All Saints' Roman Catholic High School Newsletter

July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I find it hard to believe how quickly the time has flown. It has been a year full of incredible achievements and memorable moments, and I am so proud of everything our school community has accomplished together.

One of the most significant highlights has been the outcome of our Catholic School Inspection. This glowing report reflects the hard work, dedication, and faith-filled commitment of our staff, pupils, governors, and wider community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed – this success is a true testament to what we can achieve when we work together. It also serves as a strong foundation for us to continue striving for the very best for our pupils.

This term has been especially busy, filled with events that have celebrated the talents, spirit, and resilience of our students. We were thrilled to see our Year 7, 8, and 11 football teams crowned league champions – a tremendous achievement that reflects their hard work and teamwork. Our trip to Wimbledon offered a unique and inspiring experience, while the Year 6 Transition Day gave us a warm glimpse of the future as we welcomed our newest pupils.

We also marked key milestones with pride – from the successful Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition to the joy and celebration of the Year 11 Leavers' Prom. Our end-of-term celebration assemblies have been a wonderful opportunity to recognise and honour the outstanding effort and progress of so many pupils.

As ever, I am immensely proud of all our students and the progress they have made – not only academically, but also in their spiritual and moral development. Watching them grow as individuals has been truly rewarding, and we are excited to see what they will continue to achieve next year.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating our move into the brand new school building. This marks an exciting new chapter for All Saints' and will provide a fantastic environment in which our students can continue to thrive. We will keep you fully informed once we receive final confirmation of the move date.

In the meantime, I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable summer. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on **Tuesday, 2nd September at 8:30am**.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer break.

Kind regards,
Mrs F Lord
Headteacher



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News from the RE Department

Catholic Life and Mission – A Faith-Filled Term at All Saints'

As we approach the end of another busy and rewarding term, we take a moment to reflect on the many events and celebrations that have brought our Catholic Life and Mission to the forefront of school life here at All Saints'.

Leading in Prayer During Exams

Throughout the exam season, students and staff gathered in stillness and prayer each morning, offering intentions and finding calm in God's presence before beginning their exams. These moments helped ground our students, reminding them they are never alone and that God walks with them in all things.

Year 11 Leavers' Mass – A Prayerful Farewell

We ended the exam period with a heartfelt Leavers' Mass for our Year 11 students. It was a moving occasion, filled with gratitude, prayer, and blessing, as we sent our young people off to their next chapter with faith, hope, and love. Their presence and leadership have left a lasting mark on our school.

Quiet Mind Meditation in Collective Worship

A new focus on Quiet Mind meditation during Collective Worship has brought a deep sense of peace and reflection across all year groups. Students have responded positively to these guided times of silence, helping them to centre themselves, reduce anxiety, and listen more attentively to God's voice.

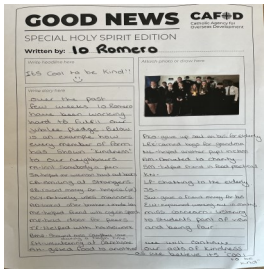
CAFOD Bake Sale – A Sweet Success

Our students lived out their mission to care for others through our transition evening CAFOD Bake Sale. Organised by students with energy and enthusiasm, the event raised both funds and awareness for global poverty. Thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and supported this worthy cause.

Year of Jubilee Anchor Pilgrimage



This term also saw the launch of our Anchor Pilgrimage during form time, as part of the Church's Year of Jubilee. The pilgrimage started with Year 10 with each form group taking time to pause, reflect, and engage with the themes of pilgrimage and spiritual renewal, anchoring themselves in faith and community. The pilgrimage is set to continue in the Autumn term, in anticipation of the Diocesan Jubilee Anchor arriving in November.



Charity Champions Fundraise for Cancer Research

Our Charity Champions have once again shown tremendous leadership and compassion, organising fundraising events for Cancer Research UK. Their dedication and hard work are a powerful reminder of the difference young people can make when driven by faith and love.



Year 8 Confirmation – Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit

A joyful highlight of the term was the Confirmation of some of our Year 8 students, who were anointed and confirmed in their faith. We are incredibly proud of each of them for taking this next step in their spiritual journey and pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and strengthen them.

Thanksgiving Mass – Ending the Year in Gratitude

We will close the term together with our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass, giving thanks for all we have learned, shared, and become as a community this year. It is a moment to celebrate God's faithfulness and look forward with hope. We thank Father Simon Stamp and Father Chris McGrain for their continued support with leading Mass for our young people.

Introducing Our New House Saints…

Finally, we are excited to announce that new House Saints will soon be introduced to inspire and guide our school community. These saints will become role models for us all as we continue to grow in faith and character. *Watch this space for more!*

Our Catholic Life continues to be a vibrant and essential part of who we are at All Saints'. Thank you to our students, families, staff, and parish partners for your ongoing support and for helping to make our mission so alive and visible.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." – Romans 12:12

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News - Catholic Life and Mission

Celebrating Our Success in the Recent Denominational Inspection

We are proud to share the fantastic outcome of our recent denominational inspection, which confirmed what we already know—that All Saints' Catholic High School is a vibrant, faith-filled community where students thrive!

All Saints' was graded Good overall, with the provision for Catholic Life and Mission being judged Outstanding. The inspectors recognised how deeply embedded our Catholic values are in everyday school life and how they shape the caring and respectful relationships across our school community.

A particular highlight of the inspection was the recognition of our students' contributions. Our Charity Champions and School Chaplaincy Team were praised for the energy, leadership, and compassion they bring to school life. Their commitment to service and social action is a shining example of our faith in action.

