



# All Saints Catholic College NEWSLETTER

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019

Welcome to our February Newsletter.

## Ms Colligan

I hope 2019 has begun well for everyone and I, for one, am very happy that we have not had to deal with any deluges of snow yet!

For any parents who have recently changed their address or phone number, please communicate this to us as soon as you can so that you will be in receipt of any notifications of school closure. We also need to know about the course of action you wish us to take in relation to your child if we have to close college during the school day. The 'snow letter' is available on the website or we can give your son/daughter a new copy if you so wish.

Please do take the opportunity to have a look around our new website, which just went live on 1 February. I hope you like the new look and can find your way around it easily. Please let us know if not.

You can see in our newsletter that there has been plenty going on towards the end of last term and the start of the New Year. We aim to have a busy schedule all year-round so that students have the opportunity to thrive in all aspects during their time with us. We want to develop the whole child as well as seek academic excellence. Our students have plenty of talent that we are determined to showcase!

I hope you have time to come and enjoy our production this year 'You can't stop the beat'. No shortage of talent on show here either... Please join us.

## You Can't Stop the Beat!

On 6th, 7th and 8th February it is the college production of **You Can't Stop the Beat** - a selection of extracts from popular musicals.

Save the date!



## Important Dates:

- **13th-14th February** Science and RE are running revision days for Year 11. If staff usually teach Year 11 on these days they will be redirected and Year 11 will be off usual timetables for these two days. More information to follow but thank you for your support.
- **15th February** will be a non uniform day to raise money for the Lourdes Pilgrimage.
- It is Fairtrade Fortnight when we return from half term. It would be wonderful if anyone would like to do anything to promote this in school.
- **6th March** is Ash Wednesday and we will be doing our usual Ash Wednesday service that morning.
- **8th March** is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Again, if anyone would like to support this in any way I would be most grateful for any help. Loads of resources available on CAFOD website!
- **10th March** is Huddersfield's St Patrick's Day Parade and all are welcome.
- **22nd March** there will be a Fashion Sale at school, lots of bargains to be found! Buy your tickets from Finance.

### For your attention:

- We are currently recruiting for a Parent Governor. Please e-mail our school office at [office@aschc.com](mailto:office@aschc.com) for further information.
- Please see the following link for information on the activities and events taking place in and around the ABC (Ashbrow and Birkby) Community Hub during February:

<http://www.nhtschool.co.uk/community-hub/>



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## A Christmas Carol

On the 12th December Year 9 were treated to a visit from a fantastic theatre group that performed a live, full version of their GCSE text 'A Christmas Carol'. There were only three actors in the company who performed all of the key roles with a mesmerising snow filled back drop against the old London skyline. Our students were really well behaved and enjoyed watching the play unfold, recognising key quotes that were relevant to their literature exams.



When the play had finished they were able to participate in a Q&A session with the performers discussing how they had prepared for the roles through to what they thought of the story and its moral significance for contemporary audiences.

## Advent Service and Christmas Concert

The Advent Service and Christmas Concert were very well supported by parent and friends. The service was led by Year 7 with additional support from Year 10. It provided reflection on the Christmas story with particular thought given to the role of Mary. The concert followed a break. It was a wonderful assortment of musical pieces which got us all in the festive mood. Both the service and the concert were great reminders of the wonderful gifts and talents our students have at All Saints.



## SVP Party

The annual SVP party took place in the week before we finished for Christmas. We were delighted to welcome over 80 local elderly SVP members including a large representation from the Polish Church. It was a lovely afternoon and our students did us proud in their catering skills, welcoming skills and entertainment. We could not host this event without the huge support of the SVP group at Holy Redeemer Parish. Thank you for all the hard work and commitment behind the scenes.



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## Age UK Competition

The Year 10 Textiles class took part in the Kirklees and Calderdale Age UK competition by producing tea towel designs to help prevent falls by the elderly.

Well done to **Shahrzad Alsadat Ashrafi, Magdelana Pinc** and **Chelsea Fleetwood**, whose designs were chosen and amalgamated to form the final tea towel design which was handed out to 500 elderly people over Kirklees and Calderdale.



## £150 raised for Crisis

A massive well done to the Design Technology department who raised £150 for Crisis from the Christmas Fayre. A number of Year 9 and 10 students were involved.



**Fighting for hope for homeless people**

**Crisis is the UK national charity for single homeless people. The charity offers year-round education, employment, housing and well-being services from across the country called Crisis Skylight Centres.**

## Halifax Soup Kitchen

8I are organising a collection for the soup kitchen in Halifax and will be coming around form rooms over the next 2 weeks for collections. If you have any food or warm clothing to donate please send them into school with your child.

