



All Saints Catholic College Newsletter Issue 3 2019/20

2019-2020 | Spring Term

Principal's Message

We have had a busy Spring term since Christmas - uninterrupted by snow days! I am particularly delighted by this fact but am pretty sure that at least some of the students don't share my enthusiasm... Now we have coronavirus...

This last period has been characterised by working jointly on our Gospel virtues with students and staff alike. You will hear and read much more about this over the weeks to come including in this current edition of our newsletter. Our goal is to have a cohesive and coherent framework around our motto, mission and those Gospel virtues which particularly resonate with our school community. These will frame our attitudes and behaviour towards each other and our community at large. This framework will help to further define us as a Catholic School and guide our thoughts, our prayers and our actions. I would like to express my gratitude to Ms O'Neill and to Mrs Rhys-Hill for their sterling work taking this agenda forward.

We have also been putting our curriculum under the spotlight and plan changes to ensure that it offers an ever firmer foundation to Key Stage 4 programmes of study and the broadest basis for learning in the early years of secondary education. We wish that students be fully confident in their choice of exam programmes so that it reflects their skills, aptitudes and interests, and leads to engaging learning. I would like to thank Ms Rogers for her work on this.

Finally, we have put in place a refocus on behaviour for learning so that all students maximise their potential and play their part in a harmonious school environment. I would like to thank all families for working with us in strong partnership and also to Mr Carragher, Mr Rothwell and Mr Helliwell as well as the BfL team and all staff in making this ongoing initiative a very positive experience.

I can't sign off without giving a hearty congratulations to our U14s Girls Football Team who are through to the national semi-finals - **nationals** - no less! The U13s are also worthy of great praise in their success. Please see inside for details.

I hope you enjoy this, another bumper edition of our All Saints newsletter!

Our Mission

At All Saints Catholic College, our mission is to put Christ at the centre of our community.

In loving and serving God and one another, we encourage everyone to flourish through learning.

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Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Brighouse
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Dalton
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Halifax.



Chaplaincy update

This term saw the relaunch of the Chaplaincy student groups who are meeting weekly to share in the faith, and to serve in Christ.

The initial meetings were well attended with almost forty students present. Representatives from every year group have asked to be included in the work of the Chaplaincy, which will continue with the many charitable works that All Saints is long known for. The groups are currently planning a series of services for the 'Year of the Word', and the students are keen to use their skills and talents to Love, Serve and Learn.

Chaplaincy



Themed Assemblies

Year 7 have been taking part in themed assemblies this term. 7B focussed on the Holocaust memorial and 7G based their assembly on the theme of Hope.

We have also had displays in Reception based around our themes, including one from Christian Unity Week representing the shipwreck of St Paul and the islanders showing unusual kindness to the survivors.

THE VIRTUES AT ALL SAINTS - BEING THE BEST VERSION OF ME!!

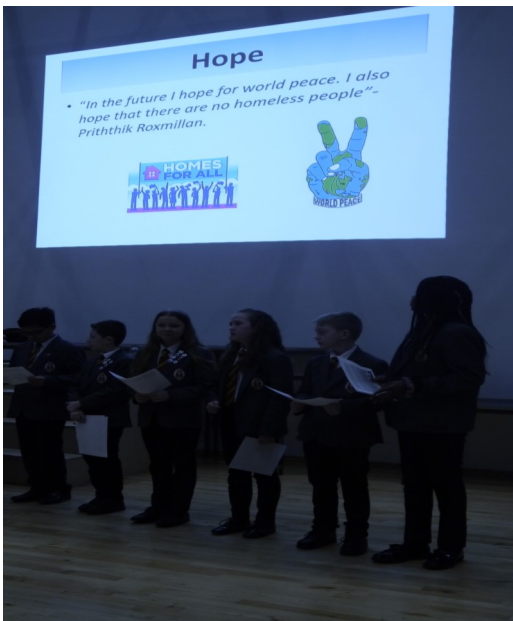
Bishop Marcus has recently encouraged Catholic schools to consider how Catholic character education can become part of our day to day life. He has proposed doing this by practising the Catholic virtues in schools.

So, what is a virtue? A virtue is an admirable or praiseworthy character trait. It is something you do, not just once, but over and over until it becomes who you are. We know that we have to work at being the best we can be but this is exactly what living the virtues is all about - practising the good so it becomes who we are. By making the virtues part of what we do, at the very core of our actions and ethos, we will be part of a community which encourages and fosters human flourishing - that is one which seeks for everyone to be the best version of themselves possible. Wow!

We are choosing to focus on five particular virtues:
Love, Service, Respect, Faith and Courage.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be exploring how we can encourage all in our community to live out these virtues so that they are not just words but can be seen in action at All Saints.