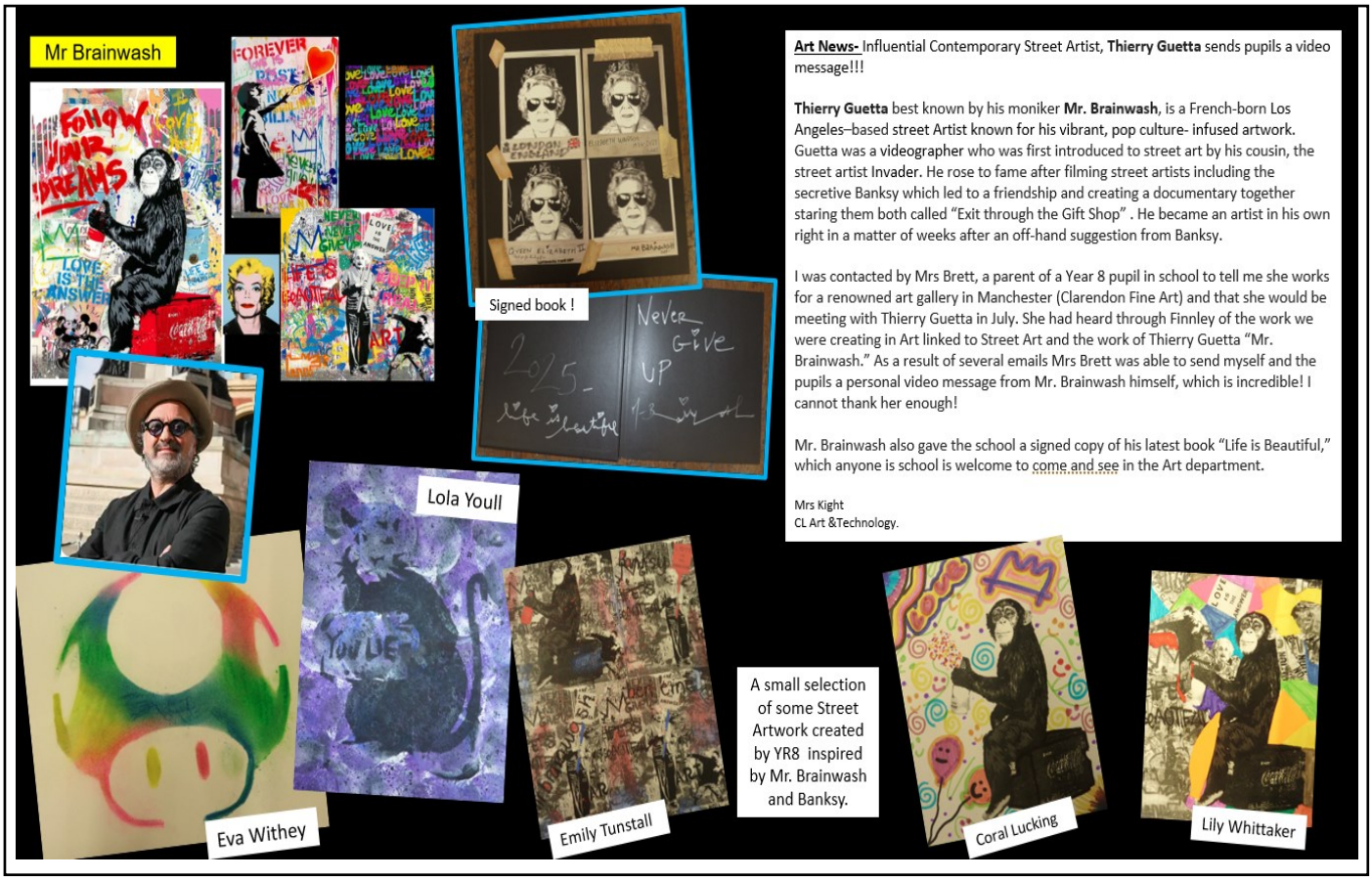
We were especially pleased to see the leadership of our Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher described as exemplary. Their vision, dedication, and strong Catholic leadership were noted as key to the school's ongoing improvement and success.

We're also excited by the progress being made in Religious Education. With the appointment of our new Head of RE, Miss Kenwright, the curriculum is already becoming more engaging and challenging, and we're beginning to see improved results across the board.

This inspection is a real celebration of our students, staff, and the wider All Saints' community. It affirms the work we do every day to live out our mission: to be a place of faith, hope, and love where every young person is supported to flourish.

Thank you to all members of our school family for your continued support and prayers. Together, we look forward to building this success as we prepare for our exciting next phase in the new school.

News from the Art Department



Art News- Influential Contemporary Street Artist, **Thierry Guetta** sends pupils a video message!!!

Thierry Guetta best known by his moniker **Mr. Brainwash**, is a French-born Los Angeles–based street Artist known for his vibrant, pop culture- infused artwork. Guetta was a videographer who was first introduced to street art by his cousin, the street artist Invader. He rose to fame after filming street artists including the secretive Banksy which led to a friendship and creating a documentary together staring them both called "Exit through the Gift Shop" . He became an artist in his own right in a matter of weeks after an off-hand suggestion from Banksy.

I was contacted by Mrs Brett, a parent of a Year 8 pupil in school to tell me she works for a renowned art gallery in Manchester (Clarendon Fine Art) and that she would be meeting with Thierry Guetta in July. She had heard through Finnley of the work we were creating in Art linked to Street Art and the work of Thierry Guetta "Mr. Brainwash." As a result of several emails Mrs Brett was able to send myself and the pupils a personal video message from Mr. Brainwash himself, which is incredible! I cannot thank her enough!

Mr. Brainwash also gave the school a signed copy of his latest book "Life is Beautiful," which anyone is school is welcome to come and see in the Art department.

Mrs Kight
CL Art &Technology.

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News from the Music Department



The Year 10 band 'Riverside' have made an impressive amount of progress over the school year, especially in this summer term. Band member George Heaton writes:

''The band consists of myself, George on vocals and guitar, Ethan on bass, and Lucas on the drums, and together we make Riverside."
I've had to say that quite a few times in the last month or so during our gigs at St Veronica's, St Mary's football club and the Broadway Primary School Colour Run event. The three of us have a great friendship, which ultimately makes the numbers we play tight and almost always strong. Before I go any further, none of this would have been possible without our music teacher, Miss Padwell, who has given us ample opportunity to practice, perform at venues and she also helps us set up gigs (bringing a lot of the equipment with her); all of which she does in her own time. We have become 'tighter' as we have gone through the school year, and we have a number of booked gigs lined up. We are playing at St Mary's Chambers on the 8th of August for the Battle of the Bands Heat 1 (come down and support us!). We are playing a slot on Rossendale Radio on Sunday 13th July, and Hazzyfest (23rd August); a gig we got after impressing at St Mary's football club. Also, we were given time in school to write and record an original song, with a producer and singer - songwriter called Leroy, with the end product being our first original titled 'False Hope'. It will be played on Rossendale Radio for those who are curious of what it sounds like! We have come along way in such a short time span, and hopefully we will keep improving; who knows what the future holds!

