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#### Principal's Message

#### Dear Families

Welcome to our end of term newsletter. This has been a significant term, a great start to the year yet I can't fathom where the time has gone! I have thoroughly enjoyed working on our strategic plans with other members of the school community and receiving input from parents and students. Thank you for all your contributions.

We have said our good-byes and good lucks to Year 12 during their celebration evening last week. The students are enjoying their rewards week to recognise their sterling efforts, and the new-look S2S reports have gone out. We do hope parents of children in Years 7-9 like the changes we have made to Key Stage 3 reporting.

We let you know when our Ofsted report is published and it will be posted on our website. This has not happened to date.

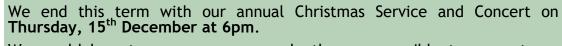
Both staff and students alike are due their Christmas break to rest and charge up for the year ahead. All Saints is doing well because of our cohesive community and your support.

I sincerely wish you a happy, peaceful Christmas and wish you all the very best for 2023.

God bless

Karen Colligan

#### Christmas Service and Concert



We would love to see as many people there as possible to support our students as it will be an enjoyable evening.

Please book your seats for the Christmas Concert via ParentPay for only £2.



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# Christmas Holiday Dates

School closes at 1.10pm on Friday, 16th December 2022 and reopens on Tuesday, 3rd January 2023





#### Our Motto

#### Love • Serve • Learn

#### Our Mission

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.

#### Our Focus Virtues

Virtues are qualities that we practise in order to help us become the best version of ourselves.



Love:

To do
everything
for God, for
others and for
self with
kindness.



#### Service:

To work together for the benefit of everyone.



Faith:

To be guided by faith in all that we do, trusting in God.



#### Courage:

Doing the right thing even when it is difficult.



#### Respect:

To have respect for ourselves, each other and our environment.



# Cost of Living Support

#### Support for families

To support families facing difficulties with the current cost of living crisis, please find a list of agencies able to offer advice, support and financial assistance.

	Local Support
Citizens Advice	An independent organisation specialising in confidential information and advice on legal, debt, benefit and housing problems. Available at local advice centres, by telephone 0808 223 1133 and online at <a href="https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/">https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/</a> . Please note, in all instances where you have an emergency expense issue, such as paying rent, you should contact your local Citizens Advice service and your local council.
Free school meals	Eligible parents can apply for free school meals, even if your child intends to use a packed lunch as they can also receive support via school towards the cost of trips. <a href="https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/Schools_and_education_Apply_for_free_school_meals">https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/Schools_and_education_Apply_for_free_school_meals</a>
Kirklees Council	Offer help in a number of different ways to support those in financial difficulty, including helping to pay for emergency costs like food and bills.  Contact them on 01484 221814.
The Welcome Centre	If you are in a financial crisis, and cannot afford to buy food and toiletries, The Welcome Centre can help you.  Please visit their website for more information:  https://www.thewelcomecentre.org/pages/need-our-help
Uniform Exchange	Offering a second-hand uniform program to help save the cost of purchasing new uniform. Currently have a large stock of winter coats. More information is available on their website <a href="https://www.uniform-exchange.org/">https://www.uniform-exchange.org/</a> .
	Financial Support
Migrant Families	An online tool that will help you find out what support you may be eligible for as a migrant family. Available at <a href="https://migrantfamilies.nrpfnetwork.org.uk/">https://migrantfamilies.nrpfnetwork.org.uk/</a> . This forms part of the NRPF Network, available online at <a href="https://www.nrpfnetwork.org.uk/">https://www.nrpfnetwork.org.uk/</a> and through regional networks.
Money and Pensions	A government service providing impartial and free guidance on money and pensions. Available by telephone <b>0800 138 7777</b> and online at <a href="https://maps.org.uk/">https://maps.org.uk/</a> .
MoneySav- ingExpert	A consumer finance and discussion website focused on providing advice and tips on how to save money, including a dedicated cost of living crisis section. Available online only at <a href="https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/">https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/</a> .
Step- Change	The UK's leading debt charity offering expert debt advice and free debt management. Available by telephone 0800 138 1111 and online at <a href="https://www.stepchange.org/">https://www.stepchange.org/</a> .
Turn2Us	A charity helping people living in poverty in the UK, specialising in information on welfare benefits and charitable grants. Available by telephone <b>0800 802 2000</b> and online at <a href="https://www.turn2us.org.uk/">https://www.turn2us.org.uk/</a> .



