



All Saints' Roman Catholic High School

Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the term, especially to the parents of our new Year 7 cohort. They have made a fantastic start. This newsletter gives you an insight into how our students embrace the school motto, 'Luceat Lux Vestra'.

Over the summer our Academy Trust and the Salford Diocese, decided to boost our leadership capacity by employing Mr Xaviar Bowers, as an Executive Headteacher. He is helping us as we: introduce new behaviour and attendance policies; embed new members of the SLT; completely review our staffing and leadership structures; and reset our culture back to the pre-pandemic expectations. I am delighted to be working with an experienced and effective local Headteacher.



During this month of the Rosary, we are looking forward to the 'Valley Mass'. This celebration on Wednesday 16th October with our seven feeder primary schools and the local clergy, will probably have taken place by the time you receive this!

I hope the Year 6 pupils and parents who filled the school on our Open evening, enjoyed themselves. We welcome all students to the only faith school in the Valley. We continue to be the only feeder school to the nationally recognised Sixth form College, Holy Cross College, in Bury. Their open days are now taking place and I recommend that all our Year 11 pupils and their parents go and have a look.

Yours faithfully,
Mr B McNally



SCHOOL UNIFORM

In line with DfE 2019 guidance on the cost of school uniforms, we would like to start, with a parental consultation on our current uniform policy.

The link below provides a consultation form which will be open until the 15th November.

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Hello everybody.

I am pleased to introduce myself as Executive Headteacher. My substantial post is still Headteacher at Mount Carmel RC High School in Accrington 2.5 days per week, but I am delighted to also be working with Mr McNally, school governors and the staff at All Saint's RC High School the other 2.5 days per week. The intension is that this arrangement will be in place for this academic year!

I have already met with school governors, Mr McNally, SLT and many of the staff, pupils and parents, both formally and informally. I am so grateful that I have been made to feel so welcome by all concerned.

We have worked together to focus on improving pupil behaviour and ensuring all pupils wear their uniform correctly. It says so much about a young person when they present wearing their uniform with pride. It shows they are proud of themselves and their school, without saying a word!

Pupil behaviour has improved but we still have a long way to go. It is so important that all pupils understand how important it is to behave well in lessons and around school. Good behaviour creates an environment where all pupils feel safe in school. Teachers can then do their job effectively and all pupils can enjoy learning in lessons!

We have made two minor changes to the school behaviour policy. We have introduced a 10 second rule between each stage and taken a zero policy on mobile phones! For further details please see our updated policy on the school website.

We have also taken a zero-tolerance policy on pupils who persistently demonstrate poor behaviour in school by escalating suspensions. We take no pleasure in suspending pupils from school but sometimes you have got to say enough is enough and think about the negative impact persistently poor behaviour has day in and day out on all the other pupils in lessons and the staff! Like all schools, All Saints' has limited resources and strategies available to support pupils who demonstrate persistent poor attendance and behaviour. These resources and strategies are now included in a personal support plan (PSP) that will be shared with parents, pupils and staff. The PSP will be tracked and monitored regularly and updated, if necessary, by the school Progress Leaders.

After half term we hope to be able to improve the school environment in a sensible and cost-effective way with photographs of current pupils in school. We are also going to buy noticeboards that can be put up on the corridors to recognise and celebrate the many achievements of pupils., purchases that can be used for years to come.

Many thanks for your support and I look forward to working with the school to ensure that all your children get the best possible school experience.

Xavier Bowers
Executive Headteacher





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NEWS FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

BOOKBUZZ 2022

As the name suggests there has been a buzz around the year 7 English classes this half term. Every year the Book Trust allows schools to purchase books for students for a mere £3.00 each from an amazing choice of 17.



As you can see from the photos, students were thrilled with their new reading material. One student said, "I have been after this book for ages! I can't wait to read it." While others wanted to begin reading immediately.

After half term, students will be able to join in the **'Bookbuzz Swap Shop'** which will take place in the library. This will give students the opportunity to read all of the books and maybe even participate in the **Bookbuzz Reading Challenge**. Keep an eye on your emails, year 7, for further updates.

This year's
choice



Mrs Bennett
School Librarian



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NEWS FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

'Britain'

by Maddie Smith Year 8

Take some tea, fish and chips; sausage rolls.

Let it settle!

Add some jaffa cakes, dunk them or stir vigorously.

Take the good and bad weather and let the trees flourish.

Let all that simmer down.

Take the Queen ... and politics,

Add them to the pot.

Then you've got Britain

... but there's a lot more than that.

Add the shops too:

Lidl, Tesco and B and M;

Children crying in shopping trolleys during the weekly shop.

Allow the flavours to brew and congeal.

Serve with justice; enjoy!

SPORTING SUCCESS

Massive congratulations to our year 10 pupil Kyran who recently competed at the WKKC World Championship in Ireland. He got picked by coaches and judges to represent Team England in both team sections.

