



All Saints Catholic College

NEWSLETTER

MARCH/APRIL 2019

Welcome to our March/April Newsletter.

A very Happy Easter to everyone - when it arrives after our Lenten journey...

We are putting the newsletter out early this time so you have time to digest it over the Easter break. We have had a busy couple of months and there are some exciting articles that we have had to hold over to the May/June Edition, as they don't fit!

Academically, the Y11s are already well into their practical exams and the Y8s have now made their option choices. We continue to push for aspirational outcomes for all our students on an ongoing basis and that determination is steadily bearing fruit.

We have had an author visit, success at a public speaking competition and superb outcomes at the national UKMT Maths challenge. In order to support studies in English Literature, we have had a professional performance of A Christmas Carol and participated in a Shakespeare Manga workshop.

In sports, we are going from strength to strength:

The Girls U13s Football Team made it to the national semi-finals last month and the U13s Futsal Team are into the national finals in May.

The U13 Boys Football Team are also performing well and are hopefuls for the league championship. The Y10 boys, undefeated to date, have 1 more fixture to play...lots of prayers, please! The netball league has finished with the Y7 Netball Team finishing in 3rd place. Additionally, the Y11 Handball Team has gone the whole year undefeated and have played more games this year than ever before. They are looking to join a competitive league next year. All great accomplishments!

The College musical 'You can't stop the beat' was an outstanding success and a sell-out. Well done to all involved.

Our fund-raising is going well with a fantastically successful Fashion Show in March for Friends of All Saints and I would like to extend an invitation to you all for the Promise Auction in June. Please see the article within. It is a marvellous event with a wonderful time being had by all last year.

I wish you all well as we move into April: the warmer weather and the lighter nights. Can't wait for next term!

Ms Colligan

Important Dates:

Thursday 4th April - Y7 Parents Evening

Friday 12th April - Last day of term

Monday 29th April - College reopens

Tuesday 30th April - PGL France trip parents meeting

Monday 6th May- College closed Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th May—Friends meeting

Friday 24th May - Last day of half term

Monday 3rd June - College reopens

Friday 7th June - Promise Auction

2019/2020 Inset dates

Monday 2nd September 2019

Friday after Open Day Late September/ Early October date not known as yet

Friday 8th November 2019

Monday 24th February 2020

Monday 20th July 2020



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The Red Box Project

We are delighted to share the news with you that here at All Saints Catholic College we are partaking in the community led

'Red Box Project', which runs in many of our local Primary & Secondary schools in Kirklees. Period poverty (when a woman cannot afford appropriate period products) is something that has been in the news in recent months. Research shows in the UK 1 in 10 girls have been unable to afford sanitary wear and more than 1 in 10 girls have had to improvise sanitary wear due to affordability issues.

The aim of this organisation is *'to quietly ensure that no young woman misses school or suffers embarrassment because she has her period. We want to step up as a community to give you the peace of mind that your stocks will never run out and enable you to support disadvantaged young women throughout their period. We believe all young people deserve equal access to education and that access to period products is essential to this. The box is available to everyone, with no questions asked. No one should miss school because of their period.'*

The 'red box' will be available to all pupils who are in need of products. All teachers and support staff in school are aware of the project. All a pupil needs to do is ask a teacher if they can use the 'red box' and they will be discreetly directed to **Student Services**.

If you would like any more details or to donate to this project you can find details from the following places:
Web: redboxproject.org Facebook: [facebook.com/theredboxprojectuk](https://www.facebook.com/theredboxprojectuk) Instagram: [@theredboxprojectuk](https://www.instagram.com/theredboxprojectuk) Twitter: [@redboxproject](https://twitter.com/redboxproject) Email: redboxprojectuk@gmail.com

Revision Classes

With Year 11 starting their GCSEs shortly, revision classes are being offered in school during the Easter holidays. All Y11 students should have received a letter and a booking form which they should return to Miss O'Hearne in S24 by 8th April to reserve their place.

