



All Saints
Catholic High School

Heart to Heart

Autumn 2021 Newsletter

Examination Congratulations



GCSE and Sixth Form - Fantastic Results

As in 2020, 2021 will go down in the history books due to the global pandemic. At All Saints our students, staff and families all worked together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our year 11 and 13 students. We celebrated together on our results days in August and we wish all our leavers the very best of luck in their future careers.



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Dear Parents/Carers/Friends of All Saints,

As this academic year begins I thank you all for the unfailing support and encouragement you have given to pupils and staff. The close partnership we have with yourselves has been a real bedrock of strength during the pandemic. We all hope that September 2021 will bring a full return to 'normality' within school and beyond.

Whilst the innovative use of technology has been vital in maintaining communication during lockdown I am certainly looking forward to welcoming prospective Year 7 pupils and parents in person at our Open Evening on 23rd September. We were oversubscribed for admission in September 2021 as once again applications far exceeded the places available. This is hugely encouraging to everyone who works at All Saints and we thank you all for this endorsement.

Since reopening in March we have strived to offer as wide a range of experiences as possible within the restrictions of Government guidelines. Years 7 and 8 have spent a full day at Lord Derby's estate tackling problem solving, team building, canoeing and archery in the great outdoors. Our Sixth Form has held induction sessions for two new exciting vocational courses – Sports Studies in partnership with the Steven Gerrard Academy and Protective Services, as well as an induction day at Edgehill University. Apprenticeship interviews, curriculum competitions, inter-form sports challenges and extracurricular clubs have also been possible. Easter revision schools were held for our public examination students and Super Saturdays resumed for Year 6 Primary pupils. For Years 11 and 13 spiritual assemblies were held to celebrate their achievements and to mark their years at All Saints. In all, it was remarkable how pleased students were to be back. Behaviour and attitude were excellent and students adapted very well to masks, one way systems, staggered lunches etc. Just as they were happy to be back, so too were we, the staff.

We take great pride in the school's building and infrastructure development. During the past six years it has transformed the learning environment. Open plan areas were replaced with traditional classrooms; technological innovation was enhanced to support specialist subject areas and we installed an all-weather, multi-purpose sports pitch, which we share with the local community. Now, during this coming summer break we are designing two further specialist Sixth Form teaching areas to facilitate the curriculum expansion programme.

All Saints has well established partnerships with industries, commerce, universities and professional bodies. All of them provide a breadth of learning and employment opportunities for our students. We have maintained and built upon these foundations despite the restrictions of the pandemic. Technology has certainly played its part with 'virtual' becoming the new norm.

Our recent Ofsted 'virtual' monitoring visit was very affirming. The Inspectors noted that, 'Parents and carers are positive about the support teachers have provided to help their children learn during the pandemic.' Thank you to all who completed the parental questionnaire. Full details of the findings are available on the Ofsted website.

We anticipate that this academic year will see the full restoration of all inter-school activities, extra-curricular visits at home and abroad, work experience, mentoring and traineeships with our many partners. Combined with excellent teaching and your partnership, these will sustain the vibrancy of school life at All Saints.

I hope you will enjoy reading this term's newsletter but do also check the school website and our social media pages for further news and updates.

Yours faithfully

Tony McGuinness

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OFSTED Remote Monitoring Inspection March 2021

