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June 2025 Newsletter



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CONCRETE JUNGLE WHERE DREAMS ARE MADE OF

Our annual trip to New York City was an overwhelming success again. Our students and staff enjoyed an unforgettable trip seeing some of the most famous sites in the city.



All Saints Catholic High School



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Dear Parents, Carers & Friends of All Saints,

It is my pleasure to introduce the latest edition of our school newsletter and share some of the highlights of the spring term with you. Naturally, things are really busy in school as we support our Year 11 and 13 pupils through the exam season and I am pleased to report that pupils are approaching their exams with maturity and diligence.

Preparing our children for life beyond All Saints is a huge part of what we do here. Careers help and guidance ensures pupils have lots of opportunities to choose the right pathway. This term, we have worked closely with MJ Quinn, securing apprenticeships for seven of our Year 11 pupils. We continue to grow our links with employers and look forward to more of our pupils accessing further training and employment with Serco, Elect, The Forshaw Group, Sterling Plaster and Tiger Tots.

We are delighted to share the news that once again we are oversubscribed for September. I would personally like to thank the families in the Kirkby community for putting their faith and trust in us once again. We have met with all of our new pupils and their families and there are further transition events to look forward to, most notably our Year 6 Induction day, which takes place on Friday 27th June.

The Personal Development of our pupils is a key priority for us and I hope you enjoy reading about some of the enrichment activities our pupils have enjoyed this term. Our annual trip to New York was a particular highlight; our Year 11s have made memories to last a lifetime seeing some of the best sights in the Big Apple. Our Year 8 pupils were delighted to be able to watch a live performance of Animal Farm at the Liverpool Playhouse. Seeing a text that they have studied brought to life was an amazing experience for all. Our dancers were privileged to work with some renowned choreographers this term and even participated in a record breaking dance performance.

Our Catholic ethos and commitment to ensuring our pupils develop spiritually is key to our continued success here. Deacon Bennett plans a thorough calendar of events to support pupils to become closer to God. Regular retreats, liturgies and trips for all pupils helps to build positive relationships and we are very proud of how much love and care our pupils have for each other.

As All Saints is in a strong position, currently oversubscribed in every year group and with our best ever GCSE results, we have strengthened our teaching and support staff even further, with several new appointments for September 2025. It is sure to be another exciting year for us as we strive to build upon our success.

On behalf of the staff and Governors, I thank you for your enduring and resolute support and encouragement.

Yours faithfully,

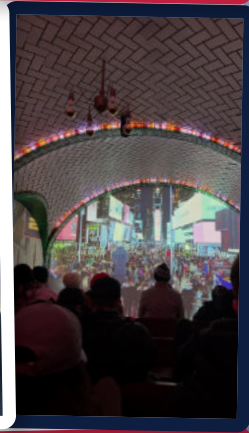
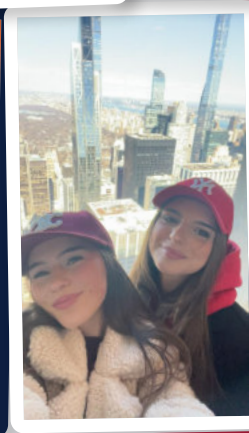
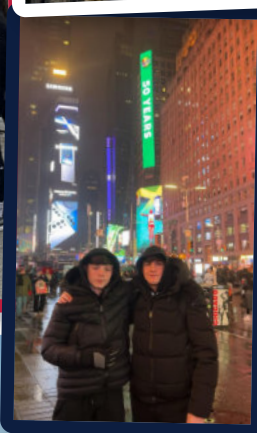
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Tony McGuinness
Headteacher

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TRIP 2025

We were lucky enough to enjoy excursions to Times Square, The Statue of Liberty, The Rise and Ground Zero. We also enjoyed a Broadway show and were enthralled by the Michael Jackson story. We ate at some amazing places too; Mrs Smith's dancing at Ellen's Stardust Diner was a particular highlight!



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Our mission statement is at the core of everything we do and our 'Catholicism' continued to thrive across the spring term.

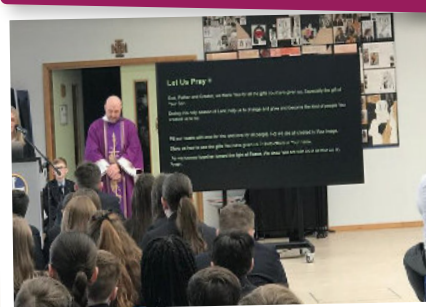
Our Peer Chaplains work tirelessly to plan and deliver liturgies that inspire pupils and staff alike. In recognition of their commitment, the peer chaplains were taken on a retreat to Ince Benet, where they enjoyed a day of prayer and reflection together in a beautiful and peaceful setting.

Our Lent liturgies were very special as the school came together to mark a period of reflection and thanks. Every key stage three form experienced a personalised liturgy in our Chapel where they spent time together with their tutors to be close to God.

