



# All Saints Catholic College

To Love And Serve

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## All Saints Catholic College Newsletter Autumn 2019

2019-2020 | Autumn Term

### Principal's Message

Welcome All to our first newsletter of 2019/20. As we reach the midpoint of our Autumn term there is much to report and celebrate. We have been awarded the nationally recognised Secondary Geography Quality Mark and have submitted ourselves for scrutiny in an effort to gain the national Quality in Careers Standard for careers education, information, advice and guidance. Although the decision has to go to moderation and standardisation, the feedback from the inspectors was very positive and augurs well. Sports news feature as a significant source of pride, and rightly so, I am sure you'll agree, as you read on. Our Sports Presentation celebration was significant recognition for all the hard work done in this area by students and staff alike.

New personnel and students are establishing themselves into our family and our newest addition to the staff team is our Lay Chaplain Mrs Rhys-Hill. We are very excited about the added enrichment she will bring to the Catholic life of the College. Our Black History Evening was very successful and all enjoyed the Open Evening where we welcomed a record number of families interested in our provision. Additionally, the new Year 11 have had their GCSE Information Evening for top tips and strategies to perform at their very best this year.

I hope you enjoy our publication and I look forward to introducing the next edition before Christmas.

### 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.



Diocese of Leeds & Partner Primary Schools



The Diocese of Leeds  
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Elland  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Birkby  
St Malachy's Catholic Primary School  
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School  
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.



## STEM Hub

**STEM**

**Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**  
This refers to any subjects that fall under these four disciplines.

## Science

**What is STEM Hub?**

STEM Hub aims to inspire students by giving them a chance to engage with people from a wide range of STEM-related jobs. These volunteers offer their time and enthusiasm to help bring STEM subjects to life and demonstrate their value in life and careers.



*How do students know if they want to be a Turbo engineer/Parametric/product designer if they have never met one?*

The Hub aims to meet monthly and takes place in one of our school science labs where students get to enjoy drinks and snacks at the start of each session.

Our first STEM Hub was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and saw Dr Gavin Cox from Pro Brand come in to school and speak to students about his work. As a Chartered Electronic Engineer he shared his experiences through university, travelling for work and explained how the products he designs actually work.

The students had an opportunity to ask him questions and found it useful to meet someone who is achieving and working in their chosen field.

## Geography

## Geography Quality Mark

After much hard work, Miss Sharpe and Miss McDonnell have achieved the nationally recognised Secondary Geography Quality Mark!

This collaborative and professional process enables teachers to assess whether they have reached a recognised standard in the leadership of geography and to identify areas where this can be improved. Schools gather together evidence of their successes and submit a portfolio alongside a development plan. This is assessed and moderated by the GA's team of experts who provide an external perspective on the school's strengths and advise on areas for development.

This is a prestigious award which promotes, rewards, celebrates and improves geographical learning.

**Congratulations to the Geography department on your achievement!**



## Year 7

### Year 7 Days of Recollection

We welcomed our new Year 7 students into College this September, and as part of their induction into school each form group enjoyed a day of recollection at Little Deer Wood in Mirfield.

Each group participated in lots of team building activities which included archery and bouldering.

During one of the team building days students had the opportunity to meet the Mayor and Mayoress of Kirklees, Cllr Mumtaz Hussain and his wife Noreen.

Although the weather wasn't always great, all our Year 7 students really enjoyed their days out getting to know each other better.



Little Deer Wood

### Black History Evening



Our catering team provided a Black History themed lunch in the dining hall for staff and students to enjoy.

## Events

On Wednesday 16th October students, staff and members of the community gathered together to celebrate at Black History Evening which mainly focused on this year's theme of Black Women and Black Britons.

It was great to see so many students in College coming together to celebrate at this event.

The night was opened with students giving a dramatic performance on the African drums. The students taking part in this element of the evening had only learnt these skills in a workshop with Sandile an hour before they performed!

Some students then shared their own personal views on inspirational women who have had a massive influence on history, as well as their own personal research into different African kingdoms and the impact they have had.

There was also a contemporary dance performance by GCSE students to the song 'Pretty Hurts' by Beyoncé, which focused on female empowerment and resilience.

The evening was brought to a poignant close with the vocal talents of Grace Nelson singing 'Something inside so strong.'



## Sports News

The U14 Girls Football Team have had a successful start to their season. So far they have won the West Riding FA competition, winning all 5 games and scoring 22 goals along the way!

The girls were runners up in an U15 tournament at Shelley High School, playing up an age group and only losing one game.

They are also successfully through to the second round of the English Schools Cup, winning their first round match

11-0. Their next game will be played on 4th November and we wish them luck!



Follow the teams' progress on  
Twitter:

@ASCHC\_COLLEGE

#ASCHCPE



The U13 Girls Football Team kick off their season on Wednesday 6th November away at Moorend in a six-a-side competition organised by Huddersfield Town. The winners of this will go on to represent Huddersfield Town in the next stage of the competition.