	Housing Bills and Goods Support
British Gas Energy Trust	A charitable trust providing advice on energy bills and grants paid directly to energy suppliers to help clear debts. Available online only at <a href="https://www.britishgas.co.uk/energy/British-gas-energy-trust.html">https://www.britishgas.co.uk/energy/British-gas-energy-trust.html</a> .
Consumer Council for Water (CCW)	The Consumer Council for Water is a statutory consumer body for the water industry in England. They have an advice hub with information and tools to help reduce water bills and access financial schemes. Available online at <a href="https://www.ccwater.org.uk/">https://www.ccwater.org.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.ccwater.org.uk/">households/help-with-my-bills/</a> . Please note, every water company should have a social tariff scheme to help low-income families. Check with your provider for more information.
Energy Debt Grants	A number of energy suppliers offer grants to customers in need. Check on your supplier's website or contact them directly for more information.
Family Fund	For parents of disabled or seriously ill children only. This charity provides families raising a disabled or seriously ill child on low incomes with wide-ranging grants for essential items, such as kitchen appliances, clothing, bedding and play equipment or technology. Available online at <a href="https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants-apply">https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants-apply</a> .
Freecycle	A grassroots, non-profit organisation that allows people to claim household items for free. Available online at <a href="https://www.freecycle.org/">https://www.freecycle.org/</a> .
Fuel Voucher	If you use a prepayment meter and cannot afford to top it up, you may be able to obtain a fuel voucher. Contact your local council for help getting one.
	Kirklees: <a href="https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/benefits/local-welfare-provision.aspx">https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/benefits/local-welfare-provision.aspx</a> .
	Calderdale: <a href="https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/money-and-wellbeing-calderdale/household-support-fund">https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/money-and-wellbeing-calderdale/household-support-fund</a> .
Ofcom	Ofcom has a list of available social tariffs; these are cheaper broadband and phone packages for people who claim Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits. Available online at <a href="https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs">https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs</a> .
	Government Benefit and Support
Cost of Living Payments	A government support package to help mitigate the cost of living crisis.  Factsheet available online at <a href="www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-support-for-the-cost-of-living-factsheet/government-support-for-the-cost-of-living-factsheet">www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-support-for-the-cost-of-living-factsheet</a> .  Payments are made automatically to those who are eligible so there is no need to apply. If you think you are eligible but did not receive a payment, report this online at: <a href="mailto:secure.dwp.gov.uk/report-a-missing-cost-of-living-payment/welcome">secure.dwp.gov.uk/report-a-missing-cost-of-living-payment/welcome</a> .
Short Term Benefit Advance	Those in urgent financial need may be able to get an advance on benefit payments, which is paid back later through benefits without interest. Find out more at <a href="mailto:gov.uk/short-term-benefit-advance">gov.uk/short-term-benefit-advance</a> .
Universal Credit	A monthly government payment to help with living costs for those on a low income. Available to apply online at <a href="http://www.gov.uk/universal-credit">http://www.gov.uk/universal-credit</a> or by telephone 0800 328 5644.

Please also be mindful of scams during this time.

Never give your bank details to anyone without being sure of their identity.

	Housing and Rent
ACORN	A community union that can provide support and advice for those who rent, on housing issues and tenants' rights. Get in touch online <a href="http://www.acorntheunion.org.uk/contact">http://www.acorntheunion.org.uk/contact</a> .
Council Tax Reduction	Low-income households might be able to get a council tax reduction. Check eligibility online at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/council-tax/who-has-to-pay">www.gov.uk/council-tax/who-has-to-pay</a> , and contact your local council for more information.
	Kirklees: https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/council-tax/council-tax-discounts.aspx
	Calderdale: https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/council-tax/council-tax-discounts-and-exemptions
Shelter	A housing charity that runs local services.
	Call their emergency helpline on <b>0808 800 4444</b> and find advice online at <a href="mailto:eng-uk/housing_advice">eng-land.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice</a> .

#### Cost of Living **Payment**

A voucher was issued to families receiving Free School Meals last week. If you have not seen the email, please read the information below.

Kirklees have funded £50 Cost of Living vouchers for families of children in receipt of means-tested Free School Meals.

The voucher was issued via Wonde, our preferred voucher supplier on  $5^{\rm th}$  December.

It is important to note this is not a 'Free School Meals payment', it is financial support on a broader scale, reflecting the current financial challenges being faced.

The funding is part of a wider package of financial support approved by Cabinet. The details are in this news story: <a href="https://kirkleestogether.co.uk/2022/10/11/cabinet-approves-huge-expansion-of-award-winning-affordable-food-service/">https://kirkleestogether.co.uk/2022/10/11/cabinet-approves-huge-expansion-of-award-winning-affordable-food-service/</a>

Kirklees Council offers a range of support to anyone who is struggling, not just children. We would like to remind families that Kirklees Local Welfare Provision (LWP) scheme helps vulnerable people in short-term crisis with food and essential items. Entitlement for help is based on a person or family's circumstances at the time and is discretionary.

Contact Local Welfare Provision if you or your family are in immediate need or hardship.

- Email <a href="mailto:lwp@kirklees.gov.uk">lwp@kirklees.gov.uk</a>
  Call 01484 414782 (10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday excluding bank holidays)

• Online - https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/en/service/ Benefits\_\_\_Apply\_for\_the\_Local\_Welfare\_Provision\_fund\_via\_an\_organisation

#### Additionally:

• Kirklees residents can find support to help manage the increase in household bills on the Kirklees Council website: www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living

If you have any questions, please email freeschoolmeals@kirklees.gov.uk

If you need assistance in accessing the voucher supplied via Wonde please visit How to access your FSM Voucher from E-Voucher - All Saints Catholic College (aschc.com)



#### Advent



Advent is a time of waiting and watching.

We have heard how the prophets foretold of a light in the darkness, the light of the world, a messiah who would show us the way, who would give us salvation.

But did this messiah arrive in splendour? Did this king start life in palatial surroundings? No, he came as a vulnerable baby wrapped in cloths, placed in a manger within a stable. His greatness was heralded by the angels, hinted at in the gifts presented by the three kings but the Baby Jesus came into the world reliant on his mother to nurture and love him, to provide warmth and shelter.

As we count down the days of Advent, we await the birth of Jesus, but we do not wait in idleness, for Advent is also a time of action, we are awaiting the light of Christ to remind us of the way - but as we wait we know that the way is through love.

We have heard about how Mary has complete faith in answering God's call, but take a moment to think about how frightened and alone she must have felt. In considering this young mother during Advent we can take action in supporting new mothers around the world through the work of Catholic Care and the Baby Gianna appeal, CAFOD and other organisations. We can offer a helping hand to new families that we know.

The Holy Family travelled by donkey to reach Bethlehem only to find that there was nowhere to stay - they would have been exhausted, hungry and concerned about the birth of the baby. Where would they get their next meal, where would they sleep, how would they keep warm, what would happen if they were out on the streets when the baby was born? Many families face the same problems in our world today. In Advent, let us be willing to think about, pray for and offer welcome to the refugees who face difficult journeys, who need shelter and warmth.

The shepherds in the fields came to visit the Baby Jesus, they had very little to offer him by way of gifts but they came in praise and in welcome. They chose to make the effort, to make the journey and to spend time with the Holy family. Let us look to their example of giving time to others when this is all we have to give, and in so doing showing love and respect to others.