### WHAT YOU COULD BRING IN ...

#### FOOD:

Any pantry staples and dry goods such as:

- ❖ Tins/Cans/Jars
- ❖ Cereals/Oats
- ❖ Pasta/Rice
- ❖ Tea/Coffee/Sugar

#### CLOTHES:

Any warm item of clothing such as:

- ❖ Hats
- ❖ Scarves
- ❖ Gloves
- ❖ Jumpers/Sweatshirts
- ❖ Trousers
- ❖ Coats



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## Past Student Visit

Last term the students were fortunate enough to have a visit from ASCHC alumna Paige Eli. Paige left ASCHC in 2009 and studied at New College before accepting a Football Scholarship in the USA. Paige played for the England National football team in the U17 World Cup in New Zealand; she was and still remains an exceptional talent. Paige enjoyed a coaching career in the USA and has just completed her Master's Degree. We would like to thank her for coming to school and addressing all our students and sharing her story. The students really enjoyed listening to Paige and many asked questions as to her journey from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School and her 5 years at All Saints.

Paige noted of her visit:

*It has been an absolute pleasure guest speaking at All Saints to each year group. Being a past student, it was great to share my high school experiences and explain how they lead to some great opportunities and inevitably helped me accomplish all that I have so far. I hope my words have encouraged the students to think and act on some of the changes they can make as individuals during high school that will help them unlock their potential and achieve their future goals. I would like to wish the girls football team the best of luck as they enter the last 16 of the English Schools Cup. Phenomenal achievement by these young ladies! Keep up the great work!*

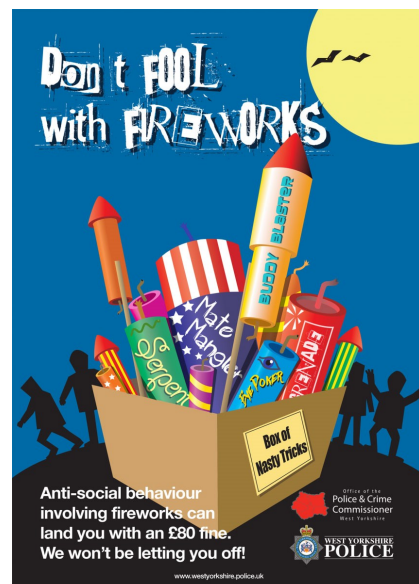


## D of E Awards

On Tuesday 22 January a record number of Year 10 and 11 students received their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at the Town Hall in Huddersfield. The evening was a fantastic celebration of young people and especially those that met the challenge of completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Town Hall was full of young people from throughout Kirklees and their parents and carers. Kirklees Duke of Edinburgh team provide invaluable support to schools and centres, and their patience and dedication is legendary. Our own celebrity ex student Paige Eli presented the awards which concluded with an amazing performance by our Year 11 band 'Simple Legacy' performing one of their own numbers. A brilliant evening for All Saints!

## Fire Service Trip

A Fire Service trip was run by Kirklees Youth Intervention to help show students how antisocial behaviour can impact in the community i.e. letting off loud fireworks late at night.





## Maths and Science Conference

On the 9th of January the whole of Year 11 were involved with our first Maths and Science conference. The event took place in the hall and was delivered in a lecture-style throughout periods 1 and 2. Both the maths and science team delivered short lessons based around key maths skills which are common to both subjects, allowing students to cross reference and transfer key skills learnt in both subjects. Feedback was that students found this an intense but useful strategy to help their learning and invoke further revision.



## Ackley Bridge

Six of our Year 10 students were spotted by a talent scout in class last month and were called to audition for Channel 4's Ackley Bridge.

One student gained an audition for a major role and the other 5 were selected to audition for the 'Hero Class' characters coming in Series 3. From those auditions, **Briannah Canning** and **Ellie Appleby** have both been picked for the 'Hero Class' which will involve regular appearances due to lots of scenes with main cast. **Sophie Pickles**, **Robyn Gillespie**, **Ben Smyth** and **Ellie Rimicans** have been selected as extras to regularly star as Year 10 students and start filming in early February. Some of our other students will also be attending a day to star as 'extras'.





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## Sports News

### Netball

**Paige Hirst** in Year 7 has joined the Giants U12 netball squad outside of school having been identified at extra-curricular for her exceptional performance as a year 7.

