



Heart to Heart

December 2015 Newsletter



Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

The Autumn term has now ended and as you anticipate Christmas I am pleased to report news, developments and progress this term.

Attendance is always a priority and it has improved. This reflects a positive response from students to the recent changes. Students recognize that the changes make All Saints a good place for everyone and a school that will help them advance academically, socially and morally, each in their own individual way. As Neil Kinnock said, "Change should be promoted in such a way that it advances the people, all of the people."

In our new behaviour policy high standards are expected, explicit and clear. Similarly, we demand excellent standards of uniform and again these are explicit and clear. Students respond well to clarity. They instinctively recognise that it helps to create a safe environment and strong community where all can thrive.

My commitment to the Kirkby community is to establish All Saints as a school that is the first choice for all parents so I was certainly very heartened by the excellent attendance (74%) at the Year 7 Parent/Pupil transition meeting. Thank you for your support and endorsement.

I demand the very best teaching and learning opportunities for all, many of which you will read about in this newsletter. We now have a clear focus on achieving substantial progress and excellent academic outcomes for all students. For example, we hold masterclasses for mathematically talented Year 6 students each Saturday morning.

Change has also been introduced to our homework timetables. These are now published on the school web site so that parents know what is expected. Please check these and ensure that homework is completed. Do contact the school if you have concerns. Working together as parents and educators is our greatest strength. Together we will build a school we are all proud of.

There have been many highlights this half term. These include Remembrance Day, Advent collections for our local food bank, collation of Christmas hampers for the elderly and needy in Kirkby and our Christmas liturgical

"Change should be promoted in such a way that it advances the people, all of the people."

Neil Kinnock

assemblies, featuring the drama 'When a Child is Born'. All of these embody our Catholic ethos and reflect the values of our Mission Statement.

As you know, my affinity with our Kirkby community is deep rooted and my determination to achieve the very best education for its young people has been forged and given strength by this.

On behalf of the Governors and all the staff I wish you a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas holiday.

Tony McGuinness *Principal*

Royal Albert Hall and the Royal Academy of Music, London

Year 10 and 11 music students travelled to London to sing Handel's Messiah as part of a choir of 1,500 students. This event took place at the Royal Albert Hall and the students were accompanied by the English Festival Orchestra.

This 3 day visit also involved a morning at the Royal Academy of Music, the country's 'top' music university. Behind the scenes tour, a visit to the university museum, the opportunity to chat with current students and staff were all part of this

memorable day. Perhaps the highlight was to attend a private concert at which current students performed. Who knows, this experience may provide the motivation to study music at this prestigious university? A visit to Drury Lane Theatre to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and sightseeing in London were all part of this cultural visit.



Jaguar Land Rover/ All Saints Partnership

All Saints students benefit hugely from this well established working partnership. Detailed below are some of the activities that have taken place this half term.

Engineering Adventures

Year 10 Engineers have been involved in a number of activities aimed at developing team work skills along with hands-on engineering experiences. Their first education visit took place at Knowsley Outdoor Educational Centre on Wednesday 21st October. The students worked as a team to build a raft using barrels, wooden planks and rope. The raft made it to the middle of the dam before breaking apart. All involved had a wet but wonderful experience.

Lean **LEGO**

Manufacturing Masterclass

In November 14 Year 10 Engineering students attended the Lean Learning Academy at the Jaguar Land Rover plant, Halewood. During the day our students worked in teams to learn about the key elements of lean manufacturing. The exercise is one used as part of the Lean Learning Academy two-week course, designed for managers across the business to improve their knowledge and application of lean techniques. The students involved were all extremely positive and their application, enthusiasm, questioning and competitiveness were fantastic.

In feedback after the event, Ken Jones, JLRPS Manager Halewood Operations, said that our students were a credit to both themselves and the school. Well done, Year 10.



JLR Pre-Apprenticeship Day

Year 11 and 13 students attended Jaguar Land Rover, Halewood Operations, to participate in a pre-apprenticeship recruitment day, designed for young people who are interested in applying for the Jaguar Land Rover apprenticeship programme.

During the day, our students had the opportunity to meet current apprentices, find out about the application process, develop interview techniques and participate in timed technical parts assembly. These recruitment activities are all aimed at developing an insight into engineering careers. The students involved found the day to be an informative, valuable and a rewarding experience.

