



All Saints Catholic High School

A Business & Enterprise College

Heart to Heart

March 2015
Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our latest All Saints' newsletter - thank you to all the journalists who have contributed.

May I take this opportunity to thank all students, staff and parents/carers who have made me so very welcome over the last six weeks. I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside you all as we begin the journey to "outstanding" with our school.

This first half-term of 2015 has seen much activity and learning - you'll see what I mean when you read the contents of our newsletter! Worth a special mention are the performances of our sports teams - winning at cricket in the "off-season" is a fantastic achievement! I'm also particularly impressed by the dedication of our Maths students in Year 11 who attended a series of master classes, organised by Mrs. Gray, where they experienced extra-difficult maths tasks and succeeded! We all trust that this new expertise will help Year 11 students to achieve fantastic grades in their final exams in June. The prize for the most "invigorating" activity goes to the Geography department and their intrepid students who spent their half term in the wintry world of Iceland.

Thank you also to those parents/carers who have visited us over the last half-term: for parents' evenings, for meetings about attendance and progress, to hear about our Ofsted report and to support us with conversations with our young people about their behaviour, attendance and attitudes to learning. We are all working hard together to improve outcomes for our young people and we need the support of our parents/carers going forward.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to our new substantive Principal, Tony McGuinness, who joins us on 20 April 2015 and takes charge of the next chapter of our journey.

Yours faithfully

Heather Scott

Interim Principal

MATHEMATICAL MASTER CLASSES.

*All Saints and Winstanley
College in Partnership*

Able mathematicians in Years 10 and 11 have taken part in a series of mathematical master classes. This initiative was run in partnership with Winstanley College. Mathematics staff from All Saints liaised with staff at Winstanley College to plan and implement what proved to be a very innovative, interactive and enjoyable programme. Aimed at maximising GCSE grades and extending mathematical learning, the sessions were fast paced and active. Session 1 focused on the world of fractions and how they could be extended to create a platform for more complex algebraic and numeric recognition. Session 2 involved correctly applying complex long division and dividing polynomials! The highlight of the series, Session 3, was held at Winstanley College. Students tackled most challenging AS level mathematics materials and showed resourcefulness, tenacity and teamwork. Such a positive learning experience will not only improve grades at GCSE but also inspire students to study mathematics at Advanced Level and beyond.

SIXTH FORM PRINCIPAL STUDENTS

Congratulations to our elected Sixth Form Principal Students. We expect all Sixth Formers to act as role models for younger pupils and our elected Principal Students take the lead.

- Year 13 Ellie McAleavey and Jamie Warham
(Principal Students)
- Year 12 Duncan Brown and Charlotte Jones
(Deputies)

PARIS REUNION CELEBRATION

Such strong impressions and memories were made during our cultural visit to Paris last October that students decided to hold a reunion. Frankie and Benny's was the venue and students spent the evening reminiscing about their visit to the Eiffel Tower, their cruise down the Seine and the poignant day they spent at the Somme.

EMPIRE THEATRE PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL SAINTS

Lights... Camera... Action!

Always seeking to extend students' learning opportunities, All Saints' partnership with the Empire Theatre is proving very dramatic! Celebrating 150 years of entertaining Liverpool's residents, Empire professionals are working each week alongside our young actors and staff in both All Saints and our associated primaries. The aim is a production that will take audiences on a journey through history from the Industrial Revolution to the Present Day. Final rehearsals culminated in a three day residential at Bartonsdale Study Centre in late February. Do join us for this exciting production.



Tickets available from 9 March at All Saints reception. Performances on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 March 2015.



NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE (ANFIELD) *Trains Year 9 students*

Vital life saving first aid training, experience in the emergency call centre and teambuilding sessions were enjoyed by a group of Year 9 students who attended an evening course over six weeks with the North West Ambulance Service. Certificates were awarded and ambulance staff commented on the high level of motivation shown by All Saints students.

NUMERACY BUG HITS ALL SAINTS

Students and staff have been hit by the “Numeracy Bug”. This cross-curricular numeracy project develops students’ awareness of the important role that numeracy plays in everyday life. Students are asked to spot numeracy activities in all subjects and to link numeracy application to real life situations. Placing details in the ‘Bug Box’ resulted in ‘Bug Prizes’ being awarded to students who spotted and teachers who included numeracy activities in all subjects.

