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September 2026 Newsletter

EXAM RESULTS

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New Beginnings







- Highest scores across Knowsley for pupils achieving grades 9-5 in GCSE Maths!
- Also highest for pupils achieving GCSEs in both English and Maths.
- Once again, oversubscribed in every year group!

All Saints Catholic High School

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Dear Parents/Carers/Friends of All Saints,

It is an honour to introduce myself as the next Headteacher of All Saints Catholic High School. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to join the All Saints family and build upon the success of Mr McGuiness, with such a strong tradition of faith, student support and academic achievement. From the outset I want you to know how seriously I take this responsibility, and I hope that in the coming years we will share many happy memories together.

My journey to becoming Headteacher of All Saints has been varied. I left school in Bootle in the late 1990's. University wasn't for me at that point, and employment opportunities were scarce. This led me to join the Royal Air Force as a teenager where I enjoyed 7 years serving as an Aircraft Engineer in the UK and overseas. As with many Liverpudlians, the pull to return home was too strong and in my mid-twenties I returned and embarked upon a career in teaching. It was the best decision I've made. Over the past 20 years, I have worked in Liverpool, Sefton, Wirral, West Lancashire and now Knowsley. 14 of those years have been as a Senior Leader, most recently leading a school out of special measures to this year being the highest performing Catholic state school in the borough.

For many years I have admired All Saints from afar. The family feel of the school, and the child centred approach, resonated with my views on what a good education looks like. Central to the continued success of All Saints will be the relationships between me, our students, staff, families and the wider community. I am looking forward to meeting all who have an interest in our school, listening and learning from those who know All Saints best, and building on the many strengths that already exist.

The most important people in our school are the children. I want to ensure that every student feels valued, supported and inspired to achieve their very best, both academically and personally. Our school values of Love and Justice will continue to be at the heart of everything we do, shaping our relationships, our decisions and our ambitions for every member of our school community.

Together, we will maintain high expectations, nurture aspiration and ensure that every child receives the opportunities and encouragement they need to flourish. I am confident that, working together in partnership, we can build an exceptional future for our young people and further strengthen our contribution to the community of Kirkby.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming months as we begin this exciting journey together.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Cassidy

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Headteacher

Catholic Life of the School

"Welcome, Ed Cassidy, Headteacher of All Saints Catholic High School" In times of transition and change we turn to our faith for reassurance and confirmation. In saying goodbye to Mr McGuinness and Mr Chorley, we graciously welcome our new Headteacher to All Saints Catholic High School.

On behalf of the Catholic community of Kirkby, we now turn to Ed Cassidy to reflect or make present the visible qualities, love and presence of Jesus within our school and wider community. We ask him to guide us towards new horizons, developing our school's mission so we can continue serving the Catholic community of Kirkby with "Love and Justice".

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, when we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lostourthirst for the waters of life,we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery, where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.

We ask youto push back the horizons of our hopes; and topush into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.

Sir Francis Drake

Record Breaking Results for All Saints GCSE Students

Y11

A huge congratulations to all of our Y11 leavers on achieving a record breaking set of GCSE results once again. We are proud of the achievements of all of its 2026 leavers, but a special mention has to go to the following for outstanding performances:

Leo Prakopovas - highest achieving male with 5 Grade 9s and a Distinction* in Engineering. He also picked up Grade 8s in English Literature and Maths. Leo is set to take up his place at Carmel College in September, where he will study Engineering and Computer Science.

Heidi Peters - highest achieving female and overall student with 4 Grade 9s and a Distinction* in Health, as well as Grade 8s in Maths, Spanish and Science. Heidi is our ace mathematician and will take up a place at Winstanley to study Maths and Further Maths!

Manuella Lopes - scored notable 9s in Portuguese and Spanish, Grade 7s in Maths and Statistics as an EAL student.

Joel Bejoy - achieved a Grade 9 in Graphics, five Grade 8s and three Grade 6s, and will return to study Art, Graphics and Photography in Sixth Form.



Apprenticeship success stories:

As well as GCSE achievements a number of our successful year 11 students have also secured apprenticeships, organised by All Saints, at the following companies:

MJ Quinn has taken a record breaking number of our Y11 pupils this year. Twelve of our most reliable youngsters will take up the offer of a work place apprenticeship in September. Meanwhile, four of our young ladies will start with Tiger Tots, while a further six young men will join the workplace on field opportunities with The Forshaw Group and Structec.

