



All Saints Catholic High School

Heart to Heart

September 2018 Newsletter

Record Breaking GCSE Results at All Saints (again!)





Record Breaking Results

Continued

All Saints has once again improved GCSE results, breaking last year's record.

- Improved rates of progress
- Improved rates of attainment
- Higher percentage of students achieving higher grades in all subjects
- Best GCSE results in the history of the school

Sixth Form Results

- 100% of our leavers have entered further education, employment or training
- 54% of students achieved distinction or distinction* grades at BTEC or A and A* grades at A level
- Business partnerships are providing apprenticeships and bursaries to complement university studies



Dear Parents/Carers/
Friends of All Saints,



September is always a landmark in the school calendar but this year is particularly exciting. Once again All Saints has achieved the best GCSE results in the history of the school for both progress and rates of attainment. The percentage of students achieving the higher grades in all subjects is also increasing.

At Sixth Form level the results are also very positive. 100% of our students have gained employment, training or places in further education. The percentage of higher grades at BTEC and A level is also remarkable. 54% of students were awarded a distinction/distinction* at BTEC and A/A* grades at 'A' level. Moreover, the Sixth Form continues to benefit from our established links with industry and commerce, with apprenticeships and bursaries to complement and run alongside university studies. The culture of achievement that we are building together is reflected in these results and opportunities.

OFSTED (April 2018) acknowledged this, 'Standards at the school are on an upward trajectory' and 'the headteacher has transformed the atmosphere in the school'. Particularly pleasing was the comment, 'Pupils are proud of their school and view it as a sanctuary where they are free to learn'.

I have been headteacher at All Saints for 3 years and during that time we have already achieved a great deal and reshaped the learning experience for every student. The environment is now conducive to effective learning with highly resourced, subject specific classrooms allowing our children to learn effectively. Combined with excellent specialist teaching the new environment has undoubtedly contributed to our successful results.

Parents' confidence and trust in All Saints is evidenced in the increased applications for admission to Year 7. We now have a full year intake for September 2018. Pupils will be entering a school which has firm foundations, ambition, ethos and the culture in place to ensure their success. In short they are joining All Saints at a very auspicious time and I look forward to celebrating their results in 2023.

Success such as this is only realised in partnership with the whole community it serves. I was overwhelmed by the support I was given by parents and carers when I joined All Saints in 2015. Their sustained support is ensuring our ambition for students is fulfilled. Knowsley Council's expertise and generosity have enabled us to improve our facilities. Most recently £576,000 is funding a new artificial grass football pitch, complete with floodlights. It is due to open in January 2019 and will be available to pupils during the school day and the wider community at other times. This is community partnership in action.

For more examples of community spirit and enterprise may I draw your attention to the articles on the Kirkby Festival, Year 5 Fun Day and of course the Father Ryan Tournament. I hope you agree that the newsletter as a whole captures the vibrancy of the school and firmly places All Saints at the very heart of Kirkby.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

Open Evening

13 September 6pm - 8pm

Pupils in Years 4,5 and 6 accompanied by their parents are warmly welcome to attend our Open Day. Applications for admission in September 2019 will be accepted.

