



All Saints Catholic High School

A Business & Enterprise College

Heart to Heart

October 2014
Newsletter



DEAR PARENT/CARER

Our first half term of this academic year has been extremely busy. In September we were delighted to welcome our Year 7 students who we are pleased to say have made a very good start. We look forward to seeing Year 7 parents and carers on the evening of Thursday 6th November, 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. We also welcomed new students into our Sixth Form including a number from Kirkby High School. Moving to the right new school requires an important informed decision. At All Saints we believe that first hand experience best prepares primary pupils for the move to their secondary school community. Our Primary Transition Programme underpins this knowledge with pupils attending classes at All Saints from Year 4 onwards. Similarly with Sixth Form many students have attended All Saints for their entire school career. Strong partnerships with commerce and industry provide outstanding learning, internships and employment opportunities. Companies include Jaguar Land Rover, Santander, Royal Bank of Scotland, Abbey Logistics, the NHS and QVC. All Saints Sixth Form achieved school record vocational results in 2014 with an average point score of 258 UCAS points. This meant our students were able to attend their university of choice.

Our Open Day, held annually in September, gave all interested parties the opportunity to see our superbly resourced learning environment, to take part in learning experiences and to meet students and staff. We were pleased to welcome our highest number of Open Day visitors this year.

When parents and carers receive this newsletter all students will have completed their half-term assessments. As we approach Christmas we will be preparing for end of term examinations. It is important that excellent attendance is maintained right through until 19th December when term ends.

The teaching team continues to work with Specialist Leaders of Education to continually drive improvements. This term Governors and the School Leadership team have begun working with a National Leader Of Education reflecting the ambition of All Saints to develop the very best practice.

All Saints will close for the half term holiday on Thursday 23rd October and reopen on Monday 3rd November. I would like to thank parents and carers for supporting our drive to maximise achievement by encouraging hard work and by ensuring maximum attendance and a high standard of uniform. Partnership is our strength.

Yours sincerely

Mr P. Bradley
Principal

YEAR 10 MERSEYSIDE S.T.E.M.

ROBOTICS CHALLENGE DAY CHAMPIONS

All Saints Year 10 students Jack Arthur, Thomas Jones, Lucy Mythen and Libby Atkinson defeated 7 other Merseyside school teams at the City of Liverpool College. Winning every game in their heats they were crowned champions after defeating St Margaret's High School in the final.

Each school built a robot which had to battle against the others. Watch out Merseyside, All Saints robots are powerful and tough. This achievement is a reflection of the innovative approach undertaken by the S.T.E.M. faculty.



ENGINEERING EDUCATION SCHEME JAGUAR LAND ROVER

Year 12 students, Amy Flanagan, Ethan Navis, Georgia Cassidy and Rachel Curran have successfully applied to be part of this year's engineering scheme. They will work alongside Jaguar Land Rover engineers who will provide mentoring as they seek to solve a real-life engineering problem in competition with other schools. Already Jaguar Land Rover have commented on their determination and drive, following their induction day at Liverpool University Engineering Department.

JAGUAR LAND ROVER SIXTH FORM PARTNERSHIP: MOTIVATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Adam Campbell, formerly an All Saints student and now an apprentice with Jaguar Land Rover, and sixth formers, Adam McGee and Ken Jones addressed Year 11 students in a motivational assembly, encouraging effort, promoting hard work and determination. They were powerful advocates for the values and attitudes needed for future success at GCSE and career aspirations.

DRAMA, HISTORY AND MODERN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENTS FRENCH CULTURAL VISIT: OCTOBER HALF TERM

Half term will 'kick off' with an exciting start for 60 All Saints students. They will be visiting Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, Disney Studios and a cruise on the River Seine to appreciate the architecture from a different perspective. The final day will be spent at the Somme to reflect on the lives lost on both sides in this tragic battle of WW1. Combining History, Drama and Language skills will prove to be a powerful learning experience.



OPEN/YEAR 6 DAY: 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

We were delighted to achieve our highest ever attendance at our 2014 Open Day. All departments showcased activities and resources, giving visitors a unique insight into the vibrant learning community that is All Saints. Year 6 students spent the school day at All Saints experiencing life as a secondary school student.

PRIMARY PUPILS FORMULA ONE - JAGUAR LAND ROVER

Our 5 associated Catholic primaries will be taking part in this design manufacturing project. The task is to design the fastest car possible, emulating the design and engineering processes employed by engineering companies. The regional final will be held in May 2015 at Jaguar Land Rover, Halewood.



BUSINESS AND FINANCE CAREER ACADEMY: SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Year 12 students successfully completed their eight week summer placement/internships with the following companies:

- Santander
- NHS
- The Royal Bank of Scotland
- Abbey Logistics
- Merseycare
- QVC

Presentations were given by the students to their employers following their success. All Saints consistently seeks partnerships that will enhance students' learning and create employment opportunities.

With such strong business partnerships it is perhaps not surprising that the Business BTEC results were so pleasing. Of the 187 Year 11 students who completed the course 98% passed with a record 43.3% achieving A or A* grades.

YEAR 7 PARENTS TUTOR MEETING THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 4 – 6 PM

All Year 7 parents/carers and students are invited to a personal meeting with their form tutor. The purpose is to discuss pupils wellbeing and adjustment to secondary school.

We hope all parents/carers will be able to attend this important meeting. Tutors play an important part in a pupil's school life and wherever possible remain their tutor for 5 years. We look forward to welcoming you. Individual appointment times will be issued.

