



All Saints Catholic High School

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January 2025 Newsletter

## Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening was a resounding success!  
We welcomed over 400 families to enjoy a taste of our  
unique All Saints' Way!







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## Dear Parents/Carers/Friends of All Saints,

Firstly, Happy New Year! As we look forward to another busy and exciting term, it is my pleasure to share with you some of the achievements and experiences that our students enjoyed last term.

Back in September, we welcomed our wonderful new year 7 cohort of pupils into our school community. After a very thorough and successful transition programme, the pupils were excited and keen to get started. We provide a lot of support to ensure pupils enjoy their first term here and feel safe and supported. Parents and carers were invited to celebrate a welcome mass led by Fr Sean and Deacon Bennett, all pupils had the opportunity to attend a multi-sports activity day at Lord Derby's estate with their forms and all pupils had retreats here in school, where they learned all about our unique 'All Saints' Way'.

Our annual Open Evening event was a huge success and record numbers of families joined us again this year. Our visitors enjoyed musical and dance performances, demonstrations and interactive activities in all subject areas and headteacher talks. I am delighted to report that we are hugely oversubscribed for 2025- thanks to all who attended!

Every autumn term, we host our Awards Evening, where we invite our 2024 Y11 and 13 exam classes to receive their certificates, as well as acknowledging the brilliant progress and effort of our pupils in years 7-10. We were most fortunate to be able to welcome back a past pupil of ours, Charlie Murphy Johnson, to be our guest of honour. Charlie is studying medicine and wants to become a surgeon; we could not be more proud of her!

Generosity and thinking of others is something we foster and pride ourselves on here, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who donated to our food bank collection. It is crucial that we develop our pupils to become good citizens who care for and support those around them. Thanks to your kindness, we were able to provide hampers for over 100 families in the Kirkby area and I know they all really appreciate this gesture.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and of interest. It shines a light on the daily life of our school. For the most up to date information and latest news, please visit our brand new website and continue to follow our social media pages.

On behalf of the Governors and all the staff, I wish you all a happy and fulfilling 2025.

Yours faithfully

**Tony McGuinness**  
Headteacher



# Welcome Year 7!

Year 7 pupils were given the warmest of welcomes when they arrived ready to begin their All Saints' journey back in September.

As part of the 'settling in' programme, all form classes were given the opportunity to attend an outdoor activity day at Lord Derby's estate. Plenty of fun was had as pupils worked together to build rafts and kayak- with some getting a bit more wet than others!

Working together with parents and carers is crucial to our success here, so we were delighted to enjoy a Welcome Mass together with families.

Socialising and having fun is something we prioritise too, and our Spooky and Christmas themed discos were amazing. We danced and sang together, with Mr Volante leading the way with the best moves!





# Catholic Life of the School

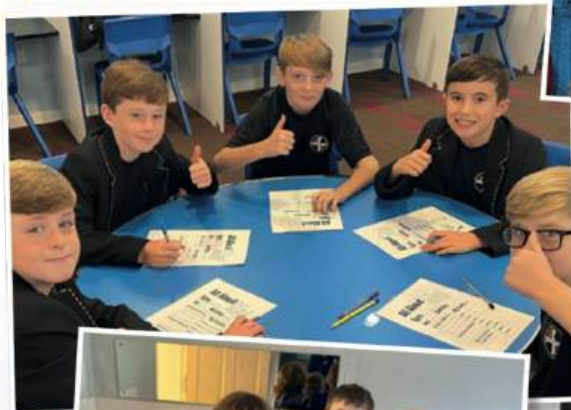
Our programme of chaplaincy visits and activities continued to flourish as we support our children to become caring and committed Christians.

Our school chaplain, Deacon Bennett organised two wonderful theatre visits. Thirty children enjoyed a performance of Alice and Wonderland and fifteen more enjoyed Aladdin.

Two year groups also enjoyed reward and team bonding trips to Nerf World.

Half of our year 7 pupils experienced a 'Faith in Our City Tour' where they enjoyed learning about other world religions.

Heaven Sent was an informative and enriching experience too as we revisited the story of the Nativity.





# Attendance - *why attendance matters*

School attendance is crucial to help prepare young people for a successful transition to adulthood. Attendance above 95% increases a pupil's chance of achieving higher GCSE grades, which is why we encourage all pupils to attend school every day.

We reward those pupils who strive for and maintain excellent attendance. All pupils with 100% attendance received a certificate and a selection box at Christmas and were into our prize draw raffles to win vouchers. The termly award winning forms in all years enjoyed a delicious breakfast on the final day of term too. Well done everyone!



7N	96.71%
8L	96.42%
9S	95.83%
10L	95.16%
11K	95.89%



## Department spotlight -

# Maths!

A crucial and core department at All Saints, the maths team is committed to ensuring every child is able to fulfil their potential and achieve the best possible outcomes.

Mathematics increases students' resilience for problem solving when they have limited information. It teaches them how to think and work systematically, critically analyse information and effectively communicate the steps within their thinking. Our curriculum adopts a 'no tricks' approach to teaching, developing a growth mindset: everybody can do mathematics.

We aim to increase awareness and understanding of where mathematics is used in the real world to enable our students to be 'school ready, work, ready, life ready'.

Please continue to encourage your children to revise and refine their maths skills at home!

**Mathswatch, PIXL, Sparx,  
Just Maths, TT Rockstars  
Exam Paper Practice.**

**Revision Guides are available from  
the maths department**





# Awards Evening



Awards Evening was a joyous occasion that showcased the academic excellence of our pupils. We were so proud to welcome back our classes of 2024 to reward them for their efforts in achieving record breaking exam results.