Advent is a time of waiting and watching - Advent is a time of action. As we spend time in reflection, in prayer we think of how in following the light of Christ - that light that is powered by love, that light that shone from the very beginning, that became man through the birth of Jesus Christ, that knows our human experience, whose love knows no bounds - as we await the joyful salvation of Christ, we do not sit idly by but answer that call to action and to be a reflection of that light and that love.

Mrs Rhys-Hill, Lay Chaplain







#### Red Wednesday









In November, members of the Chaplaincy group participated in Revelation run by the Leeds Diocese Youth Service. The students had an opportunity for fun, faith and friendship at this monthly gathering.

The theme for November was solidarity, and we explored what this meant through a talk by Teresa from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), which supports persecuted Christians and people of faith around the world.

Having heard the very moving and often unbelievable experiences of some of the people ACN helps, a group of Year 8 girls were moved to want to take action and spread the word in school.

In their own time, they created a presentation and subsequently delivered assemblies to both Year 8 and Year 9. They passionately explained that Red Wednesday was a day to stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians through prayer, raising funds and speaking out against injustice. They encouraged students to wear red socks and donate to the work of Aid to the Church in Need.



https://acnuk.org/ourcampaigns/ redwednesday/ ACN







Students once again rose to the challenge of making 120 Christmas cards for the elderly and isolated in our community to be distributed by the SVP.

A mammoth task of composing, sticking, checking and sorting the cards was undertaken by students.

Often giving up their lunches and breaks, as well as taking card packs home, this was a real team effort and dedication to service by the students.

A special thank-you to Mrs Lee's form and the Faith in Action students.

Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to people of goodwill.

May the grace, peace and love of God surround you this Christmas.

From the St Vincent De Paul Society.





**UKMT Competitions** 

#### Maths



#### **UKMT Competitions**

Students, please watch out for the two upcoming challenges and please tell your maths teacher if you would like to take part.

Calling all aspiring mathematicians in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11, please let your maths teacher know if you would like to take part in the:

# Date of competition: Wednesday 1 Feb 2023 Find out more

Watch out if you are in Year 7 and Year 8, you may be invited to take part in:



Taking part in these challenges inspires a love of problem solving.

#### Weekly Maths Challenge

Every week, students from Years 7 to 10 have been taking part in a weekly maths challenge to improve their problem-solving and creative thinking skills.

The importance of problem-solving for future employment ts can't be overstated. skills prospects can't be overstated. Every business and every job role has its problems that students need to develop skills to be able to solve.

Creative thinking skills allow individuals to uncover innovative and progressive solutions to problems.

With over 650 entries into the competition, students have really applied themselves well and many achieved the highest scores possible.

Well done to all those who have taken part!

If you are interested in taking part in future challenges, please keep an eye on your emails, or speak to Mr Smith (Maths) for further information.



Years 7 and 8 have access to Times Tables Rock Stars to practise their times tables.

It is vitally important that all of our students are confident with their times tables as they are fundamental to many maths topics.

Fractions is the most obvious area where learning times tables well is essential. However, every multiplication and long multiplication method, and division method, including short

and long, requires speed and instant recall of times tables.

Students who can recall times tables also free up working memory which allows those pupils to develop their reasoning skills.

There are certain mental maths facts and operations that children need to be able to carry out quickly and with a degree of automaticity, in order to free up their working memory for newer, more challenging tasks at hand.

We are suggesting that all students practise their times tables weekly using the Times Tables Rock Stars website: https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student.

If students are having any issues using the website, please ask them to speak to their maths teacher or email Mr Smith psmith@aschc.com.







#### Music

#### Music Department News

This half-term, Year 7 have been developing their singing and learning to play the keyboards. They also experienced a live orchestra who performed in school on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, which was a very exciting opportunity for students to hear professional musicians.

Year 8 have been learning about Computer Game Music and

developing their instrumental skills.

Year 9 have been learning about musicals which is an area that is further studied at GCSE.

The Year 10s have been working on their performing and composing skills and building on their musical knowledge.

Whilst Year 11 students have been preparing for their mock exams.

As part of the Kirklees Year of Music 2023, a small group of students attended a 2-day song writing workshop hosted by Musica Kirklees at Honley High School, to compose a song alongside other secondary schools in November. The professional recording of this song is very good, and it will be revealed to all in 2023. Also, as part of the Year of Music, All Saints will be hosting a Big Sing in March, more details about this will be given nearer the time.

Individual instrumental/singing lessons have continued with Musica Kirklees and anyone who is interested in learning any instrument or having singing lessons can apply online at <u>Online Application</u> Form - Musica Kirklees

All students are welcome to attend co-curricular activities after school. Students must book to attend via SchoolCloud: <a href="https://aschc.schoolcloud.co.uk/">https://aschc.schoolcloud.co.uk/</a>. It would be nice to see more Year 7s taking part in these activities as we have some exciting performances and projects planned for next year.

On SchoolCloud for Music, we are currently offering:

- Monday GCSE practical and composition sessions
- Tuesday Rock band
- Wednesday (8:30-9:20am) Choir
- Wednesday All Saints Band
- Friday GCSE practical and composition sessions



We would recommend anyone considering taking GCSE music, or who is already on the course, to have instrumental/singing lessons and to attend the relevant co-curricular activity after school.

We have had several students take graded exams on their instruments this half term. A big well done to all those students for passing their exams and well done to Jacob W in Year 10 for placing  $2^{\text{nd}}$  in the under 16s piano solo at the Haydn Wood Music Festival!!!

#### Christmas Service and Concert

We end this term with our annual Christmas Service and Concert on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.



We would love to see as many people there as possible to support our students as it will be an enjoyable evening.

Please book your seats for the Christmas Concert via ParentPay for only £2.

#### Art

#### Yorkshire Sculture Park Visit

Year 11 art, photography and 3D design students enjoyed a day at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park this half-term.

