



Heart to Heart

July 2016 Newsletter

"Under the principal's effective leadership, the school has travelled a considerable distance in a short time. Particularly impressive is the way he has taken the whole of the school community with him on this journey of improvement."

(OFSTED July 2016)

Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to inform you that the findings of our recent OFSTED inspection on the 28/29 June were extremely positive. I want to thank you - parents, pupils and staff - for the support you have given me since I became Headteacher last year. Without this support, commitment and hard work we could not have achieved this success. Thank you, all.

Many changes had been implemented. The challenge was to ensure that they were quickly embedded in order to make a highly positive impact on the quality of education that your children – our students – experience. OFSTED has acknowledged our success and hard work. The full report is available on our web site.

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"The principal has high expectations of everyone within the school community."

"The quality of teaching, behaviour and pupils' achievement have all improved."

"The school's nurturing ethos creates an environment in which pupils feel safe, are happy and can thrive."

"Pupils behave extremely well around the school. They are polite and friendly. In lessons pupils typically show respect for their teachers and peers."

"Pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities are supported well to fulfil their potential."

"Sixth form students benefit from high quality provision that is both inclusive and aspirational."

"The work the school does to keep its pupils safe is of a high standard."

"Governors are highly committed. The governing body provides effective challenge and support."

"Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a high priority for leaders and is at the heart of the ethos of the school."

"Leaders work closely with partner primary schools to ensure that pupils can make the transition from Year 6 successfully."

"Pupils who spoke to inspectors commented on the improvement they have noticed in the quality of teaching."



Dragons' Den – Jaguar Land Rover (Halewood)



Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) invited All Saints Year 12 students to take part in their Dragons' Den Design Challenge in May. The programme required students from All Saints and Calday Grange to design an accessory for the Discovery Sport or Evoque models. Mentored by the Halewood plant volunteers, each team learnt about JLR's vehicles and customers prior to taking the challenge.

At the end of the day, each group pitched their ideas to a team of dragons who asked them questions and gave them an overall rating. Accessories included: a heated foot rest, an integrated coffee machine, extendable projector system (for road side safety or entertainment) and a security system for personal possessions.

For the first time there were joint winners as one team from All Saints and one from Calday claimed the prize. These products were both centred on the needs of pet owners. They included safe transport systems for their pets, which could be designed to match their personalities, branded pet toys and integrated collar GPS that could be read from the car.

Ken Jones, LLA Manager and Business Class lead for the plant added, "Delighted that the event was such a success, which has given the students a great insight into the automotive industry. Hopefully this will encourage many of them to pursue successful careers in the future".

Every student left with a selection of branded gifts and a certificate to celebrate their experience, as well as a diverse array of knowledge and business skills.

Many thanks and congratulations to volunteers Ken Jones, Emma Wainwright, Henry Backhouse, Jayne Brannick, David Parry, Steven Cullen, Stephen George, Iain Macdonald, David Gallagher, Paul Cole and Ian McLaughlin for delivering this successful event and to the Education Business Partnership Centre team for hosting and supporting the day.

All Saints is very appreciative of the opportunities that JLR offers our young people.



Engineer Education Scheme – Celebration/Assessment Day



As their six month project with Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) drew to a close Year 12 students, Dylan Cassidy, Dillon Ellis, Jack Foster and Tony McArdle attended the celebration/assessment day at Liverpool University. They presented their prototype design to a panel of engineers and other students from North-West schools. Next half term they will present to engineers at JLR their design for a device to align the steering wheel to the dashboard.

Faking It!

Paul O'Hare – Channel 4
Year 10 Scholars' Group

'Faking It' was one of the first TV reality shows and won a BAFTA award for Channel 4. Contestants were taken from one walk in life and had to 'fake' in another. Paul O'Hare was a memorable contestant as he transformed himself into a conceptual artist, which culminated in an exhibition at a top London gallery. Paul emphasised to Year 10 the importance of thinking of themselves differently and setting personal goals.

All Saints is extending its Scholars' Programme to other year groups. It includes a wide variety of opportunities and experiences from inspirational speakers, like Paul, to trips to universities, theatres, cinemas and businesses.



Year 7 Bushcraft

Cholmondeley Castle



SURVIVAL SKILLS and fun were the focus of this Year 7 weekend residential in the wilds of rural Cheshire.

Forest branches to build shelters to sleep in, lighting safe fires for warmth and

practising first aid to cope with an imaginary plane crash were all part of this unique experience.

Later at a school assembly the students gave a presentation of their exploits, including gutting, preparing and cooking their fish dinner. Perhaps the most arresting image was the sight of one student eating fish eyes. Still, it was a weekend about survival!



We understand that Mr. Clarke, Ms. Fishwick and Ms. Porter also survived but only just! The experience built confidence, leadership and practical skills, showing the importance of cooperation and teamwork. It was good fun too.

