



All Saints Catholic High School

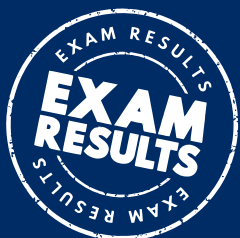
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# Heart to Heart

September 2024 Newsletter



## *Record Breakers!*



Our best **EVER** Progress 8 score!

Highest attainment **EVER** in English and maths!

More pupils securing their first choice destinations than **EVER** before!



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

As we begin this new academic year, it is my pleasure and privilege to begin by sharing the news that our class of 2024 achieved record breaking GCSE exam results. We have seen significant increases in both progress and attainment by the talented and driven pupils here, and we could not be more proud of each and every one of them. These achievements are testimony to the culture we have evolved here, where nothing but the best is good enough. Parents, carers and extended family play a huge part in supporting young people to achieve their potential, so a big well done and thank you to all who we celebrated with this summer. We strive to ensure that every child is given every opportunity to achieve their potential and these improved outcomes are the result of collaboration, hard work and the excellent relationships that we are blessed with in our All Saints family.

As a school we work closely with employers, training providers, A level colleges and universities to ensure our pupils are given the best possible advice and careers guidance to enable them to pursue their ambitions and dreams. Our year 13 pupils secured the results they needed to be able to access the next stage of their learning journeys. Several of our year 13 pupils have secured places at university to study an array of degrees, from Adult Nursing to Professional Policing. A record number of year 11 leavers have also gained the qualifications that have enabled them to access their first choice destinations.

Results and academic success are key, but here we also prioritise developing the whole child and I hope you will enjoy reading about all of the enrichment, extra curricular activities and trips that our pupils enjoyed during the summer term. Providing our pupils with opportunities to share new and exciting experiences together is key to our success; these things develop the confidence, communication and social skills of our pupils and help prepare them for the demands of the world beyond All Saints.

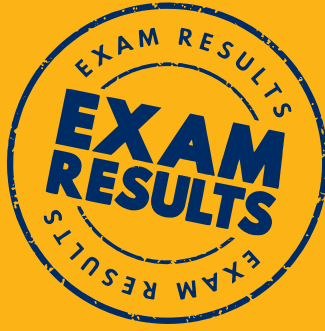
We are constantly striving to strengthen our team here and I am pleased to report that we recruited a number of teaching and support staff in the summer term, who started with us this September. With increasing numbers and an unwavering commitment to supporting every child, it was crucial we made the right appointments; I am pleased to report that our new team members share our values and will make us even stronger.

On behalf of all the staff and the Governors, may I thank you for your enduring support and encouragement.

Yours faithfully

**Tony McGuinness**  
Headteacher

# Y11 Exam Results



Our record breaking Y11 pupils celebrated a fantastic results day with their families, friends and teachers. There were smiles aplenty as our remarkable pupils secured the grades they needed to access the next stages of their learning journeys.

Destinations include record numbers of pupils choosing to access our Sixth Form provision here at All Saints, many leavers are going to study A levels at Carmel College and Winstanley College and lots more have been accepted onto apprenticeships where they will 'learn and earn'.



# Farewell Y11

As always, we wanted our year 11 pupils to bow out in style and our celebrations were emotional and memorable.

The annual staff v pupils match was the final event of a brilliant day. Mr Riley coordinated the event and a fun filled day of cake sales, raffles and competitions was had by all. The day ended with a crushing defeat for the staff as Y11 enjoyed their first ever victory over the teachers.

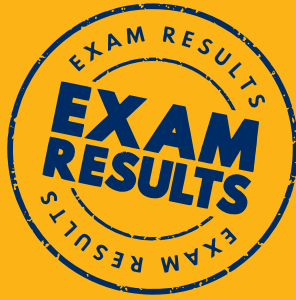
£1500 was raised for a Leukemia charity that is very close to our hearts here at All Saints.

Our Y11 prom was a resounding success; I am sure you will agree each and every pupil looked stunning in their prom outfits. We certainly danced the night away!

The emotional final day for year 11 included a celebratory brunch and a whole school leavers' mass. We will miss you all!



# Y13



Once again we celebrated an excellent set of results with this year's Level 3 students, who have performed well across all of the vocational pathways on offer. Our niche provision specialises in Creative Arts, Business, Health and Social Care, Sport and Physical Activity and Uniformed Protective Services.

All Saints is proud of the achievement of all of our 2024 Leavers, but here are some of the highlights:

**Rosie** - Dist\*, Dist\* Dist in Health and Social Care  
Liverpool John Moores University; Early Childhood Studies.

**Emily** - Dist\*, Dist, Dist in Health and Social Care  
Edge Hill University; Adult Nursing.

**Isabella** - Dist, Dist, Dist in Business  
Liverpool John Moores University; Business Management.

**Owen** - Dist, Merit, Merit in Uniformed Protective Services-  
Edge Hill University

**Headteacher Tony McGuinness:** *"We are tremendously proud of our Sixth Form students and their achievements. They leave us with strong and relevant academic qualifications alongside robust personal and professional skills that will equip them well for their next steps at University and employment. They are excellent role models for the younger students in this community and we wish them the very best of luck for the future".*

**Top performing student Rosie:** *"Without the staff in All Saints Sixth Form I would not have been able to achieve the grades I got. They helped me and pushed me to be my best. Take their words and advice on board and don't be afraid to ask questions!"*



## Scholars

We were so proud of the year 8 scholars group who completed a 5 mile charity walk in aid of Alder Hey Children's Hospital, raising a whopping £2300! Thanks to all who donated.

