

### International Football News...

Congratulations to Amelia from Year 10 who played in a cup competition in Barcelona. The team won their group and went on to beat Icelandic champions 2-1 with a last minute goal in a thrilling finish. Amelia had 9 goal assists for the tournament! A future Lioness?



### Year 7 Boys Football Winning the 'Double'!

What an end to the season for the team! Having narrowly missed out on the Merseyside Cup the team stormed back to win the Knowsley Cup and to run out winners of the Everton Academy Football Festival.

*Congratulations to all the squad!*



### Father Ryan and Walter Tomlinson Tournament

The 59th Father Ryan Cup was once again hosted by All Saints in June. This year St Joseph the Worker Primary swept the board, winning both competitions. An outstanding achievement!



59th Father Ryan Primary Football Tournament  
Saturday 24th June @All Saints 9am start



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# Heart to Heart

September 2023 Newsletter

## Examination Success GCSE 2023 *Congratulations & Celebrations*



We are pleased to announce that since 2019 we have...

- Doubled the number of students achieving 5 GCSEs including English and Maths
- Doubled the number achieving 4-9 in Science
- Doubled the number achieving 7-9 in all subjects
- Tripled the number achieving grade 9, the highest grade

### Top performers



# Examination Success

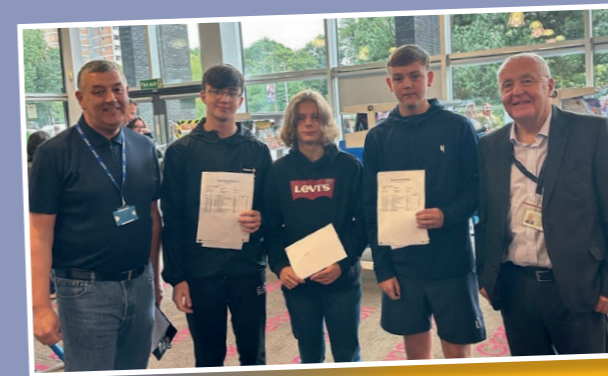
## GCSE 2023



Our top performers at GCSE are pictured here with their parents, Cllr. Tony Brennan and Mr. Tony McGuinness (headteacher). Do you recognise their smiling faces? They will continue their academic studies at either Carmel or Winstanley College, with whom All Saints has strong partnerships. Well done, Year 11 (2022/23)! We are proud of your achievements.



More smiling faces of delighted students and their parents. Their achievements are the culmination of five years at All Saints, 2018-2023. Our OFSTED report of 2022 graded All Saints as 'Good' in all respects. Our students' success is a reflection of this and our greatest reward.



## English Grade 9 - The highest grade possible

These three students have achieved the highest possible grade in both English Language and English Literature. Excellent English skills are a requirement for many careers including journalism, media and the creative industries. Who knows? We may have a future newscaster, author or actor in our midst. Well done, boys!

## Sixth Form Success

All Saints Sixth Form continues to grow as we increase the range of courses available. We offer vocational courses that link directly with students' career aspirations, together with A Level and BTEC courses. We offer Uniform Protective Services, Sports Studies, Business, Health and Social Care and Creative Arts. The recently remodelled Sixth Form base together with excellent teaching and pastoral support provide a positive learning environment. Success is the norm at All Saints.

## Sixth Form Graduates - University Beckons

These five Sixth Form students have all secured university places. Pictured here with their parents, Cllr. Graham Morgan and headteacher, Mr. Tony McGuinness.

Former Primary: St Joseph the Worker  
Results: BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business (Distinction\* x 3); AS Level in Financial Capability Destination: University of Liverpool to study Finance and Accounting.

Reece Smith



Former Primary: St Peter and Paul  
Results: BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniform Protective Services (Distinction\* x 3); Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Destination: University of Liverpool to study Law.

Madeleine Long

Former Primary: St Peter and Paul  
Results: BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Distinction\* x 3) Destination: Edge Hill University to study Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status.

Emma Dack



Former Primary: St Marie's Results: NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity (Sports Coaching); (Distinction) Destination: Edge Hill University to study Sports Management

Kaitlyn Emery



# Apprenticeships Await



## Forshaw Group

All Saints has an established programme with an increasing number of local companies. Following a period of work experience these five students are hoping to take up apprenticeship opportunities with the Forshaw Group, a property restoration specialist. A warm welcome was given to them by Managing Director Liam Hanlon.



## M J Quinn

These four students have secured apprenticeships with the company, which provides a wide range of services across the mechanical, electrical and building sectors and in particular the national network infrastructure. Our thanks to M J Quinn and good luck to the boys in their future careers. Well done!



## J J Smith

A leading specialist supplier of woodworking machinery has awarded an apprenticeship to this young student from All Saints. He will be joining J J Smith, a family company with a long history and a nationwide reputation.

