Newsletter

Half Term 1 2025-2026

Principal's Message



Dear Families

I hope you agree with me that this has been a tremendous start to the academic year. Our Year 7 have settled in as part of the family and Year 11 have their futures well and truly in their sights. Staff are doing everything we can to ensure that our students are the best version of themselves and are moving to fulfil their potential wherever they are on their journey of formation and education.

With regard to our faith life, there has been plenty going on. There has been the weekend Walsingham Retreat led by our Lay Chaplain, Mrs Rhys-Hill. We have engaged with Revelation at Hinsley Hall with some of our younger children, and our pilgrims from the summer's journey to Lourdes thoroughly enjoyed the reunion in September. There is plenty more as you will see reported in this newsletter.

Our last day of this half term, we celebrated whole school Masses with Father John for All Saints Day. We really appreciate Father John giving so generously of his time.

On other matters, we have been recognised by the Department for Education for our strong work and impact on behaviour and attendance. There are also other accolades that we have recently received including the Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition and Quality.

We are developing our collaborative links both with partner primaries and post-16 providers to ensure that families are aware of the comprehensive service we offer and also, in the latter case, to ensure that our students are aspirational for top level careers. More information will be available in due course.

Governors have been into school ensuring that they can corroborate our assertions in meetings. Reports have been positive.

I would like to make a plea: we are having a number of parents driving down onto the site at the beginning and end of school. This causes safety concerns. We ask that if you do not have an All Saints Pass for 2025/26, that you pick-up and drop-off your children off site. If you believe you need a pass, please contact us at office@aschc.com. The pass will need to be displayed on your dashboard. You will then not be approached by staff.

Finally, I thank parents for completing the Kirklees road safety survey. The more replies that Kirklees have received, the greater chance we have of securing a crossing on Bradley Road.

I wish everyone a lovely half term.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.

God Bless,

Karen Colligan

Our Motto

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.











Parents Evenings

Year 7	23.04.26	Year 10	05.02.26
Year 8	19.03.26	Year 11	15.01.26
Year 9	Parents and Options Evening		05.03.26

Information regarding your child's parents evening will be shared with you approximately 2 weeks before the event via EduLink. Please book your parents evening appointment via EduLink when bookings go live.

If you have any issues accessing EduLink, please contact school for support.

Term Dates

2025/2026

First Day	Half Term	Last Day		
Autumn Term 2025/2026				
Monday 1 st September*	Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	Friday 19 th December*		
Spring Term 2026				
Monday 5 th January	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February	Friday 27 th March		
Summer Term 2026				
Monday 13 th April	Monday 13 th April Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May			

School is closed to students on the following dates:

*Disaggregated day 1 - Friday 19th December 2025

Bank holiday - Monday 4th May 2026

*Disaggregated day 2 - Monday 20th July 2026

Inset day 2 - Friday 13th February 2026

Inset day 3 - Friday 26th June 2026

2026/2027

First Day	Half Term	Last Day		
Autumn Term 2026/2027				
Tuesday 1 st September*	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October	Friday 18 th December*		
Spring Term 2027				
Monday 4 th January	Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February	Thursday 25 th March		
Summer Term 2027				
Monday 12 th April	Monday 12 th April Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June			

^{*}Visit <u>Term Dates - All Saints Catholic College</u> for more details about other closure dates for 2026/2027.

Chaplaincy Update



The month of the Holy Rosary has been an eventful month of prayer at All Saints, with all Year 7 students receiving rosary beads thanks again to the generosity of the Catenians.

All Saints families joined the Torchlight Procession at St Mary of the Angels in Batley, led by Bishop Marcus and hosted by Fr Eamonn. Many schools and parishes from across the Diocese were represented by the participants in the procession. We joined together in saying the rosary, singing Ave Maria and in Exposition in the Church.



Upcoming Events

Class Masses

Remembrance Services

Mass for the Departed

Revelation

Masses

We welcomed Fr John to celebrate the Year Masses this half term. Families joined us for the Year 7 Welcome Mass, where a number of the students participated through reading, writing the prayers and altar serving. Our choir has really added to our celebrations with the Jubilee hymn and singing the psalm. We rounded our half term off with two very large Masses in the sports hall to celebrate All Saints Day, ending with our own version of 'Oh When the Saints'.

We also joined St Mary's Primary Academy for their Welcome Mass, taking former students to see old friends.