Alongside our apprenticeship program, around 50 students have joined All Saints Sixth Form to pursue one of our vocational pathways. These include Level 3 BTEC qualifications in Business, Health and Social Care and Sport (in partnership with LLS), Art, Graphics, and Textiles A-Levels. This year we have also launched A Levels in Sociology, Criminology and Photography, and vocational qualifications in Travel and Tourism, Child Development and Medical Science.

Headteacher Ed Cassidy commented “All Saints Catholic High School is pleased to announce another year of exceptional academic achievement. These successes reflect the dedicated efforts of our students and staff, bolstered by the steadfast support of our families. Beyond academic excellence, we are delighted that our students are well-prepared for their future endeavors, whether pursuing further education within our Sixth Form, enrolling in local colleges, or commencing apprenticeships with our esteemed business partners.”

The future looks bright for the 2026 Year 11 Leavers of All Saints Kirkby as these hardworking and committed young people continue their career journeys. The school and the wider Kirkby community wish them every success and are so proud of them.







Year 13 results, a product of *“Hard Work and Commitment”*

Y13



Staff and students at All Saints Sixth Form are also celebrating an excellent set of results for this year’s Level 3 students. There were notable achievements across all of the vocational pathways on offer. We congratulate you all and look forward to watching you go further and flourish.

Erin Gray was the winner of Kirkby Post 16 Education Award

Inspired by a career mentor, workshops and visits organised by school, Erin achieved and A* in Art, and A in Textiles and a Distinction in Media Studies. She will go on to the University of Central Manchester to study “Special Effect and Makeup for Film and TV”

Imogen Chadwick DDM Edge Hill University Adult and Child Nursing

Imogen achieved an outstanding set of results with a double Distinction and Merit in Adult and Child Nursing. She is now planning to pursue a career in Neonatal nursing after being inspired by a guest speaker in the Health Department. She is dedicated, focused, and volunteered for many hours at Whiston Hospital whilst studying for her finals. Well done Imogen. We are so proud of you and all you do.

Daniel Youds, previous Head Boy

D*D*D* Sports Development and Coaching LLS
Edge Hill to sports therapy. Over 1000 hours of volunteering in a range of sports settings, wealth of experiences.

Dean Godfrey DDM Business

Business Apprenticeship MJ Quinn
Undertaken successful work experience with one of our other school Business partners Dean set on pursuing a apprenticeship. Passionate about his subject one to watch future entrepreneur !

Our Days Out!

Some of our final term destinations are well established now, and all the children enjoy our celebratory end of year journeys. They could be visiting Chester Zoo for selfies with the animals, or climbing a steep hill in Wales with Miss Mansfield. It could be light sabre fighting in Gulliver's World, or dragging Mrs Conchie down the Apache Falls! Crocky Trail and the Titanic ride are always a firm favourite, and who can refuse Blackpool Pleasure Beach and the UK's tallest roller coaster?...





















…. Others will take a tour of Lourdes and San Sebastian with Deacon Bennet, Mr Hayes and Father Sean. Or journey around the capital and the Houses of Parliament with Mr Dearing and the Scholars. Yet more will find themselves grounded beneath the Lovell Telescope at Jodrell Bank, or climb to their seats with Mr McGuinness at the Hill Dickinson Stadium to watch the Lionesses take on the Ukrainians. Or maybe they will take to the pitch at a stadium further afield, like Benfica's Estadio Da Luz, with Mr Billington and the PE team.

And so ends another academic year, with smiles and friendships and lasting memories for all.

Departmental Spotlight

SEND Department (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)





For lots of different reasons, some of us will always need a little more support in certain areas of our growth and learning. In a secondary school setting, that's where our Learning Support Department comes into the picture. It is the biggest department in the school, and for good reason: "SEND is a support system for the child, and the child goes everywhere." Therefore, the Learning Support Department functions in every area of the curriculum. It is a unique department of thirty-three colleagues, and is led passionately by our school SENCO, Mrs Helen Redrobe.

