



All Saints Catholic High School

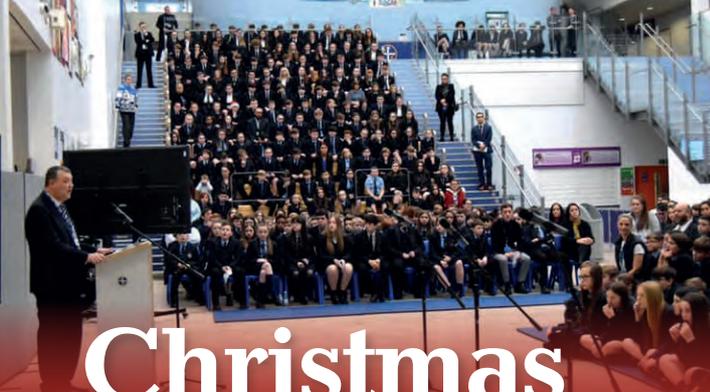
Heart to Heart

January 2020 Newsletter

Record Breaking Open Evening



We opened our doors for Open Evening and the community came in their hundreds. We were delighted to welcome so many parents, carers and prospective pupils and hope you enjoyed the interactive activities. We know many of you have applied for admission in 2020 and we hope you are successful.



Christmas Celebration Assembly

End of term assemblies are a celebration of our ethos, values and 'sense of family'. All members of the school community gather in the atrium for prayer, music and dance and to be together as one. Excitement and anticipation of the Christmas festivities to come make for a lively and joyous atmosphere.



“ Pupils are proud of their school and view it as a sanctuary where they are free to learn. ”



Dear Parents/Carers/ Friends of All Saints,

I hope that 2020 will be a happy and rewarding year for you and your families. All Saints certainly had an excellent start to the academic year. As you know, we were oversubscribed for 2019 which was very heartening and is a reflection of the belief and trust Kirkby families have in the school. With trust comes great responsibility and I know as a headteacher, and very importantly as a father, that we all want the very best opportunities for our children.

At All Saints we work very closely with our family of associated primary schools, seeking to build on the excellence they provide. Our Primary Liaison Programme is designed to give children a taste of the learning experience at All Saints and to build confidence so they will soon feel as at ease here as they do in their primary school. We seek to create a nurturing and secure environment so that children feel at home and thrive as they do in a caring and supportive family. All children are unique. Each has their own talents and skills. We recognise and celebrate this.

To foster this individuality requires a wide range and variety of opportunities and therefore we are constantly looking to establish more partnerships. Our reputation as a highly proactive partner is being widely shared between organisations. They recognise the benefits to them as employers and as a result we are seeing apprenticeship opportunities for our young people multiplying and broadening. The list of established links with industry, commerce and professional bodies is now long. These will be well known to you: JLR, Civil Service, Santander, Merseyside Police, Merseyside Fire Service, QVC, MJ Quinn, LFC and EFC to name just a few. All provide fantastic opportunities, expertise and experiences. Our active involvement with our local universities sees our young people experiencing life at university as early as Year 7! Whatever their aspirations and abilities your children are our children and we want only the very best educational foundation for them.

For September 2020 we expect to be oversubscribed once again. Such is the level of community interest that there were queues for our recent Open Evening and we welcomed more parents, carers and prospective students than ever before. For our current students and all who work at All Saints this is affirmation indeed. Everyone at is expected to work hard, both students and staff, and such recognition of their efforts is important and highly encouraging to them. We will continue to build a vibrant learning community with a wide and varied range of pathways so each child is able to achieve and experience personal success.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher



Liverpool John Moores Shaping Futures Chemistry Scheme

This exciting programme aims to encourage young people in the Liverpool City Region to become the scientists of the future. It is very hands-on with experiments conducted

in schools' own laboratories and at the University campus. Years 9 and 10 thoroughly enjoyed this experience. What is that green stuff in the photo?



LIPA CEO Visits All Saints



Mark Featherstone, Chief Executive Officer of Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, spoke with Year 11 PA students about the need for ambition, drive and the importance of following your dreams. Courses at LIPA extend well beyond Performance and range from Acting to Applied Theatre, Creative Technologies and Sound Technology. Together they reflect the multi-faceted world of the Arts

'LIPA is one of the best Performing Arts schools in the world' Sir Paul McCartney (Lead Patron)

The Red Shoes Ballet Lowry Theatre, Salford



Our dancers enjoyed a performance of Mathew Bourne's double Olivier Award winning ballet. It is a tale of passion, obsession and one girl's dream to be the greatest dancer in the world. Exposure to excellence gives students a standard to aim for.