Adoration

Once again, we have opened the Chapel for silent prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. This was a full day where over 70 staff and students were able to rest in the Lord through silent prayer. We look forward to the next Adoration in December, where we will be inviting primary school students to join us once again.

Walsingham 2025













We joined the pilgrimage to Walsingham in September, staying at Elham House for a two-day residential retreat along with students from other secondary schools in the Diocese.

On the Saturday, we were joined by hundreds of parishioners from across the Diocese of Leeds for Mass with the Bishop. There was time to visit the Slipper Chapel and to learn about the history of the Shrine of Walsingham. We processed along the Pilgrim Way to the original abbey ruins with some of our students having the privilege of carrying the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham. Our walk was a prayerful time with the Holy Rosary and singing. At the Abbey, we had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Marcus.

The Youth Service received a lovely email from a local parishioner as follows:

"Just wanted to pass on to you and all who were involved with the Youth last weekend in Walsingham the comments I received on Sunday morning after Mass in the village. We were having a cuppa with some other visitors (from Switzerland and Ireland) and they were saying how pleased they were to join the Leeds pilgrimage both at the Chapel of Reconciliation and then the procession to the Abbey grounds. All commented on how they were surprised at the number of young people there and they [sic] involvement in the Mass and the procession.

It has made a great impression on them."

On the retreat, we spent time in prayer, procession, playing games and having fish and chips at the seaside. If you would like to join us in September 2026, please speak to Mrs Rhys-Hill.













Lourdes Reunion 2025





Our Lourdes 2025 students and staff revisited all the highlights from the pilgrimage at the Lourdes Reunion this half term, hosted by St John Fisher, Dewsbury. Through photos and videos, we were transported back to the very special places, events and people that came to mean so much to us in July. We were reminded of the deep spiritual presence that there is in Lourdes and of all the good work we took part in whilst there, caring for our pilgrims. We had fun and games to start the reunion and the opportunity to share our memories with each other. Fr Marc led us in Mass and reminded us of the importance of carrying the Lourdes Spirit with us in our everyday lives and in our prayers. He once again asked us to say a daily Hail Mary prayer to remind us of the challenge he set at our pre-departure day.

Plans are well underway for the Lourdes 2026 preparation, with current Year 10 students already signing up. Places are filling up fast so please get in touch with the school office if you have not let us know that your child in Year 10 would like to go in July.

For more information, please go to the Lourdes section on the school website.













We took a full minibus to an oversubscribed Revelation this half term, to hear input from Carmen, the Lay Chaplain at St Wilfrid's in Featherstone. We had time to contemplate what it means to be blessed and what blessings we cherish. To round up the input, we collaborated on a litany of blessings to use in adoration in the chapel at the end of our gathering. All Saints students from Year 8 and Year 11 attended having previously being involved in a range of activities and retreats organised by the Youth Service. They commented that "it had been fun to meet and talk to students from other schools" and that "the time in the chapel had been peaceful."

Our time at Revelation was made possible by St Malachy's Catholic Primary School and the generous loan of their minibus. Also, Mr Carragher giving up his time to accompany the students.

There will be the opportunity to attend next month, so please let Mrs Rhys-Hill know if students in Year 8 and above would like to go.



YOUTH EVENT FOR YEARS 8-13

Hinsley Hall, Headingley

The Apostolate of Fatima









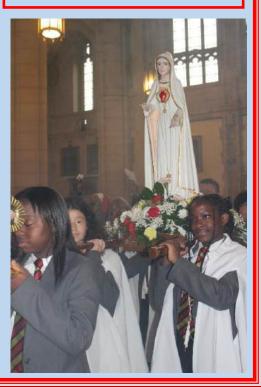
On the 13th of October, we visited Leeds Cathedral to learn about Saints Jacinta and Francisco who witnessed several apparitions of Our Lady in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. Our visit was led by Mrs Da Costa, Faculty Leader of MFL, and our very own Fatima expert. "Attending the Visitation of the Centenary Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was very special and emotional. The talk on Fatima and the Procession were only some of the highlights. I felt immensely proud of our students who behaved impeccably. Not to mention the students who carried the image of Our Lady and the Relics of Saint Francisco and Jacinta during the Procession. What an honour! It was wonderful to see the Leeds Cathedral full of young students devoting their time and prayers to Our Lady." We bid our Lady farewell in the traditional way by waving white hankies in her honour.







https://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk



Macmillan Coffee Morning



Staff took their breaks and lunches in the 'Macmillan Tea Room' to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. They baked and bought cakes, drank tea and had a good catch-up with their fellow colleagues, raising over £160.