News from PE Department—Girls

Ocean Flanagan and Eleanor Seals From Bolton Football ladies Team came to visit our year 7 and 8 girls team. They did a skills session and played a short match followed by a Q and A.









News from the Library

Library News

All Saints' Library isn't always just about sitting and reading, it's a place where students can come to feel safe and relax. This term some of our very talented students have been channelling their inner artist by making use of a redundant whiteboard to showcase their talents and interests. Others meanwhile, have been colouring in Celtic animals and even producing stained glass effect art – or in our case stained acetate sheet art. Next year we are hoping to be able to provide jigsaws and games such as Chess or Connect 4 to keep minds active during break and lunchtime.







Library and SEN Collaboration

The Library has seen many intervention lessons taking place this year from phonics and EAL to Maths and probably most relevant – reading. This year, the SEN team have surpassed themselves and managed to achieve something remarkable. Led by Miss Hockett, they have succeeded in promoting a positive reading culture with some of our more reluctant readers. Not an easy task. But after targeting students who needed to improve their reading ages and by creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere in the library, they have done just that. Student comments at the beginning of the year which ranged from a negative, 'reading's boring' to 'I'm not doing it,' have now been replaced by a bright and cheerful 'morning Miss!' and 'I enjoyed that book, are there any more by that author?' More importantly, reading ages have, in most cases, improved. In fact, 20 students who were re-tested have made progress to the tune of a collective, massive, 35 years and 5 months! That's an average improvement of 1 year and 9 months per student.

According to Ofsted, schools should do more to 'help pupils who enter key stages 2 or 3 unable to read fluently to catch up quickly'. This year the library has been the perfect setting for enabling the teaching assistants to make this happen.

Mrs Bennett
All Saints' Librarian

News from the Careers Department

CyberFirst: Inspiring Future Computer Scientists – Part Two!

We were thrilled to attend our second CyberFirst day this term, building on the excitement from earlier in the year. A select group of students in Year 8 and 9 enjoyed an engaging and eye opening day learning about artificial intelligence and exploring how it is shaping our world.

The highlight of the day was getting 'hands on' with Sphero robots – coding them to navigate challenges and complete tasks using logic and creativity. It was fantastic to see so many future computer scientists working collaboratively to problem solve and push their skills further.

The experience was not only educational but truly inspiring, sparking interest in tech careers and next steps in computing.

Year 8 Mock Interview Day – A Real Success!

Our first ever Year 8 Mock Interview Day took place this term and what a fantastic event it was! After weeks of preparation in form time and assemblies – including CV building, discussing first impressions, and practising answers – our Year 8 students had the opportunity to put their skills into practice in front of real-life professionals.

The feedback from our external interviewers was incredibly positive, praising the maturity, confidence, and thoughtfulness of our students.

"It's hard to believe they're only 12 or 13 – they were so prepared, polite, and reflective," one employer commented.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to support the event. We're proud of every student who took part – you really shone!

Year 10 College Taster Day – Exploring Next Steps

Our Year 10s took part in an exciting College Taster Day at Accrington and Rossendale College, giving them a valuable insight into post-16 options. Students were able to try out a variety of courses including Law, Business, Cyber Security, Construction, Motor Vehicles, Joinery, Painting and Decorating, Beauty, Early Years, and Sport – to name just a few!

It was a chance to explore possible pathways and think about their future careers. The feedback from the college staff was overwhelmingly positive, praising our students' attitude and curiosity.

We were especially proud of how confidently students engaged with the experience. They were an absolute credit to our school.

Oscar Beesley– "My Day at College – A Student's View"

Today I went to Accrington college. I undertook lessons in civil engineering and architecture at Accrington College. I enjoyed both subjects that I did, including the practical work. The hands on learning was good. I learnt about the various tools used in civil engineering and architecture and made a floor plan in an architectural simulation. In my second session, I learnt how to make a business plan and proposition. I also learnt how to advertise a business idea in the business program. Furthermore, I learnt how to give my opinion about a business idea and how we should give it a local spin. However, our main idea in the business program was how to 'base out' a prom idea; how to advertise it and how to get funds for the prom.

Firstly, I would like to compliment the staff for being very inviting and helpful on my new journey to my future.

Secondly, the campus layout was very well thought out and comfortable. Staff were friendly and the environment was conducive to learning.

The campus was clean and was laid out in a way that was very easy for students to navigate.

Overall, my experience was great. The college and staff there have really inspired me to pursue studies in civil engineering and architecture. I have always had my own ideas on what I want to do in the future. I would like to have a business renovating buildings. The architecture module will definitely help me to design and create new ideas: flats; tourist houses; family sized houses; council houses; apartments and farms. This experience will also help me to understand the principles of concrete!

I'm also interested in being a farrier (which is horse shoeing). College guidance will show me how to talk to customers , advertise my company and let me share my own ideas. College will also allow me to explore other potential avenues. I believe by going to Accrington college it has given me the opportunities, knowledge and understanding on how to be the best version of myself in the future; Accrington College shares the ambition I have for myself.

I would recommend Accrington College for anyone who is wanting to go far or develop an understanding of how to develop themselves and to prepare themselves for vocational or academic subjects.

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News from the Careers Department

Year 10 Work Experience Week: 7th – 11th July

From the 7th to the 11th of July, our Year 10 students swapped the classroom for the workplace during their Work Experience Week. This vital part of our careers programme allows students to experience the world of work first-hand and start thinking seriously about their aspirations.

Students took up placements in a wide range of industries including education, retail, sport, engineering, healthcare, and administration. We've already received glowing reports from employers, with many praising the students for their professionalism, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn.

We're incredibly proud of how well they represented themselves and our school. We look forward to hearing how the experience has helped shape their future plans.

Computing News: Year 9s Minecraft Super Schools!

