Your drive remains strong and inspires your leadership team. Your accurate evaluation of teaching underpins your strategy for raising standards. The school improvement plan is well-focused and progress in achieving key priorities is regularly checked, recorded and shared in full with staff."*

The good work demonstrated by all the staff and students highlights that we know how to develop our learners; *"you demonstrated how well you and other leaders know individual students and how adept you are at promptly supporting and challenging them if they appear not to be making sufficient progress. The school's interventions include the personalised use of pupil premium funding to respond to students' specific individual circumstances."*

Fundamentally our teaching and learning is now driving success forward; *"The leadership of teaching is ambitious and linked to the school's mission: Luceat lux Vestra (let your light shine). There is a determination for teachers and students to experience 'joy' in learning."*

Kevin Quigley, the Director for Education, Salford Diocese, was keen to praise the efforts of the whole community; *"What you have all done is a real testimony to the quality of your school community and the deep desire to improve the opportunities for children and young people, in line with your Mission as a Catholic school - long may it continue."*

**Mr McNally**  
Headteacher

### Prayer

(taken from <http://www.prayingeachday.org>)

Lord, we give thanks for all who have brought life and happiness to us. Inspire us to give of ourselves joyfully and always look for the positive. Amen.

## Primary Maths Challenge

Pupils from our partner primary schools joined the Maths department for the day at the end of last half term.

Pupils were set the task of designing a bedroom. They were given a budget of £1,000 and, using their maths skills and without going over budget, they had to decorate and furnish the room. As you can see from the photograph, pupils then built scale models of their rooms.

The pupils worked hard both individually and as a team, their behaviour was exemplary and a very enjoyable day was had by pupils and staff alike.

**Mrs Egan**  
CL – Maths



## Young Writers – A Twist in the Tale



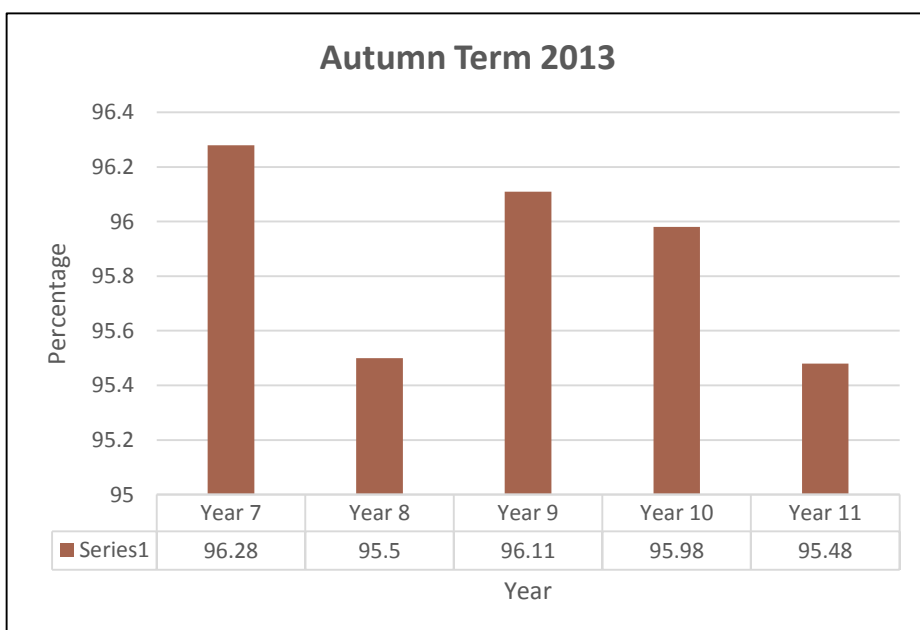
Recently pupils from All Saints' entered the Young Writers' A Twist In The Tale mini saga competition. We are delighted that a selection of our pupils have been successful and that their work will now be published within a special anthology. Pupil's work has been selected for publication based on imagination, perception, expression and creative use of language.

A copy of the book, scheduled for publication on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014, will be available in school and is entitled "A Twist In The Tale – Lancashire Tales". Copies will also be sent to the British Library and further libraries across the UK.

We are very proud of our published authors: *Callum Lewis, Leonie Kay, Tyler McEwan, Jonathan Fry, Jack Chaloner, Courtney Taylor, Rhiannon Sanders, Chloe Attwater, Aaron Freeman, Kieran Curwen, Evander Jennings, Kieran Crimp, Lauren Gibson, Billy Moran, Ellie Gahan, Natan Frontowicz, Sam Robinson, Libby Healey, Ashleigh Starkie, Jack Allan, Georgie Johnson, Lucy Belcher, Shauna Clayton, Ocean Golden, Branden Golden, Kerry Reeves, Charlie Barrett, Emily Farr, Jorgi Marcroft, Alexandra Mawdsley, Travis Smith, Sam Lee, Gabe Berry, Beth Ashworth, Antonia Fry, Mia Starkie, Alex McGill-Watt, Georgia Riley, Georgia Ellis, Thomas Chaloner, Amos Broomfield, Ben Keeley, Rebecca Lea and Gemma Ormerod.*

**Mrs Lord**  
CL – English

## Attendance Autumn Term 2013



The bar chart shows the percentage Attendance for Autumn Term 2013 (September-December).

