



All Saints' Roman Catholic High School Newsletter

March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to end of the spring term it is a good time to pause and reflect on what has been another excellent term at All Saints'. The building work is progressing well and I have been delighted by how admirably the students have adapted to life next door to a building site! We are hoping that after the holidays, and before we finish for the summer we will start to see the foundations and the beginnings of the actual 'new school'! I will of course continue to provide you with any updates about how the new school building is progressing.

As you can see from this newsletter, we have had numerous sporting successes across all year groups and have shown that despite our small size, we can compete against the best in the county. Alongside this, our Creative Arts evening showcased the phenomenal array of talents that our students have; it was a joy and privilege to watch. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have helped to ensure we have had so many sporting teams and the Creative Arts evening was such a success.

As you can see from our new school website, we have been living out our Catholic Social Teaching values by completing the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Key Stage 3 pupils were set the challenge of walking 1000km and raising £400 – once again the students and yourselves have smashed this with students completing 1,112km and we raised £472 in total – a fantastic achievement. We have ended with our termly celebration assemblies; these are always a joyous occasion where we can reward all the students who regularly and consistently demonstrate our SHINE values, congratulations to all our winners.

Next term we will be launching our Blackpool Reward trip criteria for students in Years 7 – 10; Year 11's will carry out their final preparations before their GCSE exams start at the beginning of May, and we will welcome our new year 7's to the All Saints' family – lots to look forward to and be excited by.

May our hearts be filled with hope, peace, and love as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. I would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter holiday.

Mrs Lord

Headteacher





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News from the RE department

Dear Parents and Carers,

We approach the end of our term and will have entered Holy Week when we finish school – During this important week we remember the events leading to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Easter is the most important Festival in the Liturgical Year; one which reminds us of salvation and new starts. Pope Francis has reflected on the words from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians; "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10). The Pope encourages us to help all in whatever way we can do. If we help others, we receive a reward – our harvest is ultimately a place with Him in Heaven.

Our Year 11 pupils are preparing for their examinations, which begin in May. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their final journey at All Saints'.



On Friday 22nd March, Mr Sidlow, Mrs Stuart and 13 of our Shine Ambassadors attended the Romero Trust 'Romero Day' at Blessed Trinity. The theme was 'seeing through God's eyes'. We took part in workshops and explored the concept of Catholic Social Teaching. Our day ended with celebrating Mass with our fellow primary and secondary schools within the Trust.



We are proud to announce that our annual retreat to Castlerigg has been booked! Pupils have been eager to sign up to this, which is excellent. The retreat is being organised by our Second in RE, Miss Kenwright, who will continue to ensure parents are informed of the latest details and requirements.



Thankyou to Mr Parkes and the PE Dept who were pleased to lead the CAFOD 'Big Lent Walk'; Key Stage 3 raised £472 and walked an impressive 1,112 km collectively. A huge achievement and a true demonstration of Catholic Social Teaching – notably, dignity of human person, solidarity and contributing to the Common Good.

As we enter this Holiest of seasons, we must remember those who are suffering, in any way, and keep them in our prayers.



We all took part in the Easter Liturgy during the last week of term, particular thanks to the Shine Ambassadors (our faith leadership team) who helped lead on these.

Many thanks to Fr Chris McGrane who celebrated Mass on 26th March, all year groups were able to share in Mass.

I hope you all have a happy and Holy Easter.

Mr A Sidlow,
CL Religious Studies





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News from the Art Department

CREATIVE ART'S EVENING 2024—ART COMPETITION

Year 7



WINNERS

Year 8



Year 9



Year 7



RUNNERS UP

Year 8



Year 9



Pupils from Year 7,8 and 9 have showcased their skills from the skills they have learnt in Art so far in KS3.





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News from Friends of All Saints'

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' - EASTER EGG RAFFLE

A very big thank you to our neighbours TESCO Haslingden for their kind and generous donation of Easter Eggs for FOAS Easter Raffle.

We have been selling tickets all week, they have been snaffled up and we are delighted to announce the winners of the raffle have been given their treats to enjoy this morning, I'm sure they will have an eggcellent Easter.



Thank you to everyone who donated eggs and purchased raffle tickets. Over £130 was raised in total for FOAS.