During the day, our students had the opportunity to meet current apprentices, find out about the application process, develop interview techniques and participate in timed technical parts assembly. These recruitment activities are all aimed at developing an insight into engineering careers. The students involved found the day to be an informative, valuable and a rewarding experience.

Christmas Liturgical Assemblies

For our Christmas assemblies Year 10 drama students performed a nativity story based in the 21st century. They played 5 year olds performing in a nativity scene. Arguments about the relevance of the Christmas story ensued. Following on, a series of dramatic sketches from Year 9 drama students did prove the relevance of the Christmas story today. Prayers and readings, combined with the dramas, conveyed the true meaning of Christmas.



“Impeccable Behaviour”

Advent Celebration Masses

Thank you to Father Nick who celebrated Mass at school every week during Advent to help us reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.



All Saints' new Behaviour Policy

As a community we want the behaviour of your daughters/sons (our students) to be impeccable. We have consulted with you and listened to your views. Clearly change was wanted and needed. That change has been made and our new behaviour policy provides clarity, consistency, consequences and rewards. By working in partnership we can provide the environment, expectations and boundaries that will make 'impeccable behaviour' the All Saints standard.

As staff we will be unrelenting in our drive to raise standards so that teaching is outstanding and leads to good behaviour. We would ask you as parents to support this aim by expecting your daughter/son to work hard, complete homework and be well behaved and polite.

Staff, pupils and parents must each play their part to ensure our policy is seen in action every day. It will require your active involvement so please read the policy leaflet enclosed, discuss the details with your daughter/son so that together we can ensure that all students can thrive. In this way this change will benefit the students; all of the students.

This policy is underpinned by the values in our Mission Statement:

“We believe this can only be truly realised in partnership with parents, the parishes and the wider community”.

Remembrance Day

At 11:11 am on 11th November our bustling school fell silent as we all reflected on those who had fought for their country.

Some lost their lives, some are left with life changing injuries, many families were and are deeply affected. Our fundraising for the British Legion charity raised £600 in just 6 days. Badges, wristbands and of course poppies were sold.

Year group assemblies were held throughout the week and a group of students laid a wreath at Kirkby cenotaph on behalf of us all.

“ We really enjoyed the experience of helping the charity that supports so many men and women who have fought for our country ”

Aleisha Williams (Poppy Appeal Team).



PC Luke Penn joins All Saints

We are pleased to welcome PC Luke Penn as our Police Liaison Officer. Already he is a very familiar face around the school, playing an active role. PC Penn works proactively with young people to build positive relationships and establish strong community links. We are delighted to have him on our staff.



Thank you, Ken Jones
(Operations Manager at Jaguar Land Rover)

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ken Jones, who is our liaison officer with JLR. Ken has enabled a tremendous variety of opportunities for students and even came into school to give an inspirational assembly on Jaguar Land Rover's philosophy “Our Way of Working”.

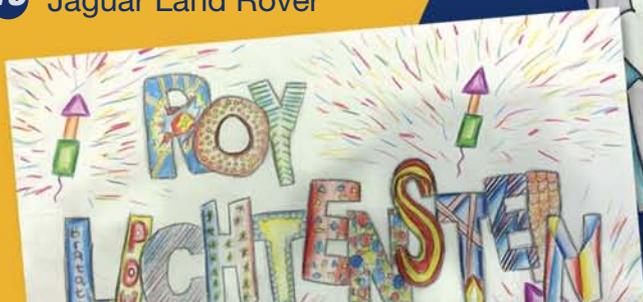
World of Work Day ^{Year 11}

The atrium was packed as 20 employers and all Year 11 students attended this all day event.

The aim was to give students the opportunity to speak directly to employers about the skills and qualifications needed in today's workplace. Interactive workshops and one to one conversations were all available.

Thank you to:

- 1 Barclays
- 2 Kaplan
- 3 Liverpool Compact
- 4 LJMU
- 5 QVC
- 6 3aaa
- 7 Knowsley Safari Park
- 8 DHL
- 9 Fawley Construction
- 10 SGI
- 11 CITB
- 12 Santander
- 13 Liverpool One
- 14 Barclaycard
- 15 Progress Sports
- 16 Jaguar Land Rover