Year 7 scholars had a wet and windy day at the Albert Dock on their Dragon Boat outing.

A trip to see the critically acclaimed performance of Wicked at the Liverpool Empire saw staff and students mesmerised throughout.

Our extremely talented singers, dancers and actors put on a rousing performance of The Wiz to cap off a great year of experiences for our budding West End superstars!



# Sixth Form

Year 12 students enjoyed a range of university visits in the summer term. Informative and insightful visits to Edge Hill, John Moores and Hope Universities gave students invaluable opportunities to explore the options open to them as they begin to look beyond their time at All Saints.

Enrichment activities included water sports at Lord Derby's estate, workplace experiences and a first aid course as part of the Health and Social Cadetship.

We said goodbye and good luck to our wonderful year 13 leavers and enjoyed a fabulous evening at Malmaison in Liverpool.



## International Round up!

### The PE trip to Portugal was a blazing success!

Pupils had the unique opportunity to train at Benfica's training complex and compete against Belenenses Football Club. Pupils had a great day surfing with professional coaches, as well as playing football on the beach each night to wind down. On the final day pupils had a behind the scenes tour of Benfica's football stadium, the Estadio Da Luz, as well as the club museum. The pupils finished the day with a tour of Lisbon, Portugal's beautiful coastal capital city.



The MFL trip to Malaga was enjoyed by 32 pupils from years 8 and 9 and this cultural experience was one they will never forget. Sightseeing, cookery classes, waterpark fun and sunsets on the beach; friendship and memories to cherish forever!



# Chaplaincy Update

Our Catholic ethos shines throughout our school and particularly through our chaplaincy programme. Our Dolly Hall residential trips are what dreams are made of as we give our children the opportunity to spend time with each other outside of school.

Our spiritual year culminates in an end of year pilgrimage to Lourdes. We had a fabulous shared journey and experience as we reflected and celebrated the gospel values that are at the heart of the community. Thanks to Fr Shaun for joining us.



# Careers

Our year 10 pupils enjoyed a wonderful day at Knowsley Community College exploring a variety of pathways to a career in music. Definitely some budding DJs for the future in this cohort!

Two of our Y11 pupils secured apprenticeships with the Forshaw Group; another example of our links with employers.

Our exciting new Skills Centre programme is now underway for a group of year 10 pupils. Here pupils will explore a range of vocational qualifications to help them make informed choices about their jobs in the future.



# Reading

Reading continues to be at the core of the curriculum here. Our year 8 Chapter and Chat group celebrated with a meal at Nandos, where they talked through what they had enjoyed about their latest book, The Exiled.

Our annual 'Reading Party' was a resounding success as over fifty parents and carers joined in to listen to their children reading aloud and being awarded for their excellent participation and progress.



# DD Drop Down Days

Our final Drop Down Day of the year included visits to Chester Zoo, St Helens World of Glass, Loggerheads, workshops from 'Learn to Earn' and the 'Claritee Group and sixth form hike up Moel Famau.



We always look forward to our end of year reward trips and this year was no exception. Seeing our pupils having fun with their friends was the perfect way to cap off a phenomenal year.

Year 7 loved Gulliver's World, year 8 managed to get all of their teachers on the slides at The Crocky Trail, year 9 braved the thrill of Oblivion and Nemesis at Alton Towers and candy floss and smiles all round at Blackpool Pleasure Beach.



## Special Shout Outs!



This summer, All Saints bid a fond farewell to Bill Green. After 50, yes 50, years of commitment, dedication and top quality work, Bill celebrated his retirement with friends and colleagues. We know that we will see Bill often as he is part of the fabric here and epitomises our values of Love and Justice. *Thank you for everything, Bill!*

One of our former students, Ruby O'Brien, was celebrated at the Knowsley Education Awards as she collected a 'Future Leader' award. Ruby was an exemplary role model throughout her time at All Saints, showing compassion and care for others.



At the Knowsley Education Awards, our class of 2024 head girl, Hollie Brailsford, was commended for the mature and diligent way she fulfilled her role.



*We know both Hollie and Ruby will go on to achieve great things!*

## DE Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Expedition

Our Duke of Edinburgh cohort enjoyed their challenging but rewarding weekend expeditions as part of their course.

Two of our students were invited to Buckingham Palace to collect their Gold Awards. What an achievement!



Our year 7 and 10 football teams were crowned Knowsley Cup Champions.



Our in house year 7 European Cup tournament saw 7L crowned champions.



Our PE department continued to push pupils, both in teams and individually to be the best they could be.



Year 7 finished the year strongly; both the A and B teams leading the way in Knowsley.



## Annual Fr Ryan Tournament

The annual Fr Ryan tournament was, as always, a great day that brings the Kirkby community together. Congratulations to the tournament winners Saints Peter and Paul.

