



NEWSLETTER 2023.2024 HALF TERM 3

Principal's Message

Dear Families

Welcome to a slimmed down edition of our half termly newsletter.

This has been a very short half term which is essentially the reason for the shorter publication on this occasion. Nevertheless, it has been a productive and enjoyable 5 weeks, although I might make an exception for the Thursday of the last week when we had to close School early due to the weather. The buses arrived later than expected and one in particular which meant a lengthy wait for some youngsters.

We continue to review our protocols after every such event and rest assured we firmly believe in continuous improvement. To that end, communications will go out to families with amended permissions for clarity and mutual understanding. Please be reassured that our focus is always centred on the safeguarding of your children. We appreciate the messages of thanks that recognise our work in that regard.

Charitable work has been ongoing, we have celebrated our students in our rewards assemblies and identified the reset for the next half term. All of us continue to be encouraged to be the best version of ourselves.

Teacher training takes place on Monday the 19th of February and we look forward to welcoming all students back in on the Tuesday.

We are about half way through the school year and aim that all students feel championed and enjoy their formation and education.

I thank you as ever for your continued support.

God bless

Karen Colligan

Newsletter Article Key

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

All Years

Important dates:

Inset Day - Monday 19th February

Half term 4 starts - Tuesday, 20th February

Last day of half term 4 - Friday, 22nd March

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Our Motto

Love • Serve • Learn

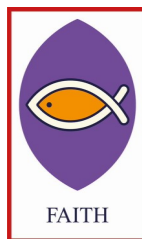
Our Mission

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.



Term Dates

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

2023/2024 - College is closed to students on the following dates:

- **Inset Day 3** - Monday 19th February 2024
- **Inset Day 4** - Friday 28th June 2024
- **Bank Holiday** - Monday 6th May 2024
- **Disaggregated Day 1** - Monday 22nd July 2024

First Day	Half Term	Last Day
Autumn Term 2024/2025		
Monday 2 nd September*	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	Friday 20 th December
Spring Term 2025		
Monday 6 th January	Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February	Friday 4 th April
Summer Term 2025		
Tuesday 22 nd April	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May	Tuesday 22 nd July*

* Please visit www.aschc.co.uk for more details about term dates 2024/2025.

Chaplaincy Update

Wednesday mornings are a busy time for Chaplaincy starting with a time of peaceful reflection for staff through a Eucharistic service.

We then have a form Mass with Fr Sean. This half term, the rest of the Year 8 forms have attended with each form group providing readers for the Masses.

Wojciech in Year 10 has been our regular altar server, keen to be involved in assisting Fr Sean.

After half term, form masses will move to Fridays for Year 9 to allow their assemblies to continue on Wednesdays.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

At the end of January, over 60 students and staff took time out for silent prayer and reflection in the Chapel. Members of the community are invited to keep a silent vigil in the Chapel from 9.30am until 2.30pm, sharing the time in 15 minute slots.

The opportunity to stop and re-centre is much appreciated by all who attend.

Student numbers were increased this time due to the efforts of Amanda in Year 8 who did a fantastic job of explaining the event to her peers.

Parish Links

[Immaculate Heart of Mary, Huddersfield](#)
- [English Martyrs and St Joseph's Catholic Churches \(ihom.org.uk\)](#)

[Parish of The Holy Redeemer - The Community of Catholic Churches in North Huddersfield](#)
(holyredeemerparish.co.uk)

Upcoming dates

Ash Wednesday 14th February
Revelation 22nd February
St Joseph Feast Day 19th March
Family Mass 20th March (TBC)
Good Friday 29th March

REVELATION



The theme of this month's Revelation was Resolution as it was the first meeting after the New Year. Jessica of the Faith and Lifelong Learning team led us in an exercise of letting go of things in our past before turning towards our futures. We literally threw away anything negative we may have been holding on to and then committed to God our hopes for the coming year. These were placed in a basket to be given in intercessions as prayed by the team at Hinsley Hall.

After winning the first game of Sevens of the Year, Youth Officer Ryan was in good form and ready to lead us in looking at what Fr Mike Schmitt thinks about having unwavering faith and resolve, starting small and building on hope. We concluded the session with adoration in the Chapel led by Fr Marc.

Our evening was made possible thanks to Mr Walker, our Premises Manager, kindly volunteering to drive the minibus.



YOUTH EVENT FOR YEARS 8-13

Hinsley Hall, Headingley
Thursday 18th January
5:30-7:30pm

Games | Music | Talk | Prayer | Friendship



Next Revelation is on February 22nd

Letter available from Mrs Rhys-Hill

Mass with the Bishop



Cian in Year 10 had the great honour of serving for a Mass with the Bishop in his home parish of St Joseph's in Brighouse. As a regular altar server for Fr Michael and very active within the Parish, Cian was chosen as part of a team of servers for the Mass.

