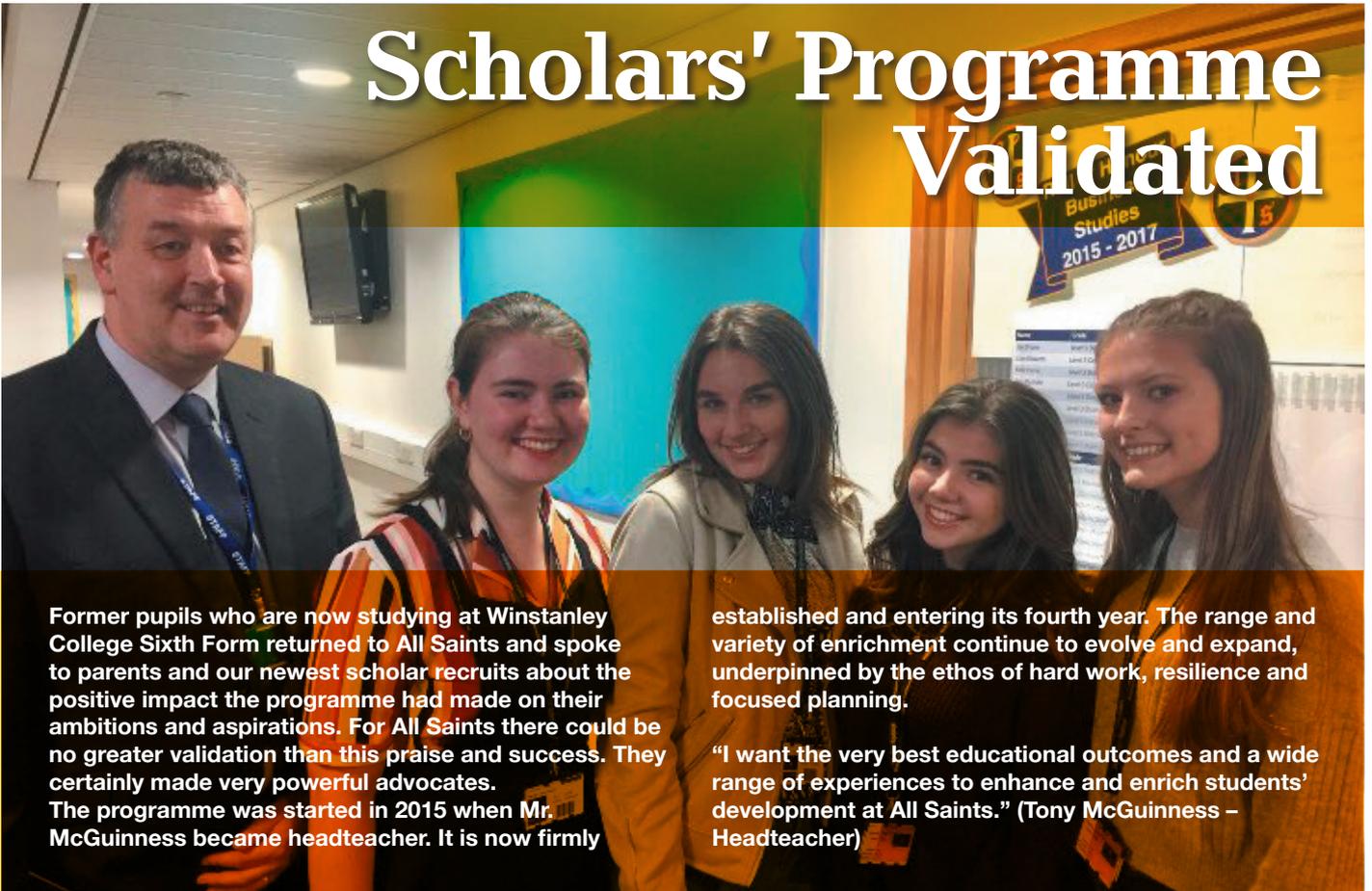




Scholars' News

Autumn 2018 Newsletter

Scholars' Programme Validated



Former pupils who are now studying at Winstanley College Sixth Form returned to All Saints and spoke to parents and our newest scholar recruits about the positive impact the programme had made on their ambitions and aspirations. For All Saints there could be no greater validation than this praise and success. They certainly made very powerful advocates. The programme was started in 2015 when Mr. McGuinness became headteacher. It is now firmly

established and entering its fourth year. The range and variety of enrichment continue to evolve and expand, underpinned by the ethos of hard work, resilience and focused planning.

"I want the very best educational outcomes and a wide range of experiences to enhance and enrich students' development at All Saints." (Tony McGuinness – Headteacher)

Merchant Taylors awards Sixth Form Sponsorship to All Saints Scholar

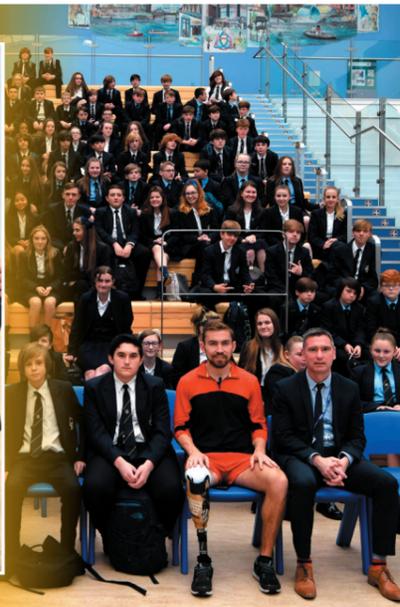
Congratulations to Amelia Gannon who achieved excellent GCSE grades at All Saints in 2018 and as a result gained a fully sponsored sixth form place at Merchant Taylors Girls School. Amelia attributed her success in part to the Scholars' Programme.