Congratulations to all students for maintaining an average across the term of over 95% attendance. Well done to Year 7 pupils who achieved the highest percentage for the term.

**Mrs Peters**  
Attendance Officer

**Year 10 Work Experience** - Just a reminder to all Year 10 students that the work experience deadline for forms to be returned to Miss Kershaw is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

## PE News



### Rossendale Schools Cup – Trampolining

Pupils from All Saints' recently took part in the Rossendale Schools Trampolining Competition at Fearn's High School, where they entered into the top 'GOLD' category. Congratulations to all pupils for their performances but especially to *Alex Bischtschuk* who achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place and *Brenna O'Connor* who came 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr McCoy**  
PE Department

### Girls Football – Lancashire Cup

All Saints' KS3 girls football team got through to the quarter finals for the Lancashire Cup which took place at Morecambe Football Ground. The girls played really well and we are proud of the way they represented the school. Well done girls: *Sammie Woodrup, Erin Mather, Laura Twardowska, Rhianon Hanson, Imogen Pilkington, Alena Pilkington, Kerry Reeves, Mia Starkie, Georgia Riley, Lucy Belcher, Elle Radcliffe, Talia Jo Hartley, Zara Banks.*

**Miss Thompson**  
PE Department



## Pastoral News



Following on from the article in the January issue of the newsletter, we would like to extend our thanks to the charity 'Every Action Has Consequences'. Dave Rogers came into school and delivered an emotional session with all our pupils. The Campaign was started when Dave's son, Adam Rogers,

was killed on a night out whilst trying to break up a fight in Blackburn. His family and friends started the charity shortly after Adams death in 2009 and they work with young people in schools, youth groups and with groups of young offenders to encourage them to think about their actions especially around alcohol and violence.

The pupils response to Adam's story was extraordinary and the whole school was moved. Further work was done during PSHE in the weeks following the session were pupils continued to explore themes such as peer pressure, underage drinking and futile violence.

A recent non-uniform day raised £370.75 for the charity. For more information about the campaign please visit their website: [www.eahconsequences.com](http://www.eahconsequences.com)

**Miss Beckford**  
Chaplain

### CHANGED YOUR MOBILE PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Please inform the school by telephoning, 01706 213693 or emailing: [info@allsaintshigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:info@allsaintshigh.lancs.sch.uk)

### LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost any items please instruct them to go to the general office and look in the lost property box. Pupils should call in during break or lunchtime. We strongly advise that all items of clothing be labelled with the pupil's name as this makes it easier for lost item to be identified and returned to their rightful owner.



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## Could You Foster?

It is estimated that a further 9,000 foster carers are needed in the UK today, and on any one day there is more than 62,000 children living with Foster Families. Many people do not realise that they are eligible, such as single people, unmarried and older people.

This is our story and you may not think that we are typical Foster Carer's as we were both in our 30's at the time, professional people, living in a spacious detached house with our two children.

Raymond, my husband, a former soldier having served overseas in several countries now runs his own business and I have been a qualified driving Instructor for 16 years. When I was younger I was brought up with a succession of foster brothers and sisters as my parents fostered for many years, whilst part of Ray's business transported foster children to and from schools.

We thought how fortunate we were, we had a great family, a pleasant lifestyle and felt we wanted to give something back, so we applied to be foster carer's. The application process took about 4 months. We were all interviewed including our children and the dog!

It wasn't long before we had our first placement a young boy, one of three displaced siblings, in serious need of "tender loving care" and a stable home environment. Many more placements followed over the years, short term, long term and respite. And to this day we are still in touch with many of the children that we fostered.

It can be difficult and demanding, but as with any family, you work through any problems or difficulties and then it is very highly rewarding. You are provided with training, support and guidance from the team of child care professionals every step of the way. And excellent fees and allowances are paid up to £750 per week per child.

Our journey as foster carers is now complete as we have watched the last long term placements move on to independence but our passion still remains. I am now supporting local families in their journey to become foster carer's as well as helping with training and support for existing carer's in my new role as the NW Regional Care Coordinator for Fusion Fostering.

So if you know that you are kind and caring. Do you want to make a difference to a child's life? Do you have a spare room? Do you have a heart of gold and a core of steel then don't hesitate any longer call us now to start your journey.

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