



Heart to Heart

March 2016 Newsletter

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Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

It is almost one year since I was appointed as Headteacher of All Saints High School and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for the tremendous support you have given to students, staff and myself.

So far this has been a momentous, challenging and extremely rewarding year. In this newsletter we feature a wide variety of programmes and events that illustrate the breadth of activity now taking place across the school and the year groups. A highlight for me is the Big Sing, which profiles perfectly not just the abundance of raw talent amongst our pupils but their natural inclination towards inclusion and collaboration. The need for excellent teamwork is central to success in the JLR 4x4 Challenge and in Dragon's Den students must demonstrate their creativity, organisational skills and disciplined thinking to convince the judges. These are all qualities they will need to take with them into their future careers.

Whilst reflecting on what has been achieved we are naturally also planning for the future. A key focus is preparing Year 11 and Sixth Form for examination success. Teaching and learning has improved throughout the school and there is increased rigour in the monitoring of students. This will impact positively. I am hugely ambitious for every student and this is reflected in the changes that have taken place during this first year.

Our new Scholars' Programme is designed to stretch the most able students and provide wide ranging learning opportunities both within and beyond school. Attendance at Liverpool University's pre-medical training course, visits to Oxford University and guest speakers are just some of the experiences on offer.

As a Kirkby schoolboy I certainly did not experience this quality of education and enrichment but I am quite determined that your children -our students -will. For the most academically able, for those with additional needs, for talented sports students or for dramatic performers, All Saints will be a centre of excellence that Kirkby parents will recognise and value.

Kirkby can trace its spirit and strength back to the time when it was established as a new community. Figures like Father Ryan and Father Collins, who contributed so much to our heritage, are certainly part of my history as they will be of yours. In the same way today we are building All Saints as our school and we aim to invest it with that same spirit, character and distinction.

Once again I thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you and your family a holy and happy Easter break.

Tony McGuinness

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Jaguar Land Rover 4x4 Technology Challenge

Year 9 students made a reconnaissance trip to JLR's Halewood plant with the intention of entering this prestigious competition next academic year. Their challenge will be to build a radio controlled 4 x 4 vehicle to given specifications. The prototype must navigate and successfully overcome obstacles on an off road test track that is just as demanding as the real thing. The group has now formed its own 4 x 4 STEM club. If you would like to get involved see Miss Hunt.

Young Women into Engineering

All Saints students, Rosie Butler, Skyler Hayes, Emily Scott and Sasha Navis, attended JLR's One Day Girls into Engineering course.

The girls were hugely impressed by the Halewood plant and met some of JLR's female apprentices and engineers. Advice on the different routes into Engineering, guidance with interview techniques and CV writing, together with practical experience were all part of this memorable day.



Dragon's Den at Jaguar Land Rover

26 of our Year 9 students spent the day at Jaguar Land Rover's Halewood plant where they entered the 'Dragon's Den'. Working in groups of 6, mentored by Halewood staff, each team's task was to design an innovative car accessory for the Discovery Sport or Evoque. Design concepts ranged from survival kits to inbuilt refrigerator armrests and bespoke (boy, girl, pet, tool) kit.

Competition success went to the Lean Green Team for their branded sports bag that offered exclusive gym membership and accompanying 'app'. Every student involved was given a selection of branded gifts and a certificate.



“ Presenting ideas has boosted my confidence and I would like to focus on becoming a designer. ”
Student

“ Delighted that the event was such a success and hopefully this will encourage many students to pursue successful careers. ”
Ken Jones - LLA Manager and Business Class lead for JLR

Thanks to all the Halewood staff involved and the Education Business Partnership Centre team for hosting and supporting the day.



Year 7 Study at Liverpool University

Year 7 spent a full day as 'students' at Liverpool University. Their day included a tour of the campus, workshops on student finances and the opportunity to speak with undergraduates and university staff.

Particular highlights were viewing the engineering building with its flight simulator and formula 3 racing car, and attending a fantastic science lecture looking at the properties of materials and the use of liquid nitrogen.

This fun day had a serious message – aim high, you too can study at university!



Chemistry for All with John Moores University

The Science department welcomed JMU's staff, who delivered demonstrations and hands-on activities through their Chemistry of Large Molecules lessons. Two Year 9 classes enjoyed this exciting opportunity, part of the All Saints Science department's Deep Learning Experience Programme.