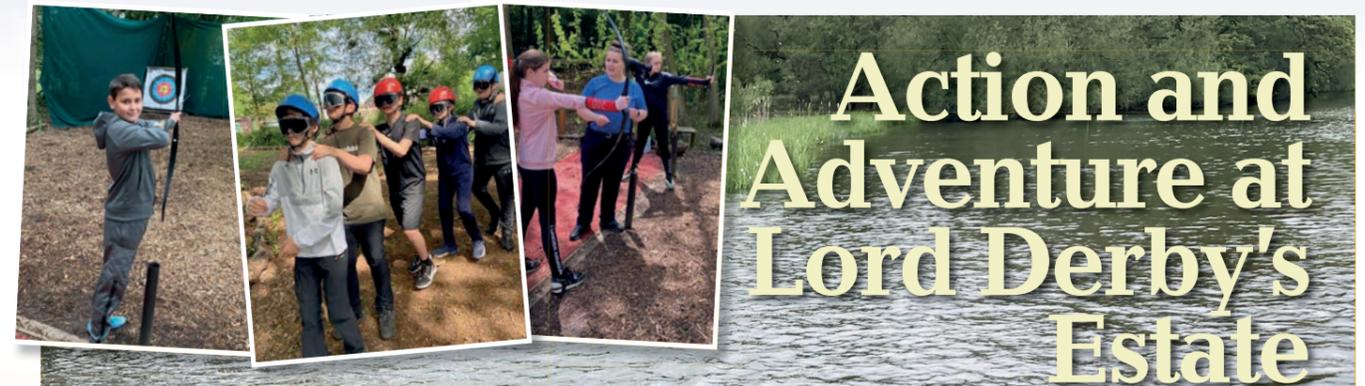


There were many positive comments from Ofsted in our inspection. The full report is published on the Ofsted website. Here are some examples:

'Despite the impact of the COVID-19 restrictions, you have ensured that all pupils follow their usual curriculum, whether they are learning on site or at home.'

'Staff deliver remote education well because of the training they have received.'

'Parents and carers are positive about the support that teachers have provided to help their children learn during the pandemic.'



Action and Adventure at Lord Derby's Estate



The great outdoors has certainly provided a challenging and beautiful learning environment for pupils in Years 7 and 8. All Saints is fortunate to have such a superb facility so near. Each Year Group had a full day of activities. Problem solving and team building skills were acquired throughout. Canoeing, cooking on the campfire, raft building, night lining and archery were just some of the activities. Year 8 undoubtedly had the best of the weather. Smiling faces suggest that they were just glad to be learning together in the great environment.

Carmel College and All Saints

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This information tour of Carmel College gave Year 10 students a real taste of college life. We have a variety of links with Sixth Form colleges that allow our students to think ahead and be aspirational and ambitious. Some students will study at All Saints Sixth Form and others will travel further afield depending upon their areas of interest and career choices.



Year 6 Summer School



Year 6 students had a fantastic time at our Summer School in July and we have welcomed them to the All Saints family this September as our new year 7.



Performing Arts Club and ALTRU Drama

Extra-curricular clubs are a vital part of the learning experience. Students can develop their talents and discover new ones in their chosen club. Here, working with ALTRU, a touring theatre company based in Liverpool, Year 7 students honed their drama skills and raised their level of personal confidence.



SUPER SATURDAYS for Year 6

Close links with our associated primaries underpin our Primary Transition Programme. We were delighted to resume our regular Super Saturdays, which included PE, Maths, Art and Computing activities.



