



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful activities and achievements that have taken place at All Saints' Roman Catholic High School.

Exciting Extracurricular Activities

This half term has been filled with enriching experiences for our students:

A group of Year 9 pupils visited Accrington and Rossendale College, gaining valuable insights into further education options.

Our Year 9 girls participated in the Equal Trades event at the same college, promoting gender equality in various career paths.

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students successfully completed their first practice walk, demonstrating resilience and teamwork.

A Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 team participating in the Premier League Inspires challenge, which the Key Stage 4 team won; they will now take their work to the grand final at Wembley!

SHINE Points and Recognition

I am delighted to share that our students have responded exceptionally well to the slight tweaks we made at the start of the term. Over 21,000 SHINE points have been awarded, which is an increase of 3,000 points compared to last half term! Additionally, 72 students have received the Headteacher's Hot Chocolate Award, showcasing their hard work and dedication.

Lenten Journey

We began the term with our Ash Wednesday services and have continued our Lenten journey through prayer and almsgiving with the St Joseph's Penny boxes. Thank you to everyone who has donated; all money raised will go to Caritas and will make a real difference to those living in our community. We will conclude the term with our Easter Liturgies, celebrating the achievements of our students and reflecting on the significance of this holy season.

New School Building Update

As many of you have noticed, the new school building is nearing completion externally. I am hopeful to provide you with further information regarding a move date next half term.

Parking Reminder

In the meantime, I kindly ask all parents to park considerately at the top of the road when dropping off or picking up your child, or when visiting the school. Several of our neighbours have experienced difficulties with parking over the past couple of weeks, and your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Return to School

We will return to school on Tuesday, 22nd April at 8:30 am.

Wishing you and your family a joyful and blessed Easter, filled with the hope and peace of Christ's resurrection. May this holy season bring you renewed faith, love, and happiness.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Lord
Headteacher



News from the RE Department

Walking Together as Pilgrims of Hope

As we continue our journey through the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, we are reminded of our call to faith, unity, and service. This special year, proclaimed by Pope Francis, encourages us to walk with hope and trust in God's plan. At All Saints' we embrace this call through our daily actions, prayer, and commitment to making a difference in our community. In January the Chaplaincy team led assemblies launching the Jubilee Year, the commitment to this call has been demonstrated through form time collective worship and charity work. Year 8 students also took part in a Catholic Social Teaching drop down day led by the RE and Art departments. Plans are coming together for a pilgrimage to our new school building in the Autumn term! Watch this space.

Celebrating Success: Rewards Assemblies

This term, we have taken time to celebrate the dedication, resilience, and achievements of our students in our Rewards Assemblies. These events recognise not only academic excellence but also acts of kindness, service, and leadership that reflect our Catholic values. Congratulations to all our award recipients – we are proud of your hard work and example to others, keep shining!

Ash Wednesday Mass: Beginning Our Lenten Journey

On Ash Wednesday, our school gathered as a community to mark the beginning of Lent with a special Mass, many thanks to Father Chris McGrain for celebrating with us. The distribution of ashes reminded us of our need for repentance and renewal, encouraging us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. A heartfelt thank you to our chaplaincy team and all involved in making this a reflective and prayerful experience.

Chaplaincy Team Fundraising for Caritas

Our chaplaincy team has been hard at work raising funds for Caritas, through the diocesan St Joseph's Penny appeal. Thank you all for your generous donations.

Upcoming CSI Inspection

We will soon welcome inspectors for our Catholic School Inspection (CSI). This is an opportunity to showcase the rich Catholic life of our school, the strength of our mission, and the ways in which we live out the Gospel values daily. We appreciate the dedication of our staff, students, and families in making All Saints' a place where faith and learning go hand in hand. As part of our ongoing commitment to growth and excellence, we invite parents to complete a survey about the Catholic life and mission of our school. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us reflect on our strengths and areas for development. Please scan the QR code here to complete the survey.



As we continue through this holy season of Lent, may we all embrace the call to be Pilgrims of Hope, bringing faith, love, and service to those around us.