Like several other teachers at All Saints, Helen is from Kirkby and has taught here for more than 20 years. During that time, she has worked through lots of SEND growth and development. The range of support and interventions is too long to list here, but focuses on all aspects of learning, social support, and integration. The SEND register supports around 291children across KS3,4 and 5. Of course it can be difficult. There are always budget limitations, and frustrating waiting lists for children referred for neurodevelopmental assessments, and Helen knows how important SEND provision is felt: "We are working with children and families that need extra support, and if we don't get it right, those children won't thrive at All Saints." So it is critically important for the Learning Support Department to be strong and effective across our school.

Q: What does success look like for the All Saints SEND Department?

"Simple enough really, we want to see happy children who succeed and feel supported. We also want to support our families as much as possible, to provide for their children, and in some ways bring about a calmer life. We work hard to ensure our SEND pupils are at no disadvantage. We want them to thrive and flourish in school, as all children have a right to."



Our winning young writers take pride of place!



Our Key Stage 3 creative writers took up the latest Knowsley challenge in June. It was to imagine Knowsley as a place of community and work, set some time into the immediate future. Imaginations at the ready, Children's Laureate Frank Cottrell-Boyce in the judging seat, our pupils managed a clean sweep of the prizes! Congratulations to Nico and Missy, but pride of place goes to Anna McCabe for her near future Knowsley, full of artificial intelligence and Elon's robots! Anna's story is offered in full here. Please enjoy!

2036 - by Anna McCabe

Every morning when I wake up, my robot gets everything ready that I need to take. It irons my clothes, makes my lunch, and gets my keys for me at the door. I get on the jump-off tram, which runs on flowers and weeds, for about ten minutes, and then I jump off and walk the rest of the way because I love seeing all the robots at work. The jump-off tram is one of the main forms of transport people use to get to work. They go around the entirety of Knowsley on a light up single track and are one of the most sustainable things ever created. It is also fully recyclable. If one breaks down, we can recycle it to make nearly everything. We started using a new type of plastic for everything from buildings to transport. It is easily recyclable, sustainable, and looks like anything you want it to. We stopped using plastic, petrol, and coal. Now Knowsley is one of the greenest places on Earth.

When I walk, on my right there is a large field full of vegetables and fruits from all countries. For example, bananas, coconuts, and much more. They are in groups depending on their needs: the amount of sunlight they need, the rain they depend on, and the soil. There is grass that is up to my knees, flowers of all colours, and there are robots that water the plants and wave at you when you walk past them. They have fully white bodies with a black screen and a pixelated smile on their face. It's scary but calming at the same time. You can have a conversation with them as if they are humans.

On my left is a retirement home, a large brick building decorated with flowers. It is one of the last buildings made of bricks. I see my grandfather in the window, fast asleep. I wave at his robot carer. She waves back. Robots can see up to 100 miles away but are completely oblivious to the fact that twenty humans are currently plotting against them. But they just smile and wave.

Medicine has evolved more than ever. Every morning when you walk through the door, your doorframe scans your entire body thoroughly in seconds. It can check for everything from a cold to deadly cancer.

Every person now lives up to 110 years old, drastically lowering the death rate. There is grass and flowers on the roof of every building. Vehicles run on liquid grass, and drones deliver everything. All robots have a certain job and they stick to that.

When I get to work, a robot greets me. Instead of stairs, we have hoverboards. To get to our office floors, we pick up our own personal hoverboard (which I designed), and it checks our fingerprints to make sure we are not intruders. This is my favourite idea that I ever created. If there is an intruder, it lets them on the hoverboard, traps their feet, and brings them straight to security where they get caught and arrested.

As I walk in, I am greeted by a robot. It's insane that just a few years ago everyone thought the world was going to end, but now Knowsley is greener than ever. However, will the robots ever turn against us? That's for us to eventually find out.





All Saints' Scholars



"It is all about inspiring our children to get the best out of themselves."

Our All Saints' Scholars Programme is now 10 years old. Lead teacher Mr Dearing has seen it grow from a 'Gifted & Talented' group of 20 children and a minibus to a leviathan of 200 pupils travelling far and wide for challenge and inspiration. Today's diverse curriculum includes P4C for Year 7, mindful archery and Jodrell Bank for Year 8, yoga and university introductions for Year 9, Amazon workplace visits, and a fortnight of professional Zoom interviews for Year 10.

"Expectations are high," says Mr Dearing. Each annual cohort of 50 is carefully balanced, keeping significant places for Pupil Premium students. Once children become scholars, they stick with it and achieve. "We closely monitor behaviour and insist on aspirations that bring success."