If you would like to know more about this or would like to become involved in a working party, please contact Ms O'Neill.



Love • Serve • Learn

College Kitchen

Free School Meals

We would like to encourage parents who are eligible, to apply for Free School Meals.

Eligibility criteria can be found on the Kirklees website or the College website.

Applications can be made online at the Kirklees Council website.

Visit: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>

Alternatively call 01484 221000 and ask for Free School Meals, or email freeschoolmeals@kirklees.gov.uk



Welcome to the team ...

A big welcome to our new kitchen manager, Carole Tomlinson, who joined us in January. Carole is looking forward to working with staff and students, and providing healthy and nutritious meals for your children.



Please remember to update school if there are any changes to your child's dietary requirements including allergies.



Following an inspection from the Environmental Health Officer in January we are pleased to say our College kitchen team have retained their five star rating.

Congratulations to the team!

Medication Policy

Please can we remind parents/carers that if their child has been prescribed medication which needs to be taken during the school day, a Prescribed Medication and Care Plan Information Request form must be completed and signed before the medication can be administered.

The medication must be stored in the Medical Room and not kept with the student. It will be the responsibility of the student to attend the Medical Room at the appropriate time for their medication.

The full policy can be found on the school website at the link below:

<https://www.aschc.com/first-aid-student-welfare-policy/>

Prescribed Medication





Year 7 and 8 Sports Hall Athletics

Sports News

On Friday 24th January, a group of Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Sports Hall Athletics day at the Sports Barn at Leeds Road Sports Complex.

All the students involved performed superbly and were a credit to the school, with the Year 8 girls team narrowly missing out on qualifying for the next round by just 4 points.

Well done to everyone who took part.



U13 and U14 Girls Football



Well done to the U13 Girls Football team who recently competed in the Huddersfield Schools Cup.

The girls played 5 games, drew 3 and lost 2.

As always, Miss Keegan was very proud of the team and the determined spirit they showed throughout the competition.

Well done to the girls who took part.

Congratulations also to the Girls U14 team, who are through to the semi finals of the National Cup after a 3-2 win earlier in January.

Y11

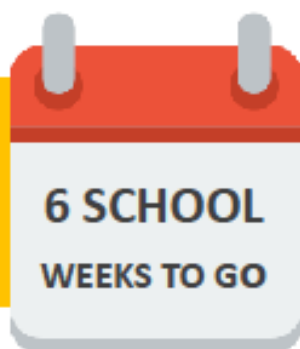
Prom

The Year 11 invitations have been issued for the Prom on Friday 19 June 2020. We are looking forward to an evening celebrating with as many students as possible.

We can now confirm that a formal photographer will be at the Prom and students can purchase mounted photos for £5 per photo.

We are really impressed how our Year 11 students have conducted themselves through their recent mocks and into the current half term. We hope that they continue to display this positive attitude through the remainder of their time at All Saints Catholic College, in order to ensure they are allowed to attend the Prom for this celebration evening.





YEAR 11 COUNTDOWN TO GCSE


We have now entered the final phase of our Year 11 GCSE Intervention Support Plan. In January our Countdown to GCSEs was officially launched in a special assembly, during which students received their Mock Exam results, revision pencil case and countdown calendar.

Students have completed their Post-16 applications and college interviews will take place over the coming weeks. Practical GCSE Exams will take place in March and April and the written GCSE Exams will begin on Monday 11th May.

Year 11 is the culmination of a students All Saints journey. This is their opportunity to show us what they have learnt during their time here. From now until the exams, every day and every lesson counts. In the remaining weeks a variety of support is available to all Year 11 students, including:

- Morning Independent Study in the library from 8.00am to 8.50am.
- Free Year 11 study resources in the library.
- On-going after school revision classes.
- Easter Revision School - further details to follow.
- Exam preparation sessions once the GCSE exams start.
- Online resources and revision materials including; Doodle, Educake, GCSE POD, Maths Watch, Moodle, MyMaths, PiXL, SAM Learning, Seneca, YouTube.
- Free yoga sessions every Friday 3.30-4.30pm - parents also welcome to attend.
- Meditation sessions during Tutorial in the Dance Studio on Monday's, Tuesday (Yellow Week) and Thursday (Blue Week).

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Deighton in the first instance. We will continue to support students and parents in preparation for the GCSEs. We also look forward to celebrating their success this summer.