Miss Montgomery
Deputy Headteacher



News from Careers

Careers News

Year 9 Shine at Trailblazing Careers Event!

Our Year 9 students recently took part in the **Leaders of Industry Academy**, a trailblazing event at Accrington and Rossendale College, competing against five other local schools in an exciting challenge. Tasked with designing a theme park for Hyndburn, our students showcased their **creativity, leadership, and teamwork** throughout the day.

Using the **4Ps of the marketing mix**, they carefully planned their ideas, designed thrilling rides, and confidently presented their vision to an audience of over 90 people. College staff were **full of praise** for their professionalism and enthusiasm, with our students proving themselves to be a real credit to the school.



Although we didn't take home the top prize, the experience was invaluable, and this is just the beginning! Students will have **further opportunities to develop their skills** with another visit in **Year 10 and Year 11**, where they will continue their journey with workshops and leadership challenges whilst also having the opportunity to obtain the young leaders award.

A huge well done to all involved—we can't wait to see what you achieve next! 📈 🤝



Year 10 Explore Future Pathways at NEC Careers Event!

At the start of February half term, our **Year 10 students** visited the **NEC, Birmingham** for the **What Careers/What University** event—the **largest careers expo in the country!**

Students had the fantastic opportunity to engage with **top employers and leading universities**, gaining valuable insights into their future options. They also took part in **interactive workshops** designed to prepare them for life beyond school and college.

Despite the long journey, the day was an incredible experience and our students made the most of every opportunity. Well done to all involved! 🚀 🤝

Year 8 Take Their Next Steps in Careers Education!

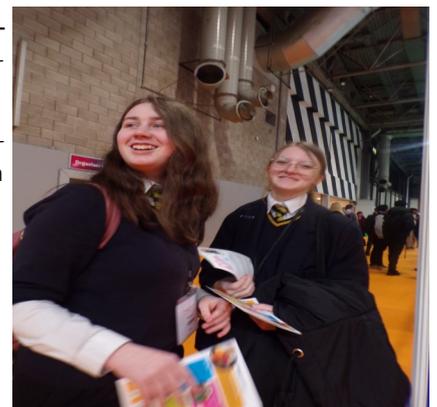
Two groups of our **Year 8 students** recently took part in two exciting careers sessions designed to help them think about their **next steps**. The sessions, **A-Z of Careers** and **Careergram**, hosted by **Accrington and Rossendale College**, encouraged students to explore a wide range of career options and consider their future pathways.

This is just the beginning—there will be a **follow-up session at the college**, where students will have the chance to delve deeper into their potential career choices and gain further insights into the world of work.

Well done to all involved—we look forward to seeing where your future takes you!

Careers Lead

Mr Panaro





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News from the English Department

On Thursday 6th March, we celebrated World Book Day. Forms decorated their classroom doors to represent a book - congratulations again to 7T and 10MT for winning the competition! It was fantastic walking around school and admiring the doors pupils and staff created. We hope you're just as impressed!

We took the opportunity to introduce our pupils to new books, reading excerpts from books such as *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak and *The Little Big Things* by Henry Fraser. We hope we helped our pupils discover something new to read.

Year 7 also completed a quiz in forms, identifying book titles from the emojis. Have a go at the quiz yourself - how many books can you name?

Miss Schofield
CL English



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News from the Girls PE Department

English Schools Basketball Competition

On Monday 20th January All Saints' played against Albany in the English Schools Basketball Competition. At the start of the fixture the girls were very nervous as it was only their second match. This soon eased when the first 5 began on court and they got their first basket. Defending was a strong aspect of the team and really put pressure on Albany. The score did not represent the closeness of the game as the All Saints' team just struggled at making the baskets. The team's confidence has improved so much from their first match and it was great to see all pupils wanting to sub on and play for as long as they could in the match.

