



All Saints Catholic

To Love And Serve

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All Saints Catholic College Newsletter Christmas 2019

2019-2020 | November-December

Principal's Message

I do hope you enjoy our last newsletter of the year and that you are ready for a well-earned Christmas break.

It has been a really busy term and many schools have had a period of closure due to various viruses. We too have been battling with illness and have tried very hard to keep a safe environment and stay open.

There has been much disinfectant mopped, daubed and scrubbed all over the buildings and I thank the premises team for doing their best to keep us healthy. We have been in close contact with the local authority, Public Health England, and been on stand by ready to consult with the Diocese in case we were compelled to close.

I would also like to thank staff who felt less than 100% and came in to do their bit for Team All Saints. We are so grateful to them and so are the students.

Meanwhile our Advent service and performance were enjoyed by all, and we were really delighted to host a former student, Mr Shanahan, who now lives in the USA and is a Senior Vice President of Walmart. He kindly visited to hold an assembly with our Y10. A very inspirational figure, and, I hope, a return guest in the near future.

With a view to the New Year, please ensure our students have warm waterproof coats and sturdy footwear. I understand we are in for a rough ride with the weather!

Have a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing our community in 2020.

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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St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Birkby
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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Halifax.



Advent

This year's Advent theme is 'Voices of Advent' linking in with the Church's Year of the Word which was launched on the 1st December - a celebration of scripture and living out God's message.

Our Advent service on 11th December saw many talented students speaking, singing and signing the traditional Advent messages through song and performance. This was followed by an amazing showcase of talent from the musicians, dancers and actors across the year groups.

The evening was supported by many friends and parents of the school who heartily joined in with the festive singing of the school choir.

Our thanks go to the staff and students for the time, effort and enthusiasm they invested into making this a great start to the Holy Season of Christmas.

Chaplaincy



New Year 2020

Mission Statement, Motto and Virtues news coming soon ...

Watch this space!

Eden's Forest



Christmas Holiday Club



Eden's Forest welcome children from ages 6-14 years to get out of the house during the school holidays in our ancient woodland in Honley.

On 20th, 23rd and 27th December, 2nd and 3rd January we have a range of activities available, including bush craft, slacklines, tree climbing, arts and crafts and games.

Practitioners are DBS checked and qualified to work with children, insured, First Aid and Food Hygiene certificate.

Visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/edensforest/> for more information or contact Adam on 07923205584 or Elizabeth on 07398215045.

To book, go to <https://bookwhen.com/edensforest>.

Our day runs from 9.00am to 4.00pm. £20 per child - £15 per additional family member.



Transport

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.

C78 Bus update

We are happy to advise you that the C78 service will continue to run the same route, stops and timings from January 2020. Student priority pass cards will also remain valid.

- An All Saints weekly ticket will be priced at £13.50 - available to purchase weekly on the bus or via the mobile app.
- The All Saints weekly ticket can be used throughout the week for 7 days - Monday to Sunday. Time restrictions may apply but further details are to follow for this.
- The All Saints weekly ticket can also be used on additional First Bus connecting services in the Halifax and Huddersfield area.
- Single fares will also remain available at £1.40 each journey.
- Further information can be found at: www.firstgroup.com/halifax-calder-valley-huddersfield/tickets/ticket-types/mtickets

Unfortunately, First Bus mobile app to purchase this weekly ticket will be unavailable until January due to planned updates.

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All Saints have signed up to the Big Book Boost, so please support us as much as you can!



Science

STEM Hub

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

STEM Hub is an opportunity for students at All Saint Catholic College to meet with people who have a job or career within a STEM subject.

Our second STEM Hub which took place on 27th November hosted Craig Allison, who is an engineer and also one of our All Saints parents. He came into school and spoke to students about his work, how he started his own company and how he designed and developed a key idea that has been very successful.

As an Engineer, he shared his experiences about his apprenticeship, taking night classes to learn new skills and starting his own business. The students had an opportunity to ask questions and have found it useful to meet someone who has created his business and has had success in researching and developing an idea. After the questions, Craig showed the students how his invention worked and let them try it too.