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Year 11 Revision Timetable: Spring / Summer Term 2020

MONDAY		
Morning (8.00-8.35am)	Quiet Independent Study	Mr Winder (Library)
Tutorial	Meditation (from 11.15am)	Dance Studio
TUESDAY		
Morning (8.00-8.35am)	Quiet Independent Study	Ms Rogers (Library)
Tutorial (Yellow Week)	Meditation (from 11.15am)	Dance Studio
Session 1	Maths	Mr Cassidy and Mr Mace
	English	Mrs Roberts
Session 2	Art and Photography	Mrs Lee and Miss Charles
	History (Blue Tuesday)	Miss Woffenden and Mr Kernan
	Sports Studies (from 3.10pm)	Mr McCallum (F2)
WEDNESDAY		
Morning (8.00-8.35am)	Quiet Independent Study	Ms Rogers (Library)
Session 1	Business Studies	Mr Gallagher
	Drama	Miss Rhodes
	English	English Department
Session 2	Computer Science (from 3.10pm)	Mr West
	Design Technology (from 3.10pm)	Mr Clark
	French	Mrs Walsh
	Geography	Mrs McDonnell
	Spanish	Mr White
	Textiles	Mrs Hennigan
THURSDAY		
Morning (8.00-8.35am)	Quiet Independent Study	Ms Rogers (Library)
Tutorial (Blue Week)	Meditation (from 11.15am)	Dance Studio
Session 1	Religious Studies	
Session 2	Art and Photography	Mrs Lee
	Maths	Mr Cassidy and Mr Mace
	Music	Mrs Sidwell
	PE	Miss Keegan
	Textiles	Mrs Hennigan
FRIDAY		
Morning (8.00-8.35am)	Quiet Independent Study	Mr Gallagher (Library)
Session 1	Science	Mr Barker / Science Team
Session 2	History	Mrs Rejaei
	Yoga (3.30-4.30pm)	Dance Studio



Parent App

The Convenience of an App:

The Parent App is a convenient way to view information about your child's school life. Parents with more than one child at school will have easy access to information on all children from the same app. It's easy to use and accessible from a smart phone, tablet or PC.

Engaging with Students' Learning:

Whether it's viewing information on attendance, conduct, timetables, homework, or Steps to Success reports, you can stay up-to-date with your child's progress throughout their education. You will receive automated alerts and notifications directly to your phone, and a clear dashboard gives you an overview of your child's school life.


The data collection area lets you easily update your contact details and student consents - helping the school to meet our safeguarding obligations, should there be an emergency.

Getting started with the SIMS Parent App:


1. We will send an activation email to the address we currently hold on our system with instructions on how to activate your account.
2. On your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for SIMS Parent. Or, login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk
3. Login using your Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft username and password that you used to register.

To request an activation email please call the school on 01484 426466 or email communication@aschc.com

It is important you inform us of any changes to your email address and other details. Whilst we will always endeavour to keep up to date records, All Saints will not be liable for any data breach where we have not been provided with accurate or current details from parents/carers. If you have not yet registered for the Parent App and need to update your contact information please do so in writing (e.g. a note in your child's planner) and ask you child to bring your new details to G26 (next to the Drama Studio).




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The new **SIMS Parent APP** enables you to access real time information:

- Achievement
- Homework
- Attendance
- Update Data Information
- Access School Diary



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Creative Arts

FAME Jr.

Our talented students and staff were hard at work this term rehearsing for their performances in this year's spectacular musical FAME Jr.

The show ran over 3 nights and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended including parents, primary schools and our governors.

Thank you to everyone involved for your support.

“This was not any school production, it had pace, showed immense talent and was thoroughly entertaining”

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE
PRESENTS:



Wednesday 4th March 2020
Thursday 5th March 2020
Friday 6th March 2020

TICKETS £3 PER PERSON
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM, SHOW BEGINS AT 7pm

Tickets available at Reception,
Refreshments will be served before the show and during the interval.

Year 10 Dancers

Our Year 10 dancers were entered into the Strictly Pennine Dance Show at the Lawrence Batley Theatre on Tuesday 25th February.

Strictly Pennine is a series of dance shows performed by children from the Pennine Sports Partnership schools. It is a celebration of dance in all its forms and every show promises to be vibrant, energetic and very entertaining.

Our dancers performed amazingly and did the College proud.

Ms Colligan attended the evening and thoroughly enjoyed the performance given by our talented team.

Strictly Pennine Dance Show



Forget Me Not Children's Hospice

Rhiannon in Year 10 has been involved with her choir, the Orangebox Choir, in a fantastic fundraising effort over the past few months, having raised a wonderful £32,000 for the Forget Me Not children's hospice.

Rhiannon first joined the choir over a year ago on the recommendation of her young carers youth worker.

The choir first performed at the hospice in August, and decided they would like to fundraise for them, as well as put on another performance for Christmas.