Our guest speaker, Charlie Murphy Johnson, inspired pupils and parents alike when she outlined how her experience of All Saints had prepared her for the demands of a degree in medicine.



# Remembrance Assembly



Our annual Remembrance assemblies gave pupils and staff the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who fought for our freedom. Deacon Bennet led us in service as we paid our respects to the fallen.





# ShoutOut

## Andrew Banks



Andrew is not only a conscientious pupil who has 100% attendance and strives for academic excellence, he is also an outstanding role model. When the city of Liverpool pulled together to help save Zoe's Place children's hospice, Andrew joined a team of runners to complete a 24 hour marathon relay in Sefton Park. Andrew was the youngest member of the team and managed to run for over 20 hours!



## Pupils of the Week



Each week, we acknowledge our 'Pupils of the Week'. Staff nominate pupils who have gone 'above and beyond'. Last term, pupils were acknowledged for a variety of achievements. Outstanding sports performances; brilliant assessments results; superb effort in lessons; being a supportive friend and role model; demonstrating Gospel Values in the community.



## Sixth Form

Our Protective Services students spent a fantastic day on board HMS Prince of Wales warship where they undertook a tour of the ship and investigated the many job roles and career opportunities that are available within the Royal Navy.

Sixth Form students attended the LLS Global Coaching Conference in Manchester. This is a national event at which students were interviewed and successfully secured summer jobs in Canada, the USA and Ireland for Summer 2025.

Our students also enjoyed a trip to the Etihad Stadium and learned all about Sports Event Management.





# Careers

Our careers programme continues to grow and we are excited to be working closely with MJ Quinn, The Forshaw Group, Serco, Tiger Tots, Sterling plastering, Ashlar construction and The Elect Group to support our pupils to find apprenticeships that are matched to their skills and aspirations.

Last term, years 9 and 10 experienced Careers Carousels where they met over 40 employers. The children learnt about different careers in the public sector as well as being introduced to lots of local business owners.

Our Year 11 engineering students were given the opportunity to see what MTC, a leading company in research and technology, are working on as they showcased some of what they do in school.

Year 10 pupils also enjoyed a visit to JCB and enjoyed hearing about how the company started and has grown to become so successful over the years.

It was great to visit MJ Quinn and catch up with our former pupils who are making superb progress in their apprenticeships.



# Reading

Our reading programme culminated in a wonderful celebration, where pupils were rewarded for their excellent participation in both intervention and enrichment activities. Parents and carers enjoyed a coffee and a mince pie whilst joining in with some reading activities with their children. Thank you to all of our families for continuing to support the reading strategy, and please continue to encourage and support your child's reading at home.





# Extra curricular/trips-

As always, our pupils enjoyed a range of extra curricular activities and visits in the autumn term.

European Day of Languages was brilliant! Students were given opportunities to speak Spanish across their lessons all day and enjoyed a delicious lunch!

We were lucky to have Fútbol Lingo come to visit us to discuss the importance of languages when working in the sports industry. Pupils listened to Pierce Kiembi, a YDP coach, discussing his career in football and his journey through language learning, from not understanding the importance of languages to getting ahead in his career thanks to learning languages.

We foster a love of the arts here, and our music showcase allowed our gifted musicians and performers to share their talents with parents and carers. All Saints definitely does have talent!





# DD Drop Down Days

# /Scholars

Our scholars cohorts enjoyed a range of experiences last term. Visits to the Walker Art Gallery and World Museum were appreciated by Y8 and Y9 and Y10 watched a mesmerising performance of Romeo and Juliet at Shakespeare North Theatre.

Our stand out event saw 48 year 10 pupils travel to London, where they visited all the famous landmarks, including the Houses of Parliament and London Eye, and of course did some Christmas shopping in Covent Garden. A fantastic day!

Our first drop down day this academic year saw over 35 external visitors in school delivering sessions on teamwork, resilience, problem solving, healthy eating, vaping, drugs, alcohol, sexual health, equality, body image and social media, county lines, domestic violence, mental health and careers/destinations!

Half of year 7 also visited Liverpool to the Cathedrals, the Mosque and the Greek Orthodox Church and our Sixth Form went to Chester Zoo.

These days are a huge part of our Personal Development programme here and, as always, our pupils were a credit to themselves, their families and our school.





# Christmas

Our festive celebrations ensured we ended the term with a cracker! Pupils were given the opportunity to pray, eat, sing, dance and even 'dash' together!

Our whole school assembly was a special and poignant celebration, as we gathered as one to give thanks for all that we have and to pray and remember those less fortunate.

The generosity of our school and community never fails to astound and this Christmas we were able to provide over 100 families with hampers full of fresh food to help at a time when need is keenly felt.



**Santa Dash**  
LIVERPOOL



Thanks so much to Applied Nutrition for their support and generosity last term. We are so grateful for the sponsorship of our football teams and for the food hamper donation - here's to a lasting and fulfilling partnership!

### What a term it was for our PE department and sports teams!

We enjoyed a clean sweep of netball competitions, with all of our teams from years 7-11 winning their Knowsley tournaments.



Girls' football is most definitely on the up at All Saints! Our year 7, 9 and 11 teams enjoyed local victories aplenty - we are so excited for this term's fixtures!



Our football teams excelled across the year groups last term.

We enjoyed victories in the National Cup, Merseyside Cup and the Knowsley Cup and are progressing well in all competitions.

Lots of B team competitions were entered and they too, with our year 7 and 9 teams both winning their Knowsley tournaments.