In Computing, Year 9 have taken on an exciting design challenge as part of our move to the new school building. Using Minecraft Education, students were asked to create their vision of a 'Super School' – a futuristic, student-friendly environment full of creative and practical ideas.

The results were outstanding, showcasing innovation, collaboration, and technical skill. The top five designs have now been submitted to Tilsbury Douglas, the contractors working on our new school site, who will judge the finalists.

We've loved seeing the enthusiasm this project has sparked. A huge well done to all involved – and special congratulations to the winning teams!



News from the PE Department

Over the course of the academic year All Saints' have worked closely with Burnley Football Club and their 'Premier League Inspires' mentoring programme. Over a third of All Saints' pupils have benefited from the programme this year and I am delighted to announce that the programme will continue next year.

The highlight of the programme came in April when the 'Gender Equality Champions' represented All Saints' and Burnley in the Community at a national event at Wembley Stadium. After an early start and a 6am train from Preston to Euston the team of five Y10 pupils presented their initiative which was a gender equality football tournament hosted and run by the pupils. This saw over 150 students participate over a week of football tournaments which were inclusive; they were played in a fantastic spirit.

Our pupils met up with over 60 other clubs from Newcastle to Brighton and met former England Lioness Izzy Christiansen before having a tour of the stadium. A huge well done to Ellie Brierley, Hollie Kakanskas, Nola Lucking, Josh Shodeinde and Mckenzie Cashinella.





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News from Duke of Edinburgh Group

After their first walk on Cribden Hill back in March and a practice expedition weekend in Barley in April; 25 of our Year 10 pupils completed their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award expedition in June. We set off to Rivington on Friday 13th (unlucky for some, not for us!) June. Our pupils prepared to navigate a 12K route where they put their teamwork, endurance and map reading skills to the test. Once they had successfully finished their walk, it was time to put up tents and cook dinner using camping stoves. Our pupils had a great time relaxing and socializing before the black clouds descended and forced everyone to bed. The downpour during the night was apocalyptic! We were much luckier weather-wise on the practice weekend as the annual Duke of Edinburgh/ All Saints' rounders game could commence before toasting marshmallows around the campfire at Whitehough Outdoor Centre.

After a good night's sleep (amidst the loud rain patter on the tents), pupils rose early, breakfast was made, tents put away before pupils set off from the campsite at Bibby's Farm for another 12k walk to Rivington Barn. They experienced a complete mix of hot sunshine and heavy rain but their spirits remained high throughout the day and they all completed the expedition with flair and distinction! Our Year 10's really were a credit to the school!

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award has four key sections which our pupils have either completed or are well underway with. These include: **Volunteering** – contributing time and effort to help others in the community, i.e. supporting a local charity/ youth work/ environmental initiatives; **Physical** – engaging in activities that improve their fitness and health, i.e. sports/ dance/ sports classes; **Skills** – develop a new skill or improve an existing one, i.e. learning a musical instrument/ learning to cook/ developing a new hobby; **Expedition** – this includes planning, training for and undertaking a self-sufficient expedition which results in a two-day, one-night hike.

Mr Briggs is already looking forward to our current Year 9 pupils expressing interest for the Duke of Edinburgh award next year.








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News from the Extra-Curricular Club

News from extra-curricular lunchtime clubs: International club



From left to right – Yr 7 Martin Sullivan, Paige Gregory, Lacie Whitworth, Sophia Gray, Aria Limmack, Emily Martin, Hibatullahi Omotosho Abiodun, Shannon O'Connor-Stott.

Students have had a varied and fascinating year in the **International club** travelling 'virtually' around the different continents and learning about new cultures and languages.

We started in the far East with Japan and mastered chopsticks using Jelly Gems and then progressed to Tea Ceremony and drank green tea with mochi. Students looked at real kimonos and learnt calligraphy with the written Japanese Kanji characters for 'mountain', 'forest' and the word 'shine'. They learnt about the ancient Shinto religion of Japan and important Buddhist festivals. We even tried a Japanese lunch of pickles, rice, miso soup and nori seaweed and focused on essential Japanese etiquette.

The club welcomed visitors from other cultures too; in the Middle East we learnt about Pilgrimage to Mecca and Mrs Begum showed students how to write Arabic letters and read from right to left. Ms Coates made a baked Ukranian cheesecake, 'Zapinkanka' and Olya Holovko, Sonia Bykova and Illia Shtepa sampled it and told students all about their Ukrainian culture, traditions and language. Martin Sullivan told the group about Portugal and his Portuguese heritage and Hibatullahi Omotosho Abiodun shared her experiences of school life and her favourite foods from Nigeria.

"I loved some of the creative crafts such as paper flower making, being part of a club and speaking in different languages," said Precious Uyanne in Yr 7. It's been such an exciting year: we have tried lots of different foods, read the Lord's prayer in Welsh and had fun competitions based on the flags of Europe and the location of countries around the world. In the words of Shannon O'Connor-Stott , who as a Year 11 student helped with the group: "It was great fun and a reminder to me about how interesting it is to try new things and learn about different cultures."

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Kagayaku *(shine, light spreading outwards) in Japanese.*

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Yushraq (Radiance and glory) in Arabic.

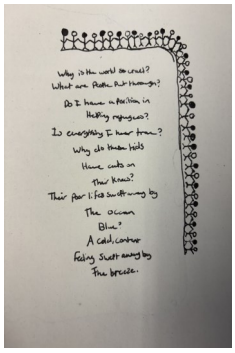
Przyświecać (Shine, light) in Polish.
Brilhar (Brightness) Portuguese.
Disgleirio (To give out light) in Welsh.
Blysk блиск (Shine) in Ukranian.