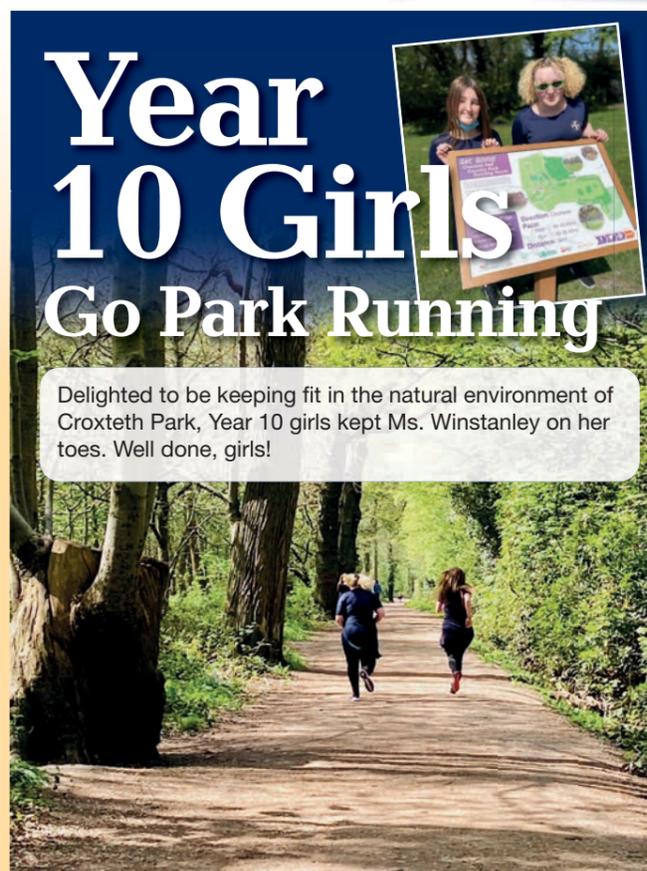
Artists at All Saints

Just by entering All Saints you will appreciate the high standards achieved by our young artists. The school walls are gallery space in themselves. These particular works were produced at home by highly motivated pupils. Well done, Erin for her canine portraits and Sam for his colourful and imaginative design.



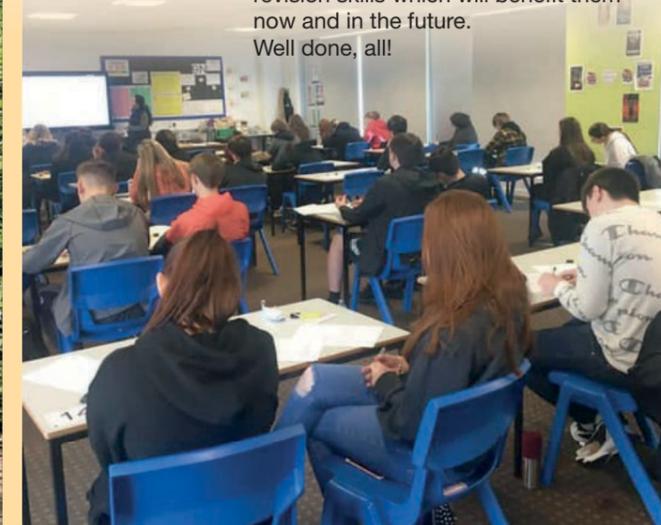
Year 10 Girls Go Park Running

Delighted to be keeping fit in the natural environment of Croxteth Park, Year 10 girls kept Ms. Winstanley on her toes. Well done, girls!



Easter School

Years 11 and 13 students showed great determination and resilience in attending Easter Schools despite the pandemic. Here they enhanced their revision skills which will benefit them now and in the future. Well done, all!





Good Luck, Year 13!

Congratulations to Year 13 students who completed their Sixth Form studies in the midst of a global pandemic. While wishing them every success, we urge them to stay in touch. We are always here as a source of information and advice.

“Year 13 benefitted from a range of careers guidance and one to one advice.”
OFSTED March 2021

Protective Services September 2021

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Our new Sixth Form course is perfect for those interested in a career with the Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Civil Service, Police Force or the Armed Forces. The pandemic has shown how important their work is in a national emergency. This two year Sixth Form course is available from September. Check our website for details.