Students were able to see works from Robert Indiana, Henry Moore, Damian Hirst and many more.

They used the experience and photographs from the day as











**PSHCE** 

Year 9 - OddBalls Foundation Presentation

Last month, the OddBalls Foundation visited All Saints to raise awareness of testicular cancer during a talk to our Year 9 students in their assembly.

Gemma, who volunteers for the charity, explained in the presentation the signs and symptoms of testicular cancer and how to seek support.

This was part of the students' PSHCE unit on 'Selfexamination'.

More information about the OddBalls Foundation and raising awareness of testicular cancer can be found by visiting their website: https://theoddballsfoundation.com/.

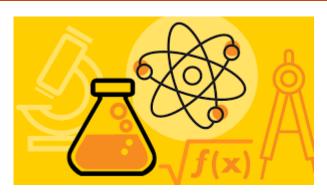




#### Year 11

#### Maths & Science Conference





With there being so much common ground between the maths and science curriculums, the opportunity was taken to remind students of some of the key mathematical skills that Year 11 need to be able to use.

The two 1-hour sessions were delivered as lecture type events in the school hall, with the subject matter being delivered by a combination of both math's and science teachers.

The overwhelming response was very positive, with many students welcoming the chance to refresh their skills through a new and different approach.

#### STEM Club



This half-term has been another busy one for our science STEM club.

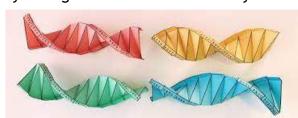
Our super enthusiastic Year 7s have been busy getting stuck in with a wide variety of activities, from testing their reaction times to discovering Hooke's law.

They have even been undertaking a murder mystery.

We're not finished though, and they still have DNA origami, making slime and wiring plugs to go!

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November, we were very pleased to welcome our first STEM Ambassador of this academic year. Our guest speaker, Thomas Hinchcliff, from Richter Engineering, spoke at a twilight session to a group of Year 9, 10 and 11 students.

The event was considered 'inspiring' and 'eye opening' with many of our student audience telling us how much they valued somebody taking the time from their busy careers to speak with them.



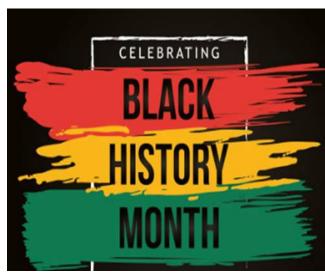
#### October 2022

#### Black History Month

#### What is Black History Month about?

Black History Month (BHM) means different things to different people and pride in this month is expressed in a variety of different ways across the country and the world.

At All Saints, Black History Month is a way of reflecting on the diverse histories of those of African and Caribbean descent, acknowledging



achievements and contributions to the social, political, economic and cultural development of the UK.

It is also a chance for us to remember and celebrate the heroism and accomplishments of Black Britons who have often not been recognised or remembered significantly in the past.

Black History Month UK also looked to recognise the achievements and contributions that black people make to the UK every day - from the black people working in hospitals, care homes, schools, supermarkets and warehouses, as well as the children and young people leading the fight for equality.

#### What did we do?

Each year, Black History Month has a theme. The focus this year is 'action not words'. This recognises that although it is important for us to remember events in the past, in order for things to change, we also need to look at what is happening now so that we can move towards a more positive future. BHM UK encourages us to think about how we can ensure real change and how the global community can show real support.

BHM UK wants people to 'step in' and help to make changes. This does not mean using physical aggression, but making the point that something isn't right.

Students were active in discussing what it means to be an 'ally' and how important this is for showing support to others. Students were given the message 'if you see something, and it is safe for you to do so, say something. Do not be a passive bystander.' Students discussed how they could make real change at school, online and in their own lives and some of these key points have been taken forward to the Student Council.

Students were then given some different scenarios and they reflected on how they would respond safely to the situations and how they could show support to the people/person in each story. Some students even spoke out about their own experiences and explained how people have and have not shown support in the past.

The final message to students this BHM was: Think about people you know or your own experiences. Think about friends, family and people at school. Share your stories - share their stories.

Take action together.



# Key Stage 3 Reading Group

#### The Hunger Games

Do you devour books? Or perhaps you want to get back into the habit of reading for pleasure?

If so, come and join our KS3 Reading Group!

We are currently reading 'The Hunger Games' by Suzanne Collins:

Set in a dark vision of the near future, a terrifying reality TV show is taking place.

Twelve boys and twelve girls are forced to appear in a live event called *The Hunger Games*.

There is only one rule: kill or be killed.

When sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen steps forward to take her younger sister's place in the games, she sees it as a death sentence.

Our next session is on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 3:15-4pm in F4. Please sign up on SchoolCloud to attend: <a href="https://aschc.schoolcloud.co.uk/">https://aschc.schoolcloud.co.uk/</a>.



#### Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

#### Information for Year 10 and 11 Participants

Year 11 students undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award have been working toward providing their evidence and speaking with assessors.

Students wishing to attend the Town Hall Celebration next year, should have completed this by Christmas.

Anyone who is not able to complete the award on time has until they want to start their Silver Award or until their

25<sup>th</sup> birthday to complete it.

Ideally, we recommend students complete their Bronze Award whilst they have support from school before they leave us next summer.

A very well done to the following students who have completed the award already:

Tomas B	Samuel C	Louise G	Isaac L
Patrick B	Ellie D	Evan H	Caitlyn M
Catherine B	Giorgio DG	Kian J	Theo M
Eden B	Finlay D	Sunny J	Grace P
Sofia C	Leo F	Gael K	Bradlee SH
Maisy C	Francis G	Niamh L	Sophia W

Most Year 10 students have started their Bronze Awards sections (volunteering, skill and physical) with some having completed sections already.

All students were given a letter earlier this half-term explaining details of the expedition and training that will begin in January.