Fashion Show

A fashion show was held in college on the evening of Friday 22nd March. This proved to be a very popular event with many families and staff attending on the night. A fantastic £588.73 was raised over the course of the evening. A big thank you to Ms O'Neill, Miss O'Grady, Miss Bowman, Miss Jennings, and Miss Cooke for organising the event.

Promise Auction

Our year 10 students are already preparing for their pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place from Thursday 4 July to Friday 12 July. To support their pilgrimage costs, they will be taking part in various fundraising activities such as Bag Packing, parish collections and serving tea and coffee at school functions. A highlight of the Lourdes fundraising is always the Promise Auction, this year to be held on Friday 7 June 2019. Students ask for 'promises' from local retailers, hair and beauty salons, from parents and relatives who may 'promise' 2 hours of gardening, 2 hours of decorating, or baking a cake or whatever skill they can offer. We are always generously supported in so many different ways by generous donations from friends and families. On the night of the auction, our auctioneer skilfully starts the bidding for promises received and hopefully, those bidding can bag a bargain and the students raise money towards their pilgrimage!

If you would like to offer a 'promise' however great or small, please contact Ms Durkin, Ms O'Neill, Mrs Horsfield, Mr Hymas, Mrs Lee or Mrs Carter in school. Everyone is welcome to come along and support the evening also! Tickets will be on sale after Easter! See you there!!!



Primary Partnerships

St Patrick's Primary Science workshop

On Monday 11th February 2019, Year 4 at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School was treated to a special visit from Mr Saleem who delivered a practical session to investigate the reactivity of different acids. This provided an excellent opportunity for the children to work scientifically and gave them a taste of what is to come when studying Science at KS3 level. Feedback was that the pupils had lots of fun carrying out the different experiments. Mr Saleem was very impressed with how well the Year 4s worked as they were all a massive credit to themselves.



St Joseph's World Book Day visit

A group of Year 7 students paid a visit to their former primary school, St Joseph's, on World Book Day to assist with some activities with the younger children.

Feedback received from St Joseph's was that these students behaved impeccably and were a real credit to both the college and their families.

These students also shared information about life at All Saints, leaving the Year 6's very excited about their move here in September. Year 7 achievement co-ordinator Mrs Pickles is planning a return visit to allow the Year 5 and 6 students the opportunity to visit All Saints and to ask questions about transition.



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Lent

All Saints marked the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday with a solemn service in forms. Students were called out a form at a time to receive ashes with the words 'Turn away from sin and believe the Good News' being spoken as they were reminded that Lent is a time for change. We join with the Christian community globally in our desire to use Lent to reflect on how we may live better lives and become closer to God. The service in forms, reminded everyone of the three strands to Lent of prayer, fasting and giving to charity. Our charities during Lent this year, as always are Good Shepherd (Catholic Care whose services are used by many of our students in school) and CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development). Students are encouraged to take part in fundraising events throughout Lent in order to raise much needed funds for these organisations. Some staff and students for example have volunteered to take part in a sponsored 24 hour fast to support the charities; others are organising raffles, selling treats and other activities. If you would like to support our Lent charities, please do so via ParentPay under 'Donation' and write a little note in the box to explain what it is for.

Students are also offered the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to start afresh and receive God's forgiveness through the sacrament. We will be following the Stations of the Cross during Lent using CAFOD resources. If you would like to know any more about our Lent activities, please do not hesitate to contact Ms O'Neill in school.

Chaplaincy News

St Patrick's Day Parade

On Sunday 10 March, staff and students braved the weather to take part in the 19th Huddersfield St Patrick's Day Parade. Whilst the wind made conditions difficult at times, it did not blow away our high spirit! As usual, we were invited to share a float with the Mna na hEireann (Women of Ireland) and the theme set was 'Partying'. We needed little encouragement! Sarah Morris from the band 'Vital Statistix' had sent us the song titles she would be singing and we had practised these in order to be prepared! Sarah is a brilliant singer and with her lead we danced and sang around Huddersfield! Well done to all those supporting All Saints involvement in the parade! Can't wait for next year!!!

Maths Challenge

Mathematics at All Saints Catholic College Improves On Last Year's Outstanding Results – Intermediate Challenge.