Art Student of the Month

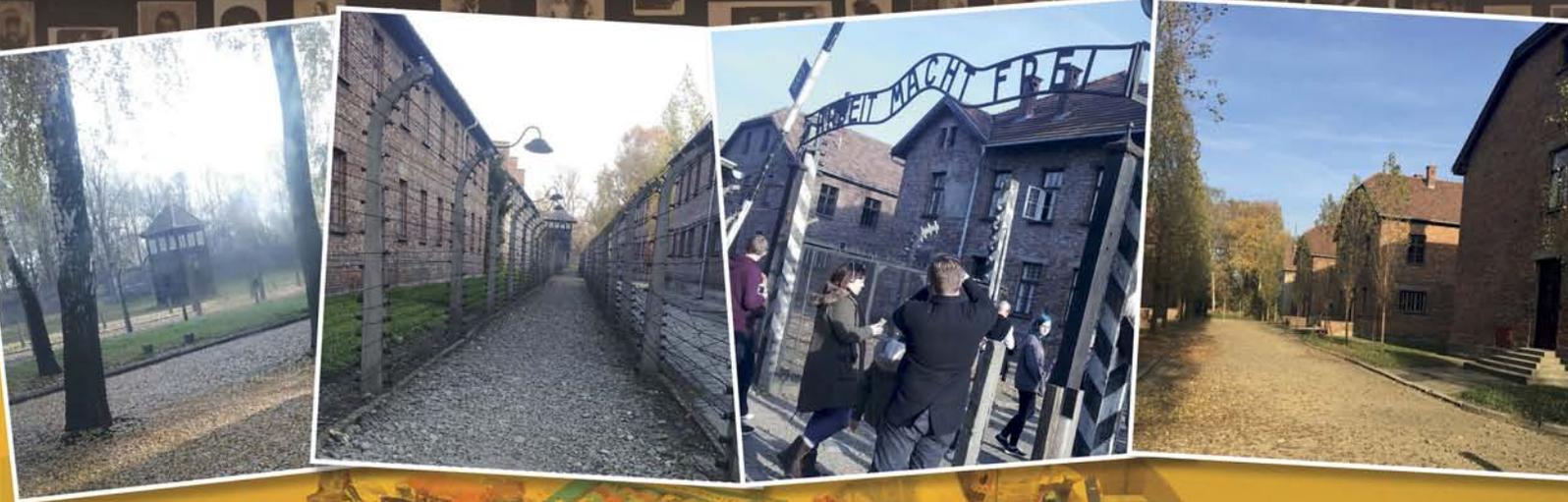
Well done, **Alliyah Hennessey** (Year 8) for winning this accolade. Alliyah used world class techniques to produce excellent work for her Pop Art project, inspired by the artists Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol.

Holocaust Memorial Trust Auschwitz

Year 13 students, Tamara Davies and Jade Dickinson, travelled to Poland with the Holocaust Memorial Trust. The project, Lessons from Auschwitz, ensures that the memories of what happened are never forgotten.

The girls were part of a group of students

from the North-West. They attended seminars in Manchester before and after the visit and whilst there they went to the Jewish cemetery, Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau. Perhaps the most memorable event was listening to a Holocaust survivor. "An unforgettable experience," said the girls.



Kirkby Foodbank & Advent Christmas Charities

Charity fundraising takes place throughout the year. At Advent we have a long tradition of helping the needy in our own community. Our families are very generous and have been donating Christmas Fare for our local foodbank and directly to the needy by collating Christmas hampers. A group of students accompanied by Mrs. Murray, PC Penn and Mrs. Curry delivered the donations to the foodbank. The visit gave great insight into this very valuable service and showed how these generous donations make a huge difference to the lives of others.



Sheikh Essa Al Mulla

We were pleased to welcome to All Saints Sheikh Essa Al Mulla, chief of the national workforce in Dubai. He wanted to meet with teaching staff, students and employers to discuss how we prepare our students for the world of work.

We also invited Barry Sewell from Royal Sun Alliance, which is one of the many companies partnered with All Saints. Sixth form student representatives were Gary Davies, Aimee Flannagan and Megan O'Rourke.



Essa Al Mulla

Essa Al Mulla is the Executive Director at the Emirates National Development Programme.

The mandate of this programme is to develop and train UAE nationals to join the private sector. He is responsible for corporate relationship building where he initiates, builds and effectively manages strong partnerships with private sector companies. Previously, Essa was the Marketing Manager and Category Manager at Eppco and Enoc.

Essa also worked as an Account Manager at Microsoft looking after the entire Federal Government Accounts and the education sector including universities, colleges and schools for both the private and government sectors.