Students are required to attend the expedition training after school on Mondays, in order to take on the challenge of the expeditions, and must sign up on SchoolCloud before they attend: <a href="https://aschc.schoolcloud.co.uk/">https://aschc.schoolcloud.co.uk/</a>.

Full details regarding cost, support and dates are all available in the letter.

Any questions regarding DofE, please email ktravas@aschc.com.



# Learning Resource Centre

#### **Halloween Competition Winners**

Congratulations to:

Hana A in 7A who won the creative writing competition and the £10 book voucher.

Lucas M in 11S who won the jar of jelly beans after guessing the correct number.

Students raised £10.40 for The Welcome Centre.









# The Great LRC Christmas Raffle 1. Loan a book 2. Answer 3 questions about the book 3. Receive a free raffle ticket WHERE WORLD WAYS WILD WAYS WANTHOUSE WAYS WA

#### **Christmas Raffle**

Students are enjoying a range of activities in the library in the lead up to Christmas; word scrambles, word searches and reading books, to win a raffle ticket for the Great LRC draw.

Prizes available can be seen in the picture to the left.

The raffle will be drawn this Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Good luck everyone!



#### Year 12 Celebration **Evening**



#### Year 11 Leavers' 2021-2022





On Thursday, 8th December, we welcomed our Year 11 Leavers 2021-2022 back to All Saints for their celebration evening.

It was wonderful to see our former students again and to celebrate their exam successes with them.

Speeches were given by our Chair of Governors, Tim Atkinson, Principal, Karen Colligan, last year's Year 11 Achievement Coordinator, Amelia Keegan and Behaviour for Learning Coordinator, Lewis Horner.

Students were then invited up to the front of the hall to be congratulated on their summer results, and also to receive certificates and prizes awarded by departments, for the highest achievers, and for The Howe Trophy - an award for continuous positive attitude in school.

#### Student Helper Pizza Reward

As a thank-you to over 200 students who gave their time this term to support our Open Evening and Year 11 Evening, pizzas were ordered on Tuesday, 15th November.

Students met in the dining hall and were able to help themselves to the pizza, and enjoy some time relaxing and talking with their peers and other year groups, as a reward for their hard work.

All those students involved were a credit to themselves and the school and received outstanding feedback from our visitors.











Every week a student from each year group has been selected at random to win a £10 Amazon Voucher. For every 40 reward points a student earns in a week, their name gets placed in the hat once, meaning the more reward points they earn, the better chance they have of winning.

Here are the winners this half-term:

Reward Points Voucher Winners Half-Term 2				
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Indy-Bea M	Rosie O	Favour 00	Keishara K	Connor M
Aaron OY	Jakub J	Thomas K	Jude S-S	Megan M
Theo B	Kishana JW	Brooke W	Shauna S	Destiny C
Amy V	David B	Gloria M	Deborah M	Hadid R
Hillary C	Chloe B	Cellio P	Gregory F	Keriesha J
Rochelle P	Amarachi I	Sophie B	London M	Michael G
Nathan B	Sienna B	Theo G	Cortez O	Khizr A
Claude L	Lola B	Elias V	Declan M	Sherl K
	Anish K	George H	Katie-Mae J	Zuzanna K
	Aleeza A	Lacey B	Kieron D	Jay R
	Karolina F	Ariana O	Katarzyna K	
			Maja K	

A massive congratulations to the following students and forms who have earned the most reward points during the autumn term.

Most Reward Points during Autumn Term 2022					
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	
Top Form 7A 56720	Top Form 8R 45619	Top Form 9B 45004	Top Form 10E 54413	Top Form 11f 51847	
Charlotte D - 2458 Samuel J - 2417 Noah FS - 2389	Isaac E - 2212 Vaughn W - 2203 Jeremiah P - 2190	Elias V - 2207 Tayla A - 2179 Lewis S - 2068	Olivier M - 2580 Jackson W - 2506 Katie W - 2503	Arnold P - 2442 Kalkidan A - 2368 Gael K - 2354	
Ella G - 2377 Kaylia-Connie H-S - 2374	Aidan K - 2149 Marcel K - 2107	Maddison M - 2052 Bilal A - 1959	Armaan A - 2499 Petr L - 2496	Arthur W - 2308 Megan M - 2265	

Students in each year group, selected by their Achievement Coordinator, will also take part in our final Rewards Breakfast for this term at the end of week commencing 12th December.

We hope students have a great rest during the Christmas holidays, and continue with the same fantastic attitude and hard work next term!



#### Reminder for 2022/2023

#### Attendance

Good attendance in school is key to securing good outcomes and students achieving their target grades. Research shows that attendance and punctuality are vitally important to success at school and that there is a direct correlation between attendance and progress and attainment in school.

The attendance target at All Saints Catholic College is **96**%. We want to work with families to ensure that all students achieve this target.

The table below clearly demonstrates that if your child's attendance is at or below 90% over the academic year then they will miss four weeks of school. If your child's attendance remains at or below 90% over five years then, accumulatively, they will miss over half a whole school year.

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Approximate weeks absent	No. of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335 lessons

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact College before 8.30am on each and every day of absence.

Absence should be reported in the following way:

#### · Telephone College on 01484 426466 and press Option 1 to report an absence

Next term is an opportunity for all students to have a fresh start and we want to help ensure your child's attendance is above the target of 96%.

The Attendance Team, your child's Achievement Coordinator and BfL Coordinator, as well as the Learning Tutors, are here to work with you and your child to ensure they achieve the best possible level of attendance.

Please do not hesitate to contact College if you need any help or support in relation to your child's attendance.

Queries regarding attendance can be emailed directly to your child's Achievement Coordinator.

Further information regarding attendance can be found in our Attendance Policy which is available on the College website <a href="https://www.aschc.com/attendance/">https://www.aschc.com/attendance/</a>.



School success starts with attendance



# After-School Activities

#### Half-term 3



After-school activities for half-term 3 are now available to book on SchoolCloud.