Thank you to everyone



News from the Community



Firstly, I would like to announce to you all that I am now one of your elected Deputy Members of Youth Parliament alongside Connie Hagyard. I am very privileged to have been voted in for this position. During my next two years as your Deputy Member of Youth Parliament, both myself and Connie will be focusing on topics including: Children's rights, Anti-Social Behaviour, Mental Health, Young Carers, and the Environment.

During February myself and other members of Rossendale Youth Council helped represent Rossendale Youth Zone and their LGBT session with Lancashire County Council's Targeted Youth Support Team staff at Spectrum Inclusion Rossendale's display table in Asda, Rawtenstall, and Tesco's, Rawtenstall. During this we helped spread awareness of the charity Spectrum Inclusion Rossendale and Rossendale Youth Zone's LGBT session on a Thursday night 7pm – 9pm.

Ella Nobbs





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News from Careers

YEAR 10 CAREERS DROP DOWN DAY

✈ Our Year 10 students soared through an action-packed Careers Drop Down Day filled with valuable experiences and insights into the world of work! Here's a quick snapshot of the exciting activities they participated in:

🔍 **Future U Work Industry Awareness Sessions:** Students delved deep into various industries, exploring career paths, trends, and opportunities with the Leisure and Tourism sector, looking specifically at the Eden Project in Morecombe to fuel their career aspirations!

📄 **CV Writing Workshop:** Crafting the perfect CV is key to landing that dream job and finding a great work experience placement! Students honed their CV writing skills, learning how to showcase their talents and experiences effectively.

🗉 **Interview Techniques:** Students sharpened their interview skills, mastering the art of articulation, confidence, and professionalism. They're ready to shine in any interview scenario!

📝 **Future Writers Workshop:** Creative minds at work! Our aspiring authors unleashed their imagination in the Future Writers Workshop, exploring storytelling techniques and unleashing their literary potential.

A HUGE thank you to all the speakers, facilitators, and students for making our Careers Drop Down Day a roaring success! Remember, the future is yours to shape, and the journey starts here. Keep dreaming, exploring, and striving for greatness! ✨

Laura Grenaghan



News from the English Department

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day, sharing stories throughout the school day. Year 7 participated in The Masked Reader, working together to discover which staff members were secret contestants in our competition. Congratulations to Eli who guessed all seven staff members correctly! There was also a treasure hunt around school for Year 7 and Year 8 to complete. After reading our story, *The Monkey's Paw* in each lesson, eagle-eyed pupils had to search out answers which had been planted around school. There were so many entries, but the could be only one winner - well done to Katy-Rose!

We also shared a story with Years 9 and 10, who listened to the dystopian world of *Harrison Bergeron* across all their lessons.

The library was buzzing as Mrs Bennett had organised a number of activities to mark the day, including a mix and match exercise where pupils got to test their skills of matching famous quotations to their well-known characters.

We're already planning next year's celebrations and look forward to sharing new stories with our pupils throughout the year.



Miss Schofield

English Teacher & Literacy Lead

Who's that behind the mask?



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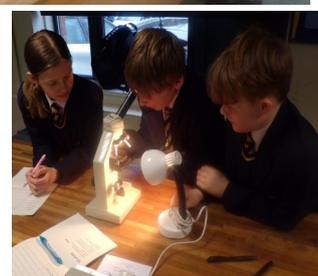
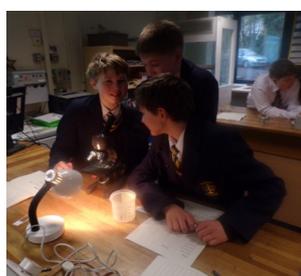
News from the Science Department

SCIENCE WEEK (11th – 15th March)



This week our Year 7 and 8 students have enjoyed a thrilling murder mystery 'Who killed Mr Hunt?' as part of Science Week. The students had a great time carrying out various science experiments as part of the investigation. This included: fingerprinting, blood spatter analysis, chromatography, flame tests, hair sample analysis and measuring maggot length! We have had some excellent crime reports produced by the students. Well done Year 7 and 8!