Essa holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Information Systems at the University of Lincolnshire & Humberside, UK.

Computational Thinking Challenge (sponsored by Oxford University)

Congratulations to the following students who took part in this B.E.B.R.A.S. Online Computing competition. Amelia Page-Thomas achieved best in school with the highest points overall. Certificates of Merit were also awarded to:



Year 7 ●

James Divers
Rebecca Holt
Samuel Crawley
Connor O'Shea
Emily Carson
Emilio Guisado-Zuloaga

Year 8 ●

Oliver Johnston
Daniel Lester

Year 10 ●

Mya Stuart
Jake Whiston



Chemistry for All Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)

Year 9 students enjoyed interactive experiments led by the LJMU 'Chemistry for All' team. Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) were discussed with current university students.

Certainly it was action packed but they did not blow up the school!

All Saints Aspiring Medics

Year 10 and 11 students considering a medical career attended a Merseyside Medical Day at Carmel College.

Liverpool University medical students gave a presentation on preparing an application and an inside view on life as a medical student. There was the opportunity to practise medical procedures and we are pleased to report that All Saints won the CPR competition.



Law Society, “here we come!”

Congratulations to our Year 8 students who gained a place on this 2 year pre- apprenticeship programme with the legal firm DWF. They will meet with a wide range of legal staff, solicitors, trainee solicitors, the Director and legal secretaries, who will give them an insight into careers in the legal profession.

Thanks go to the John Moores School Liaison team who organised this programme. We might have a future judge in our midst. Who knows?

Transition meeting. Thank you, parents/carers



We are delighted that our Year 7 students have settled well, are working hard and enjoying All Saints. Attendance at our transition meeting was excellent (74%), reflecting the commitment of parents/carers to working closely with All Saints. This partnership will underpin a successful school career.

Our Primary Transition Programme runs throughout the year, across year groups and provides opportunities for learning at All Saints and for subject staff to teach in our Primaries. The photograph shows Maths Saturday morning masterclass at All Saints.

Attend, Achieve, Succeed

Excellent attendance is vital. Knowsley LA has launched two initiatives to encourage students. The first is the 30 day challenge. Attend school for the last 15 days in December and the first 15 in January to receive a 1 day pass for any Knowsley leisure centre.

The second challenge takes an Olympic theme and awards bronze, silver or gold medals for full attendance each term.



Literacy for Life

More than ever, reading is a vital life skill so do encourage reading at home and use your local library to access the widest possible range of material, both in print and electronic form.

All Saints is taking part in Knowsley Libraries' e-platform trial and we now have e-readers in the school library. Our Christmas book event was hugely popular with many students purchasing books as presents. We are launching our Literacy for Life policy in the new year. Look out for further details in the next newsletter.



Knowsley Netball Champions again!

All Saints almost swept the board in these championships. Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 are Knowsley champions once again. Formidable, without question!



Sporting Champions

At any one time All Saints has many championship winning teams. Here are the current honours held:

Year 7	Boys Knowsley Indoor Athletics Champions
Year 7 & 8	Boys Knowsley Indoor Cricket Champions
Year 7	Knowsley Basketball Champions
Year 8	Knowsley Basketball Champions
Year 7	Knowsley Netball Champions
Year 8	Knowsley Netball Champions
Year 10 & 11	Knowsley Netball Champions
Year 7, 8, & 9	Girls Knowsley Badminton Champions
Year 7 & 8	Boys Knowsley Tennis Champions
Year 8 & 9	Boys Knowsley Cross Country Champions

Everton Tickets Prize Draw!

All Saints recently registered as an official Everton supporters club. We received 22 complimentary tickets for the home game against Sunderland and 30 tickets for the Crystal Palace game. This was a fantastic opportunity, particularly for students who had not experienced a live Premier League match. Names were entered in a draw and each winner received 1 adult and 1 child's ticket. We anticipate further complimentary tickets so if you are interested make sure that your child's name is in the hat!



Key Dates

Term Dates

Spring Term 2016:

4 January	pupils return to school
12 February	school closed for staff training
15 - 19 February	half term holiday
24 March	school closes for Easter

Summer Term 2016:

11 April	school closed for staff training
12 April	pupils return to school
30 May - 3 June	half term holiday
19 July	school closes for Summer

Parents Meetings:

Year 10	4 February
Year 9	25 February
Year 8	10 March