ALL SAINTS CAREER ACADEMY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

January/February Programme

Well established working partnerships benefit our students enormously and provide placements, paid internships and employment. Detailed below are the activities in 2015 so far...

Potter Logistics

All Saints won the *Business on the Move* competition held at Potter Logistics.

Merseytravel Liverpool

Year 13 students presented at *Let’s Do Business Roadshow* to 150 delegates

HMRC

Fraud department staff presented to Year 12 students, hoping to inspire fraud investigators of the future!

Business partners mentor meeting

All Year 12 students now have a business mentor.

Civil Service and Prison Service workshop

A presentation about careers in the Prison Service and graduate entry to the Civil Service.

Leyland DAF

Visit to Leyland DAF. Logistics and career workshop on site.

University of Law Employers

Career ready master class by University of Law employees.

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT TRAVELS TO REYKJAVIK

February Half Term

Gaining first hand experience of countries’ geographical features is characteristic of All Saints Geography department. February half term found All Saints students experiencing blizzards in Reykjavik whilst enhancing their geographical skills. Highlights were many and started with *Bingvellir* National Park, which combined awe-inspiring phenomena including the largest lake on the island and the beautiful canyon where two of the earth’s tectonic plates meet. It also holds historical significance as the site of the world’s oldest parliament. Students observed one of the most active geysers in the world, *Strokkur* spouting up to 30 m high and one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe, Golden Waterfall, which pours thousands of tons of icy water over double falls into a deep canyon.



Visiting *Eyjafjallajökull* volcano gave students real insight into the power of nature and its impact on the landscape. The volcano erupted in Spring 2010 after being dormant for 180 years. What was once a glacial cap is now covered by black ash and the breathtaking glacial lagoon that was once there is now completely washed away. The final day provided the opportunity to swim surrounded by snow in the geothermal Blue Lagoon. The swim of a lifetime! Even the journey home was an adventure as they travelled on Icelandair’s new Aurora Borealis themed plane – a Boeing 757 ‘Helke’, which features LED lighting designed to resemble the Northern Lights.



PE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

January/February 2015

All Saints PE Department has a longstanding reputation for success in competitive sports. Detailed below are recent achievements.

- Knowsley Netball Champions Year 8 (titles for Years 7,10 and 11 already held)
- Knowsley Cricket Champions at U13 and U15
- Knowsley Basketball Champions Year 7 and 8
- Knowsley Indoor Girls Athletics Runners-up Years 7 and 8
- Year 7 Boys Football Team through to Merseyside Cup semi-finals (we wish them luck)



Cricket Champions at U13 and U15

PANORAMIC RESTAURANT

Educational Visit

Food Technology Students Year10

Year 10 student food technologists took to the skies when they visited the Panoramic restaurant in Liverpool. Views of the city were breathtaking from one of the UK's highest restaurants. Observing food preparation and learning how a professional restaurant is run were both part of the experience that will assist towards high quality GCSE coursework.



FIZZY DRINKS

The consumption of fizzy drinks leads to poor concentration and impairs learning. Fizzy drinks are therefore not allowed at All Saints. Bottled water is allowed during breaks and in lessons. Fresh fruit juice, milk drinks and water are available from the food outlets at each break.

UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents 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. School shoes must be completely black and able to be polished. Trainers or canvas shoes are not acceptable. A full uniform list is detailed in our prospectus on the website.

ATTENDANCE COUNTS

*“Maximum attendance =
Maximum Attainment”*

Excellent school attendance is vital to academic success and enjoyment of all school has to offer. Thank you to all parents who ensure that their daughter's/son's attendance is excellent. Pupils must have 95% attendance to be considered for school visits or teams except in exceptional circumstances.

EXAMINATION SERIES

Summer 2015

Please note these very important dates.

Monday 11 May – Friday 26 June (GCSE, A Levels, BTEC and Externals)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SCHOOL TERM DATES

School Closes on	School Opens on
Thursday 2nd April 2015	Monday 20th April 2015
Friday 22nd May 2015	Tuesday 2nd June 2015
Tuesday 21st July 2015 Summer Holidays	

INSET DAY MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015