



All Saints Catholic College NEWSLETTER

JULY 2018

Welcome to our July Newsletter.

I have had to significantly cut this column to make way for a photo of our Year 7 5-a-side NATIONAL football champions receiving an award from the RÍo gold medallist Kate Richardson-Walsh at the Pennine Sports Partnership Awards Evening on the 9th of July. Come to think of it, a picture speaks a thousand words... So if anyone is in doubt about the All Saints direction of travel, take a close look! Have a great holiday everyone, stay safe and come back raring to go in September.

Ms Colligan



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Our Year 10 students have been on Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Every year, many people from the Diocese of Leeds travel to Lourdes. Within the Diocesan Pilgrimage there is a large youth section, which helps people who are sick, on their pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Important Dates:

Inset Day

Monday 3rd September 2018

Open Evening

Thursday 20th September 2018

5.30pm-8.00pm

Inset Day

Friday 21st September 2018

Mobile Phone Consultation Feedback

Due to an overwhelming negative response to the proposal, there will not be a trial period of phone use in break and lunch times. Use of mobile phones will continue to be banned during college hours. The student voice was heard and it was only right to go to consultation. Concerns centred around: esafety, loss of focus from studies, emotional and physical well-being and general safeguarding. Our stance is supported by Amanda Spielman - Head of Ofsted and a good number of psychologists. We thank everyone who participated in the survey.





I'M A SCIENTIST

We have had some excellent feedback from the organisers of the 'I'm a Scientist' event. The scientists in our zone thought that our students were engaging and well informed and very much enjoyed the chats we had with them. I think it is fair to say that the time spent on the preparation lessons paid off.

Even better than that, one of our students was nominated as the winner of our zone (I think there were about 12 schools in our zone). Daisy Whitworth was nominated for "asking so many amazing and random questions in a quick fire way. Loved being kept on my toes!" She will receive a gift voucher for her efforts.

Ms Eades

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

A group of our Art, Photography and Textiles students enjoyed their day visiting Manchester Cathedral.



MATHS CHALLENGE

The maths department have been working hard to raise standards and we were ecstatic to see how well our students performed against the top mathematicians in the country. Earlier this year we had a Gold winner who did so well he was invited to take part in the Kangaroo Competition. We also had Silver and Bronze winners.

We have just had the Junior Maths Challenge results and we have another Gold winner who although he is only in Year 7 got the best in the school as well as his year.

We are very proud of our young mathematicians and look forward to nurturing their talents for the years to come!





ATHLETICS

Athletics fixtures have been at Spenborough race track and have been against all schools in the Kirklees region.

There were some very impressive individual results with wins in the boys 100m, 200m and relay. These individual results meant that a few students went on to compete for

Kirklees at the West Yorkshire Competition at Leeds Beckett. One of our students finished 2nd at the 200m in the whole of West Yorkshire. The top team result was the year 10 boys who finished in 2nd in Kirklees and received the silver medal, they were only a few points off first in a very closely fought contest.



EXHIBITION

On Tuesday 3rd July we held an Art, Photography, Textiles and Product Design Exhibition to showcase the great work produced by the current Year 11 GCSE classes. It is the first time we have exhibited in the new school and it was amazing to see all the achievements of the students work displayed together in the drama studio.

CHOIR

On Wednesday 27th June 2018, the Huddersfield Girls Choir, part of the Diocese's Schools Singing Programme, were invited to provide music for a live broadcast of BBC Radio 4 Daily Service.

This was a fabulous opportunity for the Choir which includes four of our students.

ENRICHMENT DAY

Fifteen students in Year 10 recently went to the University of Huddersfield for a Maths Enrichment day, aimed at encouraging them to continue to study the subject beyond age 16. Taster sessions the students participated in included one on the use of fractals in computer graphics technology and another on non-Euclidean geometry principles. The afternoon included a quiz and a lecture on Mathematics in technology, during which the students learnt how to encode messages ready for transmission, the same way their mobile phone would. The presenter during the afternoon, Dr Katie Steckles, was also able to correctly guess the final digit in any barcode, to the amazement of the students and staff in the room.