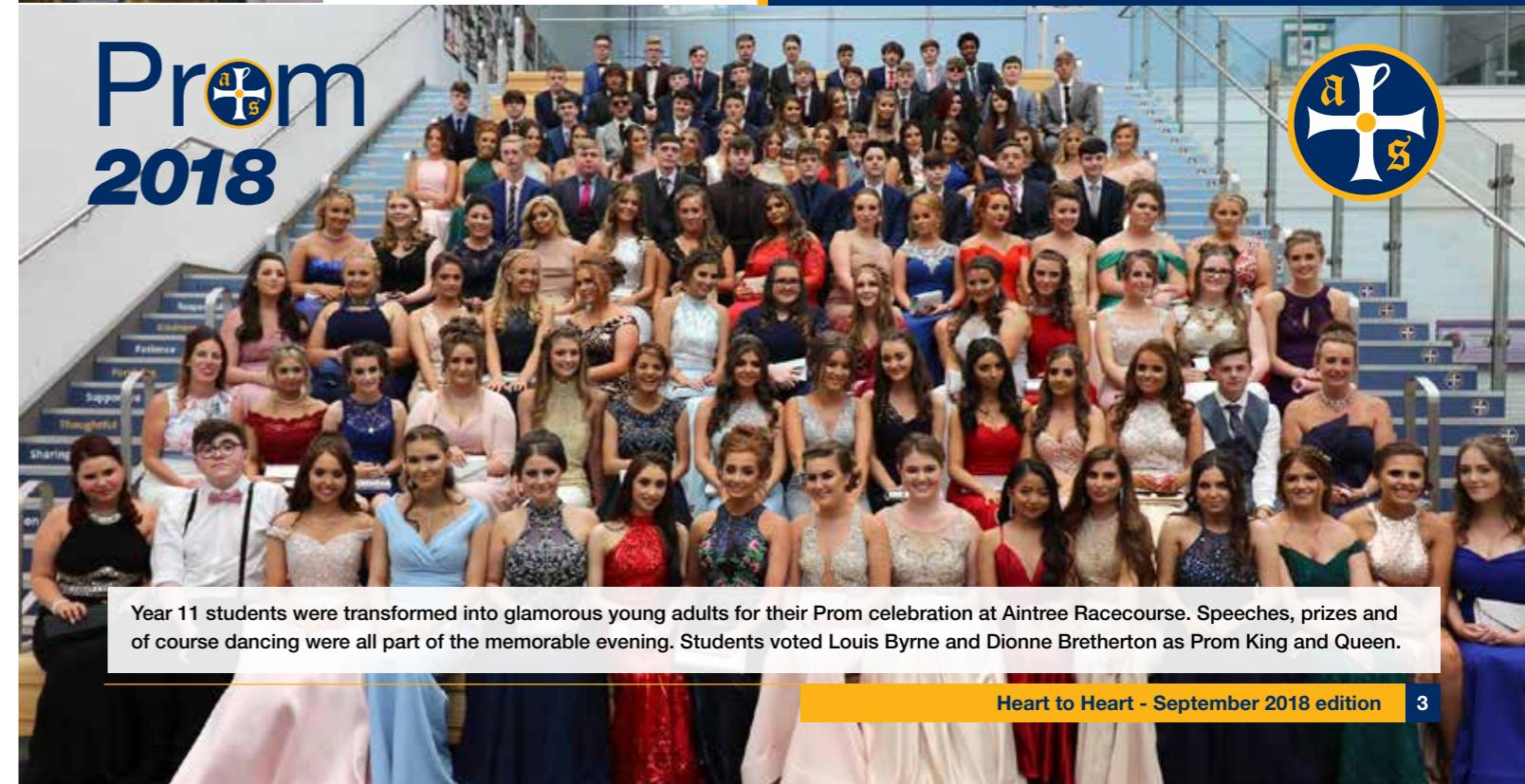


All Saints makes National News



Andy Haldane, Chief Economist and Executive Director of Monetary Analysis and Statistics at the Bank of England discussed economics and money management with Year 10 students. We were delighted that he chose All Saints.

To see our students and headteacher expressing their views on the BBC national news no less was ground breaking.



Year 11 students were transformed into glamorous young adults for their Prom celebration at Aintree Racecourse. Speeches, prizes and of course dancing were all part of the memorable evening. Students voted Louis Byrne and Dionne Bretherton as Prom King and Queen.



Drop Down Day July 2018

DDDs are now an integral part of the All Saints curriculum. Learning in different ways and different environments is exciting. Students' experiences can trigger the imagination and lead to new insights and interests.



■ Year 7 Blits Hill. Students 'travelled' to Victorian England on their visit to Ironbridge. They visited authentic shops and cottages while watching traditional tradespeople in action.



■ Year 8 Jaguar Land Rover. JLR provided another fantastic day for our students. The Dragons' Den saw them examining vehicles then designing products to enhance the driving experience and finally entering the Dragons' Den to present their ideas.



■ Year 9 Crime and Awareness programme. Life skills and learning to be safe were the themes for this programme of workshops. It included mentoring, first aid and drugs and alcohol education.

■ Year 10 Liverpool University Visit. This experience aimed to raise students' aspirations and ambitions through the University experience. Lectures, seminars and meeting undergraduates filled the day.