Macmillan Cancer Support is there to offer emotional support and practical information for families and individuals affected by cancer.

www.macmillan.org.uk



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT





Year 7 News

At the beginning of October, Mr Power started his new role as Year 7 Achievement Coordinator replacing Mrs Pickles who became our new SENDCo.

Mr Power, teacher of PE and Sports Studies and former co-curricular and disadvantaged coordinator, has been with All Saints for 6 years, and is excited to join the Year 7 team.

"I'm delighted to share that I have recently taken on the role of Year 7 Achievement Coordinator at All Saints. I'm really looking forward to supporting our Year 7 students as they continue to settle into life here, ensuring every child feels happy, confident, and able to achieve their full potential.

I'm excited to continue building strong relationships with our students, families, and staff to ensure every child feels supported and ready to flourish.

I was pleased to meet many of you at the Year 7 Learning Tutor Evening last week, where we were able to celebrate the fantastic start that your children have made at All Saints."



Coming up in Half Term 2

Team Building Activities

Year 7 Christmas Disco and Parent Christmas Craft Activities

Year 11 Careers

News for Year 11 Parents

Post 16 Options - Careers Advice and Support Available for Year 11

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to introduce ourselves and give an overview of the additional careers support from C+K Careers at All Saints. The Careers Adviser based at school is Debra Casson and she is in school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Contact Details

Email: dcasson@aschc.com

or phone the school main number and leave a message and we will contact you.

Post 16 Options - Advice, Guidance and Support

The time is fast approaching when your son or daughter will have important decisions to make about their plans for after Year 11, and we thought it would be helpful to let you know about the support available to students in making these decisions.

Careers Meetings

In addition to the school careers programme, all students receive impartial information, advice and guidance about future study options and career ideas through careers appointment. They will be invited to at least one meeting with the Careers Adviser. Students can also drop in at breaks and after school.

Support and information are also provided through the school's careers programme.

Parents are very welcome to contact the Careers Adviser if they have any questions or concerns regarding their son or daughter's plans for the end of Year 11.

Applications to Colleges

Applications to colleges should be made directly on the individual college websites. Year 11 students have been made aware of this information.

Greenhead College - Application deadline is Monday, 1st December 2025 Huddersfield New College - Application deadline is Friday, 12th December 2025 Kirklees College - Apply before the end of January 2026 (as early as possible for construction, before the end of December).

All local college and 6th Form open event dates and application deadline dates have been sent out to all Year 11 students via their school email. They can also be found on the CK MyDirections website - MyDirections.

You can also find lots more useful information on the C+K website: https://ck.mydirections.co.uk/

Choosing A level Subjects

Do you need help understanding how the courses you study at sixth form or college can affect your options at university and your future career? Use the Informed Choices website to help you understand which subjects open different degrees, particularly at Russell Group universities - https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/



If your son or daughter is interested in an apprenticeship at the end of Year 11, they will need to be offered a training place at a college or training provider and find an employer to take them on as an employee. An offer of a training place alone does not guarantee an apprenticeship. The most important part of an apprenticeship is to gain employment and usually the young person is responsible for finding this.

Support will be provided for those seeking apprenticeships in the Spring Term, including help with applications and CVs.

All apprenticeship seekers are strongly advised to apply to a full-time college course as well, as a backup plan, should they not find employment.

Applied

An applied qualification is a practical-based, vocational qualification. It can be studied at a college or school. They provide the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a field or subject and are a viable alternative to the more theory-focused, classroom-based ways of learning.

T levels

T Levels are an alternative to A levels, apprenticeships and other 16 to 19 courses. Equivalent in size to 3 A levels, a T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships. Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Careers Adviser, as detailed above.



Year 11 Prom - **Friday, 19**th **June 2026**.

More details to follow.

Year 9 DofE





Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award will be launching in half term 2.

Getting started

I first discovered the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at school, completing my Bronze and later my Gold Award just before becoming a teacher. It gave me the confidence to try new things and showed me what I was truly capable of achieving.

For nearly 20 years, I've supported young people through their DofE journeys, both in Scouting and at ASCHC, where I now lead the programme as DofE Manager. We currently have 43 Year 10 students taking part, each developing new skills, confidence, and resilience along the way.

