



# All Saints Catholic High School

A Business & Enterprise College

## Heart to Heart

February 2014  
Newsletter



### Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy term since we returned in January with pupils working hard and standards across the school continuing to rise. Year 11 have just completed a series of mock examinations in preparation for their GCSEs, which begin in May. We have had a well attended Year 8 parents' evening and we will hold the Year 9 evening on 6<sup>th</sup> March. The recent Ski trip was a huge success, as was the Art trip to Paris. Many of our students have experienced learning with our business and industry partners. Work placements, internships and special events such as Engineering and Mathematics days at Jaguar Land Rover will continue to be an increasing element of what our students experience. Employers regularly tell us that we have very talented students. If students work hard, have good attendance and complete their homework, All Saints students will be in a good position to take the opportunities that arise through our employer network.

As part of our determination to provide a high quality education for our students we have continued to work with partner schools who can provide Specialist Leaders in Education. The SLEs offer advice and support to All Saints staff in developing best practice. Our Head of Business and ICT Mrs O'Neill, has recently become an SLE herself and will be offering similar support to other schools in the future.

There will be two school buses running over this term. Students have been given details of the routes the buses will follow. We will monitor the use of the buses and assess their long-term viability.

As Lent approaches we can also celebrate the fantastic charity work that our students undertake. They regularly dedicate their time and energy for good causes. Two 6<sup>th</sup> Formers, Payge Elborough and Curtis McCabe planned and organised a talent show recently that raised over £1000. We will also be raising money for the Good Shepherd in the coming weeks. During Lent, Father Nick will be celebrating mass at 8.15am every Wednesday, which parents and carers are welcome.

On behalf of the Governors and staff at All Saints, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for their continued support and wish you all a Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

## Religious Education

As part of our ethos of spreading the Gospel values of the school Mission statement Year 9 spent a day with the Anthony Walker Foundation investigating the issues of prejudice and discrimination in society today and how they can contribute to eradicating it. Year 7 also had a presentation from the Anthony Walker Foundation on how they too can encourage other young people to fight against prejudice and discrimination in society.

Pupils have continued to support CAFOD this term, raising funds for those affected by Typhoon Haiyan by organising their own charitable events.

During Lent pupils and staff will be given opportunity to reflect upon Christ's journey to his death and resurrection.

## Able pupils

### Oxford and Cambridge University Reps Visit All Saints

Year 11 pupils had an interesting and motivational talk from students representing Oxford and Cambridge Universities, this half term. The session was aimed at improving their understanding of what is needed to get to the best universities and to break down some of the myths of expense and elitism which are sometimes associated with such outstanding places of study. Pupils were given details of the next steps for them, looking at university applications, studying and the importance of GCSEs and the choices open to them if they work hard.

Making the decision to go to university can be daunting for many pupils but they left the lecture more confident in themselves and with a greater knowledge and motivation to succeed. The pupils involved were inspired by what they had learnt and were excited by the possibilities they now saw for themselves. Ten of our year 11 pupils will shortly be attending a taster session at Oxford University.

## Author Cathy MacPhail judges blurb competition

Following the English masterclass for pupils in year 7 and 8, with award-winning author Cathy MacPhail, pupils were invited to write a blurb for a competition. Cathy judged the competition to get pupils writing their own blurbs for a story they were developing below are the two winning entries.

2nd place-**Gone in a Flash** by Sophie Daley, Year 8

After waking in the middle of the night, terrified, Emily runs to her parents room, where she finds them missing! Just what she feared...

Now that her nightmare has come to reality, Emily knows what's behind all this but the question still stands; will she find them before it's too late? Or will her loved ones be gone in a flash, never to be seen again?

In this jaw dropping adventure, Emily finds out things about herself that she never really knew before. In fact, nobody did.

1st place-**Submerged** by Chloe Fletcher, Year 7

The sun was setting over Liverpool as the last few shops were closed. Someone emerged from the darkness, the young loner girl, Raven Shadows, on her way home. But this wouldn't be the normal walk home she does every day. As she passes the Mersey she sees something lurking in the water and her life is twisted upside down. She will be up to her neck in it...