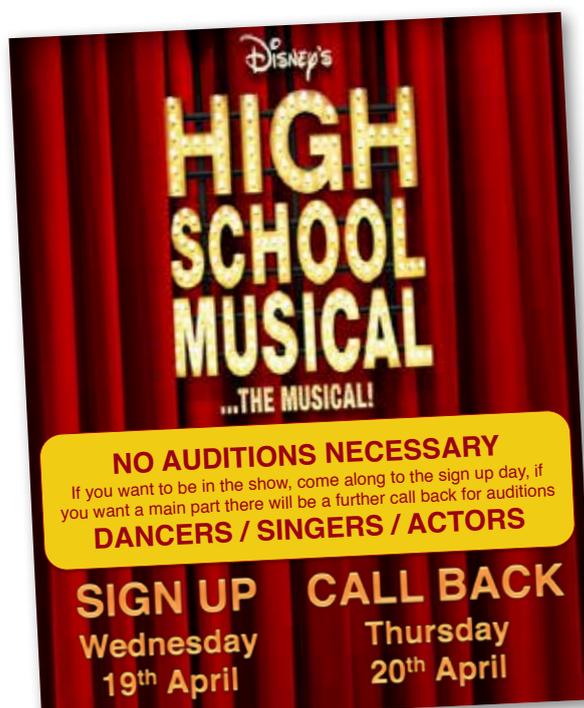
Canary Wharf London, Barclays Bank HQ: Career Academy Graduation

We are very proud of our Year 13 Career Academy graduates. The graduation ceremony was the culmination of all their hard work both back at All Saints and in the businesses/organisations, with which they have been involved. The day concluded with a visit to the London Dungeon!



High School Musical Auditions

It could be you! All Saints' reputation for outstanding school productions is well established. Our next summer production will be High School Musical. It is sure to be a sell out so get your tickets early.



The Big Sing



St Marie's, St Michael and All Angels, and St Peter and Paul's joined forces with All Saints to provide a spectacular evening of music and song. There were solo performances from all schools and choirs from each of our 3 primary schools. All Saints was delighted to host this event and it was evident that we have an enormous array of performance talent in Kirkby. Many thanks must go to all parents, staff and friends of the schools who supported this event. Further joint activities are planned.



West Side Story at the Liverpool Empire

We are delighted that 3 All Saints students have successfully auditioned for a part in this professional production. Competition was stiff as there were 351 auditions for just 60 parts. Hopefully you will recognise our students.

WEST SIDE STORY



All Saints Dance Students Perform at LJMU

As part of their degree studies Dance students from Liverpool John Moores University have been working with our own Year 7 and 8 dance groups. On 9 March they performed at the University where All Saints was one of only six schools selected from across Merseyside. All Saints dancers were the youngest performers, which is a testimony to their talent and the high standard of performance achieved.





RSPB Birdwatch

Young ornithologists at All Saints took part in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds 'Birdwatch' to establish the range of birds visiting the school grounds. Following the RSPB's advice nesting boxes and bird feeders were made and placed in the grounds and on County Road. We hope to encourage a greater variety of birds into the environment.

Young Medics Course at Liverpool University

Congratulations go to Ellie Sarsfield and Alex Wooley-Carroll, who have been accepted onto the prestigious Young Medics Course at Liverpool University. This is a 3-5 year programme of medical/health related activities for young people who have the potential and are interested in studying medicine or health related courses at university.

Mathematics Department Awards

Pictured are Year 7 students who have worked diligently and consistently in their Mathematics course this term. Certificates were awarded, which pupils can add to their own personal achievement portfolio.



Easter Preparation

Many thanks to Father Nick who helped prepare for Easter by celebrating Mass weekly during Lent.



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Year 6 Science Masterclasses

Designed to inspire scientific curiosity, our Saturday Science masterclasses for academically able Year 6 pupils proved very popular. In their latest experiment they developed 'bath bombs', the perfect Mothers Day gift!

Our Saturday masterclass programme has also included Mathematics and English workshops.



Computer Science – Animation and Sound Recordings

WEBSITE DESIGNS, including animation and sound recordings, have been created by Years 8 and 9.

These websites are all aimed at improving literacy and encouraging the reading of great books. They certainly look inspirational!



Year 13 Computer Science – 'Love and Justice'



Not to be outdone in the animation stakes, Year 13 are in the final stages of their animation project based on our Mission Statement. It will feature hand-modelled characters and will be set to the Beatles song 'With a Little Help from my Friends'.

Edge Hill University – Health and Social Care

Our Sixth Form has an excellent reputation for its vocational courses. Health and Social Care students enjoyed a taster day at the university where they gained practical experience and had the opportunity to speak with tutors and current students.