The Mass was for one of the parishioners to start his journey to become a permanent Deacon. Cian is a real example of putting Faith into Action and is giving of his time to the Parish. His efforts are much appreciated by Fr Michael and also by the parishioners, who spoke highly of him after the Mass.

Cian will be joining this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes, where he hopes to have the opportunity to serve at some of the larger Masses with the Bishop whilst we are there.

COME AND SEE!

Mission Halifax invite you to a new monthly prayer group.

All welcome.

Prayerful reflection, Adoration, praise & worship, and testimony.

Meetings are on a **Friday at 7pm** at St Patrick's Church, Elland.

The next meeting date is to be confirmed.



Fr Michael Hall

The Kindness of Strangers








We recently had a visitor in school who wanted to let us know how grateful she was for the kindness that some of our students had shown her mother-in-law. Una is in a care home that the group of girls pass everyday as they walk to school. They have been waving to Una sitting in the window as they pass by. At Christmas the group decided that they would like to give Una a gift and so they made up a hamper of treats and visited the care home to give it to Una for Christmas. Una's daughter-in-law wanted the school to know that this kindness was much appreciated, bringing gifts for the girls and kind thanks. We would like to also acknowledge that this group of students have demonstrated a real understanding of what it means to live out our Focus Virtues.



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Our Focus Virtues

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

				
LOVE	SERVICE	FAITH	COURAGE	RESPECT
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.

“Teacher,” he asked, “which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as you love yourself.’ Matthew 22:36-39

Community Partnership



During Advent, we supported the work of Catholic Care by collecting items for new mums and babies. Yet again, the All Saints Community demonstrated their commitment to helping others and gave generously to this appeal.

Our Ref: CH/JC

January 2024

Headteachers

Dear Headteachers

Thank you to you and your school community for your support for Catholic Care's Christmas Appeal 2023 for our Gianna Baby Bank.

The generosity of everyone enabled us to restock our supplies so that we can support many more people over the next year.

Please extend our sincere thanks to everyone concerned.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Carol Hill
Director



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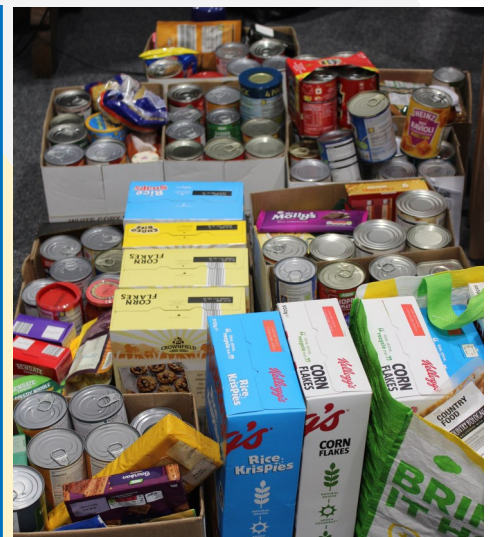
This year our foodbank donations supported the work of the Jubilee Centre in Paddock who hosted Christmas lunch for people who would have been home alone. Our donated tins and packets of food were used for the hampers that they gave out. We received the letter of thanks below.

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the food hampers, that we were privileged to give out to 170 people on Christmas Day. They were so, so grateful for the food and even more so, for the thought and the love that went into them. I was able to see the look of happiness cross their face as they received their hamper and their Christmas present, and it's just beautiful.

Never underestimate the power of kindness. Give what you can, whether that be in physical things or your time, or both when you're able. I work towards living in a community where nobody feels alone and everyone has enough. When we work together, giving what we can and using what we have, loving the next person as we are loved by God, then we see that happen.

Thank you for your love, care and generosity and I hope we can work together again soon.

Much love, Charlene and Amber



Could you help?

Together, we are collecting donations of toiletries, tinned & dried food and sweet treats. To deliver to the Jubilee Centre, so they can be given out to over 150 guests who go to the Christmas Day meal. People who would have otherwise been home alone, or with not enough food for a Christmas Day meal.



The Branch



Visit from the Mayor

We were delighted to receive a visit from the Mayor of Kirklees, Cahal Burke, during the last week of half term.

The Mayor spent form time with our Year 7 students, attending their assembly and giving an engaging presentation about the role of the Mayor.

Students found the talk really interesting and were very eager to ask lots of fantastic questions!

We thank the Mayor for his visit.



Year 11 Mock Interviews

Year 11 Mock Interviews 2024



Over the mornings of Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th January, students in Year 11 had the opportunity to practise important life skills by preparing for and attending their mock interviews. This was a chance to practise for a real interview and to develop their communication skills and confidence.

The Year 11 guidance team worked hard to prepare the students for these interviews using information and example interview questions provided by C+K Careers.