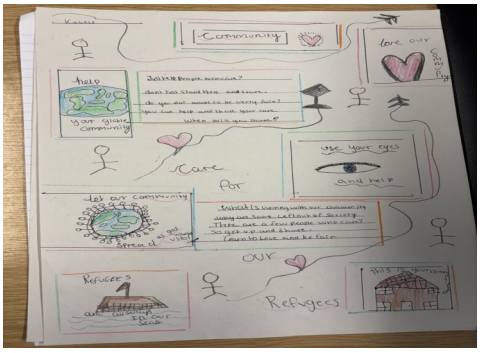
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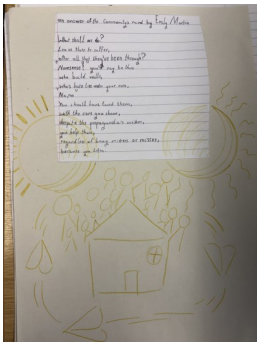
News from the RE and English Departments

In June, RE and English marked Refugee Week with a series of lessons for our Year 7 pupils. We considered the different reasons why someone might flee their home and reflected on ways communities can help and support people when they have to rebuild their lives in a new country.
We were so impressed with the thoughtful and compassionate responses from Year 7 who shared stories, ideas and possible solutions to strengthen our community. Well done Year 7 - we're so proud of the way you participated in discussions about the common good and preferential treatment for the poor, as well as the respect you showed for the dignity of people in need around the world.

Miss Kenwright and Miss Schofield

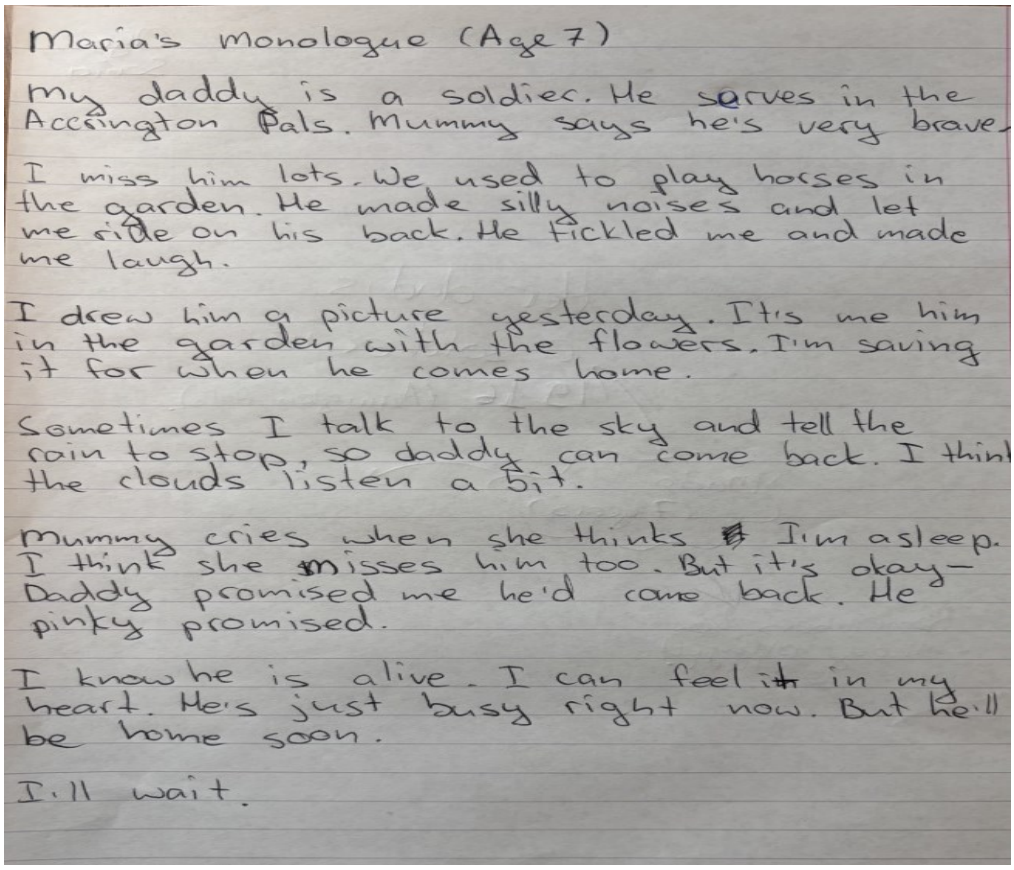






News from the English Department

This term in English, Year 9 have been exploring Lancashire's rich history. Recently, we've focused on the Accrington Pals, considering how writers use real-life events as inspiration and how we can mimic the ways they develop their narrative voices.
Using a monologue written from the perspective of a Pal who returns home after the war, pupils have written their own monologues, creating their own characters. We're so proud of the way they've experimented with dialect and character to create convincing narrative voices and we love the thoughtful compassion they have shown for such an emotive moment in history.



Maria's Monologue (Age 7)

My daddy is a soldier. He serves in the Accington Pals. Mummy says he's very brave.

I miss him lots. We used to play horses in the garden. He made silly noises and let me ride on his back. He tickled me and made me laugh.

I drew him a picture yesterday. It's me him in the garden with the flowers. I'm saving it for when he comes home.

Sometimes I talk to the sky and tell the rain to stop, so daddy can come back. I think the clouds listen a bit.

Mummy cries when she thinks I'm asleep. I think she misses him too. But it's okay— Daddy promised me he'd come back. He pinky promised.

I know he is alive. I can feel it in my heart. He's just busy right now. But he'll be home soon.

I'll wait.

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News from the PE Department—Girls

Year 10 Girls Rossendale Schools Rounders Competition

On Monday 9th June, eleven Year 10 girls represented All Saints' by attending the annual Rossendale Schools Rounders Competition held at Haslingden High School. We had two gamechangers for the competition, therefore the girls took responsibility and ownership of the team when deciding which players were not playing games. The girls made this decision openly and believed this was the easiest way to complete the fixture to ensure everyone was enjoying the event. Despite the rainy, cold and miserable weather in June, the tournament got underway starting with All Saints' vs Alder Grange game. The girls took the opportunity to field first in the game and relaxed into the game well, stopping Alder Grange from scoring half and full rounders throughout. Many participants at the event were struggling with the weather due to the slippery conditions. When batting, the girls produced some great shots in order to score points. The girls were narrowly defeated, by only half a rounder against Alder Grange but carried on enthusiastically and positively. The next game saw Haslingden High as our opponents. The girls relaxed into their stride and began to benefit from the use of strategies and tactics within the unusual conditions for rounders. The girls were unlucky to be beaten; this was due to some minor fielding errors. The final game saw Whitworth High School as our opponents. The girls produced some amazing shots throughout the game. The game resulted in a great win and was a great way to finish the tournament; just as the rain stopped and the sun started to come out! The girls represented All Saints' in such a respectful, professional and welcoming manner throughout and should be very proud of their performance. A special mention to Lois Cowking and Hollie Kakanskas for great shot consistency and to Maddie Smith who officiated all three of All Saint's fixtures well.