## Additional Parent Governor Appointment

We are delighted to announce that following a democratic process we have appointed Angie Emery to the Board of Governors as a Parent Governor. We would like to thank those who applied and extend this thank you to all parents who take an active role in supporting the school. Parent governors play an important role in the governance of the school by representing the views of other parents, as well as their own.

## Behaviour & Safety

### Safer Internet Day, 2014 - Let's create a better internet together

Safer Internet Day 2014 took place on 11th February with the theme; 'Let's create a better internet together'.

The day offered the opportunity to focus on both the creative things that children and young people are doing online, as well as the role and responsibility that all stakeholders have in helping to create a better internet.

### New anti-bullying campaign

Once again, we will be supporting the launch of a new anti-bullying campaign being rolled out across all schools in the borough. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the issue whilst providing the reassuring message that Knowsley is a safe place – a 'place to be yourself'. Posters will be on display around the school building and postcards will also be handed out to pupils. The campaign is part of our Anti-Bullying Strategy which aims to tackle this important issue.

## Modern Foreign Languages

Year 10 Spanish pupils recently enjoyed a Tapas themed lesson where they were able to sample traditional Spanish products and experience Spanish culture. Pupils acted out a role play in a restaurant and could order different Tapas from the menu.



Pupils studying GCSE Spanish have been engaged in conversations with a "real" Spanish person, Señor Ocón Ruiz, who has been working with the MFL department recently. He has been helping the pupils to improve their skills and confidence and has been very impressed with their efforts.

## Google Apps

We are pleased to announce the introduction of cloud computing into our school curriculum. Cloud computing is the term given to sharing software applications over a network. In an exciting development, we have entered into an agreement with Google to deliver free access to Google Apps for Education, for all students and teachers.



Google Apps for Education will provide students and teachers with a platform to communicate and collaborate in a safe, online environment, using word processing, presentation, drawing and spreadsheet tools. These applications provide similar features to those within Microsoft Office, which our students are already familiar with. They will be able to collaborate by saving documents to the cloud and allowing others to make comments and changes. They will also be able to communicate with one another using monitored and restricted Google email (Gmail) accounts.

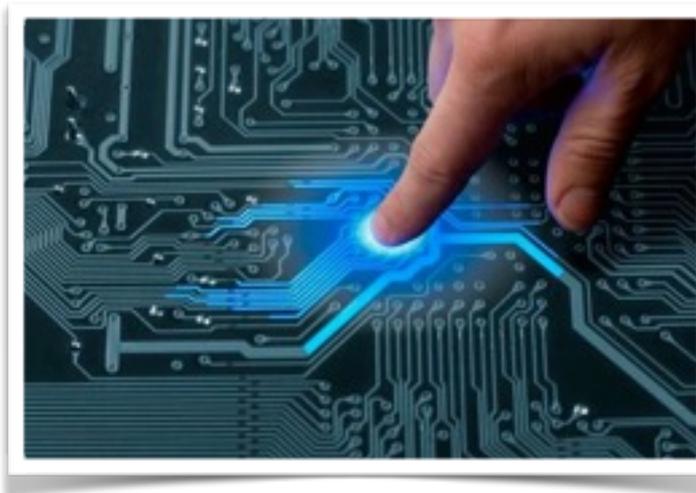
Students will be able to log in to their All Saints Google Apps account from any computer that has internet access, by using a unique username and password. In the first instance, the Gmail, Calendar and Drive services will be activated but we anticipate that other applications and services will be made available as we progress.

Further details will be published on our website and can be provided on request.

## Apps for Good – KS3 ICT

All KS3 ICT lessons are now following the Apps for Good programme. This is a national competition, used by our outstanding partner school, Fallibroome Academy, in Cheshire. Students have to design and build their own apps for mobile devices and will then be entered into a national competition. As part of the programme we will be working with Tata Consultancy Services in Liverpool, who will come in and speak to our students about their ideas this term.

## Computer Science



In December, Computer Science GCSE students from Year 10 took part in the **'Hour of Code'** event as part of Computer Science Education week. Over 15,000 students in the UK took part as a way of introducing Computer Science to everyone.

