All Hallows Catholic High School Newsletter 10 May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the Feast of the Ascension taking place yesterday, we were reminded that we are the Body of Christ on earth and that this will be seen through our actions, thoughts and words. In this light our vocations fair with Year 9 was a huge success and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed discussing with our visitors how our choices in life allow us to contribute to living out the Gospel.

Sport is another way in which our community is 'Growing together in the spirit of Christ's Love'. This week we have tremendous sporting success, and this is celebrated in our Newsletter. The joy and togetherness I have seen within our teams, as they worked tirelessly for each other has been wonderful to see. Some teams have been crowed champions of South Ribble, but credit goes to all our teams and individuals who participated with tremendous sportsmanship and conducted themselves with real maturity and respect in success or defeat.

Our Year 11 pupils started their GCSE's this week and we have been so impressed with their attitude and how well organised they have been. Everyone associated with school wishes them well. Good luck Year 11.

One final plea....

We are looking for a new Foundation Governor, a practicing Catholic who would be appointed to the Governing Body by the Archdiocese. If you would be interested in this position, please contact school and we can provide more details. Hope you enjoy your weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper **Headteacher**



Under 15 Rugby

Congratulations to Max R and Soren W in Year 10 who played for their Preston Grasshoppers team in the U15 Lancashire Cup Final on Sunday 28th April against Warrington and won! What an achievement! Well

done boys!



Reminders

School closes at 3:05pm on Friday 24th May for half term.

>>> School re-opens on Monday 3rd June at 08:30am.

Year 9 Boys Football

The Year 9 Boys Football Team were in action last week in the League Play-Off Final versus Lostock Hall Academy. Both teams gave a great account of themselves in what was an extremely competitive match. However a hat-trick from Tom A and a fourth from Charlie W earned the boys a well deserved victory and means they are now the Year 9 Football League Champions!



Girls Under 14 Girls Football

Well done to our U14 Girls football team who were at Leyland St Mary's on Monday 29th April for the quarter final of the South Ribble Cup. The girls played well for the whole 60 minutes, but the result unfortunately didn't go our way. Well done and good luck to Leyland St Mary's.



BMX Racing World Championship

Good luck to Year 9 pupil, James C, who is competing at the BMX Racing World Championship in Rock Hill, America. James is currently the U13 World Champion. We wish him the best of luck as he races to maintain his title and be awarded U14 World Champion.

"Growing together in the spirit of Christ's love"

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Rising Gymnastic Star

Tia has recently returned from Slovakia where she achieved an amazing 20th place out of 80 gymnasts, competing against some of the world's best. She has also competed in the Southern Region Championships which is the first stage for qualification for world trial selection. She came an exceptional 4th place and has qualified for the next stage of trials which is held in 2 weeks down in London.

Well played to these superstars and Millie W. They won 3-0 against Leyland St Mary's in the South Ribble Cup Semi Finals. Three great goals from Ayda, Kacey & Mia. All of the team showed great strength, skill and enthusiasm, well done girls and to the Player of the Match

Year 8 Netball

Congratulations to the Year 8 Netball team, who have won the 2023/24 South Ribble District Netball League. Well done to all the girls who have played well all season. Player of the Match Phoebe who's shooting was brilliant considering the weather conditions

JOB WELL DONE!

Synergy Reminder

A polite reminder to parents and carers to please use the Synergy Gateway if you would like to message the school regarding your child eg: queries, absences, appointments and other such communication.







Year 10 Netball

The Year 10A Netball Team also played in the South Ribble League finals at Penwortham Girls High School on Monday 29th April. The girls battled hard with the wind and rain and unfortunately lost both matches to finish in 4th place. Well done girls.

South Ribble Cup Champions

Outstanding performance by all of the girls the determination & effort was inspiring. Two superb goals by Ayda & Abbie, but Player of the Match goes to the whole team! The first ever South Ribble Cup for girls & you have the trophy - Well done, we are so proud!



Rounders Round Off Staff Vs Students

Last week the Year 11 girls took on the staff in a competitive rounders match, excitement built over the week as to who would win - surely the staff? On the day the Year 11's showed up with a strong team and performed well - beating the staff (who were outnumbered) It was a fun evening for all, even Mrs Cooper turned up to have a round - well done girls for coming down to play.