Farewell Year 11.

Class of 2016



Our final assembly for Year 11 students is always poignant, memorable and full of hope.



Father Nick opened and closed the ceremony with prayers and reflections. There were photographs of school life during the last 5 years. Students marvelled at how young they had looked. Was it really five years ago that they joined All Saints?

Mr. Hayes shared the Good Samaritan story and reminded students of the 'love and justice' values that underpin the everyday life of the school. Each tutor gave their farewell address to their tutorial group and then it was over to the students.

Lower school students gave memorable performances of 'For the Good' from the musical Wicked and 'History' by One Direction.

Our Head Girl, Lily Atkins, and Head Boy, Liam Foreshaw, spoke of the responsibility their roles had entailed before presenting badges to the new Head Girl and Head Boy, Mia Eager and Kai Grosscurth.

Each student received a Year photo, a 'Class of 2016' t-shirt and a prayer bookmark.

Many students will return to sixth form studies at All Saints. Some will study elsewhere and some will seek employment. Their time at All Saints will always be part of who they are and we will be here if they need any advice in the future.

Good luck Year 11.



'Chelsea's Choice'

Safeguarding Our Young People



Chelsea's Choice is an innovative and powerful drama production, highlighting the very serious and emotional issue of child exploitation. The production showed how young people, boys and girls, can be groomed for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The play tells the story of a group of three students who discover the diary of a girl called Chelsea. Powerful drama productions are highly effective at informing and thereby protecting young people.

Safeguarding all our young people is embedded in the values of our Mission Statement.

The production by 'AlterEgo' Theatre Company was watched by Years 7 and 8. A question and answer session followed.

As one student remarked, **'I feel I know so much more now.'**



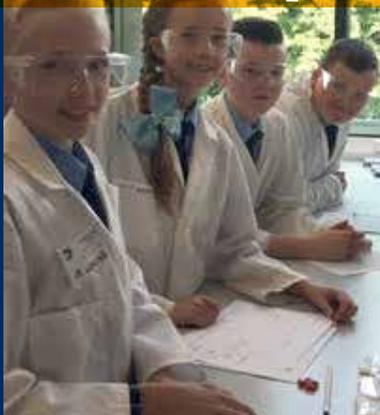
Aspiring Law Students

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who have completed their first year on the Law Factor Apprenticeship Programme with the large and prestigious legal firm, DWF.

Coordinated by Liverpool John Moores (LJM) School Liaison Team, the course is aimed at students who are interested in a career in Law. All involved have developed a very positive and aspiring attitude to learning. Year 2 starts in September 2016.



Salters' Festival of Chemistry



Four Year 7 students were invited to the University of Liverpool to attend interactive experimental sessions hosted by the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining.

The first task was to complete the Salters' Challenge and identify the murderer through the use of chromatography and universal indicator. This was followed by the University Challenge when pupils had to mix solutions to get an end solution to exactly 10.5 degrees C within 45 seconds. Phew!

Finally, there was extraordinary science, which included making your own putty and glow-in-the-dark liquid.

The verdicts from our participants:

"I really enjoyed the day. I didn't realise how small molecules were. I liked the University and hope to study engineering here in the future." (Connor)

"I enjoyed the University Challenge, experimenting to try to get the right temperature." (Lucy)

"It was great to work as part of a team and try to beat the other schools." (Rachel)

"I enjoyed using different techniques, such as chromatography and watching how the women made glowing liquid." (Johnny)



University Experience for Year 10

Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)

University life and its potential impact on future careers were highlighted for Year 10 at LJMU. Student finance and the availability of bursaries were also part of the programme. Students toured the campus, including the science laboratories and the library. The aim of the exercise is to raise aspirations.



United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Year 8 students gained recognition for their mathematical skills in the UKMT Junior Challenge.

Holly Awang achieved **Gold**

Hannah Milner achieved **Silver**

and **Bronze** awards went to:

Alliyah Hennessey

Morgan Linford

Jessica Reece

Dean Miller

Ryan Brown

Cameron Murphy

Daniel Connor

Alicia Mikolajczyk

Barnie Simpson

Kian Bell

Dominik Whiston

Jak Keli

Primary Liaison

• Super Saturdays

English, Mathematics and Science booster classes have inspired our prospective Year 7 pupils. The emphasis of the programme is on challenge. Students aim high and achieve more.

• The All Saints Experience for Years 5 and 6

We were delighted to welcome to All Saints primary pupils from Years 5 and 6. Year 6 spent a day following a secondary school timetable, meeting their future form mates and getting to know their form tutor who will be the important link between home and school.

Year 5 students spent the day experiencing a variety of lessons in highly resourced specialist environments, such as science laboratories and technology suites. This academic induction was followed by the showcasing of All Saints summer production 'High School Musical'. Perhaps there will be a role for them in the future?