**JJ SMITH**



## Hannah Phillips

Having studied Art at All Saints, Hannah has now graduated with a First Class degree in History of Art and Museum Studies from University of Liverpool. She plans now to continue her studies with a Masters Degree in Exhibition Studies.

## Mathew Fowler

Following Science and Finance Studies at All Saints Mathew has recently graduated from Edge Hill University with an Accountancy degree.



## Scott Kearns

Scott studied Protective Services Academy (PSA) programme in Sixth Form at All Saints and is our first PSA graduate. This summer he completed his training for the Irish Guards and can be seen here at his passing out parade.



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## Dear Parents/Carers/Friends of All Saints,

As we start a new academic year I am pleased to report that we have continued to achieve a consistent and sustainable improvement in examination results. Since 2019 the number of students achieving the higher grades has doubled overall. At GCSE we have doubled the number of students achieving 5 GCSEs including English and Maths; doubled the number achieving 4 to 9 in Science; doubled the number achieving grades 7 to 9 across all subjects; and tripled the number achieving grade 9, the highest possible grade. Despite the national picture our attainment is up on 2019, the last 'normal' pre-Covid year.

At Sixth Form the results were excellent for this year's BTEC level 3 and A Level examinations and a significant number of students achieved Distinction\*/Distinction and A/B grades. In addition our vocational Pathway students have performed well across all subjects, which are Business, Health and Social Care, Sport and Physical Education, Creative Arts and Uniform Protective Services. These choices are increasingly popular, providing students with opportunities for their skills and personal aptitudes to develop and flourish. These routes to academic success and fulfilment of their ambitions are evidence of our innovative approach to the curriculum. While our Sixth Form is an area of development and expansion, local employer engagement is again increasing as we return to pre-Covid levels of partnership.

Post Sixth Form, destinations include university degree courses in Law, Nursing, Teaching, Sports Management, Quantity Surveying, Accounting, Animation and Media Studies. In addition several students have achieved high quality apprenticeships with local and national companies.

We have created a culture of achievement at All Saints where success is the norm. This cultural shift reflects the very strong partnerships we have with you, our parents, and the wider community. We all share the same objective, that is to maximise the life chances of our students. We have been successful and the school we have today is highly regarded in the Kirkby community. As a result of this affirmation and trust we have been highly oversubscribed year on year. Quality of provision is our mantra and our focus is opportunity and excellence for each and every student. Never complacent, we will continue to strive to improve every aspect of educational provision. Whilst we have responsibility and control for everything that happens at school we cannot control attendance. Research has shown how critical this is with 95% plus attendance needed to maximise a student's attainment. I urge all parents to support us by ensuring their child has an excellent attendance record. A lesson missed cannot be replaced.

I hope you enjoy reading this latest newsletter. It gives a further insight into the vibrancy of life at All Saints. The range of activities available beyond lessons is impressive: sporting clubs and competitions, extra-curricular clubs, reward visits, university open days, retreats, residentials, Duke of Edinburgh and of course our Lourdes Pilgrimage, now in its second year. Many feature here but for up to the minute news, look also to our school website. Thank you once again for all the support you give to All Saints. Partnership and unity of purpose underpin the school's success. I am confident that 2023/24 will be another excellent year for All Saints and our students will continue to thrive.

Yours faithfully

*Tony McGuinness*

**Tony McGuinness** Headteacher

# Summer Showcase 2023

The showcase celebrated the performing ability and potential of our students (including alumni). It is a perfect opportunity for them to showcase hidden or seldom seen talents and skills and the high standard, variety and range of performance was inspirational. Parents and pupils alike thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



## “Game, Set and Match” Wimbledon & London

Year 10 clearly enjoyed their 2 day visit to London. As you would expect in the nation's capital there was plenty to see and do but the highlight was a trip to Wimbledon. At All Saints we know extra-curricular experiences often capture students' imagination and lead to new interests. Anyone for tennis?



## Archdiocese Public Speaking Competition

For many people speaking in public is a daunting prospect. At the same time accomplished oratory is a powerful and persuasive life skill. This event, organised by the Archdiocese, recognises this and encourages students to organise and express their views and beliefs to maximum effect.



## Award Assembly Year 10

Each term all Year Groups have an Award Assembly to acknowledge the effort and progress made by individuals. Pictured here are the award recipients from Year 10's assembly.



## Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023

The spiritual life of the school is reflected in our daily interaction and the positive relationships the school's ethos fosters. There are certain spiritual highlights during the year. The pilgrimage to Lourdes, now in its second year, is one. Thank you to everyone who made donations; to those who fundraise; and to those who help to organise the experience. Special thanks to our School Chaplain, Mr. Bennett.



## Grow Your Own

Our eco-garden provided plenty of fresh produce to enjoy at our end of term celebration barbeque. Knowing how to grow your own food is a fantastic life skill and the food invariably tastes better!