Well Done to Ellie Brierley, Evie Worden, Nola Lucking, Ava Lynch, Erin Bewley, Leia Webb, and Romilly Ashworth

Rossendale Schools Year 7 5-a-side Girls Football Tournament

On Tuesday 25th February All Saints' competed in the Year 7 Rossendale Schools 5-a-side Tournament at Alder Grange. Six schools entered the competition: AG, AS, BRGS, HH, TVLA and WW. Our team consisted of Lola Jarett (Goalkeeper), Coco Solazzo, Daisy Brierley, Lola Monks, and Gracie Davin. All Saints' had a great start, winning their first match against AG 2-0. They then lost their second match 1-0 to BRGS. Their third match was a draw against TVLA and then they finished strongly, winning their last two matches 2-1 against WW and 1-0 against HH. The girls competed brilliantly as a team and they absolutely loved their football. A huge well done for finishing in **2nd place** overall.

News from the PE Department

Year 7 Glow in the Dark Dodgeball competition

This half term Year 7s at All Saints' participated in the Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Competition. There were many primary and secondary schools from across the valley at the event. The students who represented All Saints' in Year 7 were Hibatullahi Omotosho Abiodun, Ruby Murray, Emeli Lynch, Ariana Ainsworth, Thor Fairhurst, Declan Collins and Elliott Weaver. The students thoroughly enjoyed the event and grew in confidence throughout. A special mention to Declan Collins who found any way possible to dodge the ball, including jumping, sliding and crouching. The evening was extremely fun with lots of glow in the dark paints, glowsticks, equipment and music. All the students who went laughed a lot, played very competitively in dodgeball and had a great time at this extremely well organised event.





News from the Girls PE Department

Year 8 Girls Cricket Friendly vs Haslingden High School

On Thursday 11th February, All Saints' took part in a friendly cricket fixture against Haslingden High School. The girls performed amazingly, with a win in the first game and a small loss in the second. All the girls showed fantastic development in their skill and understanding of the game, whilst playing in such a professional manner; hopefully they will continue to play cricket next year. A special mention to the fantastic bowlers from the game: Ruby Monks, Holly Southworth, Mia Macintosh and Lily McDonald for their consistently accurate bowling throughout. Also, well done to the only Year 7 in the team Gracie Devin who competed very well for the Year 8 team. Well done to all the students listed below:

Poppy Jones

Jess Hope

Ruby Monks

Gracie Devin

Mollie Mclean

Holly Southworth

Mia Macintosh

Eva Williams

Lily McDonald



News from the Girls PE Department

U16's Rossendale Schools Girls Badminton Competition

On Thursday 13th March 4 girls made up the All Saints' U16's badminton team pupils; Faye Hawke, Ellie Brierley, Tilly Duffy and Romilly Ashworth. The schools that entered were All Saints, BRGS, and Haslingden. Faye and Ellie played the singles matches to begin whilst Tilly and Romilly played doubles. Each pupil showed some excellent strengths; Tilly 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 Romilly showed consistency in her serving. Faye was excellent at communicating in doubles with her partner which meant they rarely messed up any play. The girls came third overall which was an excellent achievement as they were a team of 3 year 10's and 1 year 11 whereas the other schools were made up of all year 11's.

Year 7 Football Friendly v Haslingden

On Tuesday 18th March All Saints' Played against Haslingden High School in a year 7 football match. It was a lovely evening with both teams playing top quality football. The AS team only had 6 players against Haslingden played 7 on the pitch. Although the result was 3-3 the All Saints' team were by far the stronger and more technically skilled team. We played three 10-minute thirds. Every single one of the girls put their 100% effort into the game and well done to Emeli Bogun on her first match with the team.

Well Done to the team: Coco Solazzo, Emeli Bogun, Daisy Brierley, Gracie Davin, Lola Jarrett and Lola Monks.

Miss C Hill

Curriculum Leader of PE





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Training session with a Netball Coach

On Thursday 20th March, Thea Cormick came into All Saints' to run a netball training session for some of our year 10 netballers. Being keen netballers, the pupils were really looking forward to the session with Thea. Thea did a warm-up and a conditioned game with the pupils before putting them into a full court game. She was extremely impressed with the girls' knowledge of netball and their ability to play; she is keen to come back and work with the pupils again.