Please use the following link to access our website for the activity calendar:

Co-Curricular Activities - All Saints Catholic College (aschc.com)

Please note, spaces are limited and bookings are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Only students who have signed up to an activity are able to attend, anyone attending without a booking will be sent home.

Please ensure you receive a confirmation email of any bookings you have made. If you do not receive a confirmation email, the booking has not been completed, and you will need to recommence booking, pressing next at the bottom of each page, and completing the questions giving permission for your child to walk home after the activity has finished, or to confirm that you will be collecting your child at the requested time.

Log in details for SchoolCloud include both the parent's name and email address, and the name and date of birth of the student.

If you are unable to log in to SchoolCloud, please ensure you are using your child's preferred name and the email address you have provided to school.

#### Missed sessions

Throughout this half-term we have been monitoring student attendance at after-school activities as part of safeguarding practices.

To support these safeguarding practices, students are only permitted to attend the club they have been booked on to by their parent via SchoolCloud. Parents/Carers can amend bookings in advance should a change of club be required.

Parents should also notify school/amend their child's SchoolCloud booking, if they are unable to attend any session.

With effect from January, any student who misses 2 sessions of the same club in a half-term, without a valid reason, will be removed from the club.

Should any student miss a total of 5 sessions of any clubs, without a valid reason, they will be removed from all clubs for that half-term.

This will allow other students, who have been unable to book a place, the opportunity to attend a club.

We thank you for your support with this.

#### Aerosols

Please can we remind all our parents and carers that aerosols of any kind, including aerosol deodorants, are strictly prohibited from being used within the school building.

Use of aerosols in the changing rooms or anywhere else in the school building can falsely trigger a fire alarm and, in some cases, can induce a severe asthma attack when used in confined spaces.

We recommend the use of rub/roll-on deodorants instead.



Thank you for your cooperation with this.

#### Parents' Evenings

#### 2023 Dates

A letter with a link to SchoolCloud will be sent to parents/ carers in advance of the Parents' Evening date, to enable appointments with teaching staff to be booked.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
20.04.23	12.01.23	Options and Parents 23.03.23	30.03.23	19.01.23

#### SIMS Parent App

We would like to, once again, ask parents who have not yet signed up to the SIMS Parents App to request joining instructions to enable us to share all letters, newsletters and notifications.

Please email communications@aschc.com for more details.

#### communication@aschc.com



# Caretakers' Houses

We are pleased to share with you that the plans submitted to renovate the caretaker houses have now been approved. Works are expected to commence in the New Year and we envisage completion by the end of March 2023.

The date is subject to ensuring our contractors can source all the necessary materials. Once fully renovated, we intend to utilise this additional welcomed space for meetings, teaching and learning support, work spaces and offices and hope to extend this to include community-related work.

A barrier has also been installed at the top of our drive. We will confirm to families and visitors the date and times when this will start to be used.

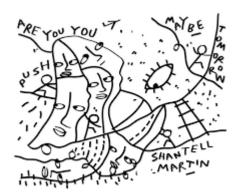




#### The Pod

Following the installation of the Pod last summer, we were given the opportunity to design a wrap for it.

Mala S in Year 11 incorporated our school focus virtues in to her wrap design in the style of Shantell Martin.





#### Scarlet Fever and Strep A

Protecting your children from becoming unwell

this winter





Further to the rising levels of Scarlet Fever and Strep A in the UK, we shared an information booklet with parents via the SIMS Parent App this week, about protecting children from winter illnesses.

The booklet and additional fact sheet detailing Scarlet Fever and Group Strep A infections, also shared, can both be found on our website by using this link:

https://www.aschc.com/scarlet-fever-and-group-strep-a-infections/

We will continue to update families on any further developments.

However, we would like to reiterate that, if well, it is safe for children to attend school as normal.

# Governor Vacancies

#### Become a Governor at All Saints

All Saints currently has vacancies for LA (local authority), Coopted and Foundation Governors.

Being a governor is a rewarding way of making a voluntary contribution to the lives of local young people.

Our Governors' core responsibilities are to:

- Plan the strategic direction and vision of the College.
- Oversee the financial performance of the College and ensure the money is well spent.
- Hold the Principal and Senior Leadership Team to account for the educational performance of the College and the performance of the staff.

Please note, nominations for our Foundation Governor vacancies should only be from practising Catholics.

We request that nominations for our Co-opted Governor vacancy are from applicants who do not have children at All Saints.

All governors must complete safeguarding checks.

For further information please visit the following websites:

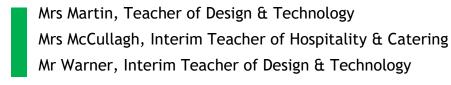
https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/working-for-kirklees/school-governors.aspx

https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/education/education-education/governance-education/becoming-a-governor/

#### Staff News



#### This half-term we say goodbye to...



We wish all departing staff the best in their new roles and thank them all for their hard work and contributions to All Saints.

#### and congratulate a change in role for:

Mrs Butterworth, Educational Teaching Assistant

#### and welcome:

Miss Zdunek, Business Support Officer - Attendance Miss Thomas, Educational Teaching Assistant

#### In January 2023 we will be welcoming:

Mrs Da Costa, Faculty Leader of MFL
Mrs Williamson, Teacher of MFL

#### Recruitment

Vacancies for both teaching and support staff are advertised on our website. Should you or someone you know be looking for a new challenge, please visit

#### www.aschc.com/recruitment/

for more information about the current available roles and to access application documents.

#### Recruitment with Kirklees Council

For more information about current school catering vacancies with Kirklees Council, please use the following link:

www.kirklees.gov.uk/CateringJobs









#### **Apprenticeships**

#### All Saints Alumni







The focus of Careers this half-term has been on continuing to provide all Year 11 students with a one-to-one guidance appointment and support with college applications.

Students who have indicated an interest in finding an apprenticeship after Year 11 will be receiving further support in the New Year.