Business Links Programme

All Saints has well established links with business companies and organisations. Detailed below are the activities that have taken place recently.

» APRIL

- Debt Awareness Programme. Brian Souler trained Year 9 students as Money Mentors. These students then delivered sessions to Year 7 and primary pupils.
- Masterclass on Interview Success, delivered to Year 12 by RSA.
- Santander, Civil Service and Coop Bank employees provided mentoring sessions to Year 12 students.
- Civil Service staff delivered to Year 12 the first of a five session programme on competency based interviews and careers in the Civil Service.

» MAY

- Year 12 visit to the Home Office in Liverpool.
- Year 12 visit to the Merseyside Police HQ.
- Civil Service ran the second session of their programme (see above in April).



Residential Rehearsal: 'High School Musical'



The 30 strong cast of this production attended a 3 day weekend residential. Hard work was the order of the day and the cast managed to stage the entire show, including rehearsing and refining the major song and dance numbers.

All Saints has established a reputation for Performance Arts and has worked closely with professionals from the Empire Theatre, Liverpool in the last two years.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

12,13 and 14 July, 7:00 pm.

All Saints Art Department - the Battle of the Somme "We will remember them"



Inspiration came from a visit to Liverpool's World Museum. Year 9 students viewed artefacts, read letters and diaries and reflected.



This educational visit was the start of a creative production that will celebrate and recognise the soldiers of this tragic battle.



Working alongside professional artists, Mike Walker and Ruth Morrisey, the students will produce a large mosaic depicting images from the battlefield. The work will be displayed at the forthcoming Kirkby Festival.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Year 10

All Saints hosted the Knowsley Youth Mutual Awards in late March. Year 7 students impressed the audience with their lively dance performance before bronze and silver awards were made to Year 10.

Special congratulations go to Connor Worswick, the only male student in Knowsley to receive the silver award. This recognised his contribution to school life, fundraising for many charities and his work with the Knowsley Youth Parliament. We have no doubt that he will go on to achieve gold.

The following students achieved their bronze awards:

- Sasha Mae Navis**
- David McLoughlin**
- Jasmine Black**
- Charlie McKeivitt**
- Charlie Bennett**

Sasha and David were also awarded First Aid qualifications.

THE DUKE
OF EDINBURGH'S
AWARD

Life Drawing at Liverpool Art Centre

All Saints Year 13 have attended the Art Centre to take part in life drawing classes. Our Art Department extends the learning environment, providing opportunities for creative and artistic inspiration. It is no surprise that the school atrium resembles an art gallery with examination portfolios displayed for all to enjoy.



Excellent Attendance = Maximum Attainment

Excellent attendance is vital for a successful school career and we urge all parents to help us to achieve this. We would like to congratulate all those students who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year. Currently there are 66 students across the year groups who are on target to gain a gold award for the academic year 2015/2016. Well done! Keep it up until 19 July and achieve that gold award!

During the first half of the summer term All Saints had the most improved attendance figure in Knowsley with a rise of 1.46% compared to last year.

Award Winning Author Coaches Year 10

Cathy MacPhail, a multi award winning author and executive producer on the Hollywood film 'Another Me', based on her own novel, ran a series of creative writing workshops at All Saints. The Year 10 Scholars' Group had a fantastic experience writing their own stories under Cathy's guidance. This will be excellent preparation for their English GCSE examination and may inspire them to become professional writers.



Knowsley Cup

All Saints Year 8 football team achieved a cracking 6-2 victory over SEA Whiston in the semi-final of the Knowsley Cup. Alas, they went on to lose in the final but this is certainly a team to watch in the future.

Congratulations

to Jodie Garner Jones - Karate Champion

Karate has been a part of Jodie's life since she was nine. In May she was a silver medallist in the KUGB Championships at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham. She's now aiming for gold!



Primary Play Leaders' Training Day

Primary students from all Kirkby's primary schools were represented at this training day, hosted by All Saints. Activities were varied with the emphasis on teamwork and leadership. The aim is to develop young sports leaders who will return and make an impact in their own primary schools during breaks and extracurricular activities.



Key Dates

Term dates 2016

Autumn Term 2016:

6 September 21 December
21 October 28 October (*Half term*)
9 September Inset Day (*except for year 7 students*)

Spring Term 2017:

3 January 31 March
13 February 17 February (*Half term*)

Summer Term 2017:

19 April 20 July
29 May 2 June (*Half term*)

Parents Meetings:

9 November	Year 7 (<i>Transition Evening</i>)
17 November	6th form
5 January	Year 11
26 January	6th form
9 February	Year 10
2 March	Year 9
9 March	Year 8
16 March	Year 11
28 March	Year 9 (<i>Options Evening</i>)
20 April	Year 7