S. Miles
Science Technician



News from the PE Department

Rossendale Schools Primary Badminton Competition

On Wednesday 6th March All Saints' hosted one-round of the Primary Schools Badminton Competition in which 5 primary schools competed. Some of our sports study students stayed to umpire the matches; Kate Shaughnessey, Demi Dunleavy, Gracie Bewley, Charlotte McKenzie, Ella Lucking, Megan Finney, and Leeoni Batey. Two of our younger students also stayed to watch their siblings play in the competition but also stepped up to officiate and did an excellent job; Rosie Bacon and Ruby Monks. All of the pupils represented All Saints' extremely well. They learned the primary students' names, helped them with the rules and were clear when giving scores. Not one scoring error was made all evening and the Primary Schools were very happy with how well All Saints' hosted.

Girls U16s Rossendale Schools Badminton Champions

On Thursday 7th March All Saints' hosted the U16s Girls Badminton competition where All Saints', Whitworth and Haslingden High School competed. Representing All Saints' from year 11 were Demi Dunleavy, Ella Lucking, Gracie Bewley and Charlotte McKenzie. The girls were ranked in order 1-4 on player ability and then played a variety of singles and doubles games depending on their rank.

The singles matches were played by Gracie and Demi and the doubles teams were Gracie and Charlotte, Demi and Ella. Over all the team played brilliantly, they really enjoyed the event and represented All Saints' fantastically. Each school won one round each but it was All Saints' who won overall with the most points scored throughout the competition. Really Well Done!!!

Miss C Hill
PE Teacher





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News from the History Department

History Department Krakow Trip - 9-12 Feb 2024

On Friday, February 9th 2024, 49 pupils, 6 staff and 2 tour guides embarked on a profound journey to Krakow, Poland. The adventure began at a very early 3:45 am, and after a captivating journey through coach and aeroplane, we arrived in Krakow ready to delve into its rich history.

Our first stop was the Jewish quarter, Kazimierz, where we immersed ourselves in the profound impact of German occupation on the Jewish community. Szeroka Street, the heart of the Jewish town, echoed with tales of resilience and history. The visit to the Remuh Synagogue and cemetery added a sombre but essential layer to our exploration, highlighting the enduring spirit of a community marked by historical challenges.

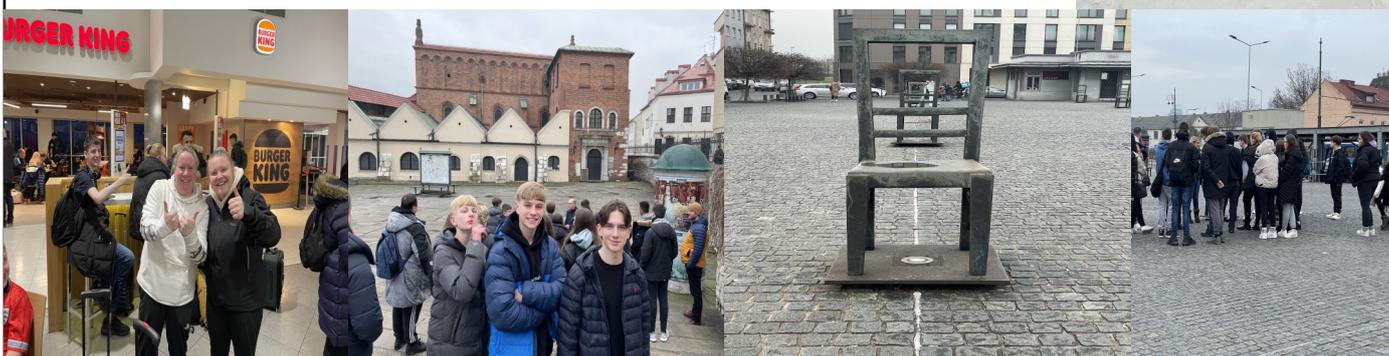
After a delicious lunch of lovely baguettes, ate by a nearby market, we continued our journey to the UNESCO Salt Mines, one of the oldest salt mines in the world. Descending into the depths of this remarkable site, our pupils were awed by the intricate salt carvings and the centuries-old history preserved within the mine's walls.