Using the Python programming language, students completed tasks to create their own versions of popular games including Hangman, Rock Paper Scissors and Mastermind.

As part of this event, All Saints entered the Hour of Code competition in conjunction with the

Raspberry Pi Foundation and Google along with 750 schools across the country. The great news is apart from enjoying coding and doing something new in a lesson, we are now receiving twenty Raspberry Pis for use in school as a thank you for taking part from Google and the Raspberry Pi Foundation.

This equipment will mean more students can gain access to this fun and innovative technology and, hopefully, more will take part in Hour of Code, 2014.

## Career Academy Update

### London Visit for year 12 Career Academy cohort

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November thirty year 12 students who are part of our Career Academy attended the London launch of the Career Academy programme. The day consisted of the STEM students visiting Guys Hospital and the Business and Finance group visiting the London Business School. In the afternoon, the All Saints students joined 1500 others from around the country at the Dominion Theatre, to attend the Capital Experience event, hosted by Action Jackson

### Career Ready Launch

We are pleased to announce that we have been selected to be part of the pilot year for the Career Ready programme, delivered by Career Academy UK. On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, all year 12 students attended the launch of the Career Ready programme which was hosted by ourselves here at All Saints. Debbie Farrell from London Law firm, Freshfield Bruckhaus Deringer, delivered the session. The programme will develop each student's employability skills through five masterclasses over the year and includes a visit to Debbie's company on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. Each student on the programme will have access to an E-mentor who will provide practical support and advice as and when required by the students.

### Apprenticeship

In September 2013, five of our year 13 school leavers began their apprenticeships at two local organisations. Three students are at The Walton Centre, doing Level 2 Apprenticeships in Business Administration and IT, and two students are at the local MacMillan Doctor's surgery in Kirkby, completing Level 2 Business Administration qualifications. These placements have been very successful and these employers are keen to continue working with us in the future as opportunities arise.

In February 2014, another of our school leavers will be starting a Level 2 Business Administration Apprenticeship at Doctor Tewali's surgery in Kirkby.

## Scottish Power Visit

Year 13 Business students are investigating recruitment and selection as part of their BTEC Business course this term. They have been working with staff from Scottish Power to gain a real understanding of how recruitment actually takes place in the workplace. Students attended a recruitment workshop in September 2013, with Roy Jones from Scottish Power, where they learnt about recruitment procedures and techniques. In December 2013, students worked again with Scottish Power HR staff to understand how to prepare for an interview and took part in mock interviews. Not only has this allowed them to complete an essential part of their course, the session gave them extra support to prepare for interviews once they have left sixth form.



## Career Academy Ice Breaker Activity

On 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014, Career Academy students attended their first meeting with their Business Mentor. An ice breaker activity took place in the sixth form home base area, which involved students and their mentors completing a balloon tower building activity which they all enjoyed and relationships are starting to develop. The next session will take place in Royal Sun Alliance in Liverpool in February.

## Students Read the News

Year 13 Media students attended Kirkby CLC on Wednesday, 22nd January. Students had been researching and planning their TV advertisements since September and were keen to put their ideas into practice. Students worked in teams to advertise their own product brands and create awareness campaigns for issues such as the importance of education, recycling and helping the environment. Students successfully recorded and edited their advertisements using 'iMovie' and adding their team logos, text and transitions.



Year 12 IT students attended Kirkby CLC on 24th January and Monday 27th January. Students gained hands on experience of setting up a standalone computer system and installing hardware and software. They also configured the computer system for functionality and undertook routine maintenance tasks. The day was a success and brought the unit of work to life and really inspired students to seek careers in the IT industry.

## PE Department News

Well done to the girls' netball teams who have won the Knowsley Year 7, 8, and 9 Knowsley Netball Championship for the second successive year. All three teams will now go on to the Merseyside Finals. The Year 10 and 11 girls have their competition shortly and hopefully will give us a clean sweep of titles.

### **Barcelona PE trip**

Dates and flight details have been released for our football tour to Barcelona in April that will see 22 boys from Key Stage 3 jet off to Catalonia. The trip will involve us playing against local opposition, taking part in a tour of the Barcelona stadium and enjoying a theme park visit. The highlight is expected to be taking part in training sessions and competitive matches at Espanyol's brand new state of the art training facility.