## Celebrating 2022/23

All Saints gathered as a whole school at the close of the summer term. Our end of year assemblies are always a reflective spiritual experience. We say farewell to our most senior students and anticipate a new beginning in September when we welcome our new Year 7 pupils. All Saints graduates are encouraged to maintain contact with staff so that we can offer advice, if needed, and also of course hear of their progress. Readings, Dance, Drama and Music provide an enhanced and uplifting experience.



## Year 10 Mentors

All Saints seeks to foster a culture that is supportive, encouraging and motivating. Older students support the younger pupils and these Year 10 students have graduated as mentors after successfully completing their training. The benefits to younger pupils are proven.



# Lord Derby's Estate: *Year 7 Retreat*



Nearer to home we are fortunate to have yet another fantastic venue. The open air and natural environment at Lord Derby's estate provides the perfect setting for canoeing, archery, bridge building and tasks that require teamwork and problem solving skills.



# DD Drop Down Days

Our final DDD of the summer term offered a variety of activities tailored to each Year Group. DDDs are now a well-established highlight of each school term.

**Year 7**  
Visit to Wales

**Year 8**  
Day at Edge Hill University

**Year 10**  
NHS 'speed dating'; visit to the Kirkby Community College.

**Year 9**  
A compendium: Anthony Walker Foundation, 'Nobody Left Behind'; the Shakespeare North Performers; British Sign Language Society; and Nat West Bank.



**Sixth Form**  
Day at Sheffield University



# Duke of Edinburgh Gold Standard

Congratulations to Madeleine Long, Owen Kingsbury, Kurtus Lee, Millie Edwards and Karly Murray (five Sixth Form students) on completing their Gold Award Programme! It concluded with four nights camping in the wild at Ullswater in the Lake District. To attain the highest standard students have demonstrate resilience, problem solving, communication skills, teamworking and leadership. Meanwhile our Year 9 students began their own journey towards Gold. Their expedition involved one night of wild camping on the slopes of Moel Famau in North Wales.



# Scholars/ Parent Partnerships

Parental support is essential and when teachers and parents work in partnership, students achieve far more. Thanks go to these Year 10 parents who attended Andy Griffith's session on study skills and examination success. Such sessions provide parents with insights into current learning techniques used by their children.



# Edge Hill University Year 10 Scholars



All Saints aims to build students' confidence and self-belief when considering their futures. Part of this is providing the information and experience of that next stage in their education. These visits do precisely that. They are held for all Year Groups across of a range of universities and colleges. We promote a 'can do' approach where success is attainable. Thanks to Edge Hill University, a valued partner, for hosting this particular day.



# Knowsley Hall and Tri4life

These Year 10 boys attended an inspirational evening at the very impressive Knowsley Hall. The event aimed to raise awareness of the openings available for apprenticeships and outlined the qualities and aptitudes that will bring success. The journey starts here.




# Shaping Futures in partnership with Liverpool University

Thanks to the University and Shaping Futures, our students had the opportunity to meet undergraduates and experience life on the campus. They were set the task to produce the best study skills booklet and clearly the challenge was highly absorbing!




# Creative and Careers Event at Eurovision

What an inspiring venue for exploring the career possibilities in this fast growing sector. Year 10 Media and Computing students combined this event with a visit to Liverpool College. Information and advice flowed and so there was much to absorb and reflect upon.





# Art Exploration with the Tate Gallery



Year 11 students enjoyed a lesson as part of the mobile art programme, Radical Landscapes, hosted by the Tate Gallery. All Saints has a reputation for high quality art and graphic design and examples of students' work are displayed throughout the school for all to enjoy. The school has a record of good results at both GCSE and A Level and the courses are always popular choices with students.






# Dolly Hall Residential

The Bosco Club residential at the Hall, a grand old mansion on the banks of the River Dovey in Wales, opened up new experiences for Years 7 and 8. The Hall is situated in a beautiful location that provides ample enrichment opportunities for outdoor pursuits. All Year Groups have the chance to visit Dolly Hall at some point. We value our partnership with the Dolly Hall Association, a registered charity dedicated to enriching the lives of young people.

# Reading Matters: Celebrating Achievement Years 7 and 8

Reading is a gateway to information, enjoyment and imaginative experience. It is also an important life skill. It is a vital tool that enables us to navigate, understand and interact with the world around us. Our structured reading strategy aims to prepare students for all of these challenges and develops advanced reading ability that will be a lifelong asset.




# Raising Money for Cancer Research

Year 10 Girls showed fierce determination and resilience in completing the challenging obstacle course at Sefton Park. Mud, glorious mud was in plentiful supply but undaunted all pulled through to raise invaluable funds. Well done, girls!

Not to be outdone, the annual Year 11 versus staff football match was held to raise funds for pancreatic cancer research. The fixture as always was lively, competitive but also enjoyable. The hard fought game ended in a 2-2 draw.

*Thanks to everyone who supported these two events.*