Apprenticeships can be competitive for those without links to an employer and, as we look toward next term, it seems appropriate to highlight one of our own alumni to demonstrate the qualities it takes to become an apprentice.

Brandon Cartwright left ASCHC in 2020, progressing to Huddersfield New College where he studied Maths, Business and Economics. Upon completion of his A-Levels in 2022, Brandon gained employment as an apprentice Maintenance Engineer with Fox's Biscuits. When asked what his advice to current ASCHC students would be, Brandon summarised his thoughts, saying 'there is no substitute for hard work'.

Brandon was an example of the values upheld at ASCHC during his time here, with Mrs Rejaei commenting that 'Brandon's positive attitude, engagement and behaviour in class exemplify our focus virtues'.

Mr Barker, named by Brandon as a teacher who had a particular influence on his success, added 'as his confidence built, his dedication and resilience increased, and he went from strength to strength. Brandon involved himself in every learning opportunity and understood that his education could open doors for him in the future'.

Brandon serves not only as an example of the qualities prized by employers but equally as a reminder that apprenticeships are not exclusive to those aged 16. Apprenticeships continue to be a topic of interest to ASCHC students, with several Year 11s selecting 'finding an apprenticeship' as their preferred post-16 option in the most recent Impact of Guidance survey.

Students interested in apprenticeships are encouraged to speak to a C+K Careers Adviser in school, and Year 10s can look forward to an apprenticeship themed assembly in March 2023, during which they will find out more about these opportunities.

MyDirections is the new C+K Careers website where All Saints students can browse careers information.

Go to https://ck.mydirections.co.uk/login

Username is school email address, password is 12345678 - students can then change this to your own password once logged in.

You will be asked to complete a questionnaire on first login, which will then tailor personalised content relevant to what you're interested in.

All students from Years 7-11 can access this.

An excellent way for all students to find out more information about subjects and careers.

Information for parent/carers -

https://ck.mydirections.co.uk/information-for-parents-and-carers

#### **Apprenticeships**

The Process Operator (Science Manufacturing Technician) Apprenticeship is currently running through CATCH at Appris on behalf of employers within the West Yorkshire Region.

CATCH is looking for learners who will be leaving school next year or have already left.

Students can now register their interest using this link:

https://catchuk.org/register-your-interest/





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#### Parent Forum



Meeting Dates			
Date	Time		
11.01.23	2.15pm		
08.02.23	1.30pm		
29.03.23	1.30pm		
10.05.23	1.30pm		
12.07.23	1.30pm		

#### 2022/2023

We would like to invite parents/carers to join us each half-term at our Parent Forum meetings being held on Teams.

Each meeting has a general theme and some of these will be:

- Communications from School
- Co-curricular Activities
- Feedback from Parent Surveys

More information is available on our website:

https://www.aschc.com/parent-forum/

We have rescheduled our HT2 forum, which was due to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> November. It will now take place on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 2.15pm.

The theme for this meeting will be safeguarding and our response to community issues.

We apologise again to parents/carers who had booked on to the HT2 session. The cancellation was due to technical issues. If you would still like to join us, please sign-up again using the following link:

https://forms.office.com/r/rs2eUpgk16



# College Uniform Update

Changes in line with the Governments'
Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021

With effect from September 2022, please be aware there is no longer a requirement for badged All Saints uniform items to be worn by students, with the exception of the College blazer and tie.

#### Both the College blazer and tie are compulsory items.

All other uniform items, including those required for PE, can be purchased from any clothing retailer, as long as they meet the College requirements which are available on our website <a href="https://www.aschc.com/college-uniform/">https://www.aschc.com/college-uniform/</a>.

A reminder of some of our uniform guidelines can be found below:

**Trousers:** Leggings or skin tight jeans/trousers are unacceptable. Trousers should not cling around the thighs, knees and calves. Trousers should be tailored fabric trousers.







**Shoes:** These should be plain black college-type shoes. Sensible shoes remain essential for the safety of students and slip on 'ballet style' or 'holiday' footwear is not appropriate in College. Fashion shoes, pumps, boots or trainers are not acceptable. Shoes should be worn with black socks.





**Hair:** Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. There are many fashions that come and go and these are monitored. Hair needs to be of an even length with no Mohican tops or shaved sides. There should be no tramlines or patterns cut into the hair either. Hair colour should be natural e.g., no pink or other extreme colours are allowed.









**Make-up and Nails:** Make-up should not be visible and students will be expected to remove any visible make-up once they are in College. It would be better for them not to apply such make-up in the first place. Nail varnish and false nails are not allowed in College.

**Jewellery:** Earrings, stretchers or any kind of piercings should not be worn for College. Some students have piercings in or around their earlobe. These must also be removed for College, as should nose piercings. Likewise, only one bracelet can be worn for religious observance. Jewellery will be confiscated if worn in College.

#### Lost Property

Please find a list below of all items currently held in our lost property box. If any of these items belong to your child, please ask them to collect from Student Services before Friday 6th January. All unclaimed items after this date will be donated to Uniform Exchange as we do not have the facility to store lost items indefinitely.

Coats
Green Joules coat - Boys age 9
Black 'iet frans' coat - size Medium
Uniform
Black school hoodie 42/44
White F&F school shirt size 14-15 years
M&S white school shirt 12-13 years
Grey hoodie size small
PE Kit
PE Top with Logo size 34-36
Grey/black Nike PE bag with size EUR 41clothes and black Kickers
Shoes & Trainers
White Nike girls trainers size 8
Black velcro Kango boys shoes size 5.5
White & blue Nike trainers
Blue PE bag with trainers
Black/Red Adidas size 9.5 trainers
Misc
Silver keyring with silver dinosaur
1 x black Nike pencil case
1 x purple pencil case
2 x clear pencil case

#### Coats

Multiple coats have been sent to lost property over the last 2 weeks. If your child has lost their coat, please email us with a description and we will try to locate it. If their name is in the coat, we will have already returned it to them.