### **Everton FC Coaching**

A link has been established with Everton in the Community whereby coaches are coming in to school on Monday evenings at 5pm and delivering free coaching with our Year 7 pupils. These sessions are also available to pupils from Year 6 in the Kirkby community.

### **Basketball**

The Year 7 basketball team, consisting of a mixed boys and girls team, played against other all boys' teams in the Knowsley championships. The team was victorious and will now go on to represent Knowsley in the Merseyside competition.

## Young Leader of the Year

Samantha Scotland (Year 13) was recently awarded the Young Sports Leader of the Year at the Knowsley Sports & Culture ceremony held at Huyton Leisure Centre. This was the the outstanding voluntary work she has carried out within All Saints PE department and her involvement in the leadership of Knowsley sport. At the same ceremony, Leon Lewis collected 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for our Year 9 Boys who were Knowsley football, athletics and cross country champions last academic year. Georgia Marlow collected 2<sup>nd</sup> place for team of the year.

To our delight, our Year 7 Girls' 5-A-Side football team were crowned Knowsley & Merseyside champions in January. The girls went on to represent the borough in the North West Finals which took place at the Indoor Soccer Centre in Trafford. The girls finished runners up, narrowly missing out to Wilmslow High School (Cheshire).



## Table Tennis

Year 9-11 Boys' table tennis team are Knowsley champions for the third year running. A team consisting of Richard Cailles, Kieron Walker, Lewis Woods, and Josh Birchall will now represent Knowsley in the regional finals.

## Badminton

The All Saints Yr 7-9 Badminton team, consisting of Nathan Bennett, Callum Fairclough, Joseph Harrison, Kyle Houghton, and Liam Lacey, were crowned Knowsley champions. The boys will now progress to the Merseyside finals.

## Golf

There will be a school Ryder Cup weekend away for interested school golfers which will take place on the weekend of the 6 & 7th July. There will also be a school trip planned for the Royal Liverpool British Golf Championship in Hoylake.

## Attendance

### ALL SAINTS ATTENDANCE WINTER WINNERS

Pupils receive recognition for 100% Attendance in the December Prize Draw.



We are committed to giving your child a quality education. Full attendance provides them with the opportunity to realise their true potential.

**Improving Communication** - The Attendance Team at All Saints have a nominated Home School Liaison Team who work with the community to support learning by talking to parents they ensure that pupils are accessing their full entitlement to education.

Year 7 Parents can expect communication by post, as we are sending out a colour coded letter and attendance record of their child's attendance for the half term January – February 2014.

The Attendance Team are here to provide support if you have any queries on any attendance issue so please do not hesitate to contact Carole Whittle, our Attendance Manager, on 0151 477 8753 (Direct Line)



## A-Level Field Work Trip

The weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> January - 2<sup>nd</sup> February saw Year 12 and 13 students battling against the elements in Betws-y-Coed in order to complete a river study for their exams in June. Departing from All Saints on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, all knew it was going to be an extremely cold and wet weekend. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February saw the group depart from the Drapers Field centre and travel the short distance to Pen Y Pass, where it would be a short walk to the River Nant Peris. Despite the torrential hailstones and temperatures just below zero, the group managed to complete two sites before it was called off and all were returned to the safety and warmth of the field centre for a hot dinner and hot shower! Whilst on the weekend, the group completed their study and practised many Geography skills that are tested in the exam.



Despite the cold and wet weather, everyone enjoyed the weekend, the highlight for many was actually the snow and hail showers as they completed their fieldwork.



## WWI Art Exhibition

An exciting opportunity arose for a group of ten Year 9 pupils and two Sixth Form pupils to represent the school they took part in an Art workshop and talk by established Liverpool artist, Tom Murphy, whose sculptures of famous Liverpudlians are showcased around the city.

Tom Murphy is currently working on a sculptural commission that will be placed in Lime Street Station. The artwork tells the story of Knowsley during World War I and focuses on soldiers' experiences throughout the war.