EXAMINATION RESIT DATES (NOVEMBER)

Monday 3 November to Friday 7 November 2014

BE SAFE, STAY SAFE

All Saints adopts a very proactive approach to students' safety and wellbeing. This half term all students in Key Stage 3 have attended a safety and wellbeing assembly delivered by our Child Protection Officer. The purpose was to remind students of our commitment to them via our 'Student Safeguarding Charter' and ensure they knew the wide ranging support available both within schools and through external agencies. Senior pupils watched a 'thought provoking'



Image from Chelsea's Choice

drama production, titled 'Chelsea's Choice' which powerfully portrayed a grooming scenario. School staff, like parents, are in a powerful position to protect children. All staff have undertaken a Knowsley Safeguarding Course this half term. An evening training session was also available to parents.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

All Saints Summer School was as action packed as ever. Dance, drama and music workshops were the order for the Performing Arts day, led by ALTRU Productions. Delamere Forest was the venue for orienteering, forest walks and a military fitness camp. Liverpool city centre was the venue for cultural activities including visits to the Liverpool and Beatles museums, Albert Dock and finally a ferry across the Mersey. These highlights provided inspiration for the literacy and numeracy lessons that underpin the programme.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

The casting process has just begun for this year's school Christmas production. The Performing Arts department is adapting the much loved story 'A Christmas Carol' and transforming it into a spectacular musical. The performance will take place during the All Saints Christmas Celebration on Monday 15th December. There will be a liturgical service, remembering and celebrating the meaning of Christmas, followed by the musical 'A Christmas Carol'. Come and see how we transform a miserly Mr. Scrooge into a singing and dancing extravaganza. All welcome!

KNOWSLEY NETBALL CHAMPIONS

All Saints has a long tradition of Netball success and on 23 September our Years 10 and 11 Girls team was crowned Knowsley Champions. Despite being a newly formed team the girls won every match, most importantly they showed exemplary sportsmanship on the courts as well as unquestionable skill. Well done!

Year 10

Miah Kelly
Isabella McKenna
Danielle Bowe
Olivia Bennett
Nadia Taylor
Kanokwan Cowel

Year 11

Ellie McIntosh (capt)
Ellie Barlow
Jane Marlow
Measie Edwards
Louise Lowe

KNOWSLEY HEALTH SERVICE: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

HVP VACCINATIONS REDUCING THE RISK OF CERVICAL CANCER IN YOUNG FEMALES

The human papillomavirus vaccination (HPV) that protects girls aged between 12 to 14 years against cervical cancer is changing from September 2014. The number of doses of HPV vaccine is being reduced from three to two. This change to the programme follows a recommendation of the national advisory body The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, based on recent research showing that two doses provided the same protection as a three-dose course.

This change will not affect girls who have had their first dose of HPV by the age of 15 as they will continue to be offered the three-doses. It is recommended that all girls from the age of 12 years up to their 18th birthday have the HPV vaccination as it protects them against the two main types of the virus, reducing their risk of getting cervical cancer by over 70%. The vaccine, however, does not protect individuals against all of the other types of HPV, so they will still need to have cervical screening when they are older.

For further information, contact your GP or visit www.nhs.uk

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 web site.

PE HIGHLIGHTS 2014

All Saints PE Department has an outstanding reputation for successful competitive sports and also for the very wide range of activities available. Success in competitive sports is exhilarating but we also aim for students to find a sport they enjoy and that leads to a healthy lifestyle. Here are some of the highlights:

All Saints Girls' under 13 Football:

Premier League Champions

All Saints Girls' Years 10 and 11

Knowsley Netball Champions

All Saints Year 7 and 8 Boys'

Knowsley Tennis Champions

All Saints Girls Indoor Athletics Team Years 7 and

8 are **Knowsley Champions**



Coaching from Everton FC professionals takes place in lessons and after school

Year 10 Sports Leaders Development Course is firmly established

All Saints Years 7, 8 and 9

Knowsley Netball Champions

All Saints Year 7 Girls' 5 a side football team:

Knowsley and Merseyside Champions

All Saints Boys' Basketball Years 10 and 11,

Runners-up in Knowsley Championship.

All Saints Years 7-9 Badminton Team are

Knowsley Champions

All Saints Year 7 Boys Indoor Athletic Team are

Merseyside Champions



Premier League Champions

HOMEWORK CLUB

EVERY MORNING AND EVENING!

Homework Club continues to thrive. The Learning Resource Centre is open every morning from 7:45 am and every evening until 4:15 pm. Staff, subject texts and technology are available to support student studies. Breakfast is provided in the morning and a light snack prior to the afternoon session. Independent study maximises attainment and is a vital life skill. Please encourage attendance. At the end of the day senior pupils also have the opportunity to work in departments with specialist staff. This is in preparation for public examinations.

ATTENDANCE

"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 son's/daughter's attendance is excellent. Pupils must have 95% attendance to be considered for school visits or teams except in exceptional circumstances.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN ON:

Autumn term 2014

Tues 2nd September 2014

Mon 3rd November 2014

Spring term 2015

Mon 5th January 2015

Tues 24th February 2015

Summer term 2015

Mon 20th April 2015

Tues 2nd June 2015

CLOSE ON:

Autumn term 2014

Thur 23rd October 2014

Fri 19th December 2014

Spring term 2015

Fri 13th February 2015

Thur 2nd April 2015

Summer term 2015

Fri 22nd May 2015

Tues 21st July 2015

INSET DAYS

Friday 10 October 2014

Friday 24 October 2014

Monday 23 February 2015

Monday 1 June 2015