Breakfast Celebration

for Year 11

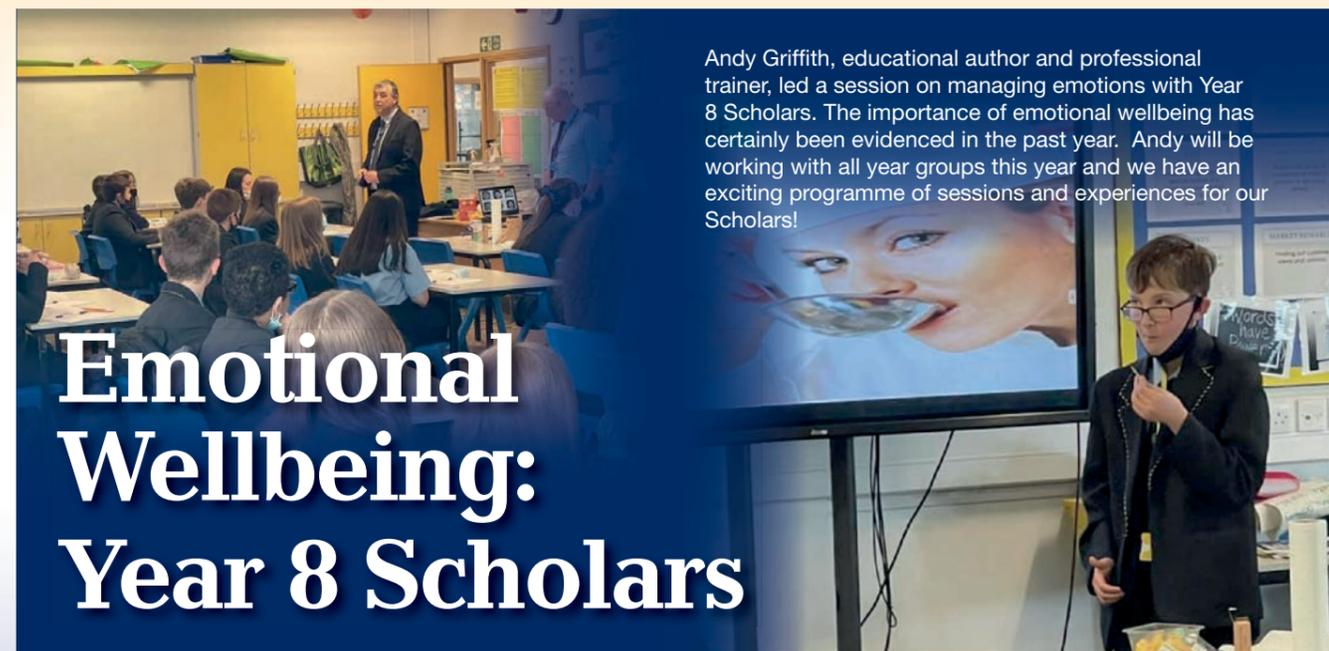
All Saints library was temporarily transformed into a breakfast banqueting hall for our Year 11 leaving celebration ceremony. Despite the current restrictions we were determined that Year 11 would have a memorable occasion. Breakfast was served on white linen at formal tables and chairs were decorated with silken bows. Indeed, you would not have recognised it as a place for serious study and scholarship! Speeches were made, awards presented and shirts signed amid much laughter and tears. Many of Year 11 will continue their studies at our Sixth Form while others join Carmel and Winstanley colleges.

Apprenticeships, employment or training pathways are yet other chosen routes. We always remind students that All Saints is here if advice is ever needed about future study or careers. The event was the culmination of two days of fun activities to mark their time at the school.



Emotional Wellbeing: Year 8 Scholars

Andy Griffith, educational author and professional trainer, led a session on managing emotions with Year 8 Scholars. The importance of emotional wellbeing has certainly been evidenced in the past year. Andy will be working with all year groups this year and we have an exciting programme of sessions and experiences for our Scholars!