Student Fundraising

Rhiannon has her first solo performance coming up, which she is currently practicing for, and we wish her good luck with this.

Well done Rhiannon on your fantastic fundraising effort, we are very proud of you!

Traffic Management

Traffic management system

Our new traffic management system started this half term.

The times that cars are allowed access onto the College site has changed to ensure the safety of our students, staff and other pedestrians.

Permits will be issued to those parents whose child has a medical condition and therefore needs to be dropped-off and collected from the site.

We appreciate your support and understanding with these new measures.



The drive will be closed to parents between:

8.35am and 8.50am
and
2.30pm and 3.30pm

Coronavirus



Coronavirus is a fast-evolving situation.

We will keep parents updated of current advice and necessary actions as further guidance becomes available.

Information will be sent through via the Parent App. If you do not currently have access to the app, please contact reception for joining details.

Health & Well-being



Uniform Exchange



Uniform Exchange helped 500 local children in 2014 with free school uniform packs & winter coats, recycling over 5000 items of good uniform!

Do you need assistance in sorting out school uniform for your family? If so message us through Facebook, let us know what you need and we will be in touch... and don't forget to LIKE our page!

Last winter Uniform Exchange collected and distributed 200 coats, swees & accessories to local children! Can you help us increase that number by donating unused and out-grown coats, scarves, hats, gloves and footwear?



Need help? Want to help?

If you need assistance sorting out school uniform for your family visit the Uniform Exchange website: www.uniform-exchange.org/free-school-uniform/ here you will find a FREE school uniform request form, or visit their Facebook page - see below for details.

Confidence in School Uniform

Do you have old school uniform at home that's too good to throw away? Donate items, as listed below, to help others in need.

School Ties

We are happy to accept donations of used ties in college as these can be lent to students who may have lost/ forgotten theirs.

Visit www.uniform-exchange.org/collection-points/ for information about drop-off points. NB - please don't bring bags to school as unfortunately we don't have the space to store them.

Let's recycle together for our local Community!

Helping the community of Kirklees through Uniform Exchange

We recycle out-grown school uniform and pass it on to families who need help.

- Help us by bagging up any out-grown school uniform.
- Drop off points include your local Sure Start Children's Centres, Kirklees libraries, Sainsbury's Shorehead
- Go to the website for a full list of drop off points.
- All donations welcome, rags will be sold to support the project.
- We offer uniform FREE, if you need help go to the website for details.

Items Including:

- Polo-Shirts
- Trousers
- Coats
- Skirts
- Shirts
- Jumpers
- Tights
- Cardigans
- Blazers
- Shoes
- Socks
- Jackets
- Trainers
- Pumps
- Sports Kits
- Dresses

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Attendance

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Every School Day counts

Every minute of every day counts and matters in school.

The poster highlights the important of every lesson and the importance of good attendance in school.

The school target is 96%, once you drop below this there is likely to be an impact on your grades in school.



What does 90% look like?

90% = ½ a day missed each week.

90% for one school year = 4 weeks of missed lessons and learning.

90% over 5 school years means that you will have missed ½ a school year, the impact of this is gaps in learning impacting on grades and progress.

What is the impact of this?

For every 17 days absence a student can drop a whole grade.

Nationally only 10% of students with poor attendance achieve 5 good GCSEs, compared to 58% of students who have good attendance.

Applications for college / training may be impacted by your poor attendance.

It is important to minimise absence from school as much as possible. If you are off school please remember to contact us on 01484 426466 or notify us at attendance@aschc.com



Important Dates

Spring Term 2019-2020

March

19th - Y8 Parents' Evening

April

3rd - School closes for Easter holidays

20th - School reopens

30th - Y7 Parents' Evening

May

8th - Bank Holiday Friday

Inset Dates 2019/2020

- Monday 20th July 2020

Term Dates 2020-2021

First Day	Half Term	Last Day
Autumn Term 2020		
Monday 7th September	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
Spring Term 2021		
Monday 4th January 2021	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2021	Friday 26th March 2021
Summer Term 2021		
Monday 12th April 2021	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021	Monday 26th July 2021

School is closed on the following dates:

- Monday 7th September 2020
- Friday 23rd October 2020
- Friday 13th November 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Monday 26th July 2021

Please note for September 2020:

- Tuesday 8th September - ONLY Y7 and Y11 students in school
- Wednesday 9th September - ALL students in school

Holidays must not be booked in term time and will not be authorised. The Local Authority will issue fines if parents take unauthorised leave for their children.

For further details, please visit our school website and refer to our Attendance Policy:

www.aschc.com/attendance/