■ Year 12 Internships and Work Experience. All Saints has long and firmly established partnerships with leading UK companies, which provide a wide range of opportunities. This was particularly timely for Year 12 as they consider their career options beyond school.



Celebration End of Year Assembly

Mr. McGuinness gains
Archdiocese Award.

At the end of each term all members of the school community gather to reflect and celebrate on our values and the achievements of students. This particular assembly had an additional award.

Mr. McGuinness was nominated as secondary school headteacher of the year for his leadership and for the raising of students' achievement. He received the runners-up award (although many students think he should have been the outright winner!) It was unusual for students to see Mr. McGuinness at a loss for words as he reluctantly stepped forward to receive the award from Mr. Chorley.



Diocese of
Liverpool

OFSTED's Verdict (April 2018)



At All Saints we have high aspirations and will always strive to improve further. We are especially pleased with the following quotes, which are from our recent OFSTED report.

“ Standards at the school are on an upward trajectory. The headteacher has transformed the atmosphere in the school. There have been considerable improvements in the behaviour and attendance of pupils. The overwhelming majority of pupils demonstrate very positive attitudes to learning. **”**

“ Outcomes for pupils are on a trajectory of improvement. Leaders and staff are fervent and committed to improving the life chances of pupils. **”**

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

“ Pastoral leaders ensure that pupils' welfare is at the heart of everything the school does. **”**

“ Staff have high expectations of pupils' behaviour. The behaviour of pupils is good. **”**



Computer Scientists Visit



Year 10 Computer scientists received the Industrial Cadet Challenger Award following their day at the University. They explored emerging careers in the technical industry and spoke with leading experts.

Kirkby Festival 2018

All Saints was delighted to host the Kirkby Festival – an annual event for the Kirkby Community.

Our students once again displayed their performing arts skills with an extract from their most recent production 'Revolting Children'. Sports, Music, Dance, Circus Skills and Crafts were all part of this vibrant community event.



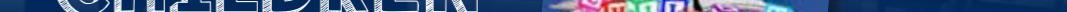
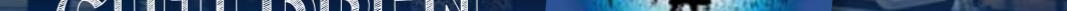
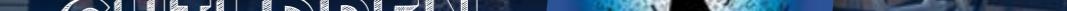
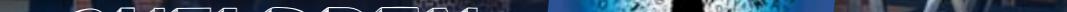
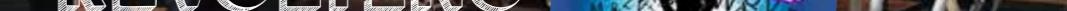
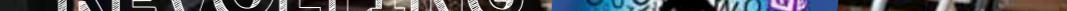
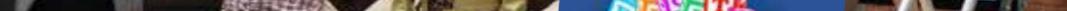
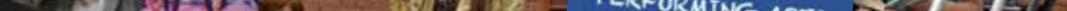
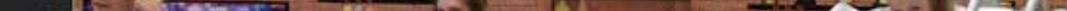
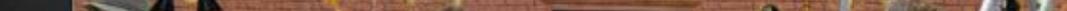
for PE Students

All Saints PE department decided that students should travel to Barcelona for their PE lessons. Sailing, water kayaking, wild swimming and touring the Camp Nou were all part of the sports experience. On the culture front there was of course a tour of Gaudi's Sagrada Familia.



Year 7 Bushcraft Residential

Year 7 students had a wild time testing their survival skills on a weekend residential. Erecting tents, building shelters, tackling the obstacle course and cooking on their campfire all helped to forge a strong team spirit with the determination to succeed.





The Big Bang Fair Echo Arena

To speak directly with inspiring scientists and engineers from industry and academia is very valuable. Students were able to discuss the opportunities and scope for further studies and careers in the STEM field.



Year 7 Musicians and Manchester Camerata Orchestra



Well done to these Year 7 musicians! Over six weeks working alongside professional musicians from the MCO they created music celebrating the centenary of World War One. It was performed in concert as part of a cross school Year 7 orchestra production held at Savio High School.

Building a Buggy with JLR



Year 7 took on the JLR 'Build a Buggy Challenge' as part of their STEM day of learning. As always staff from JLR's Lean Learning Academy Team were generous with their time and expertise. Our students had a fantastic day experiencing a wide range of activities.

