



Scholars' News

Spring 2017 Newsletter



Screenwriter - Phil Redmond

In every field Knowsley is brimming with talented young people, as shown by the continuous stream of Premier League footballers and creative minds, such as the screenwriter, Phil Redmond. Former pupils from All Saints are now lawyers, Oxford University PhD graduates, singers, criminologists, entrepreneurs, teachers, business leaders and role models of all types. Every year a number of our students gain top grades at GCSE and go on to successful careers.

The rationale behind our Scholars' Programme is to offer more young people the opportunity to find their true vocation and passion. We offer a broader approach to the curriculum, which opens students' eyes to the wealth of possibilities available. We nurture their aspirations and strengthen their commitment to achieving their dreams.

All Saints Scholars' Programme incorporates a varied range of enrichment activities and experiences. These are designed to encourage students to be ambitious about their future careers. However the bedrock of the programme is the nurturing of those skills that will enable students to achieve their plans and ambitions. Resilience, hard work and focused planning are needed. Clearly it has the endorsement of OFSTED, parents and, most certainly, our students themselves. We hope you enjoy reading this our first edition of Scholars' News.

"Pupils on the programme have clearly gained in confidence from attending the various workshops, presentations and visits to places such as universities and theatres."

OFSTED (December 2016)

"It is good to know that the programme will be rolled out to other Year Groups so that more pupils can benefit from these opportunities."

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Marvel Comics Superheroes

Year 8 students gained expertise and inspiration working with local artist and graphic novelist, **Tim Quinn** (ex Marvel Comic writer). Students created their own superheroes and drew and wrote adventures for them. Tim's advice was, *'Work hard at the things you are passionate about.'*



Knowsley Youth Parliament

Public speaking, communication, research and formalising ideas into a convincing argument are important life skills. Year 10 students and members of the Knowsley Youth Parliament spent a full day practising their oratory skills. Their topic was 'the Merits of Donald Trump as President'.





Mentoring Evening Inspires Parents and Students

All Saints welcomed a wide range of professionals to our Year 10 Mentoring Evening. Lawyers, authors, designers, accountants and international business leaders were amongst the many specialisms and areas of expertise represented. Each student will be given the opportunity to work closely with a range of professionals.

We were also delighted to welcome a former pupil, Stephen McDermott, who has helped to establish this mentoring network. Clearly, the event was appreciated by pupils, parents and professional mentors. It will be of great benefit to our young people, supporting their aspirations and career plans in a very practical way.



"I attended the Year 10 Mentoring Evening last night. What an amazing opportunity for my daughter and the rest of the group."

L. Phillips

"The school is going above and beyond for its pupils and the community."

G. Beckwith

Criminology - Edge Hill University

All Saints was delighted to welcome experts in this field from the University. An 'old boy', Michael Crawley, was keen to see the new All Saints. He sought to inspire students through his own experience of studying criminology. So fascinating was the lecture that there is every chance we have a future criminologist in our Scholars' Group.

Dr. Eleanor Peters, senior lecturer in Criminology, spoke of the part that music plays in this field of expertise. Her article, 'From Nickleback to Sesame Street', details many examples of use of music as an instrument of torture, a means of preventing loitering or drowning the sound of gunfire. An unusual insight was given into the power of music for good or for bad.



Confucius Institute Liverpool University

Learning to speak Mandarin and testing their artistic skills through Chinese calligraphy were part of the experience for Year 7 students. The day at Liverpool University was a huge creative experience, reflecting our ethos to offer a widest possible range of opportunities.

Power of the Subconscious



Senior students spent a day learning to use the power of their subconscious to achieve their goals and dreams. Coached by educational author and professional trainer, Andy Griffiths, students' career ambitions ranged from football manager to politician to doctor to spy. We will have to wait and see where this takes them!

Edge Hill University Welcomes Year 10

For All Saints students experiences at a variety of universities are the norm. Visits take place for each Year Group from Years 7 - 10. Year 10 students spent the day at Edge Hill where they toured the campus, spoke with current students and staff, and generally observed the rhythm of university life. The day concluded with a debate on the use and value of social media.



Oxford Cambridge Universities North West Challenge Day

Year 9 students set out for the Museum of Liverpool, which was the venue for this action packed and informative day. The theme was travel and the activities included building wings, using chemistry to solve a murder mystery and learning about life in Latin America. A particular highlight was speaking with graduates from the world's top universities about how to apply for admission.



Scholars' Champion - Mr. Dearing

Such a vibrant programme with its wide ranging experiences requires dedication and hard work. Our Scholars' Programme is led, organised and coordinated by Mr. Paul Dearing, pictured here with two Year 10 students. Keep up the great work, Mr. Dearing.

British Parliament Comes to All Saints

As part of the Houses of Parliament outreach programme we welcomed their representative. Scholars from Years 7, 8 and 9 were able to take part in interactive workshops, all designed to give them a real insight into the democratic process. Being able to speak directly to someone who works for the Houses of Parliament brought the process alive.

"Listening to the speaker from the House of Commons was a great experience because it sounded such an interesting place to work."
Student Jack, Year 9.



Liverpool University Year 10 Scholars – Law, Psychology and Sociology

On this occasion they attended seminars in Law, Sociology and Psychology. Part of the All Saints strategy is to introduce students to areas of study that do not always feature in the curriculum.

"I really enjoy attending the university visits. We have visited several universities and many university speakers have been to All Saints. I would love to go to university in the future."

Dionne, Year 10.



Liverpool University Year 10 Scholars' Democracy and Freedom



A day at Liverpool University was spent attending a series of lectures and debates about democracy, the concept of freedom and the evolution of languages. A particular highlight was an encounter with two 'Roman centurions' who explained how their training and techniques made them so successful as a fighting force.

Thank You, Parents/Carers



Many thanks to all of you who attended our Parents Evenings in October that saw the launch of this academic year's Scholars' Programme. A positive working partnership with parents/carers is vital to the success of a happy and fulfilling school career.

Our Students Say....

"I found the experience of inventing our own superheroes very valuable as I enjoy creating my own ideas and being recognised for it."

Connor K, Year 8.

"The Scholars' Programme has improved my concentration, which has helped me in examinations."

Connor W, Year 8.

"The experience I found most valuable was the Science residential at the University of Liverpool."

Elise, Year 11.

Meditation Sessions

The power of positive thinking can be taught and students in All Year Groups have experienced meditation sessions delivered by Liverpool University Guild of Students. Clearly, the lessons were uplifting and valuable in helping students to focus on positive aspects of their lives and to combat stress and anxiety.



These skills are useful in everyday life and particularly in preparing for examinations and meeting deadlines.

Student comments:

"Meditation relaxes your mind and helps you to focus on the positive."

"Learning how to combat stress was very helpful."