The guest interviewers from a range of organisations including Balfour Beatty, Huddersfield University, Bradford University, Greenhead College, Huddersfield New College, Kirklees College, the RAF, School Governors and C+K Careers are all well experienced in conducting both mock and real interviews with young people.

The students received verbal feedback immediately following their interviews as well as an individual written feedback sheet highlighting their strengths and points for development as appropriate.

The students engaged really well and conducted themselves with maturity; behaviour and punctuality were impeccable.

The feedback from the interviewers has been extremely positive; here are some of their comments:

'I feel inspired by the young people I had the privilege of carrying out a mock interview with today. I found many of them to be thoughtful, measured, personable and friendly. All of them had something insightful and interesting to say - it was one of the most rewarding things/tasks I have done for a while.... Hearing them talk about their skills, attributes, hopes and dreams for the future was truly uplifting.'

'just wanted to say that I was really impressed at the standard of interviews from all of your students, they came incredibly well prepared and it was a pleasure speaking with them.'

'I would like to say thank you for inviting us to your interview practice. We enjoyed ourselves and the students were all very polite.'

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Support, advice and guidance
for young people in
Calderdale and Kirklees

01484 213856
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Facebook messenger

Careers services for
schools and colleges

C+K

Leaders
in Diversity
Award

Working
Towards

National Apprenticeship Week 5 to 11 February 2024

National Apprenticeship Week 2024 is the 17th annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships.

About the event

The theme for 2024 is 'Skills for Life' - raising awareness of the skills and knowledge that you can get through doing an apprenticeship.

What are apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships are jobs with training, they are available in a wide range of job sectors, from looking after animals to working in the legal profession. You learn job-specific skills whilst earning a wage, you also get time off for training or study. To find out more about apprenticeships, take a look at our [MyDirections article](#) all about apprenticeships

Apprenticeship events for Year 11 students

There are lots of events taking place during National Apprenticeship Week. You can find details of some of these on our [events](#) page.

If you want to meet employers who are taking on apprentices locally, why not visit the apprenticeship events in **Huddersfield on 27 February** and **Halifax on 7 March**. Click on the images below for more information about each event. Before going along, take a look at our article all about [getting the most out of attending careers and apprenticeship events](#).



C+K Kirklees Apprenticeship Event
For young people and their parents and carers

Visit the **Kirklees Apprenticeship Event** at **The John Smith's Stadium, Huddersfield**, to find out about a range of apprenticeship opportunities. At the event you can:

- + check out apprenticeship vacancies
- + talk to employers and training providers
- + chat with apprentices
- + get careers advice and guidance
- + watch live presentations

Tuesday 27 February 2024
4.30pm - 7.30pm
at **The John Smith's Stadium**
Huddersfield, HD1 6PG

Scan for exhibitor info

MyDirections.co.uk
For more event information, email: events@ckcareers.org.uk

Sponsoring the Kirklees Apprenticeship Event are:

FMG **HSL** **KIRKLEES COLLEGE** **Kirklees** **Nufarm**



C+K Calderdale Apprenticeship Event
For young people and their parents and carers

Visit the **Calderdale Apprenticeship Event** at **The Shay Stadium, Halifax**, to find out about a range of apprenticeship opportunities. At the event you can:

- + check out apprenticeship vacancies
- + talk to employers and training providers
- + chat with apprentices
- + get careers advice and guidance
- + watch live presentations

Thursday 7 March 2024
4.30pm - 7.30pm
at **The Shay Stadium**
Shaw Hill, Halifax, HX3 2YT

Scan for exhibitor info

MyDirections.co.uk
For more event information, email: events@ckcareers.org.uk

Sponsoring the Calderdale Apprenticeship Event are:

Calderdale College **KIRKLEES COLLEGE**



Rewards Half Term 3

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:

Year 7	Hope C Poppy W	Elliott C	Ashley M
Year 8	Jake G	Nathaniel G	Charlie L
Year 9	Gabriela Z Hannah M	Amelia B Noah P	Dominik F
Year 10	Zimuzo O Abigail P	Daniel W George H	Louis B
Year 11	Kiara B-L Summer T	Jasmin H Adam D	Djuhnea A

A massive congratulations to the following students and forms who have earned the most reward points during the first half of the spring term.

Reward Points - Top Forms for Half Term 3				
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
7R - 47,145	8C - 37,855	9B - 41,325	10B - 41,875	11E - 63,550

Reward Points - Top Students for Half Term 3							
Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10	
Shaye H	2550	Rochelle P	2075	Sienna B	2635	Jazmina T	2565
Nayha C	2530	Zain I	2045	William B-S	2445	Caleb A	2530
Seth R	2510	Nathaniel G	2005	Honey R	2375	Nadia N	2365
Paul S	2500	Charlie L	1990	Oskar Z	2370	Thomas O'H	2340
Amelia R	2390	Amy V	1970	Arvind B	2300	Kadey-Lea D	2315

Year 11

Ariz T	3045
Macey CC	3040
Katie O'D	2985
Hasti AA	2935
Vanessa W	2840

Rewards Half Term 3

The students listed below attended the pizza reward on the last day of half term 3.