BUSINESS LINKS PROGRAMME

All Saints has well established partnerships with a range of companies and organisations. Detailed below are the calendared events for this half term alone.

- **22 Feb** - Santander delivered their pilot workshop 'Futurewise' to Year 9 students.
- **23 Feb** - Think Logistics workshop delivered to Sixth Form by Abbey Logistics, Manpower and Brighthouse.
- **24 Feb** - Year 12 workshop on Knowing Yourself, delivered by Barry Sewell from RSA.
Mentor meetings with staff from Royal Sun Alliance, Santander, the Walton Centre, Royal Mail, HMRC and Royal Bank of Scotland.
- **1 March** - Year 12 visit to the Co-Operative Pioneer museum in Rochdale, followed by the Pyramid in Stockport - HQ for Co-Operative Bank.
- **15 March** - Year 12 masterclass: 'Success at Interviews' delivered by Karen Drohan from RBS.



International Women's Day

All Saints was represented by 4 of our Year 12 students who attended this important event, hosted by Knowsley Chamber of Commerce at the Suites Hotel. The students heard from inspirational female speakers who had succeeded in many aspects of the business world.

The People's Project: Young Explorers Lottery Bid

Our learning mentors play a very important role at All Saints supporting pupils' emotional development and providing practical support. Hayley Thompson, one of the mentors, has bid for Lottery funding via the charity Action For Achievement. If successful, the project will provide opportunities for young people in north Liverpool to explore the natural world. Activities will include a summer school at the Eden Project and involvement with local zoos, parks and museums. This project, Young Explorers, is one of five to reach the final stages. We are keeping our fingers crossed!

What are they up to now?



All Saints Catholic High School SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

STUDENTS NAME:	Merissa Deboe
PRIMARY SCHOOL:	<i>St Marie's</i>
GCSEs	<i>Textiles A* /Art A* /History A /R.E. A* ICT Distinction* /Business Distinction* /Maths C /English Language A English Literature B /Science B</i>
LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATIONS:	<i>BTECH Sport Distinction* BTECH Science Distinction* BTECH Health Distinction*</i>
UNIVERSITY:	<i>Edge Hill University.</i>
WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?	<i>Computer Science</i>
ADVICE FOR OTHER STUDENTS:	<i>Never let anyone tell you that you can't do something because once you put your mind to it you can do anything.</i>



STUDENTS NAME:	Matthew Donnelly
PRIMARY SCHOOL:	<i>St Laurence's</i>
GCSEs	<i>English Language C /English Literature C /Maths C /Science B /P.E.</i>
LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATIONS:	<i>P.E. Science Business Sports Massage</i>
UNIVERSITY:	<i>BSc Honors degree in Sports Therapy</i>
WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?	<i>Working as a Sports Therapist providing pitch side assistance for European League Games. Managing Director of MD Sports Massage.</i>
ADVICE FOR OTHER STUDENTS:	<i>Aim high and follow your dreams. Never give up.</i>



STUDENTS NAME:	Molly Woods
PRIMARY SCHOOL:	<i>Park Brow</i>
GCSEs	<i>English Language C /English Literature C /Maths C /ICT A /Business Distinction /R.E. A /Science C /Health & Social Care</i>
LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATIONS:	<i>Health & Social Distinction* BTECH Science Distinction* ICT Distinction</i>
UNIVERSITY:	<i>Nursing Cadet Apprenticeship</i>
WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?	<i>I have chosen Level 3 Apprenticeship which will enable me to apply to UCAS to study at university.</i>
ADVICE FOR OTHER STUDENTS:	<i>There are no shortcuts to any place worth going. Patience and perseverance is part of my DNA</i>



Year 13 Sports Leaders

Enthusiasm for all sports led to these Year 13 students becoming qualified Sports Leaders. They planned, organised and led the recent Knowsley Secondary Indoor Athletics Championships. Many hope to study Sport Science beyond school and ultimately to take up a career in the sports sector.



Further Championship Success for All Saints

Congratulations to both our victorious Year 7 Girls and Boys teams at Knowsley Indoor Athletics Championships. Clearly these Year 7 teams will be ones to watch in the coming years!

In March 36 pupils took part in the Knowsley Cross Country Championships. All Saints were crowned the overall winners. Special mention goes to Jolie Jones who won the individual Year 7 Girls race.



Key Dates

Term dates 2016

Spring Term 2016:

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:

14 April Yr 11 Parents' Evening
21 April Yr 7 Parents' Evening