



All Saints Catholic High School

Heart to Heart

April 2018 Newsletter

Evening of Dance

Once again the high standard of Dance at All Saints was showcased in our evening performance.





Evening of Dance Continued

Our dancers contribute to many aspects of school life throughout the year from assemblies to Christmas and Easter Liturgies, and of course our famous school productions. However, the Evening of Dance is the dance highlight of the year.

It allows junior dancers, GCSE students and those who study BTEC Dance in the Sixth Form to display their talents. We were also pleased to welcome younger dancers from Performance Dance Studios to participate. Clearly the love of dance starts early in Kirkby!



Dear Parents/Carers/ Friends of All Saints,

April is always a very important landmark in the school year. Our Year 11 and 6th Form students are focused on final revision and preparation for their public examinations. Years 7 to 10 have internal examinations, enrichment activities and the reward visits that will take place in July. Meanwhile Year 6 primary pupils will be anticipating their move to All Saints. During this term their parents will meet with All Saints staff to begin the home/school partnership that will sustain them throughout their secondary school career.

On a personal note this month is an anniversary for me. I became headteacher of All Saints on 20th April 2015. It has been a momentous, challenging and hugely transformational three year period for our school. I always refer to All Saints in this way because a truly great school relies on every member of the school community being ambitious for each student. However, without the strong partnership and the trust and support of parents and carers we would not realise that ambition. Thank you all for that support.

In three years we have transformed the learning environment by replacing the open plan areas with traditional but highly technological classrooms. New learning, teaching and behaviour policies were implemented and their positive impact was acknowledged by OFSTED. In August 2017 all these changes came to fruition when we achieved the best GCSE examination results in the history of All Saints and indeed, the best GCSE results in the history of Kirkby education. Our 6th Form also achieved a 100% pass rate at both BTEC and A Level. We were recognised as the most improved secondary school in Knowsley. In all, the past three years have been a very productive and successful period.

Each year brings new challenges and whilst we reflect on and celebrate our achievements we will continue to strive for excellence in every aspect of school life. Our links with industry are well established and provide tremendous learning opportunities that both enhance students' skills and employability prospects. Learning and teaching are focused on ambition and aspiration for every child. Enrichment opportunities are many and broad in scope. Particular highlights this term have been the Big Sing and our inspirational Evening of Dance. Fuller accounts of these feature in our newsletter. We are now improving the external sporting facilities and the designs are in place for the installation of a 3G football pitch.

As a culmination of these improvements, applications for entry have increased markedly and I am delighted to tell you that we are likely to be completely full in Year 7 for 2018/19 academic year. This is hugely encouraging and reflects the Kirkby community's trust and confidence in All Saints. Once again thank you for all the support you give. Achievements such as these can only be made in partnership with yourselves.

Yours sincerely,

Tony McGuinness

Headteacher



Easter Service

All Saints Family Easter Service celebrated our spiritual values. Every member of the school community: pupils, support and teaching staff came together to reflect as one on the true meaning of Easter and the hope it brings. These whole school occasions are always very special and uplifting.



BIG SING 2018



National JLR Schools 4x4 Technology Challenge



All Saints was delighted to host the 2018 Big Sing. This is becoming an annual event and it is evident that we have a wealth of performance talent in Kirkby.

Last term one of our Sixth Form students gave her first professional performance with singers from Covent Garden and Glyndebourne. We welcomed choirs and soloists from St Laurence's, St Joseph's, St Marie's, St Michael and All Angels, and St Peter and Paul's. Together, we created a spectacular evening of song.

Congratulations to Wildcats, All Saints Year 11 technology team, who gained 3rd place in the national final held at Silverstone in Warwickshire. To reach the final was a fantastic achievement but to secure a place in the top 3 nationally was even better. Many thanks to JLR engineer, Alex Guthrie, who mentored the team, which comprised: Jack Blackwell Tomlinson, Kevin Miller, Barnie Simpson, Jak Kellie, Mackenzie Daley and Lewis Ellis.



Geographers Visit Liverpool One

All Saints is very fortunate to have a highly successful redevelopment project so close. 42 acres of underdeveloped land in Liverpool centre was transformed, placing Liverpool in the top 5 shopping destinations in the UK.

This gives GCSE Geographers a superb environment for their fieldwork on regeneration. All Saints extends and exploits the learning environment once again!