Well Done for attending the session: Romilly Ashworth, Ellie Brierley, Annabel Butterworth, Lois Cowking, Ava Lynch, Leia Webb, Emily Thornton, Hollie Kakanskas, Nola Lucking, Erin Bewley, and Evie Worden.

Miss C Hill
Curriculum Leader of PE



News from the Girls PE Department

U13's Girls Lancashire County Schools Cup

On Wednesday 5th March the U13s Girls' football team played Pendle Vale in the first round of the Lancashire Schools County Tournament and absolutely stormed their first match, winning 7-0. This then promoted the girls to the second round where they played Ormskirk High School on Wednesday 19th March and 'smashed' their second match winning 6-0; they have qualified for round 3 where they will play Archbishop Temple. The girls have been progressing greatly in their confidence as a team since their first match together and this is really showing with their results. They have an excellent level of skill, power, teamwork and resilience and show sportsmanship and politeness at every fixture.

Well Done to all involved in the first two games and good luck for after Easter when they play round 3.

Poppy Jone, Lily McDonald, Ruby Monks, Lola Monks, Coco Solazzo, Lola Jarrett, Jess Hope, Eva Williams, Coco Alderson, Daisy Brierley and Mia Macintosh

Miss C Hill
Curriculum Leader of PE





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Under 13's girls indoor 5 a side football

On Thursday 27th February, 6 year 8 girls represented All Saints' by attending a 5-a-side indoor football tournament held at Haslingden High School. Unfortunately, due to an injury we had no goalkeeper for the fixture. Therefore, the girls offered to rotate positions in order to allow each player to be goalkeeper for one game. The girls made this decision openly and believed this was the fairest and easiest way to complete the fixture. The fixture soon got underway with All Saints' taking a strong points lead as girls first three games resulted in a win in both, with a 1-0 win against Haslingden, 3-0 win against BRGS and 1-0 win against TVLA. The final game was the closest fought game of the tournament, with All Saints' scoring two late goals in the dying seconds of the match against Alder Grange to salvage a point. The final score finished 2-2. The girls were so professional in their demeanour. They had great attitude towards the positions in which they had to play and were great at adapting to the circumstances of 'prior player injury'. The communication between the team was great throughout; they all showed confidence both on and off the ball as well as great knowledge of the sport. The girls thoroughly deserved the tournament win and received certificates of recognition. Also, very well done to all who stepped up to play as goalkeeper.



Very well played to: Jess Hope, Poppy Jones, Coco Alderson, Ruby Monks, Lily McDonald and Eva Williams.

Man of the match was handed to Poppy Jones who made every opponent turn away when defending due to her amazingly powerful shots.

News from the Girls PE Department

Year 8 girls cricket friendly Vs Haslingden High School

On Thursday 27th March, the girls from Year 8 at All Saints' Catholic High School took part in a friendly cricket fixture against Haslingden High School. The girls had previous experience of cricket throughout the recent curriculum. Also, they had previously played Haslingden in an indoor cricket friendly. This time the match was outside on the astro turf in the very sunny but windy weather. The game was good experience for the girls as this is the first time this year they have competed in a cricket game outside. The girls fielded first and soon understood the environment with the changing bounce of the ball and the very windy conditions. The girls produced great long barrier and scoop techniques to field the ball effectively. The great bowlers included Holly Southworth, Ruby Monks, Lily McDonald and Poppy Jones. When batting the girls had great communication when running between the wickets and produced superb shots consistently throughout the game. The team were extremely positive, enthusiastic, and full of praise for each other when batting and fielding. The organisation and clear formation when fielding was of the highest standard throughout. The match winners all depended on the last ball of the final over with All Saints' needing a boundary shot to win the game. Fortunately, Poppy Jones hit a splendid 6 in order to seal the win for the girls. A special mention to Poppy Jones and Lily McDonald who made sure the ball didn't reach the boundary in any way possible by performing some amazing stops.