If your child does not have a winter coat, please see the next page for support.





We would like to remind parents to please PUT NAMES on all your child's belongings ready for return in January, so items can be returned promptly to the right person.

Thank you.





#### South Kirklees



40 Norfolk Avenue, Sheepridge, Huddersfield, HD2 1GS

#### The Endorphins Group

Please note: registration and booking are essential. Please book by contacting our team - T: 0330 1332642 E: bookings@endorphins.uk or by visiting - endorphins.uk

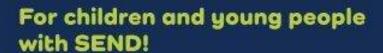




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# Virtual Reality

Zone!



We are running two exciting virtual reality sessions for our super stars this month. With VR games and activities suitable for all abilities! We will be running fun and engaging challenges and much more! Food is also provided.

Venue South Kirklees -

Northfield Hall - 40 Norfolk Ave. Huddersfield HD2 1GS

Monday 19th December & Tuesday 20th December 1:30pm - 5:30pm.

Ages 13-17 years





AND LEARN

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## **SPORTWORKS**

#### INCLUSIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

#### **WINTER 2022**

Sport Works place Children & Young People, Parents and Carers at the heart of everything we do. Participants with learning and/or physical disabilities can access a wide range of fun multi-sport activities at our sessions. Table Tennis, Football, Cricket, Dodgeball, Cricket, Tennis, Rugby, Bowls just to name a few. As well as this our coaches offer enriching activities such as Arts & Crafts, Sensory Play, Outdoor Activities, Parachute Games, Music and more! We feel we cater for every interest at Sport Works. With our sessions been participant lead, we like them to drive the ideas of the sessions and make it as fun and engaging as possible by partaking in the activities they want to!

#### **Heckmondwike Sports Club WF16 9ED**

All sessions 12PM - 4PM

Activity is **FREE** for all

Participants!

**FREE** Lunch for all

participants in attendance!

#### Ages 8-13

Tuesday 20th Wednesday 21st

#### Ages 13-18

Thursday 22nd Friday 23rd

TO BOOK VISIT HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/SPORTWORKS64



JORDAN.FOSTER@SPORTWORKSLTD.CO.UK

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#### **North Kirklees**



#### The Endorphins Group

Please note: registration and booking are essential.

Please book by contacting our team - T: 0330 1332642

E: bookings@endorphins.uk or by visiting - endorphins.uk





# HANDLING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

WHERE: On Zoom/At the Zone A 3 week funded course



WHEN: 05th January



# FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT:

info@shtd.co.uk



www.shtd.co.uk

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# Coffee morning and wellness chats

WHERE:

Purple dog rooms

AT THE ZONE

WHEN:

**10TH JANUARY** 

12:30-14:30



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US



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# DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS OF TYPE 1 DIABETES?



We call them the 4Ts. If you or your child are weeing more often, constantly thirsty, more tired than usual, or losing weight for no reason, it could be a symptom of type 1 diabetes. If left undiagnosed, type 1 diabetes can be fatal. If you're experiencing any of the 4Ts, ask your doctor for a test immediately.



Scan the QR code or visit diabetes.org.uk/the4Ts



C Diabetes UK 2022, Product code: 102035EINT



#### KNOW THE '4 T'S' OF TYPE 1 DIABETES - IT COULD SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE

It's really important to be able to spot the most common symptoms of type 1 diabetes early.

Unfortunately, we know that too many people - mostly children and young people - are not diagnosed until they are in diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), a life-threatening condition that requires urgent medical attention.

Early action is important and it's good to know the '4 T's' of type 1 diabetes:

TOILET - GOING TO THE TOILET A LOT.

THIRSTY - BEING VERY THIRSTY AND UNABLE TO QUENCH THE THIRST.

TIRED - FEELING MORE TIRED THAN USUAL

THINNER - LOSING WEIGHT OR LOOKING THINNER THAN USUAL



If you notice these signs and symptoms, you should contact your doctor straight away.

#### IF YOU WOULD LIKE SUPPORT

Join our 'Friends of the North' Diabetes UK Facebook group where you can find peer support and the latest information from Diabetes UK, locally and nationally: Diabetes UK chat: Your Friends in the North | Facebook

Or use your mobile phone to scan the QR code:

Contact us:

North of England team: 01925 653281

Diabetes UK Helpline: 0345 123 2399 (Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm)

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like copies of the poster or the A5 leaflets, please contact north@diabetes.org.uk.

For more information about Diabetes UK visit www.diabetes.org.uk/The4Ts

We have resources to help you support pupils who have type 1 diabetes. Find out more about how we can support schools and our resources to help Diabetes in schools resources Diabetes UK

KNOW DIABETES, FIGHT DIABETES.



#### Term Dates 2022-2023

First Day	Half Term	Last Day			
Autumn Term 2022/2023					
Monday 5th September*	Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October	Friday 16th December			
	Spring Term 2023				
Tuesday 3rd January	Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	Friday 31st March			
Summer Term 2023					
Monday 17th April	Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June	Tuesday 25th July			

#### College is closed to students on the following dates:

- Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023
- Inset Day 3 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023
- Disaggregated Day 1 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- Disaggregated Day 2 Tuesday 25th July 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024				
First Day	Half Term	Last Day		
	Autumn Term 2023/2024			
Monday 4th September*	Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November	Friday 22nd December		
Spring Term 2024				
Monday 8th January	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February	Friday 22nd March		
Summer Term 2024				
Monday 8th April	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Monday 22nd July*		

#### College is closed to students on the following dates:

- Inset Day 1 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Inset Day 2 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Inset Day 3 Monday 19th February 2024
- Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Inset Day 4 Friday 28th June 2024
- Disaggregated Day 1 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

#### September 2023

- Wednesday 6th September 2023 ONLY Year 7 and Year 11 students in school
- Thursday 7th September 2023 ALL students return to school