Career Academy 2018 Launch

Through our established links with many leading companies and their professional mentors Sixth Form students derive high quality experience and advice on career choices. This year's launch included representatives from the Civil Service, Santander, RBS, Rentaspace and the Walton Centre.



Drop Down Days

These are firmly established in our school calendar and take place each half term. Our February programme was action packed:

- Year 7 visited Liverpool's famous cathedrals and the old Hebrew synagogue
- Year 8 worked with alumni now employed at United Utilities and DNP
- Year 9 studied Crime and Behaviour Science
- Year 10 worked with apprentices from JLR
- Year 11 considered future career choices
- Sixth Form travelled to Manchester to visit KPMG



Rocket Propulsion Scientist

Former All Saints pupil, Dr. Jack Marlow, gave lectures to students from Years 7 to 10. He spoke about his career since leaving All Saints and how he became a rocket propulsion scientist. Students were encouraged to consider a scientific career. For once this was rocket science!



Bebras Challenge

Jessica Jones and Jay Lee Byrne, Year 7 students, have been invited by Bebras to take part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge. They were selected after achieving marks that placed them in the top 10% nationally. Well done to you both!

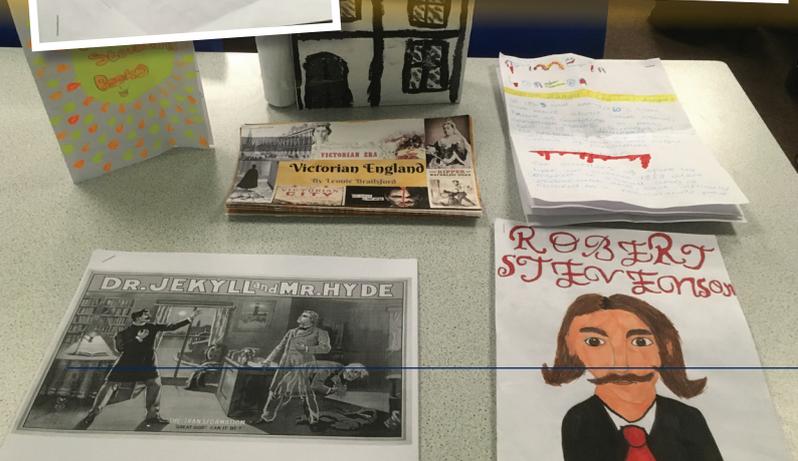
CRIMINOLOGY

Year 10 Scholars attended a lecture given by Grace Robinson, a criminology specialist from Edge Hill University.

In particular, she spoke about the exploitation of children in society and strategies for safeguarding vulnerable individuals. More generally, she went on to outline the many opportunities that life at university offers.

Victorian Literature Project

Congratulations to Year 7 students who produced these visual images to enhance their presentations on Victorian authors. All this visual work was completed as homework as part of the drive to improve oracy skills.



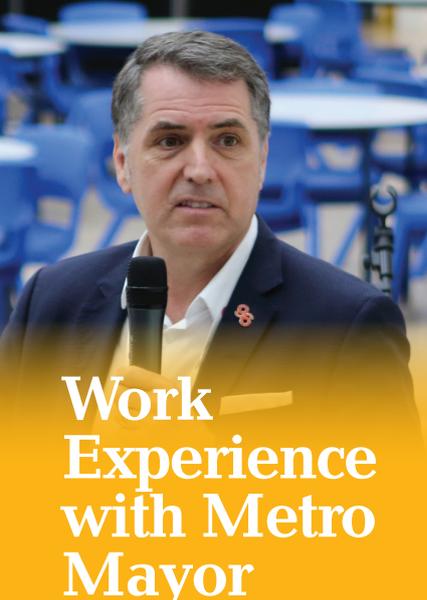
GCSE Product Design Lamps

Well done, Year 11, for creating and designing these fantastic lamps for your GCSE controlled assessment. Here is the designer roll call:

- Lewis Wilson** - birdhouse
- Olivia Kearney** - Pop Art lamp
- Dominic Stranack** - green flower lamp
- Craig Drawwater** - dice lamp
- Owen Sandford** - gear wheel docking station
- Daniel Cope** - stadium docking station
- Matthew Fowler** - oriental lamp
- Joe Corness** - blue flower lamp
- Joshua Gibson** - geometric lamp



Not taking orders, just yet!