Well done to:
Lilly-May Ashworth, Romilly Ashworth, Erin Bewley, Ellie Brierley, Annabel Butterworth, Lois Cowking, Hollie Kakanskas ,Nola Lucking, Ava Lynch, Leia Webb, Evie Worden

News from the PE Department—Girls

Year 8 Girls Rossendale Rounders Tournament



On Monday 16th June, a group of nine Year 8 girls participated in the Rossendale Schools Rounders Competition, hosted at Haslingden High School. Representing All Saints' with pride, the girls displayed outstanding teamwork and maturity throughout the event. The team displayed a positive team spirit throughout the tournament.

All Saints' played their first match against Alder Grange. While batting, the girls showcased great technique and determination, producing some powerful hits and scoring valuable rounders. Despite a strong display, the tightly contested match ended in a narrow loss for All Saints', losing by only half a rounder.

In their second game against BRGS, the team had fully settled in and began to apply smart strategies and well-planned field positioning. Their confident batting and excellent teamwork led to a well-earned victory.

The next game saw All Saints' challenge Whitworth High School. The team portrayed a great batting display, with consistent sleek fielding in order to get many of the opposition out. The girls played amazingly, started to relax and ultimately won the game.

The final game was All Saints' against Haslingden High School, who were our closest contenders in the tournament. The All Saints' team displayed their best performance yet with many rounders scored due to a precise batting technique and great running. They won their last game.

Throughout the competition, the girls represented All Saints' with integrity, enthusiasm, and a commendable sense of sportsmanship. Big smiles were replete on their faces! The girls were crowned winners of the tournament.
A big well done to every member of the team:
Mollie McLean, Poppy Jones, Eva Williams, Coco Alderson , Jess Hope, Ruby Monks, Mia Macintosh ,Holly Southworth, Lily McDonald

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News from the PE Department—girls

Year 9's Girls Rossendale Rounders Competition newsletter

On Tuesday 10th June, a team of 10 Year 9 girls took part in the Rossendale Schools Rounders Competition, held at Haslingden High School. Representing All Saints' with pride, the girls demonstrated excellent teamwork and maturity throughout the day. With one substitute, the team showed great leadership and democracy by making fair and inclusive decisions about player rotations. They ensured that everyone had the chance to participate, maintaining a positive team spirit from start to finish. As the sun shone, the tournament got underway. All Saints' faced Haslingden High School in their first match. The team adapted quickly to the windy conditions, showing strong defensive play and limiting their opponents' scoring opportunities as much as possible. When batting, the girls displayed excellent technique and determination, delivering some powerful hits to bring in rounders. The match was closely contested but unfortunately All Saints' narrowly lost the match. The girls second game was against The Valley Leadership Academy. Now fully settled into the competition, the team began to make use of clever tactics and effective field placement. The girls gave a fantastic display of confident batting and teamwork, securing a well-deserved win. Throughout the event, the girls represented All Saints' with integrity, enthusiasm, and a warm sense of sportsmanship.

Special recognition goes to Maddie Smith, who officiated the All Saints' matches with confidence and professionalism.



Well Done to the following girls:

Poppy Thomson, Rosie Bacon, Jodie Dearden, Serena Raby, Isla Rothwell, Madi Court, Erin Skillings, Liberty Andrew, Alice Carr, Madeleine McManus

News from the PE Department—Girls

On The 22nd May some of our year 9 girls took part in a special **This Girl Can** event – a nationwide initiative aimed at encouraging girls to get active, have fun, and feel confident in sport and fitness - at Roefield Leisure Centre in Clitheroe

The event was a huge success, with pupils taking part in a variety of fun and inclusive activities designed to show that **every girl can enjoy being active – no matter their ability or experience**. The 3 activities our School did were:

🏑 **Cardio Tennis** which had everyone moving to the beat, combining tennis drills with high-energy music to keep hearts pumping and smiles shining.

🌟 **Glow Benchball** which turned the lights down and the fun up, as pupils played an exciting, glow-in-the-dark version of a school favourite – complete with neon bibs and glowing balls!

🗺 And the **Treasure Hunt** which offered a fast-paced challenge across the centre grounds, encouraging teamwork, problem-solving, and lots of laughter.

Throughout the day, it was fantastic to see the girls trying new activities, supporting one another, and most importantly – having fun while getting active. Events like these play an important role in building confidence and helping every girl find a type of movement they enjoy.

Miss C Hill
Curriculum Leader of PE

News from the PE Department—Girls

Year 7 Rounders Tournament – A Fantastic Effort from All Saints!

Our Year 7 rounders team represented All Saints' brilliantly in a local schools' tournament—and came away with a well-deserved 2nd place finish!

The team showed incredible teamwork, skill and determination, securing impressive wins against both Alder Grange and Whitworth. The players demonstrated sharp fielding, powerful batting, and excellent communication throughout both games, leaving no doubt about their capability on the pitch.
It was an incredibly close match against Haslingden High, and our team gave it everything they had. In the end, Haslingden just edged ahead—winning by only half a rounder. It was a narrow margin that made the result even more intense and a testament to how closely matched the teams were.

We're immensely proud of our Year 7 team for their performance, sportsmanship, and spirit. Their second-place finish is a fantastic achievement, and they represented All Saints' with pride. Well done, team!
Daisy Brierley, Tabetha Greenwood ,Heidi Westwell, Coco Solazzo, Lola Jarett, Lola Monks, Annabel Heaps ,Maizy Dearden, Gracie Davin

News from the PE Department—Girls

On Monday 8th July, our talented Year 8 and Year 7 girls' football team took part in a thrilling 7-a-side tournament, held at Haslingden High School. Despite a tough start, the team showed resilience, skill, and outstanding teamwork throughout the day, making it a memorable event for players and supporters alike. The team began the tournament with a challenging first match against The Valley Leadership Academy, narrowly losing 1-0 despite a strong defensive effort and several close chances. Rather than let the result bring them down, the girls used it as motivation for the rest of the tournament. In their second match, the team tightened up their defence and battled hard for a 0-0 draw against Alder Grange with the team working tirelessly to control possession and create chances. However, the opposition's defence held firm. The third group match saw the team come to life with a win over BRGS. There were goals from all around the pitch, to help seal the victory and boost team confidence. In the final game, having gained some momentum, the girls secured another win. There were great overall team performances from every player in the team. The team came 2nd overall in the competition.