The lasting impact is evident in the school's current staff. Former scholars like JJ and Holly are now full-time Geography and English teachers, while Amanda and Mia occupy essential school administration roles. All speak highly of the programme and the motivation Mr Dearing provided.

Q. What do you enjoy most about Scholars?

"The best part is taking them out of their comfort zone," Mr Dearing continues. On a recent annual trip to the Houses of Parliament, students spent inspiring time with local MP Anneliese Midgley. Later, King Charles waved at us during an impromptu drive-by. "I told them I'd planned it!" jokes Mr Dearing. "But that's what Scholars is all about - moments of inspiration leading to self-belief."

He also credits Headteacher Tony McGuinness and Andy Griffiths for the success of the Scholars programme. "Andy has brought expertise in coaching and vital soft skills, like teaching students how to be personable and confident, and coaching them to deliver a presentation to their peers and parents in year 10, at the culmination of the programme.

While Tony's ambition for the children of Kirkby has heavily driven and supported our growth."
Mr Dearing also needs to take a bow. He has dedicated 28 years of his professional career to the Kirkby community. When he calls the All Saints' Scholars Programme "the best thing I have ever done in education," we believe him - and so do other schools, who are now adopting our successful model for themselves.

All Saints' Film Club

A Blockbuster First Year!





Film Club Achievement - "Who's Got The Clapperboard?"

The first ever year of the "All Saints' Film Club" has brought tremendous success! Our team of Y10&11 pupils have created their own short film, from initial concept to final production. These determined young Hitchcocks and Spielbergs have spent lots of their own hours bringing ideas into reality. They came up with their own storyline, they wrote their own script, and they filmed, edited and produced their own final product.

With the help of Into Film, Young Creatives and a £1,000 funding grant, the club has been able to purchase professional filming and sound equipment to enhance their film-making journey. Along the way, they've gained a wide range of skills in film making - script-writing, story boarding, using the camera, sound recording, directing, acting, lighting and video editing - and have also discovered the importance of copyright and how to source music and sound effects and use them responsibly.

Just like most film productions, there have been funny out-takes and missed lines a plenty across the process. But, finally, the completed movie was entered into the Knowsley Education Cultural Awards, where it achieved a "Highly Commended" response from the judges; quite an impressive feat for the debut movie by the club.

Apart from producing this great movie, the project has helped our kids develop skills which will serve them well into the future. They have built up confidence in themselves; they have become more skilled in communication, problem-solving, time management, and team working skills. Most of all, they have found their voice and learnt how to express themselves using the fascinating art of film.

So that's the "All Saints' Film Club" off to a flying start, and with all of that enthusiasm and talent on display we cannot wait to see what our young filmmakers create next time!

Well done to Mrs. Adam and all of the pupils involved within the team.

SPORTS BULLETIN

Ladies first!

Football @ Condover Hall, and all our Netball victories:

Condover Hall June 2026 - It's not every day you're crowned

"National Champions!"

Our Year 7 and Year 8 girls enjoyed an unforgettable residential football trip to Condover Hall in Shropshire, competing against schools from across the country. They were crowned national champions, and proudly brought home the winners' trophy and gold medals for their age group. Special mention goes to Year 7 goalkeeper Lottie, whose heroic penalty saves in the final secured victory for the team.











Netball victories 2025/26

The netballers also enjoyed a fantastic season, with outstanding successes across Years 7, 8, and 9. All three teams become champions in their respective competitions, making the school incredibly proud. Special recognition goes to Jasmine (Y7) for outstanding shooting ability, Alexandra (Y8) for composure under pressure, and Kemi (Y9) for making a significant impact in crucial matches.

Not to be outdone by the girls…

All Saints' Boys completed a hat trick of big footballing victories to end the summer season. The Year 7s won the Knowsley Cup 6-2, the Year 10s were crowned likewise following a 5-4 win against St Edmund Arrowsmith, and finally our teachers picked up the Liverpool Staff League trophy after a cracking final game against holders North Liverpool Academy.

Well done "Champions!"

Staff team - won the Liverpool School Staff League - beat NLA 5-1 in the final.

Year 7 Knowsley Cup winners - beat Kirkby High 6-2 in the final.

Year 10 Knowsley Cup winners - beat St Edmund Arrowsmith 5-4 in the final.