Drop Down Day

Reflecting our ethos of learning in different environments our first DDD of the year was a great success.

- Year 7 Faith in Our City Tour (visiting our two cathedrals and the old Hebrew synagogue)
- Year 8 Enjoyed Health and Wellbeing workshops
- Year 9 Worked with our partners EFC and LFC. Topics covered were knife crime, 'county lines', mental health and racism.
- Year 10 Spent the day with our new business partners, KIER construction.
- Year 11 Exam preparation
- Year 12 Cultural visit to Liverpool
- Year 13 UCAS application writing



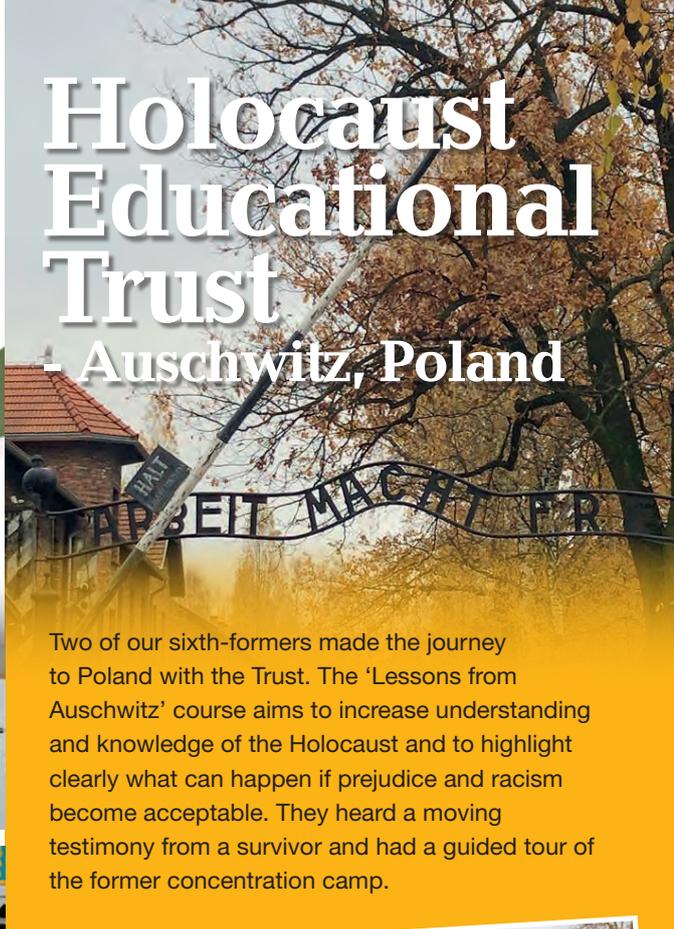
Lest We Forget – Remembrance Day

The packed atrium fell silent for two minutes as students and staff reflected on the sacrifices made by those who have served and defended their country. Our service and poppy appeal are always filled with poignancy for those lost and with gratitude for their altruism.



Holocaust Educational Trust

- Auschwitz, Poland



Two of our sixth-formers made the journey to Poland with the Trust. The 'Lessons from Auschwitz' course aims to increase understanding and knowledge of the Holocaust and to highlight clearly what can happen if prejudice and racism become acceptable. They heard a moving testimony from a survivor and had a guided tour of the former concentration camp.



Year 10 Fire Cadets



Our cadets successfully completed their first term working with Knowsley Fire Service. There were plenty of transferable skills to be learnt: team work, efficiency, reading instructions and of course the 'firefighting'!



Reading Buddies

Reading skills underpin all learning. At All Saints our sixth formers act as 'reading buddies' to Year 7 students, encouraging and developing this vital skill.



Art is Alive at All Saints

- Portrait Workshop with Phillip Garrett

Our GCSE and A Level Art students enjoyed coaching from professional portrait painter, Phillip. Portraiture is a centuries old art form and one of the most technically difficult disciplines. We are sure that this depth of expertise will be reflected in exam results.



Kier Construction Apprenticeships

A speed dating session with Kier Construction employees gave students a real insight into the range of possible apprenticeship opportunities that will be available.



Forshaw Apprenticeships

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We are always seeking new pathways to apprenticeships and one of our latest partnerships is with the Forshaw Group. This construction company was established in 1948 and has four offices across Liverpool. This is a great addition to our portfolio of partners and we are looking forward to working with them. Watch for developments on Facebook and in future editions of our newsletter.