All Saints Employer Award

All Saints received the Knowlsey Outstanding Employer/Education Initiative of the Year Award at the ceremony held at Liverpool University.

Parents and Pupils Visit Edge Hill University



Year 7 scholars and their parents spent a day at Edge Hill University. From trying out robots in the design studio to practising medical procedures and entering the Reality Cave, it was a great day for all. Indeed some parents are thinking of applying!



Poetry Evening

Parents, pupils and staff were entertained by our Year 8 poets at this highly enjoyable evening. Students read their own compositions and also selected favourite poems from established writers. We hope to see their work published in the future.



Jaguar Land Rover Educational Engineering Scheme

Year 12 students gave their final project presentation to JLR management team. At Halewood they experienced the full capabilities of the vehicles on the test track and went to the production line to see their project being used on every car that now leaves the factory. Quite an achievement!

Fantastic Fun at All Saints

This summer Year 5 spent a day of 'fun' or, as we like to think, 'learning the All Saints way'. All subjects were involved so Year 5 had a true taste of life at the school. The day culminated in a dress rehearsal of our famous production 'Revolting Children'. When learning is fun, children learn.



Debating Government Spending



Wicked Writer

Congratulations to this Year 11 student whose short story was published in the national Wicked Young Writers Competition. Look out for her first novel!



Year 10 Meet the Public Servants

Thank you to all those who gave us a real insight into their professions and the career opportunities that the public service offers. Nurses, policemen, town planners, social workers and firemen are all public servants. Their roles are invaluable to society and to speak directly to such people was very revealing.



New York Meets All Saints

All Saints may be located in Kirkby, Merseyside but our students' learning takes them across Britain and Europe. Next year we cross the Atlantic and students from Years 9 to 13 will have the chance to visit New York!



Kirkby Girls Football League

Years 5 and 6 Kirkby Girls displayed their footballing talents to the full in the KGFL held at All Saints. The competition is in its second year and we fully expect it to become part of the Kirkby heritage. Lovely to see former pupil Olivia Bennett, now a teacher herself, managing the team. Congratulations to St Michael and All Angels Girls who were crowned winners.

Father Ryan and Walter Tomlinson Tournament

This prestigious tournament, now in its 56th year, is held at All Saints High School. Congratulations to Northwood Primary and St Michael's and All Angels who were joint winners of the Father Ryan Cup and to St Joseph's who lifted the Walter Tomlinson Trophy.



Phil Thompson Inspires

Year 9 students were encouraged to work hard and aim high by former Liverpool FC captain, Phil Thompson. He certainly held our students' attention with this inspirational address. We hope to welcome him back to All Saints very soon.



Liverpool International Tennis Tournament

All Saints was strongly represented by 26 of our Year 7 students. There was a wide range of activities, all aimed at improving tennis skills. We are particularly fortunate to have an established tennis tradition and our own courts on site.



Knowsley Outdoor Athletics Champions

Year 7 Girls were crowned KOA Champions in June 2018. These four students were each outright winners in their specialisms.

Key Dates

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2018:	Monday 3 September – Friday 21 December
Half Term	Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October
Inset Days	Monday 3 September Friday 12 October Monday 29 October
Spring Term 2019:	Monday 7 January – Friday 5 April
Half Term	Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February
Summer Term 2019:	Tuesday 23 April – Friday 19 July
Half Term	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May
Parents Meetings	
2018	
13 September	Open Evening Years 4,5 and 6
21 September	Year 11 Parents Information Evening

5 October	Year 9 Curriculum Evening
2 November	Year 10 Curriculum Evening
9 November	Year 7 Transition Parents Evening
2019	
18 January	Year 11 Parents Evening
1 February	Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening
8 February	Year 8 Parents Evening
1 March	Year 9 Parents Evening
8 March	Year 10 Parents Evening
15 March	Year 8 Options Evening
28 March	Year 11 Parents Evening
19 April	Year 7 Parents Evening
26 & 27 June	Year 6 Parents Evening

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Knowsley Shot Put Champion

Congratulations to this young man who is Knowsley's Shot Put Champion for the second year running. Unfortunately we cannot name him but we are sure that many of you will recognise him.