Another amazing cricketing performance by:

Holly Southworth

Ruby Monks

Mollie Mclean

Lily McDonald

Eva Williams

Coco Alderson

Poppy Jones





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News from the Boys PE Department

Y7

The boys' football team continue to progress and are on track to win the small schools' 'Championship' this season. The team had two resounding wins against TVLA 10-4 in the league and 9-0 in the cup! They then bowed out in the next round of the cup after a 4-0 loss to Haslingden but they will be looking to avenge that as they face them in the league after Easter. Well done to all the boys in the squad:

Kian Phillipson, Ollie Abraham, Oscar Thompson, Freddie Abraham, Lucas Clegg, Spencer McNeill, Declan Drake, Jonah Lord, Leighton Mcfadden, Billy Balmain, Oden Ball, Beau Taylor, Kane Hurley and Rowan Dermody.

The Y7 B-Team also represented school brilliantly in a tournament at TVLA - well played lads!

A group of seven Year 7 boys had a great experience when they attended Junction 4 Skate Park in Darwen for an afternoon where they had a go at BMX biking, skateboarding and riding scooters on the ramps.



Y8

The Y8 B-Team entered two teams into the 7-a-side competition due to large amount of players wanting to play which was amazing to see and the teams played really well!

The Y8 A-Team lost their league match to Alder Grange but have progressed into the Rossendale Cup semi-finals thanks to a 3-2 win at Valley. Louie Edmondson scored a brace and Jaxon Martin scored the other.

A group of year 8 pupils represented school in a dodgeball competition at Whitworth and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Four boys from Y8 made up the U14s badminton team that played in the Rossendale competition hosted at All Saints'. The lads fought off all the competition to be crowned Rossendale CHAMPIONS! A huge well done to Bentley Davis, Albert Barker, Louie Edmondson and Henry Templar.

A team of 13 pupils represented All Saints' and Rossendale at the Lancashire Indoor Athletics Finals hosted at Blackpool Sports Centre. The team competed against some of the best sporting schools from across the county and more than held their own in what was a great experience!



A mixed team of Y8 and Y9 girls had tremendous table tennis success this term. The team of Coco Alderson, Mollie Mclean, Poppy Jones and Rosie Bacon were crowned Lancashire Champions at an event at St. Bede's, Blackburn. They then returned to the same venue for the North West of England finals where they narrowly lost the final 4-3. Huge congratulations to the girls for being North West Runners-Up!



Y9

The Year 9 football team have shown some great character and resilience in recent league games and have fought well against tough opposition. The team were on the wrong end of a 9-2 scoreline against BRGS (Louie Edmondson with both goals) but were closer in losing 3-2 to Alder Grange; Hussain Webster and Henry Templar were on the scoresheet. A mixed Y9/10 team were also narrowly beaten 2-1 at Haslingden.

KS3 SEND

A KS3 SEND Team competed in the annual Boccia competition at TVLA. The pupils were fantastic - winning their first 4 games before eventually finishing 3rd overall. Most importantly the team had a great afternoon and represented the school with pride! Well done to Josh Keenan, Michael Duffy and Missy Webb!



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News from the Boys PE

Y10

The Y10 team are also having mixed fortunes this season after a hugely successful season last year. They lost 2-1 to a last minute BRGS penalty. Oscar Barker had equalised for the Saints' with a wonder strike! The team were also defeated at Whitworth by a 4-2 scoreline, Mckenzie Cashinella with both goals.

The Y10 B-Team entered two teams into the 7-a-side competition at TVLA and finished in 3rd and 4th positions. Well played lads!

A team of four Y10 lads played in the Rossendale Schools' Badminton competition hosted at All Saints'. The team were consistent throughout and eventually finished as runners up. Well done to Kai Nield, Mckenzie Cashinella, Oscar Barker and Alfie Bramwell.



Y11

The boys team are having a very successful season under the guidance of Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Farley and remain unbeaten. They are on track to win the league championship thanks to draws with Whitworth and BRGS (2-2 and 1-1 respectively) and have a cup match against BRGS after Easter.