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Year 11 Leavers Mass

On Wednesday we celebrated our Year 11 Leavers Mass. This brought to an end the form apart of our Year 11's education here at All Hallows. The Mass offered an opportunity for all to celebrate together the last five years as well as the time and space to bring before God any intentions that they wished to pray for. The readings of the Mass reminded us all that God has given us specific gifts and talents to help us on our journey through life and that on that journey God is always with us. We were encouraged by Father Ian, in the homily, to turn to God in times of need and to not be afraid to ask for his help and to be reminded of his presences with us always.

Thank you to all the Year 11 pupils for your participation in the Mass, particularly to those who read, wrote the bidding prayers, carried offertory items and led the music.

It was a beautiful, prayerful and joyful celebration and we wish you all the luck with your exams over the coming weeks.



Year 8 South Ribble Cup Final

The Year 8 boys were outstanding this week as they took on a strong Hutton team in the final of the South Ribble Cup. From the first minute to the last, the boys gave an awesome performance, showing composure and class all over the pitch. Their work rate and effort when not in possession was clear to see for everyone and the speed and skill involved in their attacking play was too much for Hutton to deal with. Goals from Tom M, Bailey J-F, Elliot I and a hat-trick from Charlie G-W resulted in a 6-1 victory and saw them crowned champions for a second year running!

Champions of a second year range.

Year 9 South Ribble Cup Final

Our Year 9s showed why they have been so successful on the pitch in recent years after they staged a comeback against Brownedge St Mary's in the final. After having a goal disallowed, they immediately conceded, leaving them one nil down early in the game, with a lot of work to do against a very good Brownedge team. Once again though, they showed what a strong team they are, by working hard to create an equaliser, scored by Oliwier C. This gave the boys the boost they needed and they went on to score another before half-time through a composed finish by Tom A, 2-1 All Hallows. Both teams fought well in the second half, with Brownedge scoring a second through a penalty kick making it 2-2. Step forward Connor M, team captain, winning goal scorer! Final score 3-2 and All Hallows are crowned champions, making this three years in a row for this fantastic team!



Year 10 South Ribble Cup Final

The Year 10 football team have developed significantly this year and deserved their place in the cup final earlier this week where they met Hutton Grammar for the first time. After a very close first half, which ended 0-0, the boys couldn't hold Hutton off any longer and the goals came thick and fast after that. It was a great effort by all involved, but credit must go to the opposition who took the trophy back with them on this occasion! The Year 10s will be back though, no doubt about that!



Faith in Action Retreat Day

On Thursday 9th May our Faith in Action pupils enjoyed a retreat day together at St Teresa's Parish. The day started with a lovely walk together to the parish, an Ascension day Mass alongside the parish community and then a day working in the Scout Hut on their final pieces for their award. It was wonderful to be able to share this day together. The pupils offered some very insightful and thoughtful reflections on their acts of service and how they have been inspired by scripture and the life of the saint to put their faith into action in new and more challenging ways. These pupils were a credit to our school and we look forward to celebrate them achieving their awards in a few weeks time.

Thank you to the parish and the local scout group for providing a lovely welcome and a perfect venue for our day.





Vocations Fair 🗸

On Friday 26th April we welcomed into school a number of religious orders, priests and Catholic organisations to speak to our Year 9 pupils about vocations. Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to talk to religious sisters, brother, priests and workers from Catholic organisations about how they live out their faith day to day and how they have been called to live their life with Jesus. It was a fantastic day, full of joy and very thoughtful questions. One Year 9 pupil said: "It was a fantastic day, we had lots of fun, especially with Sr Linda! It was great to be able to meet people that we learn about in RE and find out more about what it is actually like to be a priest or a nun." One of the contributors to the day said: "It was lovely to meet so many students. Brilliant engagement and really fantastic students." And another said: "My highlight was the openness of the students to ask questions and get to know us."

Thank you to the National Office of Vocation, The Daughters of Divine Charity, The Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), Fr Simon (Archdiocese of Liverpool), Pax Christi, the Columban's, CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development), the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's), the Salesian Sisters and Castlerigg Manor.



Under 13s Cricket

Well done to the Under 13s Cricket team who were victorious in their first game of the Lancashire cup. We will be travelling to Ripley St Thomas in Lancaster to play the next round.

Special mention to captain Finley T-scoring 35 runs / not out!





Under 15s Cricket

Well done to the U15s Cricket team who played in their first cricket fixture. Greats efforts from all involved.