They were chosen by their year group Achievement Coordinator for living out the Focus Virtues of the College.

Some of the Year 10 students listed were rewarded for supporting our evening events which took place this half term.

Pizza Reward Half Term 3			
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Poppy W	Chloe B	Nikolaos B	Antwaine W
Olivia R	Alex S	William B-S	Arabella B
Kordae G-A	Arthur M	Moses M	Daniel S
Chisom O	Brendon D	Paarth P	Annaelle K
Oliver B	Niamh A	George M	Shamilla M
Maya B	Summer-Leigh M	Tiana M	Romeo O
Emma R	Alicja S	Mia C	Charlie R
Hannah P	Ailla P	Adam S	Reece C-H
Lily S	Giacana M	Skye M	Chinonso I
Elliott C	Lucas H	Sienna B	Eloise N
Year 11			Lilia M
Chiamaka N	Luke W	Gayle M	Charlie K
Ollie L	Ben B	Grace D	Ayden V-F
Rohan N	Jacob W	Niamh F	Molly H
Aaliyah R	Kiara B-L	Macey C C	Izzy W
Jesse N	Fintan S	Haniya C	Szymon K
Blessing C O	Connor R	Hani S	Thomas K
Daniel L	Beth C	Patience M	

We hope students have a great rest and continue the same fantastic attitude and hard work next half term!

Miss L Henry
Assistant Principal



Lost Property

PUT
NAMES ON
BELONGINGS



A plea for parents/carers to please label all items of your child's property including uniform and other equipment. We have very limited space to hold items that we have not been able to return to our students/that students have not been able to collect. One of the biggest issues we face is items not having their name on them. Any named items are returned quickly. Items that remain with us are donated to Uniform Exchange at the Beginning of each half term.

Items range from coats and trainers, to full PE kits and packed lunches!

We understand how expensive equipment for school can be so we urge you to help us ensure that all items are returned to their owner, by labelling each item.

If your child has lost an item, please ask them to visit Student Services during their break/lunchtime.

We thank you for your support.



Cold Weather

With the colder weather upon us, we encourage parents/carers to ensure your child brings a warm waterproof coat to school with them on a daily basis. Unless weather conditions are severe, students wait outside of the building in a morning before the building is open to them, they also have access to outside areas during break and lunchtime.

Uniform Exchange are able to help families where support is needed by providing a warm winter coat and hats, gloves and scarves, if required.

They also have access to new underwear items too, including tights, socks, pants and vests.

Additional items available this year including pyjamas, slipper socks and a limited stock of wellies.

Please contact them directly:

07955 724789

<http://www.uniform-exchange.org>

[@uniformexchang](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/UniformExchange>



EduLink One Communication

A polite reminder of our preferred communication channel between parents/carers and the school. This system allows us to support you in monitoring your child's progress, updating us with contact and medical information, receiving communications from school, booking after-school activities, and most recently, booking appointments for parents' evenings.

The transition to EduLink One has been success although we still have a small number of parents/carers who are yet to activate their account. We encourage you to do this as soon as possible to ensure you are not missing out on important information and opportunities for your children.

EduLink One is free to access on any modern web enabled device, either via www.edulinkone.com on a web browser on PCs, laptops, tablets and mobile devices or, with the dedicated app on Android or iOS.

You are eligible to access EduLink One if you are a parent/carer with parental responsibility for a student at All Saints Catholic College. If you have more than one child at the school, you will only require one account. You will need the following information to log in:

School ID	You can either use ASCC or HD22JT
Username	You will receive an email with your username details.
Password	You can change your password once you have logged in.

Log in details have been sent to the email address you have already provided to school from edulink@aschc.com. Please check your junk mail if you have not received this.

A Parent Guide for using EduLink, along with links to videos, are available on our website, <https://www.aschc.com/edulink-one-parents-guide/>.

If you require any support or advice getting EduLink One setup, please e-mail edulink@aschc.com.

You can access your child's details, timetable, attendance, behaviour, achievement points, book your parent evening appointments and secure your child's after-school club place(s). All messages, notifications and emails are now sent to parents/carers through EduLink. Please ensure you turn on notifications for the app to ensure you do not miss any messages. Only urgent whole school messages will be sent by text, all other messages will be sent as push notifications through the app - these will appear as pop-ups on your device.

The only other service parents/carers will need to make use of is ParentPay for paying for school lunches, trips and purchasing other items such as ties, calculators and revision materials.

Students can now access this system with their own school log in details, but cannot use this to secure their place for after-school clubs and events. This must be done by a parent/carer using their own log in details.