Our itinerary also included a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps on Saturday, a sobering experience that provided a profound understanding of the atrocities of the Holocaust. Additionally, we explored the Galicia Museum and Oskar Schindler's factory on Sunday, further deepening our comprehension of World War II and the human stories intertwined with it.

Before flying back on Sunday night, pupils had the opportunity to explore the main square in Krakow, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere and reflecting on the journey we had undertaken together.

The trip aimed not only to educate but also to foster empathy and understanding. By immersing ourselves in historical sites and stories, our pupils gained a profound appreciation for the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity.

A sincere thank you to everyone who made this educational trip possible, and to the pupils for their engagement and thoughtful reflections throughout the journey.





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News from SEN Department

This term, Miss Hockett and Mrs Haworth had the pleasure of taking a group of students to the Valley Leadership Academy for a Boccia event.

Boccia is a Paralympic sport where, from a seated position, players propel balls to land as close as possible to a white marker ball, known as the Jack.

The students were fantastic and tried really hard. We won the first few games but unfortunately, they came up against stiff competition and Tor View absolutely smashed it and will go on to represent in the Lancashire Boccia event.

A fabulous afternoon out and a new skill learnt by all.

Mrs Haworth
SENDCo



News from the PE Department—Girls

U14's Rossendale Schools Girls Badminton Competition

On Thursday 14th March 4 girls represented All Saints' as the U14's badminton team; Faye Hawke, Ellie Brierley, Lilly-May Ashworth and Lois Cowking. The schools that entered were All Saints', BRGS, and Haslingden High. Lois and Ellie played the singles matches to begin whilst Faye and Lilly-May played doubles. Each pupil showed some excellent strengths; Lois kept some fantastic rallies going throughout the competition and showed to have a strong over-head clear. Ellie was great at adjusting her power and using drop shots to try and outwit the other team, whilst Lilly-May showed consistency in her serving. Faye was excellent at communicating with her doubles partner which meant they rarely dropped any points.

These strengths proved effective as the team went on to WIN against very tough competition. The team should be extremely proud of their achievement as we are of them.

Well Done Year 9's!!!! Champions!!!!

Miss C Hill
PE Teacher





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News from the PE Department—Girls

To start this half term girls PE have done 3 weeks of fitness. Pupils have carried out a variety of fitness tests and looked at the difference between fitness testing, fitness training and understanding components of fitness. The tests that pupils conducted were the Multi-Stage Fitness Test (bleep test), 12-Minute Cooper Run, Illinois Agility Test, Standing Stork Test, Ruler Drop Test, Sit and Reach Test, Tennis Ball Throw and Catch Test, One-Minute Press-ups and One-Minute Sit up Test and the Speed Bounce Test. All pupils worked extremely hard during this full unit. Pushing themselves out of their comfort zones to try and get the best result they could. Specifically, in the harder tests; the Multi-Stage Fitness Test and the Cooper Run. Well Done to Lyla Duffy scoring the highest bleep test level with 12.3, Tilly Duffy second with 12.2 and Alice Carr third with 11.9. These are exceptional results and all pupils did brilliantly.

After fitness, pupils have completed one week of Table Tennis to practice ready for their intergroup competition. Intergroup involves each class being put into a team that they will stay in for every lesson. Each lesson they will compete in a different sport and be given different ways their team can gain points as well as from winning. We look at being a captain, teamwork, resilience, score keeping and helping others. We also focus on working with people we may not have worked with in PE before. Pupils have started with Table Tennis doubles and singles and bench ball. They will then move on to Badminton, football, netball, basketball and dodgeball. With the winning teams winning chocolate in time for Easter.

Well Done to every pupil putting in hard work in PE this half term. We look forward to being outside in the summer weather next term.

Miss C Hill
PE Teacher

News from the PE Department—Dance

ROSSENDALE SCHOOLS' DANCE COMPETITION

On Thursday 29th February All Saints' competed in the Rossendale Schools' Dance Competition held at King Georges Hall. The Dance team massively performed absolutely incredible after working so hard to prepare and compete at the event. The team committed to rehearsing four times a week (both at lunch times and after school). The routine focused on the 'breaking boundaries' section of the theme requirement. Pupils decided to tell the story of inspiring females who have broken boundaries over time to create a more positive future for them. Costumes included black cargo pants and a white top to symbolise power and the fight people have put in through time. We then had four pupils a police women, astronaut, lioness and doctor which representing just some of the females the pupils aspire to be. Our props included three large signs highlighting the power of women. This paid off as the judges score sheets highlighted our use of props and storytelling where both areas that scored well.