A big 'shout-out' to the Year 7's of the team: Coco Solazzo, Lola Monks; Daisy Brierley. All slotted perfectly in to the team.

Well done to all who participated: Holly Southworth, Coco Alderson ,Poppy Jones, Eva Williams ,Ruby Monks ,Jess Hope ,Coco Solazzo ,Daisy Brierley, Lola Monks



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Year 8 & 9 Wimbledon & Harry Potter Studios Trip

School Trip Day 1: Wimbledon!

We spent the first day soaking up the sun at Wimbledon. After an early start spirits were high as we watched some incredible doubles matches and experienced the electric atmosphere of this iconic sporting venue.

Our students were absolute stars—engaged, respectful, and full of enthusiasm throughout the day. A big thank you to them for representing the school so well!

Day 2: Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studio Tour!

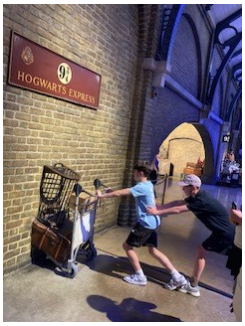
What an incredible second day it was! Our students were absolutely spellbound as they explored the magic behind the scenes at the Harry Potter Studios — from walking through the Great Hall to stepping onto Platform 9¾ and marvelling at the sets, costumes, and special effects.

We are so proud to say that the children have been a credit to the school from the moment we arrived — impeccably behaved, wonderfully polite, and full of curiosity. They represented our school brilliantly and received compliments from members of the public and staff along the way.







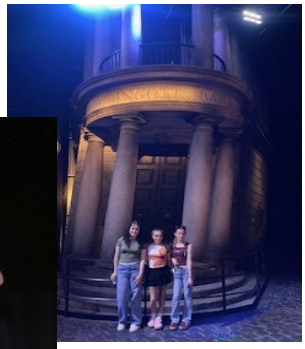


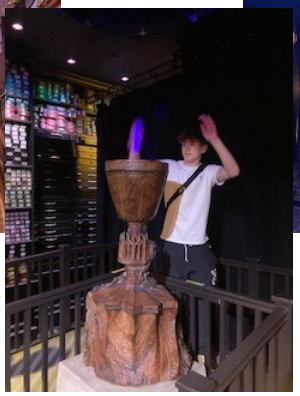
















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🏅 Rossendale Schools Athletics Competition Brings Valley Together in Sporting Spirit 🏃‍♀️🏃‍♂️

The spirit of teamwork, determination, and athletic excellence was on full display last week at the annual **Rossendale Schools Athletics Competition**, where schools from across the valley came together for an unforgettable day of sport and camaraderie.

Held at the **Marl Pits Sports Complex**, the event saw hundreds of students from secondary schools in the Rossendale area compete across a wide range of track and field events. From the explosive 100m sprint to the stamina-testing 1500m run, as well as long jump, high jump, shot put, and relay races, the competition highlighted the incredible talent and effort of our young athletes.

Each school sent a team of their top athletes, and the atmosphere was electric with cheers, encouragement, and friendly rivalry. Spectators, including proud parents, teachers, and fellow students, created a vibrant backdrop that made the event even more memorable.

A huge thank you goes out to all the staff, volunteers, and event organisers who made the day run smoothly, as well as to the local sports leaders who officiated with fairness and enthusiasm.

We're already looking forward to next year's event – and if this year is anything to go by, Rossendale's future in athletics is looking brighter than ever!

1st Place - Hussain Webster High Jump
1st Place - Hussain Webster 200m
1st Place - Hussain Webster 1500m
1st Place - Henry Templar 300m
1st Place - Jess Hope 300m
1st Place - Emily Clarkson Shot Putt
1st Place - Max Whittle Javelin
1st Place - Alice Carr 1500m
2nd Place - Max Whittle Shot Putt
2nd Place - Lyla Duffy 1500m
2nd Place - Lyla Duffy High Jump
2nd Place - Lyla Duffy 100m
2nd Place - Jodie Dearden Javelin
3rd Place - Jess Hope Shot Putt
3rd Place - Max Whittle Javelin
3rd Place - Lyla Duffy, Alice Carr, Chloe Wadsworth, Erin Skillings Relay





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News from the PE Department—Boys

Extra-curricular PE provision at All Saints' always centres around high participation rates and the inclusion of all pupils. However, this year has been hugely successful for the boys, especially on the football pitch! Out of our five 'A' - teams, three have been crowned league champions and one has reached a cup final and one of our two 'B' teams also reached a cup final.
This feat is even more impressive considering that in the 40+ football games played by school this year, every single one has been away from home due to the building work!



Well done to everyone who has represented school this year, we are extremely proud of you!
Year 7 - Having lost an entertaining game 4-2 at Haslingden in May (goals from Leighton and Beau, the team knew they needed a draw or better in their final league game at BRGS to be crowned Championship winners and thanks to another goal from Leighton and a penalty save from goal-keeper Kian, a 1-1 draw clinched the title. Huge congratulations to captain Freddie and all of the players that have played this season.



Year 8 - The Y8 team have also been crowned as Championship winners as well as reaching the cup final this season. In the cup, the team pulled off a shock 3-2 win away to Haslingden in the semi final thanks to a Louie Edmondson brace and one from Henry Templar. The team then lost 5-1 in the final to a very strong Alder Grange team in a match played at Whitworth Valley FC. Henry had put the saints' one up early on but the team were eventually pegged back by strong opposition. In the league, following a defeat at Whitworth where Bentley scored the only goal, the team had a must-win match against BRGS. A brace from captain Henry saw the team claim a narrow 2-1 victory to take the title!