Work Experience with Metro Mayor

Steve Rotherham

Do you recognise this Year 11 student pictured below? He was given a fantastic opportunity with this full week career placement working alongside our Metro Mayor, Steve Rotherham, and his team.



Synagogue & Cathedral Visits for Year 7



Year 7's spiritual journey was enhanced by their visits to Liverpool's two superb cathedrals, each visually very different but both architecturally striking. Both cathedrals welcome people of all faiths from all walks of life. Students and staff had the opportunity to say a personal prayer. Equally, the old Hebrew synagogue in

Liverpool excited amazement with its stunningly beautiful interiors. Students were able to speak with members of the congregation about their beliefs and values.



Liverpool Playhouse - Hard Times

All Saints has a philosophy of extending the learning environment and exploiting every opportunity possible to enhance our students' experiences. Not only did our Drama students watch this production but they also discussed it with the director prior to the performance. Unsurprisingly Performing Arts has a very high profile at All Saints.

LIVERPOOL PLAYHOUSE

Drop Everything and Read!

Reading is a vital life skill and naturally we want all our students to be highly accomplished readers. Excellent reading skills will enhance their personal wellbeing and offer them the enjoyment that great writing can offer. Pupils in Year 7 are clearly enjoying Run, Zak, Run by author Cathy McPhaill. Cathy undertakes workshops at All Saints to develop students' creative writing and promote a passion for reading.



Teach First Award for All Saints

Excellent teaching has a hugely positive impact on students' lives. All Saints was delighted to receive this award once again. Aidan Stonehouse presented the award on behalf of Teach First in recognition of our contribution to training the teachers of the future.

High Aspirations

This project aims to motivate boys who might be reluctant to aim for a university place. Mr. McGuinness and Mr. Volante travelled to Westminster to discuss the High Aspirations project with MP George Howarth. In July the boys will also travel to London to meet a variety of politicians and discuss higher education opportunities available. They will experience a residential at Keele University and visit higher education institutes in the North-West.



Easter Revision School

Well done to Year 11 students, who attended the Easter Revision School during the holiday. All the hard work will pay off. You need to fight for every mark!

LAND-ROVER

JLR: Visits

Year 10 clearly enjoyed the coaching they received from 15 JLR apprentices who visited All Saints in February although we understand that they were not allowed to drive this Landrover away! Our very strong and enduring partnership with JLR provides superb experience in design engineering and manufacturing processes. Thank you, JLR.



Hollywood Dragons Den Challenge – Pitch



STEM

Award: LJMU



Year 9 students were represented at this STEM course that included statistical analysis and building aquaphonic systems. Not only was their scientific knowledge improved but they also gained insight into university life. We are always future planning at All Saints.



Primary Maths Challenge

Students from St Peter and Paul's, St Marie's, St Michael and All Angels, St Laurence's and St Joseph's competed in the Primary Maths Challenge, held at All Saints. Competition was fierce but the worthy winners were St Laurence's.

Anfield & All Saints

All Saints is extremely pleased to announce a new community partnership with Liverpool FC. Three Year 7 students represented All Saints at the Anfield launch. Having already established links with Everton, is this an equaliser?



Year 7 Bocchia Champions



Congratulations to our Bocchia team who won the Knowsley Schools Tournament. This precision ball sport is similar to boules. All Saints will have yet another team at the Merseyside Games.



Key Dates

School Term dates 2018

Summer Term

16 April 2018 - 20 July 2018

Half Term - 28 May 2018 - 1 June 2018

Parents Meetings

19th April 2018	-	year 7
26th June 2018	-	year 6
27th June 2018	-	year 6



Knowsley Indoor Athletic Championship

Congratulations to our Year 7 Girls who gained first place in this championship and to Year 8 Girls who were the runners-up!

Their success means that they will represent Knowsley in the Merseyside Games to be held in the Summer Term. Thanks to our Sixth Form sports leaders for organising and leading this event.



Girls Football



Years 7 and 8 footballers certainly ended the Spring Term in a premier spot. They represented Knowsley in the Merseyside Youth Games and also celebrated International Women's Day at the Everton FC 'In the Community' Tournament.