The girls worked for hours and hours repeating and practicing the routine until the time was in sync. We also worked really hard on our performance skills. Out of all the high schools, All Saints' placed just below the podium and the team graciously accepted their position. That evening, after we received the results, many schoolteachers and parents commented on how well our out team performed and we had many comments about our routine being powerful and strong to the theme with the girls looking like they were really enjoying themselves on stage.

Miss C Hill
PE Teacher





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News from the PE Department

Rossendale Primary Schools' Table Tennis Competition

On Tuesday 20th March All Saints' hosted the annual Girl's Rossendale Primary Schools' Table Tennis Competition. 40 girls competed in the competition and the standard of Table Tennis was fantastic. All Saints' sports leaders from every year group (7-11) officiated the competition and what an amazing job they did. Extremely professional throughout, excellent knowledge and rules and also kind and helpful to all competitors. The tournament meant the pupils had to stay for 3 hours after their school day and a big thank you is given to them for this. They were all excellent role models and ambassadors for All Saints'.

Thanks go to; Ruby Monks, Poppy Jones, Mollie McLean, Rosie Bacon, Ellie Brierley, Tilly Duffy, Hallie-Jo Talbot, Lexie Sarker, Kate Shaughnessy, Gracie Bewley and Charlotte McKenzie.

Miss C Hill
PE Teacher



News from the PE Department—Boys

Y5 PE Taster Day - On Thursday 14th March we had the pleasure of welcoming 20 Y5 pupils from a Catholic feeder schools to participate in a PE Taster Day. The pupils participated in a range of team building and problem solving challenges as well as sessions developing their skills in football and basketball. The pupils were amazing and a credit to their primary schools.

Primary Events - All Saints' have hosted a range of badminton and table tennis competitions for the Rossendale Schools Sports Partnership. The standard of competition has been superb, as have the All Saints' pupils who have acted as sports leaders to help with the running of the events. Special mentions to Rosie Bacon and Stanley Udo.

KS3 - The boys have covered a range of sporting activities in PE this term including fitness, badminton and the All Saints' tradition of inter-group were classes have been competing against one another in a range of sports while focusing on core sporting values such as respect, resilience and team-work.

KS4 - The KS4 pupils have continued to work hard on their Sport Studies course. The Y10s have finished producing their session plans and will be teaching one another after Easter. The Y11s have worked brilliantly on their final coursework module; Sport and the Media and are now focusing on their exam unit which they will sit on 13th May. Get revising!





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News from the PE Department —boys

This has been an extremely busy and successful term for our extra-curricular sports teams and clubs. Here is an update from boys PE;

Year 7 - The U12s basketball team had a successful run in the Lancashire Cup this term and for many of the players, it was their first time playing competitive basketball. The team topped their group after comfortable wins over Haslingden and BRGS followed by a narrow defeat at Alder Grange. The team faced a strong Our Lady's team from Fulwood in the quarter finals and lost 34-4.



The dodgeball team also tasted success by winning the Rossendale Schools event at Whitworth HS after winning all of their games on the night! Well done guys!

The U12s football team are growing stronger with each game and were unfortunate to lose their latest Rossendale League match away to Whitworth. The team were unfortunate with injuries on the night but fought back from 2-0 down to lead 3-2 in the second half before eventually going down 5-4. Bentley Davis scored twice, as did Louie Edmondson including a rocket of a long range free kick!



A group of 30 Y7 pupils have been involved in their latest Edge Hill University Research Day in March where pupils undergo a series of physical and mental challenges to build research data on physical activity patterns and attitudes. They were commended by the research team on their superb attitudes and engagement.



Year 8 - The Y8 Dodgeball team performed brilliantly in the Rossendale Competition at Whitworth finishing runner-up on the night. The boys 7-s-side team were also runners-up in a competition at TVLA, winning two games, drawing twice and losing only once. The Y8s had more success at the Rossendale Schools Indoor Athletics competition with the boys team finishing a creditable 4th place and the girls finishing 2nd, narrowly being pipped for the crown of champions by BRGS.