U13s B-Team - The U13s B-Team was made up of Y7 and 8 boys who haven't played for school this year and they performed brilliantly in a 4-2 defeat to Alder Grange, goal scorers were Toby and Franki. Players of the match were Dominic and Declan.



Year 9 - The Y9/10 mixed team signed off their league campaign with an emphatic 5-0 at Whitworth thanks to two goals apiece from Hussain and Charlie and the goal of the game from Jayden.



Year 10 - The Y10s have had a disappointing season by their high standards, but performances haven't always been reflected by the results. A 3-1 defeat to Haslingden finished off the season, captain George with the goal.

U15s B-Team - The lads reached the cup final for a second successive season thanks to a 3-2 win at TVLA, Tom scored twice and Calum once. But again the lads were undone by Whitworth in the final despite leading twice through a Jayden rocket and a long range strike from Calum, eventually losing 4-2. Captain Kai was player of the match.



Year 11 - The Y11s were also crowned league winners despite their only defeat in the final game to Alder Grange. A fantastic achievement and it was great to see the lads celebrate with the trophy at The Prom!

Table tennis - The KS3 table tennis team won a mixed fixture against Whitworth HS winning 16-12 in the end. And a big thank you to Mr. Young for all of his dedication and his coaching of the pupils every Thursday.





Foot-Golf - In June, All Saints' competed in the inaugural Rossendale Schools' Foot-Golf competition hosted at Whitworth. The Y8 team of Louie, Henry and Mikey won their category and All Saints' were overall runners-up!

Cricket - In July All Saints' competed against Whitworth in a cricket match hosted at Bacup CC. It was great to see pupils from all year groups coming together to make up the team and for some pupils, it was their first experience of a red-ball cricket match.

Advice from Lancashire County Council

The importance of Transport when considering secondary school preferences

Dear Parents/Kinship Carers of Current Year 5 pupils

Before the summer holidays begin, we wanted to get in touch with you about next term's prospective secondary school application, and how important it is to consider home to transport prior to making your final decision.
You must consider carefully how your child will get to and from your preferred secondary schools before submitting your application for a school place.

Pupils will only be eligible for free travel if they have an entitlement under the County Council's Home to School Transport Policy. It is important, when selecting your preferences for a school place, that you have read and understood the information available on the website regarding school admissions and travel assistance.
It is essential to remember - for transport purposes - the 'nearest suitable school' is the nearest school to the family home – and - in some cases, the nearest school will be located within another local authority area.
If you choose to send your child to a school that Lancashire County Council does not consider to be the nearest suitable school, there is no duty to provide free transport. You will need to make your own transport arrangements.
Assistance with home to school travel will not be needed for most children as they will attend their local school which will be within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent/carer as necessary.
However, if transport costs are a concern to you, please contact your Area Education Office before submitting your application:

NORTH AREA	SOUTH AREA	EAST AREA
Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde	Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley	Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
(01524) 581148	(01772) 532109	(01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.
The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to plan how your child will get to school if space on the bus is not available.
Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council to make an application.
It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

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News—Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom was an amazing evening filled with great music, laughter, and lots of dancing. Our pupils were fantastic throughout the night, showing respect and enjoying themselves in the best way possible.

A big shoutout to our school band, *The Staags*, who put on a brilliant set of covers and original songs. Their energy really brought the night to life and made the event feel extra special — they truly blew the roof off!

It was the perfect way to say goodbye to a wonderful year group who have been a joy to have at school. We will miss each and every one of them and we wish them all the very best for what's next. Here's to the Class of 2025 — thanks for an unforgettable night!



















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The Teenage Years
From "I love you" to "Whatever" in 0.2 seconds!
Navigate the rollercoaster of the teen years with calm, connection, and confidence.

AUGUST

Primary Years with free Kids Club 0-11 yrs
From cuddles to eye-rolls in a flash!
Tackle the ups and downs of parenting 5–11s with confidence and calm.

SEPTEMBER

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From hero to "so embarrassing" overnight!
Build strong bonds, tackle challenges, and parent with confidence.

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NOVEMBER

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Early Years (0-4yrs) with free Day Tots Club
Big futures begin in the early years. Build strong bonds, boost early learning and feel confident in your parenting.

Scan the QR code to see course dates, times and full details and to book your place online

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Water safety advice

Every year people drown in Lancashire. On average there are 50 of these tragedies every year in the UK.

As temperatures rise, it's tempting to cool off with a swim in a river, canal, lake or reservoir. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is regularly called to rescue people who have got into trouble in the water.

What are the dangers ?

- There is no supervision.
- The cold water temperatures can claim your life in minutes even if you are a strong swimmer.
- It's difficult to estimate the depth of the water. It may be much deeper or much shallower than expected.
- There are often no suitable places to get out of the water due to steep slimy banks and sides.
- There is no way of knowing what lies beneath - there could be weeds, pipes, shopping trolleys, sharp metal and broken bottles.
- Swimming in open water can lead to a variety of serious illnesses. There may be hidden currents. Flowing water or swimming in the sea can be especially dangerous.
- Alcohol and swimming don't mix - perception and capability are both affected by drinking.

Enjoy the water safely

- Swim somewhere safe, like the swimming baths.
- Obey the warning signs around reservoirs, lakes, canals rivers and at the beach.
- Value your own safety first - jumping into the water to rescue pets or belongings can be highly dangerous.
- **Know what to do in an emergency - ring 999 and explain your location clearly and describe any landmarks.**
- Enjoy organised water sports in a safe environment - with the correct equipment and a qualified instructor.
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service discourages swimming in canals, rivers, lakes, quarries, the sea or any other open water unless part of an organised swimming group.



Cold Water Kills

Anyone can get into difficulty in the water, even if they are a strong swimmer.

It is very important to **respect the water** and be mindful that the worst can happen at any time.

If you are entering the water and find yourself struggling, remember: **float to live**.

By lying flat on your back and remaining as calm as possible, you can stay afloat and able to breathe for longer.



This video by the RNLI shows how cold water shock can quickly take hold, and why it helps to respect the water and float to live.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiN5hvoouMk&t=22s