This year as I made the decision to enter our budding mathematicians for another intermediate level challenge and pitted their skills against the country's best grammar and independent schools I was full of hope and anticipation. Could All Saints Catholic College produce another Kangaroo winner?

The Maths department have continued to work hard to raise standards and I in particular was full of anticipation to see how well our students performed against the top mathematicians in the country. When the envelope arrived I rushed to open it and see how they fared. I could not believe the results we had three pupils invited into the next round to attempt the Kangaroo.

Gold Winners: **Filip Szczesny** and **Miellaher Daniel** in Y10 and **Hanna John** in Y11.

Silver Winners: **Eoin Flaherty**, **Tom Redfearn** and **Tristan Hayes** all in Y10.

Bronze Winners: **Owen Wraight**, **Mary Ann Matundan** and **Louise Chan** in Y9, **Natalia Eden-Winn** in Y10 and **Joanna Siebierski** and **Michael Contento** in Y11.

Hanna John, **Filip Szczesny** and **Miellaher Daniel** have all been invited to the second follow up round called a Pink Kangaroo, they narrowly missed out on the Gold Kangaroo. Last year only Tom Redfearn was invited to this round, so to triple our representation is amazing. I am extremely excited to see how they will perform.

I am very proud of our young mathematicians and look forward to nurturing their talents for years to come.

Mrs Farhana Loonat.



Y10 News

Student Elections

Elections have been held to select our Head Boy and Girl for the coming year. James Johnson and Briannah Canning won the vote and were named as Head Boy and Head Girl respectively. This year the deputy roles will be shared: joint deputy head boys are Alex Ribalkins and Owen Ghani, and joint deputy head girls were named as Johana Osobor Osobor and Naomi Dema. A further 40 students with exceptional records applied for and were successfully awarded the role of Student Ambassador.

Students have been presented with their new ties and will begin their roles with immediate effect to allow our Y11 students to concentrate on their studies for the remainder of this academic year.

Congratulations to all of you and many thanks to our outgoing student ambassadors, deputies and head boy & girl for your excellent contributions.

Public Speaking Contest

Y10 students Maeve and Eman took part in a public speaking competition at St Thomas à Becket School in Wakefield. Both girls did exceptionally well despite the fact they were considerably younger than the other competitors!

PSHE Workshops

All Y10 students will be participating in workshops during PSHE time, aimed at teaching conflict resolution and critical thinking skills. The theme of these is based around the Israel-Palestine conflict and will be delivered by Solutions Not Sides an external, government and council backed group, towards the end of March.

Ceramics Workshop



Y10 Art students were treated to a visit from the ceramic workshop Amy Daniels where students were shown how to create a clay vessel based on natural forms. Students have been working on this theme and have already explored textures and shapes from flowers, plants, sea corals and shells. The results were amazing and will form part of the student's coursework content.





Sports News

Under 13s Boys Football

The under 13 boys team played an outstanding match against North Huddersfield Trust School winning 7-1. Special mentions went to Frank Wrobel and Curtis Youzan for excellent performances with Man of the Match going to William Ellis. If the team is able to secure two more wins they will be crowned champions of the league!

Under 13s Girls Football

Following fantastic 7-2 and 4-3 victories the All Saints U13 girls team made it through to the semi-final of the English Schools Cup. The semi-final match was held on 21st March and unfortunately the team suffered a 2-0 defeat.

This team will also play the Futsal semi-final in the final week of March. We wish them the very best of luck in this and the entire school is very proud of all that they have achieved.

Gaelic Football

A Year 8 group has had great fun taking part in some Gaelic Football sessions. A fully qualified coach has been coming into Year 8 core PE lessons and delivering Gaelic Football. This has been to use the transferable skills from other sports such as; football, rugby, basketball and handball and apply them to a new sport. The programme has been a great success in both raising the profile of the sport and developing club links between All Saints and Brothers Pearse GAA. We hope this won't be the last time that ASCHC students play Gaelic Football.



The All Saints U13 girls football team