The next STEM Hub will be in the new year.



Christmas Science Display

Our science technicians have been getting into the Christmas spirit in the science prep room. The colourful display has been a great topic of conversation amongst staff and students, and it has been lovely to see everyone enjoying this together and discussing their favourite parts.



The display includes salt crystal Christmas trees, Chromatography angels, a mini Santa skelebob, a colourful Chemistree and a Gingerbread House.



Rugby

Festival of Rugby

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November saw All Saints complete its very own festival of rugby. In partnership with England RFU, all boys and girls from Y7, Y8 and Y9 took part in a 3 week programme of rugby during PE lessons. Coaching staff from the West Yorkshire RFU and Huddersfield YMCA came into school and helped deliver a series of practical lessons to ability levels that ranged from complete beginners to those already playing club rugby.



Students and staff have battled through some very testing conditions (including the wettest November since records began). They all showed great resilience and perseverance to keep going through this, despite the rain. This attitude paid off, 37 students from Y8 and Y9 were selected for a training session and tournament at Huddersfield YMCA RFU due to their excellent performance throughout the event.

The whole PE department are incredibly proud of all the students and are looking forward to the Y7 tournament at Huddersfield YMCA RFU in January.

Congratulations to everyone involved!





Football

Girls Football

The U13 girls played together as a team for the first time this season in a competition organised by Huddersfield Town.

The girls played 8 games, winning 6 and losing 2, scoring 16 goals on their way to the final. After a hard-fought game the team were eventually finished as runners up and, as always, we are very proud of them.

Congratulations to everyone involved!



Year 11 GCSEs

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 11 students for their hard work in the mock exams in November. Teachers and exam staff have commented on how seriously students have taken these exams.

Attendance at revision has been excellent with many students now availing of the opportunity to use the library from 8am.

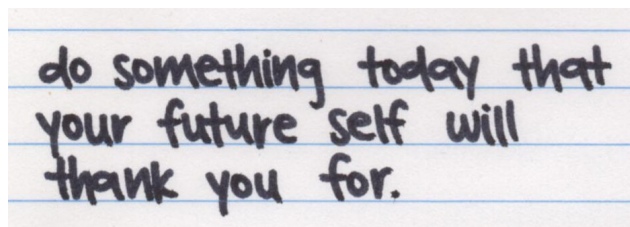
We wish our Year 11s a very happy and restful Christmas but ask that they do not forget to fit in some revision sessions over the holiday period. Even 2 hours a day will make a big difference to background knowledge and confidence.

Teachers will have given students work to do over the break but please remind them they also have access to SAM Learning, My Maths, GCSE pod and lots of other platforms.

Last week Y11s had their mock interviews. Colleges, employers, apprenticeship providers and school governors have interviewed our students. Students found this a useful experience in advance of formal college interviews, which will take place in March 2020.

On the 20th January, we will be launching our countdown to GCSEs, and Year 11 will be undertaking a second series of mock exams from February.

We will be contacting parents in the New Year with further details on our preparations for GCSE.



Year 11



Extra-Curricular Activities

There are a number of extra-curricular activities taking place in school, ranging from science, football, drama and revision groups.

Extra-Curricular Schedule

Please review the timetable shown here with your child and encourage them to take part!

TUESDAY				
Session	Year	Time	Location	Staff
Quiet Independent Study	All	8.00 - 8.35am	Library	Ms Rogers
Art & Design	KS4	3.10 - 4.00pm	Art	Mrs Lee
Boys Football	All	3.10 - 4.00pm	Fields	Y7 and Y8 - Mr Power Y9 - Mr Dyer Y10 - Mr McCallum Y11 - Mr West
Girls Football	All	3.10 - 4.00pm	Sports Hall	Ms Keegan
History Revision (Blue Week)	11	3.45 - 4.15pm	History	Miss Woffenden Mr Kernan
Maths Revision	11	3.10 - 4.00pm	Maths	Maths Staff
Musical	All	3.10 - 4.15pm	Main Hall	Mr Allison
Netball	All	3.10 - 4.00pm	MUGA	Mrs MacIntyre