Year 7's Dolly Hall residential was a resounding success! Pupils had a wonderful experience playing and laughing together. Fun for all was had at the beach and the fair and pupils loved Deacon Bennett's gourmet cooking!

It was a memorable term for the pupils at Bosco Club too! They enjoy and participate in the club every day after school, working and playing together to build friendships and make memories. One of the highlights last term was an art masterclass where two of our talented art teachers delivered a masterclass and helped pupils to make Mother's Day cards.

Every Year 9 form class experienced a retreat with Deacon Bennett. These retreats are planned to support pupils with the transition from KS3 to KS4. Pupils are encouraged to reflect on their learning journey to date and take time to consider their option subjects as they move closer to adulthood.





Our attendance continues to be above national average as we work together with pupils and families to ensure pupils are in school every day and fulfilling their potential.

The direct correlation between progress and attainment and attendance is indicative of how important it is that all pupils attend school every day.

We reward those pupils who maintain excellent standards of attendance and punctuality at the end of every term. Some delicious Easter treats were given to the winners of attendance draws across the year groups and delicious breakfasts were enjoyed by the best attending form in every year group too.

Remember everyone: Miss a little, Miss a lot!

ATTENDANCE

IT MATTERS

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

One of the most popular subjects and departments here at All Saints is PE. The team aims to develop students, both as individuals and in groups or teams, by instilling and developing confidence, creativity, communication skills, critical thinking and aesthetic appreciation.

These, together with the nurturing of positive values and attitudes in PE, are the foundations for consistent success and achievement within PE at All Saints Catholic High School. All pupils are given the opportunity to experience a diverse programme of study which enables pupils to fully develop their range of physical, analytical and social skills.

Our teachers (left to right, top to bottom):
Miss Fisher, Miss Winstanley, Mrs Conchie
Mr Cummings, Miss Mansfield, Mr Standley





MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Mr Riley's annual charity fundraiser was held in support of MacMillan this year. MacMillan is a charity that means so much to so many of us in the All Saints' family, and we had an amazing day together.

The Sixth Form LLS students organised games and competitions in the sports hall during breaks, an extravagant bake sale saw pupils and staff enjoying some delicious treats and the showcase event was our Year 11 vs. Staff football match. The staff were comfortably beaten 6-2 by the students. Player of the match for the 11s was split between Jack S and James M. A great day that raised £1170 for a brilliant cause.

£1170 RAISED!



MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER

SIXTH FORM

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Drop Down Day 2 for Sixth Form was a visit to the University of Liverpool, where they attended sessions about studying at university and student life, chatted to current students and enjoyed lunch in the Student Union.

The Year 12 Art group attended a taster session at Liverpool John Moores University in the School of Art & Creative Industries. They were able to practise landscape drawing using a variety of materials culminating in producing a joint piece of work using cyanotype printing.

During enrichment afternoons this half term, the sixth formers have been visiting Lord Derby's estate, where they have taken part in kayaking and archery with more activities coming up over the next few weeks.

Our dancers have been busy this term! They had the fantastic opportunity to work with Miguel and his talented team from MD Productions, who proved to be truly awe inspiring for our pupils- thank you!

Our Year 9 dancers, alongside our current Year 10 BTEC Dance students, also collaborated with the company on a creative project that culminated in a performance at The Empire Theatre as part of their inspirational "See You, See Me" show. We are so proud of them all!



DANCE

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Our careers programme continues to support our pupils to make informed choices about their future. This term, Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about careers in the NHS when we hosted a careers carousel. A range of clinicians shared insights into what life is like on the NHS front line; an inspirational event!



Our strong links with apprenticeship providers continues to grow as we seek to ensure all of our pupils are on appropriate pathways post 16. This term, MJ Quinn offered seven All Saints pupils apprenticeships and we look forward to hearing who the successful candidates are when we interview for Serco, The Forshaw Group, Tiger Tots, Sterling Plastering and Elect.

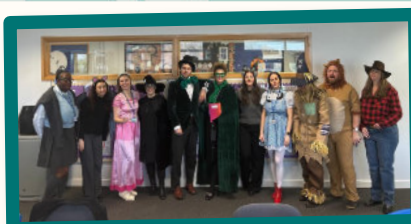
CAREERS NEWS

READING NEWS

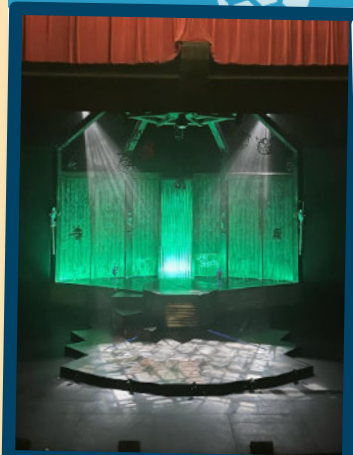
World Book Day is always celebrated with energy and enthusiasm and 2025 was no different!