Year 9 - The U14s basketball team did amazingly well to qualify from their group before Christmas. They were then handed a tough away draw at Longridge HS, the team performed well but went down 44-12 to the team would go on to become the Lancashire champions.



All Saints' entered two teams into the 7-a-side football competition at TVLA and All Saints' 'Yellow' were crowned champions after going through the tournament undefeated and without conceding a goal!



The U14s boys badminton team were also victorious in a very closely fought tournament hosted at All Saints'. A big congratulations to Shay Moran, George Sadler, Oscar Barker and McKenzie Cashinella who were crowned champions for their consistent performances in singles and doubles formats.





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News from the PE Department —boys

Year 10 - The Y10 football team lost their latest Rossendale league match going down 4-0 at Whitworth, Rory Greenwood was man of the match for a dominant defensive display. The game was much closer than it seems and the lads are hoping to put in another good performance against BRGS in the last week of term. The 7-a-side football team played well in a tournament hosted at TVLA, finishing in 3rd place overall in appalling weather conditions!

Four Y10 lads made up the U16s badminton team that finished 4th in a competition hosted at All Saints'. Well done to Theo Ormrod, Ben Richards, Stanley Udo and Irtaza Ullah.

Year 11 - The U16s basketball team also bowed out of the Lancashire Cup at the quarter final stage losing 44-31 to Southlands HS from Chorley in a thrilling, high-scoring game!

The Y10/11 mixed football team performed admirably in a league game at Whitworth after some key players had let their teammates down at the last minute. The team fought from 3-0 down to 3-2 and missed a couple of late golden chances to snatch a point. The team were led superbly as ever by their captain Jenson Taylor and the goal scorers on the night were Harry Hinchliffe and Lincoln McFadden.



Easter Holiday Events

Yr 7-11 Targeted Youth Support Easter HAF Activities April 2024

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Wednesday 3rd April
Climbing wall & Archery
Whitworth - Leavengreave Sports Field, OL12 8NU

Wednesday 10th April
Climbing wall & Archery
Victoria Park
Haslingden BB4 4BY

Thursday 4th April
Climbing wall & Archery
Rossendale Youth Zone
BB4 8EW

Thursday 11th April
Climbing wall & Archery
Bacup Town Centre
Irwell Terrace

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Dear parent/carer,

With the Easter break approaching, at Kooth Digital Health we appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, teaching staff and friends that the school community provides.

WE ARE STILL HERE.

Kooth Digital Health offers free and anonymous therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people. Funded and endorsed by public health and the NHS, our services remain available over the Easter period, offering 'on the day' wellbeing support from the comfort of your own home, via any web-enabled device via the following website-

www.kooth.com



Kooth offers free access to online text-based practitioner chats, self-help tools and activities, journal spaces and advice from our non-judgemental, safe and moderated peer to peer communities.

With no threshold, waiting list or referral process, young people from the age of 10 – 19 in BwD and Lancashire and 11 – 18 in Cumbria, can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include body image, self-esteem, loneliness, bereavement, academic pressures, stress, anxiety, friendships, sexuality, life changes etc.

The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe, simply by registering at www.kooth.com using non-identifiable information.

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled device.

If you have any questions regarding the service, please contact school. Or if you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, simply email parents@kooth.com. A selection of Parent/Carer resources can be accessed using this link: [Parents/Carers resources](#).

Kind Regards



FOAS - Friends Of All Saints'

Bonus Ball



£50 monthly prize

Sign up: Only £1 per week

Ask at the school office or email contactfoas@gmail.com for details

All profit is used to fund extra-curricular activities & projects for your children.

Projects funded by FOAS

- Duke of Edinburgh Award subsidy
- School minibus
- Sound equipment and other show party for annual school show
- School camera
- Redecoration of school hall
- Earth Day - seeds/compost/trowels

Donate - your old uniform to help struggling families and the environment. Drop off at school office, parent's evening or school events. Please wash before donating.



Pre-Loved Uniform



Buy - A small selection will be available to buy at very low prices, from FOAS at parent's evenings and other school events. Or please email contactfoas@gmail.com