

## All Saints Catholic High School

## **HEADTEACHER: Mr A McGuinness**

19th November 2025

As Director of Catholic Life, I am immensely proud of the All Saints Family. As a worshipping community, we have worked diligently to create a unique ethos that places scripture at the heart of our prayer and liturgical life. As the first school in the Archdiocese to be inspected under the CSIS National Inspection Framework, we are proud to have been graded as providing an 'Outstanding' Catholic Life for each member of our community. Our retreat programme runs across Years 7 - 9. Our residential retreat programme to Dolly Hall, Mid-Wales, runs across all year groups, including 6 Form. We undertake an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes each year.

Our 2025 pilgrimage of hope was undertaken by over 140 members of the school staff to the Shrine of Holywell in North Wales. This is a testament to the commitment of the All Saints Family who embrace the universal mission of the Church in this year of jubilee. Our annual staff residential retreat to the Jesuit Villa Barmouth is fully booked every year, demonstrating that staff take their continued spiritual development seriously.

As a school rooted in the Salesian Spirit, we see God in every member of our family. Our school is not only a place for learning, but it is also a Church, a Playground, and, most of all, a Family. Our weekly youth club, 'The Bosco Club', attracts over sixty students to play and pray in a family environment. Our eight Joint Chaplaincy & Pastoral trips a year see over 300 students experience the love of God and the All Saints Family through play.

Our Staff Formation Programme 'The Pedagogy of Love', offers ongoing spiritual formation for all members of the school family, and has been delivered in schools across the UK.

The jewel in the crown of our spiritual life is our Peer Chaplains who plan, lead and deliver many aspects of our prayer and liturgical life.

We work extremely hard to provide an education for students that serves them through love and justice. Each adult member of our family goes above and beyond to not only love our students but to show them that they are loved.

Our new Headteacher should be a visible sign of Christ's love within our school. As head of our family, they should lead by example, placing the Catholic mission of the school at the centre of every decision and action.

Rev Dcn Michael Bennett