The English department led the way, promoting reading for pleasure throughout the day with activities across lessons. They were certainly the best dressed too, with a 'Wiz' theme that captivated the students!

Reading intervention continues to thrive and have a positive impact on the progress of all involved. Three of our Amber Readers were invited to be interviewed by the charity Right to Succeed to talk about their achievements.



ENRICHMENT NEWS



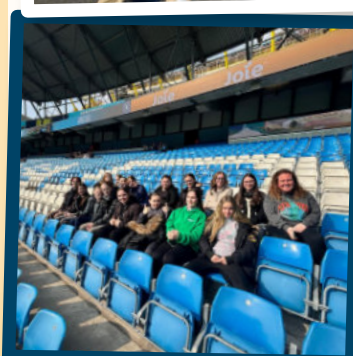
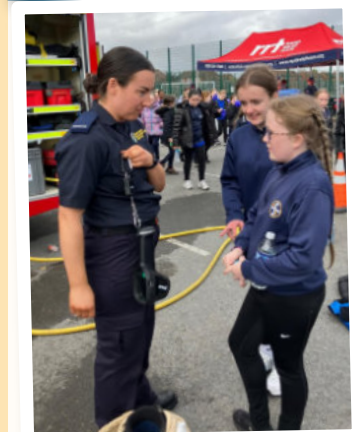
Giving our pupils opportunities to experience extra curricular activities that enhance their learning experience is key to developing confidence and cultural awareness.

Year 8 pupils were mesmerised by the live performance of Animal Farm at the Playhouse theatre and were delighted to see a text they thoroughly enjoyed in action.

'She Inspires' is a football and skills development initiative focused on empowering girls aged 13-14. It is funded by the Merseyside Chief Constable and Police Commissioner and runs in collaboration with Everton in the Community. A group of our Year 8 and 9 girls have enjoyed fun, motivational football sessions as well as educational workshops to build confidence, resilience, and teamwork. The programme aims to help girls reach their potential both on and off the pitch.

Miss Mansfield took a group of pupils to Manchester City's Etihad stadium to watch the women's team take on Chelsea. The girls were a credit to the school and even made it on to the big screen!

Year 10 Business Studies students enjoyed a fantastic day at Everton FC taking part in a Business in Focus event. Organised by Into University, the day gave pupils an insight into running a business.



SCHOLARS

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Our Scholars continue to engage in extra curricular and enriching activities that support and complement our curriculum. Year 7 enjoyed a visit to the Philharmonic, Year 8 watched The Peanut Butter Falcon at Fact cinema, Year 9 went to Edge Hill University and Year 10 spent a day at Keele University.



Our spring term Drop Down Day was another remarkable day for our pupils.

Year 7 enjoyed Faith Retreats and visits to our two cathedrals, the Greek orthodox church and the Synagogue. Year 8 experienced workshops with the Anthony Walker Foundation and Character First, exploring issues around racism, equality and the safe usage of social media. Year 9 had an options taster day and were given an insight into the range of subjects on offer for them to choose from as they look forward to the next stage of their education. Year 10 worked with Talk the Talk, accessing a range of Oracy workshops to support the development of their communication and presentation skills. Year 11 were fortunate to work with SAS commodities who led sessions on team building, resilience and strategies to help pupils through the busy exam period.



DROP DOWN

DAYS

Our termly rewards assemblies gave staff the opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous achievements of our fantastic pupils. Subject awards were given to those children who go above and beyond in lessons to be the very best versions of themselves. Outstanding Progress awards were given to pupils who are surpassing their target grades and certificates and Easter eggs were distributed to pupils with 100% attendance and punctuality for the term.

We celebrated the end of the spring term with a bake sale organised by our Year 7-9 girls' football team. The girls are raising money to buy hoodies for their upcoming residential to Condover Hall, where they are taking part in a football competition.



EASTER CELEBRATIONS

BOYS' FOOTBALL

Boys' football continues to thrive.

The enthusiasm and commitment of all three Year 7 teams has been astounding and manager, Mr Volante, believes these are some of the most talented players we have ever had! We are looking forward to our Merseyside semi-cup final at St Margarets and a cup final against Halewood.... Come on the 7s!

Our Year 8-10 teams have also enjoyed some brilliant victories this term; we are so proud of all of our sports teams here.



GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Girls' football is progressing rapidly here, with Miss Mansfield and her teams showing a determination and commitment to rivalling the boys!

NETBALL

Our Year 9 & 10 netballers continue to thrive and represent All Saints with pride. Highlights included our second place finish in the Knowsley tournament.

ATHLETICS

Athletics has been a prominent feature of both PE lessons and extracurricular events this term. Our Year 8 boys won the Knowsley tournament and our 7s were a close second. Our girls won both the Year 7 & 8 competitions. Well done to all involved!