Through clay panels, Tom is able to show the journey soldiers experienced through WWI, including the initial excitement of being recruited to defend their country with friends and the sense of excitement at Liverpool Lime Street Station, as families waved them off. The next panel depicts a very different story of the true realities of war showing No-Mans Land, a fallen soldier laying in the arms of a friend administering first aid with only prayer for comfort, and one soldier with one leg placed in No-Mans Land, his other leg placed at home in Lime Street, symbolising how his thoughts are of home.

Our pupils were given the opportunity to interview Tom about his work, inspirations and how he had created the panels. Some imaginative questions were asked by our young aspiring artists and clips of the interview and talk will be on the school's website for viewing.



## Primary Transition lessons this term at All Saints

Ss Peter & Paul	Food Technology & maths	Year 4
Ss Peter & Paul	PE	Year 5
St Laurence's	Food Technology & drama	Year 4
St Marie's	Food Technology	Year 4
St Michael & All Angels	PE	Year 2
St Joseph the Worker	Maths	Year 6



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### Diary Dates

Easter holiday starts at 3 pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 14, with students returning on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 14.**

Year 9 Parents Evening  
**Thursday 6th March 14**

### Uniform

**Thank you to all parents/carers who ensure uniform standards are high. Reporting to school in full school uniform is compulsory.** Blazers must be worn in school at all times. During lessons they may be removed at the discretion of the teacher. Pupils who report to school without a blazer will be sent home. Students may wear an overcoat for travelling to and from school, but this must be removed **as they enter** the building. **School jumpers or cardigans are compulsory. Shoes must be completely black and polishable. Trainers or canvas shoes are not acceptable.** A full uniform list is on the School's website. Our new official stockist is Kids Kirkby in the town centre. Girls in Year 9, 10 and 11 wear an open neck shirt without a tie. Sixth formers are expected to dress in a smart, professional, manner. The latest addition to the uniform is a waterproof jacket. Those students who wish to try or purchase this jacket should contact Kids Kirkby. Your support is appreciated.

## Fizzy Drinks

Excellent learning and teaching ensures pupils at All Saints make good progress. The consumption of fizzy drinks leads to poor concentration. Fizzy drinks are therefore not allowed at All Saints and will be permanently confiscated if they are brought into school.

Bottled water is allowed during breaks and in lessons. Fresh fruit juice, milk drinks and water are available from the food outlets at both breaks.



## Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP)

CEOP sessions are part of the year 7 ICT Curriculum here at All Saints as we believe that this helps pupils learn about the risks online, how to protect themselves and where to go if they are concerned. Sessions are also available for parents and carers in the form of Cyber Bullying Clinics which are delivered by our Anti Bullying Officer.

**Contact Mrs L. Townley to find out more on 0151 477 5740**

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones may be brought to school, but they should be switched off and out of sight during lessons. We are currently reviewing our policy on mobile phones and will inform you of any future changes. Please be aware, headphones may not be worn in school.

## School Hours

The school operates a 3 period day, 15 period week, 10 day timetable

08:50am	09:00am	Registration
09:00am	10:40am	Session 1
10:40am	11:10am	BREAK
11:10am	12:50pm	Session 2
12:50pm	13:20pm	BREAK
13:20pm	15:00pm	Session 3

Pupils are expected to report promptly and always be on the premises at least 5 minutes before commencement of each session.

## School Term Holidays 2014

	SCHOOL CLOSES	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
HALF TERM	FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2014	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2014
SPRING BREAK	FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2014	TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2014
MAY DAY	MONDAY 5 MAY 2014	TUESDAY 6 MAY 2014
HALF TERM	FRIDAY 23 MAY 2014	MONDAY 2 JUNE 2014
SUMMER BREAK	WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2014	

# ***School Bus Service***



***Do you need to get a bus to school?***

***There are two new All Saints school bus routes now available!***

## ***Route 1***

***Towerhill ➔ Northwood ➔ All Saints***

## ***Route 2***

***Knowsley Village ➔ Southdene ➔ Westvale ➔ All Saints***

***Before school pick up and after school drop off.***