WEDNESDAY				
Session	Year	Time	Location	Staff
Quiet Independent Study	All	8.00 - 8.35am	Library	Ms Rogers
Badminton	All	3.10 - 4.10pm	Sports Hall	Miss Watson
Business Studies Revision	11	3.15 - 3.45pm	F1	Mr Gallagher
Computer Science Revision	11	3.10 - 4.10pm	F2	Mr West
Design Technology Revision	11	3.10 - 4.10pm	G19	Mr Clark
English Revision	11	3.10 - 4.00pm	English	English Staff
French Revision	11	3.15 - 4.00pm	F28	Mrs Walsh
Geography Revision	11	3.45 - 4.15pm	S12	Mrs McDonnell
Netball Fixtures	All	3.10 - 4.10pm	Various Schools	Mrs MacIntyre
Rugby	All	3.10 - 4.10pm	Fields	Mr McCallum and Mr Neilly
STEM Club and Revision	10 and 11	3.15 - 4.00pm	Science	Mr Barker and Miss Travas
Spanish Revision	11	3.15 - 4.00pm	F29	Mr White
Textiles Revision	11	3.45 - 4.15pm	G20	Mrs Hennigan

THURSDAY				
Session	Year	Time	Location	Staff
Art & Design	KS4	3.10 - 4.00pm	Art	Mrs Lee
Fitness	KS4	3.10 - 4.10pm	Fitness Studio	Mr Power
Handball	All	3.10 - 4.10pm	Sports Hall	Mr McCallum
Maths Revision	All	3.10 - 4.00pm	Maths	Maths Staff
Musical	All	3.10 - 4.30pm	Main Hall	Miss Rhodes
Music Revision	11	3.45 - 4.15pm	Music	Mr Allison
PE Revision	11	3.45 - 4.15pm		Ms Keegan
RE Revision	11	3.10 - 4.00pm	RE	RE Staff
Textiles	11	3.45 - 4.15pm	G20	Mrs Hennigan

FRIDAY				
Session	Year	Time	Location	Staff
Basketball	All	3.10 - 4.10pm	Sports Hall	Mr Cassidy
Drama Open Studio	All	3.15 - 4.00pm	Drama Studio	Miss Rhodes
History Revision (Yellow Week)	11	3.15 - 4.00pm	S10	Mrs Rejaei
STEM Club and Revision	10 and 11	3.15 - 4.00pm	Science	Mr Barker and Miss Travas
Yoga	11	3.30 - 4.30pm	Fitness Studio	Ms Rogers

Homework club is open every day after school in the LRC until 4.10pm



Staff News



Warm welcome

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

Mr Sean Carragher, Assistant Principal/DSL

Mrs Sarah Whitehead, Receptionist

Mrs Theresa Bailey, Educational Support Assistant

Welcome back to:

Miss Antonia Austin, MFL teacher

In order for students to be successful in school and become an all-rounded citizen we are focusing on the following areas of behaviour in College during the upcoming weeks:

Respect

This is an invaluable quality for all students to develop and this involves giving appropriate responses and showing positive behaviour towards each other, staff and the school as a community.

Respect is thinking and acting in a way that shows to others that you care about their feelings and their wellbeing. As a school we are here to love and serve and this is a huge part of daily life and the Catholic ethos.

Language

As a school we want students to learn appropriate verbal responses and language to use, not only towards staff, but also to each other. This is to enable all students to acquire the skill-set to be able to conduct themselves in the correct way. Communication is a skill everyone continually develops in life, and we believe setting the foundations at school will enable all students to succeed in whichever path they choose.

Standards

Here all All Saints we pride ourselves on our high standards, and we make no apologies for this. We want to develop this mind-set with the students to ensure they have high aspirations for the future and set targets to achieve throughout their time with us. High standards also includes appearance, and this links to self-respect. We request all students wear full uniform, and must not wear coats or trainers inside the school building.

Behaviour for Learning

Punctuality

All students have had a polite reminder of the importance of time-management and how vital it is that they arrive in a timely manner to school and to all lessons, ready and prepared to learn.





Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year students organised a collection for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal, which aims to work through local churches to support communities in need. The items donated in the shoeboxes can have a big impact on a child's life. This year we were able to donate a total of 47 boxes.

To encourage donations, we ran a competition to see which tutor group could bring in the most boxes, Tutor Group 110, were the winners, bringing in all 47!

Well done to Tutor Group 110, and a big thank you to everyone who donated.

Tutor group 110 raised a total of 47 boxes for this year's Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

From Mrs Lee and 110



Shoebox Appeal



Careers

Apprenticeships



Are you in Year 11, thinking about your next steps? An apprenticeship is a great way to continue your studies whilst gaining practical skills and knowledge whilst in employment.

There will be a series of events for students and families in the New Year around Kirklees and Calderdale to provide more information about apprenticeships

- **Kirklees Apprenticeship Event – The John Smith's Stadium, Huddersfield, Wednesday 5th February – 5.30pm – 8.00pm**
- **North Kirklees Apprenticeship Event – Batley Town Hall – Batley Wednesday 12th February - 5.30pm– 8.00pm**
- **Calderdale Apprenticeship Event – The Shay Stadium – Halifax Thursday 5th March – 4.00 pm- 7.00pm**

Please feel free to drop into any of these events or contact C & K Careers on 01484 24200/213215 for further information.





College Uniform

For guidance on the College uniform, please visit our website: www.ashc.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

Lost Property

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We are still seeing a large number of items being handed in to Student Services. These items include shoes, coats, bags, PE kits, stationery and books.

Can we please ask that students are vigilant in looking after their belongings whilst at school, and that they refrain from bringing valuable items into school with them.

If you think your child has lost something, please ask them to check Student Services as new items are brought in every day.

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



If you need help or are able to help ...

Uniform Exchange

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 or you could have a collection at your school. 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
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- Jackets
- Trainers
- Pumps
- Sports Kits
- Dresses

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Attendance

Attendance matters

Attendance continues to be an important focus for us at All Saints. We thank you all for your support in helping us to aim for excellence. We remind you that the target for all students is 96%. Excellent attendance is essential to ensure students make good progress in school.

At All Saints Catholic College we expect all of our students to attend every day that school is open. Good attendance and punctuality are essential to enable students to achieve their full potential in school and also for life after College. With this in mind, we would like to celebrate our students who have achieved 100% attendance so far this academic year.

At 22nd November, a total of 368 students (44.57%) had 100% attendance, this is a fantastic achievement. If your child is amongst this number, please congratulate them and celebrate their outstanding attendance.

Year Group 100% attendance

- Year 7 – 110 students – 61.80%
- Year 8 – 71 students – 41.28%
- Year 9 – 74 students – 41.57%
- Year 10 – 50 students – 34.01%
- Year 11 – 63 students – 41.18%

Top Form Groups - students with 100% attendance

- Year 7 – 7E – 19 students
- Year 8 – 8C – 15 students
- Year 9 – 9A – 14 students
- Year 10 – 10H – 11 students
- Year 11 – 11J – 15 students

Punctuality

Every day in school counts, but every minute is equally important. We expect all students to be in school for the start of the school day and lesson 1 at 8.50am. Any student arriving to school after 8.50am will be marked as late and be issued a C3 30 minute detention after school the following day.

5 minutes later per day = 3 days lost across the year

Thank you for your support in helping to ensure students arrive to College on time ready to learn.

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.

190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR 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
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
GOOD Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child. Court action	



We wish all our families and friends peace and joy this Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming all our students and staff back into College in 2020.



Important Dates

Autumn Term 2019/2020

December

- 18th December - KS3 disco
- 20th December - Christmas/Woolly jumper day
- 20th December - school closes at the end of the day

January 2020

- 6th January - school reopens

Inset Dates 2019/2020

- Monday 24th February 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020

Term Dates 2019-2020

First Day	Half Term	Last Day
Tuesday 3rd September	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2019	Friday 20th December
Spring Term 2020		
Monday 6th January	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2020	Friday 3rd April
Summer Term 2020		
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/