



All Saints Catholic High School

A Business & Enterprise College

Heart to Heart

April 2014
Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the final term of this academic year, I thank you for your continuing support. Educational achievement is maximised when home and school work in close partnership. Our young people need us both to provide challenge and support to ensure that they achieve their ambitions and potential.

All Saints Catholic High School continues to improve. Good teaching, high expectations and aspirations, 95% plus attendance and your support will make this goal a reality. Nothing is achieved without hard work and we strive to improve consistently, year on year.

Integral to this continual improvement is a development programme we have undertaken with Specialist Leaders in Education. Using their expertise to influence our curriculum development and teaching methods, we will make a positive impact on pupil attainment and their enjoyment of learning. Conversely, All Saints Specialist Leader in Education, Ms O'Neil, will be assisting other schools in their development.

As you know, All Saints has an increasing reputation for its innovative partnerships with leading UK organisations and companies. We are proud of these links because they provide further learning opportunities, including mentoring, work placements and paid internships. These experiences foster ambition and confidence and I was delighted to hear this week that a Sixth Form student has been offered an apprenticeship with Jaguar Land Rover on completing his Sixth Form studies. This is especially impressive because there were 1400 applications for just 15 jobs. All the companies involved, including Jaguar Land Rover, Abbey Logistics, Santander, Royal Sun Alliance and the NHS, give their time and expertise freely. All Saints pupils benefit enormously from this and we will continue to seek every opportunity to extend the learning environment.

As the final term approaches, this is a vital time. Our Year 11 pupils and Sixth Form students will be sitting public examinations from May onwards. It is essential that consistent hard work continues right up to the examinations. Easter revision classes and extra tuition will be available and we expect pupils to take full advantage of these. Pupils prepare for these examinations throughout their school career so every pupil from Year 7 through to Sixth Form needs to continue to work hard throughout the Summer term.

In March, staff and governors were delighted to take the opportunity to meet and welcome those parents and young people who have chosen to join All Saints in September. Our transition activities have been taking place with local primary schools all year but, as September approaches, further opportunities will be taken to prepare new starters for life at All Saints.

I look forward to working with you again next term so that *our* pupils can use their God given talents and achieve *their* goals. On behalf of the Governors and the staff at All Saints, I wish you and your family a happy Easter

Yours sincerely

Mr P. Bradley
Principal

We Celebrate Lent with the African Children's Choir



Lent is a time for reflection as we anticipate the Easter feast. Father Nick has celebrated Mass at All Saints weekly during Lent to help us prepare. Pope Francis said that young people need to use the talents that God has given them and they should not be afraid to dream of 'great things'. During the final week of term pupils from All Saints, St Laurence's, St Joseph's and St Michael and All Angels performed with the African Children's Choir at All Saints. The concert was a sell out and those attending gave generously. In total, £1,632 was raised. The African children involved were orphans from Uganda. The money the choir raises provides education and homes for these young people. These are things we take for granted. In giving hope through practical help, our Kirkby children and families were reflecting the hope that the Easter celebration and Christ's resurrection gives to us. They were certainly using their talents to achieve 'great things'.



Engineers from Jaguar Land Rover Deliver Master Class



Our Business Links Partnership continues to deliver practical benefits for our engineering students as they were given a master class by experts from Jaguar Land Rover. The aim of the master class was to introduce the Year 10 engineers to the world of electronics, through computer programming and circuit building, and allow the pupils to manipulate software and electronic hardware for their 4x4 remote control cars, which they are building in preparation for the JLR 4x4 Schools Challenge. Each session was wrapped up with an opportunity to sit in and look around the new Range Rover Evoque, which was parked inside the technology warehouse. More exciting and innovative sessions will follow.

School Bus Service Launched

All Saints' morning and afternoon 50p bus service has been a huge success, since its introduction in March. Demand has been high and feedback from students about the service has been very positive. So much so, that we are planning to introduce an additional service for those staying late in school to complete revision and extra-curricular activities.



Oxford University Visit



Some of our Year 11 students had the opportunity of a lifetime when they travelled down to Oxford University. On what was a very foggy morning, the students left Kirkby at 6am for the long drive down South. The pupils had a full day of talks, lectures and a treasure hunt activity around the beautiful university town. The day was organised as part of our commitment to improve the aspirations of our students and to show them that the best places of study are within their reach. The group came back inspired to do well in their upcoming GCSEs and to pursue their dreams to study at the best possible universities. It was a great day, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. To read more, please visit the school website to see a report from our Head girl, Danielle Culpion.

<http://allsaintschs.org.uk/our-trip-to-oxford/>

Important Dates for your Diary

Autumn term 2014

School opens:

Tues 2nd September 2014

Mon 3rd November 2014

School closes:

Thur 23rd October 2014

Fri 19th December 2014

Spring term 2015

School opens:

Mon 5th January 2015

Tue 24th February 2015

School closes:

Fri 13th February 2015

Thur 2nd April 2015

Summer term 2015

School opens:

Mon 20th April 2015

Tues 2nd June 2015

School closes:

Fri 22nd May 2015

Tues 21st July 2015

Inset days

Monday 1st Sept 2014

Friday 26 September 2014

Friday 24 October 2014

Monday 23 February 2015

Monday 1 June 2015

Events

Yr 9 Options Evening

Thursday 24th April

4.30pm to 6.00pm