Year 7 netballers played Almondbury Community School Thursday 31st January winning 6-2. Some sharp shooting from **Teegan Adams**. The team consisted of: **Catherine Boylan, Paige Hirst, Divine Ngara, Teegan Adams, Kalkidan Amanuel, Blande Kakesa-Kingumbu** and **Beth Kidane-Nrayo**.

Year 8 netball team played Almondbury's Year 9 netball team winning 8-4. Fantastic team work. Great shooting from **Caitlin Appleyard** and **Lauren Bond**. The team consisted of: **Romy Austin, Zuzanna Sobkiewicz, Lauren Bond, Caitlin Appleyard, Holly Cole, Adonai Kasongo** and **Olivia Young**.



### Boys Football

The Year 10 boys football team have had another successful start to the season after narrowly missing out on winning the league by 1 goal last year and getting to the cup semi-finals. This year they have once again reached the semi-finals of the cup which will be played in March. In the league they have played 3 games so far, winning 2 and drawing one scoring a total of 13 goals. The boys are confident going in to the second half of the season that they can challenge Shelley for the league title again.

### Girls Football

The Under 13's girls football team, who were national champions last year at indoor 6 a side, are currently in the last 32 of the English Schools 9 a side cup (that's the last 32 teams in the country). The squad is made up of 6 Year 8 students (last years national champions) and 4 new Year 7 girls. So far in the competition the girls have played 4 games, scored 31 goals and only conceded 2 goals. Their round 5 fixture is on Friday 11th January in Derbyshire.

### Year 7 and 8 Indoor Athletics Competition

On Friday 25th January 2019 Mrs Robinson and Mr Simonett took 27 students to the annual Pennine Sports Partnership Indoor Athletics Competition. All students performed incredibly well and enjoyed the opportunity to represent their school.

Our Year 8 Boys placed 3rd overall just missing out on the finals. The boys team consisted of **William Ellis, Thomas O'Rourke, Noah Drake, Alan Munguba, Émick Katika,** and **Marvelous Akume**. Our Year 8 Girls were close behind finishing 4th, overall a great effort. The girls team consisted of **Rihanna James, Lauren Bond, Marysia Wrobel, Caitlin Appleyard, Romy Austin, Zuzanna Sobkiewicz, Holly Cole** and **Adonai Kasongo**.



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## Kirklees Young Coaching Academy

18 budding All Saints students wanting to develop their leadership skills applied for the Kirklees Young Coaching Academy organised by the Pennine Sport Partnership in conjunction with Huddersfield New College. Six students from ASCHC were successful in securing a place and they will be attending a workshop at New College on Friday 1st February 2019 and Friday 10th May 2019.

Congratulations to **Gaby Pearson, Johana Osobor Osobor, Grace Ellis, Carrie Diwnycz, Kodou Gaye** and **Thaaly Yanape Ya Yanape!** They will be supporting the delivery of an extra curricular club in the summer term, putting their acquired leadership skills into practice.



## Sports Leadership

Two Year 11 students, **Georgina Bond** and **Caitlyn Heagney** attended the Into Officiating Netball Umpire Award course to develop their umpiring skills in netball. They are using their acquired knowledge to umpire in core PE and at extra-curricular club.

Year 11 GCSE PE students took part in a Handball competition against Brighouse High School. All Saints played 4 games winning 3 and drawing 1. Attitude from all students was exceptional and they are really getting to grips with this new sport.

## Staff Netball

All Saints staff enjoyed a highly competitive netball tournament with the partner primary schools after school on Thursday 24th January. St Patrick's Birkby and Birkby Juniors attended with the winners being St Patrick's.



## Seneca Champions for revision are:

Bailey English, Gaby Pearson, Divine Akume and Georgina Bond.



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## Student Attendance

### FACTS:

- 90% attendance throughout five years of secondary education is the equivalent of having half a year off from school.
- 90% can significantly affect your child's grades at GCSE level; students are more likely to obtain a grade lower than those who attend 90% and above.
- At All Saints our annual attendance figure is just below the 95% mark.
- Regular attendance at college is 100%
- Unbroken attendance at college is important for learning and socialisation.
- Please ensure your child attends college as much as possible to have the best chance of achieving their full potential.

### Days Off Of School Add Up To Lost Learning

There are 175 NON SCHOOL days a year to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

<b>190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b>  190 days for your child's education	10 days absence  180 days of education	19 days absence  171 days of education	29 days absence A term missed  161 days of education	38 days absence  152 days of education	47 days absence  143 days of education
<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>GOOD</b> Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		<b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		<b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b> Not fair on your child. Court action	



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