I've supported expeditions abroad and in the beautiful Cairngorms, but DofE is about far more than the expedition. Through volunteering, skills, and physical challenges, young people live out our school virtues — showing love in supporting others, service in giving their time, respect in working together, courage in facing new challenges, and faith in believing in themselves and their abilities.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a life-changing experience that helps young people discover their strengths and become the very best version of themselves.



Are you ready to start an adventure you'll never forget?





DofE Contact at All Saints - Miss Travas



The SVP is a parish-based organisation which exists to support anyone in need.

If you would like to know more about how we can help individuals and families, please message on 07435 061190 or email StPatSvpHuddersfield@gmail.com or ask in school for further details.



PCAN is an independent, parent-led forum for all parents and carers of children/young people (aged 0-25 years) with additional needs in Kirklees. PCAN welcomes any parent or carer, whether they are just becoming aware that their child may have additional needs or whether they have a child with a confirmed diagnosis.

PCAN provides information to help parents and their children, a chance to meet and network with other parents through events and social media, and works with local service providers to ensure that parents have their say in the design and delivery of local services for their children.

Please join us for the next local PCAN cuppa and chat session.

Dates and locations can be found on our website - <u>PCAN Cuppa and Chat 2025 | Kirklees SEND Local Offer</u> or for more information please contact info@pcankirklees.org

Lost Property

The number of items of students' belongings in our lost property which are unnamed, continues to grow. Without a name on the items, we are unable to return them to the appropriate student.

If your child has lost their coat, shoes, PE bag or individual PE kit items, for example, please ask them to visit Student Services during break or lunchtimes, providing a description of the item they have lost (brand/make of item and size is most helpful).

A reminder that, due to a shortage of space, we only hold items for half a term.

Any items not collected before we finish for the holidays will be donated to both internal spare uniform supplies and Uniform Exchange.

We strongly recommend all items of your child's uniform, and other belongings brought to school, are labelled with their name to ensure lost items can quickly be returned to them.

We thank you for your support with this.



Contact Us:

School Uniform Support Huddersfield | Uniform Exchange

Community Activities





MAIN ACTIVITY FOCUS:

SPORTS TOURNAMENTS INDOOR & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

INTRO TO COOKING BUY, MEAL PREP + EAT

SPORTS TOURNAMENTS
INDOOR & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BAKE OFF DAY CUPCAKES, COOKIES, BISCUITS

ADDITIONAL:

ARTS + CRAFTS & CHILL ZONE IN PM.

ACCESS TO ONSITE CINEMA IN PM

ARTS + CRAFTS & CHILL ZONE IN PM.

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1000 - 1400

9 - 15 YEAR OLDS

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Chill Zone
Onsite Cinema







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- Bouldering Sports
- Archery and more...





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Email: littledeerwood@kirklees.gov.uk

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Thursday 30th October

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Friday 31st October

LUNCH AND WATER
ALL SESSIONS

10AM - 2PM

SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO 8 - 18 YEAR OLDS **All PLACES**

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TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE EMAIL PROJECTCOMMUNITIES@OUTLOOK.COM THE BELOW INFORMATION:



CHILD'S NAME, CHILD'S DOB, ANY MEDICAL/DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, POSTCODE, HOUSE NUMBER, VENUE, DATE, CONTACT PHONE NUMBER





EduLink

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 appointments for parents' evenings.

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.

Login details are 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, and remember to let us know if you have updated your email address.

A Parent Guide for using EduLink, along with links to videos, are available on our website, Edulink One - Parents' Guide - All Saints Catholic College.

If you require any support or advice getting EduLink One setup, please email: edulink@aschc.com.

You can access your child's details, timetable, attendance, behaviour, praise points, book your parent evening appointments and secure your child's after-school club place(s).

All messages, notifications and emails are 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. A reminder that students will not be able to stay for after-school activities and events if they have not been signed up by a parent/carer on EduLink.



Facility Hire





We wanted to highlight that the school's facilities are available for hire by the local community during evening, weekend and school holiday periods.

To view the spaces or make bookings/enquiries just visit www.actihire.org.uk and click 'Book a Partner School'.

Actihire are the schools' lettings management partner and our spaces are available 7 days a week all year round - if you're part of a local club or group why not base your sessions at our school!

Facilities available 7 days a week at All Saints Catholic College - to book visit www.actihire.org.uk, email bookings@actihire.org.uk or text 07401184541.