Good luck girls!

### SAM Learning

Following the introduction of SAM Learning to our students in September, one of our Y9s wanted to share his thoughts about the programme:

*"I like using SAM Learning because you can choose lots of different subjects and it is great if you want to catch up on information you missed in lesson. SAM Learning is fun as well because you can design your own avatar and challenge your friends to try and get the most points out of your year group."*

Please encourage your child to log in and do some revision activities, which typically take about 15 minutes to complete.

Information for parents about SAM Learning can be found on our website under the parents tab > year groups > general information.

## SAM Learning

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## Lay Chaplain

A very warm welcome to our recently appointed Lay Chaplain, Mrs Stacy Rhys-Hill. She has the following message:

*As recently appointed Lay Chaplain at All Saints I feel as though I am most blessed to be returning to where my career in schools started twenty years ago. I have been an Art Teacher and Careers Advisor in Bradford since then.*

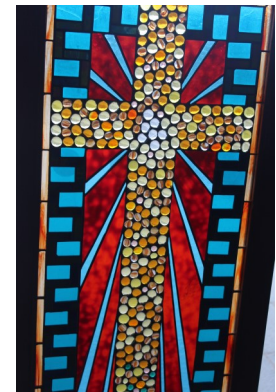
*I am a Catechist at St Mary of the Angel's Batley where I also deliver the Children's Liturgies. My two children are Altar Servers within the Parish and at their schools.*

*I have been made to feel most welcome at All Saints in the short time I have been here. Already I am aware of the charity work, opportunities for prayerful reflection and collective worship that form the heart of the school.*

*I am looking forward to visiting and working with our partner Primary schools during Advent and the tradition of creating collaborative artwork.*

*I am excited about being involved in the plans the school has in further developing the Faith of our young people within school and as part of our wider community.*

## Chaplaincy



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

### Year 10 Students Duke of Edinburgh

This award continues to grow at All Saints and we have 45 of our Year 10 students finishing their sections in order to receive their Bronze Award in January 2020.

The most challenging section is the expedition.

The students undertake 3 days of training, a practice and a qualifying expedition. On expedition, students work in groups and carry everything needed for their overnight

adventure including a tent, cooking equipment, food and water. We work with Kirklees Duke of Edinburgh Award to ensure our students are well prepared and safe whilst on expedition.

Our students did us proud showing resilience in challenging situations and pulling together in their groups especially in the face of less than clement weather.

Once the evidence and assessors' reports are completed for their other three sections (Volunteering, skill and physical), their award will be complete. We look forward to seeing them receiving their awards at the Town Hall ceremony in January.

Well done!!!

For further information about the Duke of Edinburgh at All Saints, please contact Mrs McDonnell or Ms O'Neill.





## College Kitchen

Another award for the College kitchen team!

The College catering team have won another award, this time the High School Catering Team of the Year 2019.

This award is well deserved by the team for all their hard work, charity fundraising, excellent customer service, and not forgetting the amazing food enjoyed by both staff and students each day.

The team are pictured below with their award.

Well done everyone!



Did you know you can hire our school facilities?

SLS let out our amazing facilities in the evenings and weekends when school are not in!

From the sports hall to the main hall, we have facilities suitable for all needs.

For more information please visit our website and select the lettings tab or access the link below:

<https://bookings.schoollettings.org/huddersfield/sls-all-saints-catholic-college>

If you would like to contact SLS directly please email [all-saints@schoollettings.org](mailto:all-saints@schoollettings.org) or call 01484 829166.

## Facilities Letting



## College Uniform

For further guidance on the College uniform, please visit our website: [www.aschc.com/college-uniform/](http://www.aschc.com/college-uniform/)

Please note trousers must not be tight-fitting, jeans style, leggings, jeggings or lycra pants.

We thank you for your continued support with ensuring your child comes to College dressed to a standard that reflects well on both themselves and the College.

## College Uniform

## School shoes



For further examples of suitable school footwear please visit the College website, following the link on our website under the parents tab > college uniform.

## Lost Property

Can parents and students please note that there are numerous items of school uniform, including a large number of winter coats and other miscellaneous items in lost property at the moment. Students should speak to Student Services if they have lost any items as things are handed in daily. A list of lost property is available outside Student Services (see example). All unclaimed lost property will be available until the end of term and will then be donated to Kirklees Uniform Exchange, as we do not have the facility to store lost items indefinitely.

## College Uniform

Pair of black Slazenger trainers with pink trim  
 School logo PE shorts  
 1 pair girls black patent shoes size 5  
 1 pair boys black M&S school shoes size 7  
 1 pair girls black patent shoes size 5 George by Asda  
 1 pair black Kangol Velcro strap shoes size 2.5  
 1 pair black Rockstorm lace up shoes size 7  
 Single black lace up Kangol shoe size 9  
 Single black lace up Rockstorm shoe size 6  
 Blue and grey Icepeak coat size 140  
 Black coat with fur trimmed hood size 8  
 All Saints rugby PE top 34/36  
 Black Nike coat size 12-13 years  
 Boots glasses case containing 1 pair glasses  
 Black Specsavers Jurassic World glasses

*Please put your child's name on all their belongings so items can be returned promptly to the right person. Thank you.*

# 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/](http://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.

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.