Winners - Liverpool Archdiocese Public Speaking Event

Congratulations to these talented speakers who proved to be formidable and worthy winners. Competing against other Liverpool schools they were rewarded for their hours of extra-curricular practice under Miss Carter's coaching.



FACT Impresses Year 9

Clearly the virtual world impressed as students designed their own 2D games and experienced life in the virtual world. FACT is one of the UK's leading organisations for the support and exhibition of art and film that embraces new technologies. One of Liverpool's hidden cultural gems...



Kirkby Primary School 100% Attendance Awards Ceremony

We were delighted to welcome Kirkby primary schools to this annual awards event for excellent attendance. Special thanks to Jen Austin from Liverpool FC for her positive contribution.





JLR Wildcats and Dragons - Congratulations



Success is the result of hard work and tenacity. Competing in the 2020 Land Rover 4x4 In-Schools North West Regional Final, both All Saints teams were successful. Wildcats won Best Portfolio and came second in the North West Region Professional Class. As a result they will compete in the March National Final! The Dragons won Best Portfolio and came third in the Developing Class. Once again thank you, JLR.



Engineering Education Scheme with JLR at Liverpool University



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Year 12 students attended the launch of this year's EES scheme. The 6 month programme provides students with an in-depth experience of science, engineering and technology. All Saints students have been very successful in previous years so good luck, boys.



Welcome Year 7 - 2019 Induction

Starting secondary school is one of life's milestones. At All Saints our Induction Programme gives students the opportunity to work in teams, have fun and generally get to know their fellow form members. Having Lord Derby's estate on our doorstep provides an outstanding external environment. Archery, canoeing, orienteering and camp fires were all part of the experience.



Awards Presentation Evening



Awards were given for academic achievement, progress, performing arts, sport, community service and contributions to the life of the school. Our Dance students took to the stage to showcase their skills. Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended. We hope you enjoyed this evening of celebration.



Welcome, Lord Derby - Knowsley Youth Mutual Award

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Welcome, Lord Derby - Knowsley Youth Mutual Award
We were delighted to welcome Lord Derby to present these awards to Year 8 students. They had completed a youth programme with Knowsley Youth Mutual at Lord Derby's estate. We are very fortunate to have such a fantastic outdoor learning environment so close at hand.



Musical Talent

Well done to the BTEC music group who ran a talent show for Years 7 and 8. A lot of hard work went into the organisation and the standard of entries was very high. Our winners are certainly smiling.



Super Saturdays Year 4



We were delighted to welcome Year 4 to our Super Saturday Programme. Students from all our associated primaries experienced a range of subjects including Art, Drama, Dance, History, STEM, Sport and Literacy. Lots of busy, interactive and fun filled days for our future students.



Kirkby Food Bank

Thank you to everyone in the Kirkby community who contributed to All Saints' Christmas Hamper Appeal. Donations from St Michael's and All Angels' Food Night in collaboration with the community were gratefully received. Thank you Liza Barton and Margie Metcalf for your help. A local supermarket donated £400 worth of food to our appeal which went directly to the food bank.



LFC Flagbearers

These lucky students were flagbearers at LFC's Anfield's Champions' League game against Napoli. Unfortunately there was little chance to brush up on their Italian!



Welcome Liverpool Legend

Alan Kennedy

Alan Kennedy joined LFC's Walking Football team at All Saints. Our new all-weather pitch is certainly getting plenty of use and attracting some famous visitors.



Girls Football Thrives

Our Girls Football extracurricular training session was particularly exciting when Everton Ladies' Georgia Brougham and Chloe Kelly arrived. Thank you for sharing your expertise and skill, together with all the positive encouragement you gave.



Girls football club
Tuesday 15th October
3pm – 4:15pm
with Everton Ladies.
All Year groups Welcome!

LFC & All Saints



We are very fortunate to have two Premier League football clubs in Liverpool and All Saints has partnerships with both. Year 10 attended a career networking event at Anfield, meeting a wide range of employees from all areas of the club.



Thank you, Xherdan Shaqiri!

His surprise visit delighted many and left us smiling. Xherdan trained with the walking football team and our successful Year 8 Boys and Girls teams. This was followed by a question and answer session involving all year groups.



ESFA National Cup

Congratulations to Year 7 after their 6-3 win. Goalscorers: R. Shelly x 2; T.A. Dally x 2; R. Standish and T. Ludgate. Man of the Match was D. Youds. It was a real team effort. This is clearly a team to watch over the next 5 years.