The method for this was revealed later to be based on some simple mental arithmetic which the barcode system uses the check that the number is valid.

Overall the day was useful for all the students as they got to see the fantastic facilities available at the University of Huddersfield, and all were inspired to work towards a future university place to study Maths or something else they have a keen interest in.

YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK

Our Year 9 Art and Photography students had a glorious day at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park.





ACCELERATED READER

All Year 7 students were registered onto our ongoing programme of Accelerated Reader. This is paired up with Library lessons, where students are given the opportunity to settle to reading the book of their choice, whether that be fiction or non-fiction. In taking the online comprehension tests, the students can measure their own understanding of the book they have read, then move onto more challenging texts. Through this system, students can make months of progress in their reading comprehension, which is great news for English, and also for all other curriculum areas in school.

RAPPAMAN WORKSHOP

12 of our Year 9 students spent two days working with published poet, Christopher Donovan aka 'Rappaman' to write and record their own inspirational raps. The workshop allowed students to express their individual goals for the future through poetry and rap.

After spending a day writing their raps, pupils then attended the University of Huddersfield to record their raps in a professional recording studio—something they all found incredibly exciting, if not a little nerve-wracking too! All pupils recorded fantastic raps which they will be able to listen to again and again when they receive their recordings in the next few weeks; they will also receive a booklet with their lyrics printed in as well as some of their own artwork.



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POETRY

Poetry can be a contentious issue for students – they almost unilaterally say that they don't like poetry, until they have studied poetry in class, after which they almost unilaterally admit that they quite liked it. However, it's quite different at GCSE, for which students have to understand, and be able to write about, fifteen poems, of varying difficulty and theme. Poetry Live is such an important trip for students as, firstly, the Chief Examiner for AQA explains the exam paper to them and explains how to get a good grade. Secondly, students also get the opportunity to listen to successful, practising poets talking about their creative process, their poems, their motivations. Here's looking forward to Poetry Live 2019!

MACBETH

We were delighted to welcome the Young Shakespeare Company to All Saints again – with their vivid and thought-provoking presentation of 'Macbeth'. The students experience the magic of being part of the play as they engaged with the actors in various scenes. Lots of varied interpretations of key scenes were considered in order to deeply analyse both the characters and the theatricality of the performance. Of course, it's not all fun; this is the text used for GCSE Literature Paper 1, so the performance offered enjoyment paired up with revision: result!





YEAR 7 SPORTS LEADERS

Mr Davis and Mr Horner attended National Sports Week at Leeds Road Playing Fields in Huddersfield with 8 Year 7 students. The students were invited there through the Pennine Sports Partnership and acted as Sports Leaders for 350 Year 4 pupils from Primary schools across Kirklees. Our students all worked individually, leading activities that they were unfamiliar with and they were more than up to the task. Our students were an absolute credit to the event and to All Saints Catholic College.

PROM CELEBRATION

Congratulations to our Prom Queen Zanita and Prom King Aidan, who were voted for by all staff and students who attended the Prom as Casa, Brighouse.



Congratulations to all the students that have received a certificate and pin badge in one of our Celebration of Excellence evenings that have been held recently. These evenings have been designed to celebrate the continuously fantastic effort that students have put into their time at college over the academic year. In these evenings we reward a variety of positive behaviours. Award categories have included:

- Excellent attitude
- Excellent progress and positive attitude
- Top reward points in each form
 - Sporting Achievement
- 100% attendance, C3 free and positive attitude.

A number of students just missed out in some of these categories this year so we hope you will work extra hard next year to earn yourself one of these rewards.

Thank you also to all the parents who attended the Celebration Evenings to share in the celebration of the wonderful achievements of your children.

SUMMER CAMP

Places can still be booked online via the following link:

www.provisionsports.co.uk/holiday-club/

FACEBOOK

Please like our new Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/allsaintscatholiccollege

Everyone is invited to All Saints Catholic College for our

Open Evening

Have a
guided tour
of our new
school

Thursday 20th September 2018
5.30pm - 8.00pm

Judged **OUTSTANDING**
Full Diocesan Inspection, 2018

Principal's Presentations
6.15pm and 7.15pm

"This school continues
to be good." Ofsted 2017



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