He fought amazingly and came home with 3 medals, a bronze and two silvers. He came second best in the world for his age and weight category—a fantastic achievement which he should be very proud of.





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NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT—Year 11 Netball Success



On Thursday 29th September the year 11 All Saints' netball team played a friendly match against Haslingden High to allow both schools to develop their game play. All Saints' won their first match 17-6 against a combination of year 11/6th form players from the other school. Our team demonstrated a fast pace, controlled game which made it difficult for Haslingden to keep up. They played every Centre Pass sharply, defending excellently and our shooters, Zara and Zoe were consistent and fluid throughout. The second match was against the year 10 team, who although were a year younger, were much more aggressive on the court. However, this did not stop All Saints' winning again 11-3. The team worked extremely hard both games and doing the session really helped to work on their fitness, team play and controlling the pace of the game.

On Monday 17th October, the Year 11 Netball Team participated in the Rossendale School Netball Tournament at BRGS. We competed against 4 other schools: BRGS, Alder Grange, Haslingden High and Whitworth. Our first game was against Haslingden High. The whole team played exceptionally well and worked well as a team. Our hard work paid off with an astonishing win of 17-0! The next game was the toughest of the tournament against BRGS. Everyone worked really hard and kept in good spirits throughout. The game ended as a draw 2-2. We then played Alder Grange, which was also a very tough match. Everyone gave 100% effort throughout and managed to win 8-6. Our final game of the tournament was against Whitworth. The good team spirit continued throughout the entire tournament. Our last game finished 10-0 to us. Overall, the tournament increased the team's confidence drastically and it was clear we were a 'team' in every game. We managed to win the entire tournament, without losing a game! Well done to everyone who played: Libby Cowking (Captain), Maddison McFadden, Zara Fleming, Shaznay Hartley, Zoe Johnson, Gracie Wilson, Florrie Butterworth and Lydia Jowett. The team has trained extremely hard over the past few weeks and this hard work has paid dividends.

Well done to all the year 11 All Saints' Netball team. You represented our school fantastically!

Miss Hill
PE Teacher



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NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT—Cross Country



Our cross-country runners were amazing on the afternoon of 20th October; they represented the school superbly in true cross-country running conditions!

In the Y7 girls race Alice Carr won by over 300m, with an incredible run. In the same race Lyla Duffy came 2nd and Rosie Bacon came 13th.

In the Y8/9 race Tilly Duffy came second and in the boy's race, Rory Greenwood finished 10th and Oscar Barker was 13th - one of the highest Y8 finishers!

The Y10/11 girls also stole the show in their race - Lily Edmondson was 2nd, Maddison McFadden 3rd, Mathilda Stopford 5th and Libby Cowking 10th.



Every member of our team, no matter where they were in the field, showed grit and determination to complete the course and the support our pupils showed their fellow team members was truly commendable.

Mr Parkes
PE Teacher



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NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT—Yr 10 Netball

On Thursday 6th October our year 10 Netball team went to Haslingden High School for some friendly training matches. Over two matches the teams consisted of: Ella Lucking, Mathilda Stopford, Lily Edmondson, Gracie Bewley, Martha McClean, Hannah Parker, Kate Shaughnessy, Grace Russell, Demi Dunleavy, and Libby Melia-Miller.

Both teams have been working hard on netball so far this half term in both PE lessons and after school training. The training showed to have paid off as both teams won their matches: Team 1 won 11-9 and Team 2 won 10-1. As the defence settled into the game and became more aggressive and stronger it made it hard for Haslingden to win back possession of the ball. As well as the excellent passing between our Centre, WA and shooter down court proving fluid and consistent.

Well Done to all involved and Good Luck in your future netball tournaments.



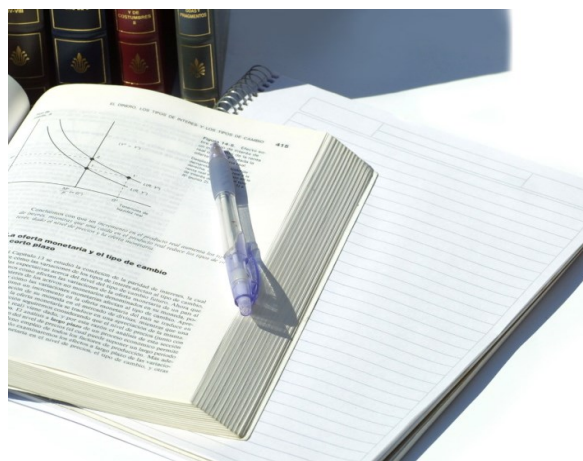
EXAMS

After half term our year 11s will be undertaking their PPEs. Please can our school community keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

This can be a challenging and stressful time for some of our pupils, please don't forget school are here to support you if needed.

Good Luck!

Mrs Starkie
Yr 11 Progress Leader



High School

presents

A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November @7pm

Tickets available on the school shop

Adults £3.00, Concessions £1.00