Visit [www.uniform-exchange.org/collection-points/](http://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.

## Confidence in School Uniform

### 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.

**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

**UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

Website: [www.uniform-exchange.org](http://www.uniform-exchange.org)

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# Attendance

## Did you know?

90% attendance throughout 5 years of secondary education is the equivalent to having a year off 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 95% & 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.

To make it easier to report your child’s absence, we now have a dedicated email address [attendance@aschc.com](mailto:attendance@aschc.com)

## Days Off School Add Up To Lost Learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days 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	19 days absence	29 days absence A term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence
	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	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	



# Communication

## Twitter

Follow All Saints Twitter account for all the latest sports news, job vacancies, events, and form group attendance figures.

#attendancematters



Follow us @ASCHC\_COLLEGE

## Parent App

The Parent App is a convenient and secure way to share information about your child's school life. You can access the Parent App from a smartphone, tablet or Windows PC - anytime, anywhere. If you have more than one child at school, you will have access to all of their information from the same app. With the Parent App parents/carers are able to:

View important information such as attendance, behaviour and achievement.

See school term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button.

Access to Steps to Success and Pastoral reports.

Receive notifications to remind you about important information such as key dates for your diary.

Update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of an emergency.

Many parents/carers have already registered with the Parent App and feedback has been very positive. If you would like to register for the Parent App please email [communication@aschc.com](mailto:communication@aschc.com) or telephone College Reception with your details.



## Car Park Notice

There have been an increasing number of parents driving into the College car park to pick up students at the end of the day.

This is creating a health and safety concern for the hundreds of students that are leaving the school premises at the same time.

With immediate effect we politely request that anyone wishing to drive into school to pick up their child does not drive onto school premises until **after 3.30pm** when the majority of students have left the school site.

We thank you for your cooperation with this.

## School Safety

## Date for your diary ...



We are holding our Friends of All Saints Christmas Craft Fayre in College on Thursday 28th November from 5-8pm.

Stalls are available at £5 each.

Please contact Miss O'Neill or Miss O'Grady at [office@aschc.com](mailto:office@aschc.com) to reserve your stall.

Entrance is free.

We hope to see you there!

## Staff News

### Warm welcome

We wish the following new staff members a very warm welcome to the All Saints team:

Miss Colette Jones, Vice Principal

Mr Sean Carragher, Vice Principal/DSL

Mrs Stacy Rhys-Hill, Lay Chaplain

Miss Rachel Woffenden, Head of History

Mr Callum Power, PE teacher

Mr Stuart Winder, Maths teacher

Miss Laura Watson, Maths teacher

Miss Megan Williams, English teacher

Mr Dale White, MFL teacher

Mrs Kathryn Kaye, Educational Teaching Assistant

Mrs Sonia Halsall, Educational Support Assistant

Mr Jourdan Edwards, Educational Support Assistant

Mr Tom Wood, Educational Support Assistant

Miss Christine Gilbert, Educational Support Assistant

Miss Joanna Hirst, Business Support Officer - Student Services



### Governors

## Parent Governor vacancies

The College presently has TWO vacant Parent Governor posts to fill.

Nominations are invited from parents/carers to fill these posts on the basis of a term of office of four years.

Full details concerning the role of the parent governor and how to apply are available on our website, along with the nomination form.

Should you have any queries relating to the vacancies please email your questions to [ctaylor@aschc.com](mailto:ctaylor@aschc.com).

Closing date for nominations is Monday 18th November 2019 at 3.10pm.

We look forward to hearing from candidates.

Visit <https://www.aschc.com/governance/>





# Important Dates

## Autumn Term 2019/2020

### November

4th November - school reopens

7th November - GCSE and Award Evening

19th November - Calderdale parents bus information session

20th November - Mass for deceased staff and students

28th November - Friends of All Saints Christmas Craft Fayre

### December

4th December - Ski trip parents meeting

5th December - Year 11 parents evening

18th December - KS3 disco

20th December - school closes at the end of the day

### January 2020

6th January - school reopens

### Inset Dates 2019/2020

- Friday 8th November
- Monday 24th February 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020

## Term Dates 2019-2020

First Day	Half Term	Last Day
<b>Autumn Term 2019</b>		
Tuesday 3rd September	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2019	Friday 20th December
<b>Spring Term 2020</b>		
Monday 6th January	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2020	Friday 3rd April
<b>Summer Term 2020</b>		
Monday 20th April	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2020	Friday 17th July

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/](http://www.aschc.com/attendance/)