The U16s basketball team bowed out of the Lancashire Cup despite an impressive 15-47 win away to Ribblesdale which led to the team finishing 3rd in their group.



BFC

As part of the school's ongoing partnership with Burnley FC Premier League Inspires programme, two teams of KS3 and KS4 pupils attended a Gender Equality Event at Turf Moor. Pupils had to pitch their ideas for gender equality events to a team of experts in a Dragon's Den format. The KS4 team were the winners of the competition and have subsequently visited Everton FC to meet up with other regional winners. The crowing glory though is a trip to Wembley Stadium in April to present along with 45 other clubs from across the country! A huge well done to Hollie Kakanskas, Ellie Brierley, Nola Lucking, Josh Shodeinde and Mckenzie Cashinella.





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News from the Library

For World Book Day this year, students were given the opportunity to 'put themselves in the picture' by popping their heads through the aperture of one of three popular book covers. They could be magically transformed into either Franny K. Stein – the evil genius and mad scientist - full name Franny *Kissypie* Stein, Mr Burt – the nasty, rat hating, self-styled chef from David Walliams' 'Ratburger' or Freddy Fazbear the main antagonist from the fiendishly frightening 'Five Nights at Freddy's' series of stories.



For those who were feeling more creative, there was a chance to make a mini book to store their secret thoughts or a Harry Potter fortune teller – or 'cootie catcher' as they are known in America.

Other Library News



Earlier on in the year, some of the paired readers were treated to an impromptu rendition of, 'Consider Yourself' from the show 'Oliver!' One of the students was curious about the school show which had been performed the evening before so in response, the SEN team burst into song to demonstrate. I don't know about the students, but I was impressed.

Congratulations to Luciano Mesce and Valerie Afatakpa who have been awarded points for borrowing (and hopefully reading) the highest number of books this term.

News from the Music Department

From the school stage to Manchester gig venue Gorilla

Our year 11 band "The Staags" are set to support Alex Spencer at *Gorilla* in Manchester on Friday 25th April on his April '25 UK Tour. After a whirlwind of a year for the band in 2024, Stanley Lumb (lead singer and rhythm guitarist), Bella Culbert (lead guitar), Stanley Udo (bass) and Louis Fremont (drums) played at local venues, birthdays and a wedding; they also released their first single 'Nothings New' which is available on all streaming platforms. They have built on their success this year by making appearances on Rossendale Radio and played at bigger venues such as St. Mary's Chambers and The Ramp.

'The Staags' will be playing a 30-minute set at *Gorilla* supporting Alex Spencer along with Permanent (joy). The venue has seen major artists such as The 1975, Sam Fender and Kylie Minogue so this is a fantastic opportunity for the band. Lead singer Stanley Lumb says that it is 'a dream come true' and that it means a lot to him as he has been friends with Alex Spencer following his music since he was busking. This will be a big step in their journey as a band and will hopefully open many doors for them. They would also like to thank the support from Miss Padwell and the school in helping them to accomplish this.

Stanley Lumb (lead singer)





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News from the Music Department



On Friday 28th March the choir spent the day singing at 'Lancashire Sings' at the Life Church in Burnley. Over 300 pupils from secondary schools across Lancashire joined together to work on vocal technique and make music together. We sang a range of songs from the West End to Gospel and even some Country Music!



News from the Music and English Departments

Oliver Jr!

At the end of last term over 50 pupils and staff took part in our whole school production of Oliver Jr!

It was a fantastic achievement made possible by the support we had across the school. We sold over 500 tickets and many staff came to help and support. The pupils were absolutely fantastic and despite Mr Parkes forgetting his lines, the show was a huge success!

Miss Padwell and Mrs Hindley were very proud!





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News from the Science Department

Science Week 10th to 14th March

What did the Year 7 & Year 8s get up to?

We had an escape room with various puzzles in a Science style set up. Physics enjoyed a space themed room involving moon craters, holograms and balloon rockets. In Chemistry, the students explored electroplating and potato batteries. Biology had a circus of experiments including making slimy string from 'algae' and battle of the beaks. Good work Year 7 and Year 8!