"The Scholars' Programme gave many fantastic opportunities including university visits. I met inspiring people and this really helped to build my confidence. I want to study medicine and become a doctor although I've not yet decided on which specialism."

Andy Grant Inspires

Determination, resilience and a positive attitude were the key messages from former marine and Afghanistan veteran, Andy Grant. Having won medals at the Invictus Games and as the fastest amputee over 10k, Andy provided a powerful testimony to the qualities he endorsed.

Previously Andy had been invited to address the England football team prior to the 2018 World Cup. So the Scholars were in illustrious company after hearing Andy's motivational presentation. His book **'You'll Never Walk'** was published recently.



Oxford University Welcomes All Saints



Visits to centres of excellence are integral to the Scholars' Programme. Students will visit a range of universities and Oxford is a particular highlight. Year 10 had a very full day that included interactive activities to challenge their 'brain power', tours of the University and the opportunity to speak to students and staff. First hand experience such as this gives insight and a deeper understanding of university life. It was fun too!



Liverpool University Young Medics

The University's Medical School demonstrated medical skills and patient care techniques to two of our Scholars.

They had joined other aspiring medics from across Merseyside. We can't name them but are sure you will recognise their faces.



Cultural Highlights Liverpool

Scholars travel the length and breadth of the UK in their search for different experiences and knowledge. However, this adventure was nearer to home.

Liverpool is a destination for visitors across the world. A walking tour of the architectural highlights and a visit to the Museum of Liverpool Life gave scholars greater insight into their city. In particular, there was focus on its maritime history and the diverse cultural heritage that it brought. Sometimes you need to be reminded of what is on the doorstep!



Health and Life Sciences Residential



Year 10 scholars enjoyed a fantastic 3 day residential.

- Day 1** – practical interactive academic sessions;
- Day 2** – sample lectures, future career planning, meeting staff and students;
- Day 3** – life as a student, finance, course choices and open forum 'Ask the Undergraduates'.

This is an immensely valuable experience as the scholars live, sleep and breathe the life of students.



Parents and Pupils Join Forces at Edge Hill

Not to be left out this time, parents joined Year 7 Scholars to spend a day at Edge Hill University. From trying out robots in the dance studio to practising medical procedures and entering the Reality Cave, it was a great day for all. Indeed some parents are now thinking of applying!



Edge Hill University



The Oracy Project Poetry Evening

The power of the spoken word is evident when we hear our MPs in Parliament, watch the news, attend theatre productions and not least listen to poetry! A six week oracy course aimed at delivering this important life skill was enjoyed by Year 8. One aspect of the course was poetry. Students composed and performed their own work for parents, staff and fellow pupils in an entertaining evening.



Empowering Parents - War on Mobiles!



Thank you to all those parents (over 40 of you) who attended this interactive training delivered by professional trainer, Andy Griffiths. The aim was to equip parents with practical tips on encouraging students to read more and spend less time engrossed with social media.

All Saints has a clear literacy focus that emphasises the importance of high level and fluent reading skills for information and enjoyment. The previous week Andy delivered training to all staff on the importance of incorporating reading strategies and skills into every lesson. This parent/staff approach brings greater leverage.



Shadowing Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham



Two of our scholars stepped into the world of a Metro Mayor. Here is what they discovered.

"I was given the opportunity to shadow Steve Rotherham which I found eye opening and intriguing. The experience highlighted the importance of time management and a strong, work ethic."

Do you recognise this student from the photo?

"Steve was an inspiration, an example of hard work and perseverance, advising me on my future and supporting my aspirations. I spent a day in the Legal Department and accompanied the Mayor on engagements to the Maritime Knowledge Hub and Unilever," (Chloe Fletcher)

Robyn Dooley Brings Inspiration

Years 7-10 girls met former pupil Robyn Dooley, whose entrepreneurial skills were the bedrock of her success. Robyn founded her business 'OH' in 2015 to address the gap between business and industry by matching potential employees with employers.

Speaking from personal experience, she emphasised the importance of determination and self-belief in order to overcome difficulties. Robyn's experiences made a powerful impact on the girls. She has advised Parliament on mental health issues and has worked on an international gender equality project.



Over to Mr. Dearing...

"Leading the Scholars' Programme is immensely rewarding. We have established partnerships with many industries, universities, authors, scientist, sports people and business leaders.

We seek out any forum or organisation that may benefit our students. Consequently the Programme is continually evolving and improving.

However the greatest reward is the development and enjoyment of our students as they grow in confidence and widen both their aspirations and ambitions. I am deeply privileged to play a part in that process."



Welsh Eisteddfod Festival

At All Saints we want our students to have first-hand experience of the highest creative standards. As part of their oracy training Year 8 went to see this world famous festival held in Llangollen.

Performances were wide ranging and were from different cultures. Our belief is that when you see excellence in action you aspire to achieve it.



Advertising Guru Tom Knox

We were delighted to welcome the Chairman of Muller Lowe Advertising Agency. This London based company devises many well-known advertising campaigns, including Persil's 'Dirt is Good'.

Mr. Knox, who is one of the most respected names in advertising with over 30 years experience in the industry, gave Year 10 scholars the inside track on the power of effective advertising.



carmel college Year 9

At All Saints we encourage students to work hard and focus on their future. This philosophy informs our Scholars' Programme.

We empower and motivate through wide ranging experiences and visits to universities and colleges. Year 9 scholars spent a day at Carmel College to sharpen their independent learning skills, which are so important from Sixth Form onwards.