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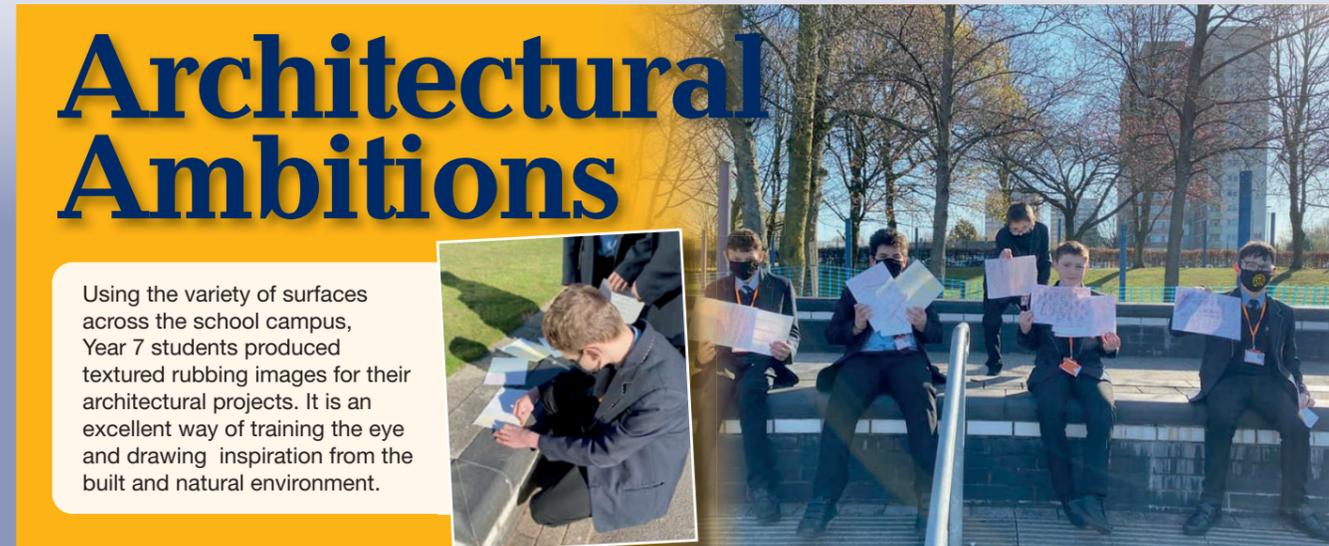
TFG theforshawgroup

All Saints actively seeks partnerships with leading companies to secure apprenticeship opportunities for our students. Years 11 and 13 spent an afternoon with The Forshaw Group at this year's launch. The Group specialises in property restoration. 13 students have now started apprenticeships following their examination results.



Architectural Ambitions

Using the variety of surfaces across the school campus, Year 7 students produced textured rubbing images for their architectural projects. It is an excellent way of training the eye and drawing inspiration from the built and natural environment.



The Power of Language Year 7

Well done to all Year 7 pupils who took part in this oracy competition. Speaking in public is a challenging experience and this competition will have helped to develop their confidence and presence as well as being great fun.



Special mentions must go to those who were filmed reading their speeches and the two winners from each form.

Lexi O'Neill 7H	Star Johnson 7A
Jack McGrath 7H	Ricardo Campione Franko 7A
Sean Bulger 7N	Bobby Rodgers 7T
Josh Wokenforth 7I	
Lydia Oakes 7I	Scarlett Trundell 7K
Leo Edwards 7I	Josh Flynn 7K
Layla Cassidy 7T	
Josh Hill 7N	
Serio Beleri 7N	
Kai Mulligan 7C	
Lauren Hale 7C	
Poppy Ellis 7L	
Jamie King 7L	
James Miller 7S	
Emma Jones 7S	



The Tempest

By William Shakespeare

Charity Football Match sees Year 11 versus Staff



A hard fought game resulted in a 3-3 draw. This game was part of a 2 day activity programme to celebrate Year 11's five years at All Saints.



Girls Football Years 7 and 8

Congratulations to our Years 7 and 8 team who played Kirkby High School and won! It must be acknowledged however that the match was settled on penalties and either team would have been worthy winners. Special thanks to Knowsley School Sports Partnership who organised the fixture.



NEW COURSES AVAILABLE

KIRKBY
FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

Sport Studies: Steven Gerrard Academy

Are you looking for a career in Sport? In partnership with the Academy, All Saints Sixth Form will offer this new two year course from September 2021. Details on our website.



STEVEN GERRARD Academy

Inter-Form Football Year 7

Football matches are always fiercely contested at All Saints. Year 7 has certainly many talented players which bodes well for the future success of football at AS. Form 7K triumphed in this year's competition.

