All Hallows Catholic High School Newsletter 14 June 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The next couple of weeks bring many exciting enrichment events for our pupils.

Next week our Year 10 will be out on work experience shortly followed by their visit to Cardinal Newman College for their taster day. Sports Day will also soon be upon us and there are lots of athletics and summer sporting events taking place at the moment. Year 7 are heading off to Cliffs Farm to complete their Geography fieldwork and enjoy the activities provided at Rock and River. Year 8 will also complete some humanities fieldwork in Liverpool. The Faith in Action group have been successful in achieving their awards and will be presented with these at the Archdiocese next week. So many other events are taking place and I am grateful for the support provided by parents to allow these opportunities to be facilitated. The behaviour and conduct of pupils in school this year has been fantastic and it is wonderful to see that record numbers of pupils have been invited to the rewards trip at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Our pupils always make us proud and I hope the sun finally shines for them.

Finally, I also need to draw your attention to the changes in the guidance around attendance. Procedure around Penalty Notices and Unauthorised Absences are changing from August 19th 2024 and they will impact families where pupils are taken out of school for holidays. Please take time to read these changes as they will be implemented on our return to school in September.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper **Headteacher**



Year 7 Boys Football

Success at the Rotary!

The year 7 boy's football team came out victorious at the event which included 18 teams in total. The whole team played spectacularly throughout. It was a tough ask to get through the group stages but we managed to find the results to take us through to the next round. The quarters saw us face Priory and Ashton in a mini group stage where we managed to gain a win and a draw which took us through to the semi finals. We were drawn against Our Lady's and came out on top to then play against Southlands in the final.

The boys did extremely well and won 5-0 in the final!

A great day out for all involved, well done to the Year 7
boys. We are extremely proud of you.



Under 13's Cricket

Well done to all of the boys representing All Hallows in the U13's cricket team. We put on a good display against Ripley, however we were unfortunate not to make it through to the next round of the Lancashire Cup.

Dates for June

17th Geography visit to Cliffs Farm for Year 7

17th Year 10 week of Work Experience

19th Geography visit to Cliffs Farm for Year 7

20th Year 11 Leavers Do

21st >>> Stanley Park Athletics

25th >>> Geography/History visit to Liverpool for Year 8

26th >>> Geography/History visit to Liverpool for Year 8

27th >>> Year 10 Parents Evening (virtual appointments)



World Aerobic Gymnastics Championships and Video

Breaking news, after months of practice and trial processes we are very excited to announce that Tia has been selected to represent Great Britain at the World Aerobic Gymnastics Championships held in Italy in September. We are so proud, well done Tia.



Rounders South Ribble District Tournament

Congratulations to our Year 10 Rounders team who were winners of the South Ribble District Tournament held at Priory on Monday 3rd June.

The girls played extremely well as a team winning all 5 matches!



Youth SVP Request

Youth SVP members would appreciate your help and are requesting the following items for the food bank:

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Ready made custard
- Tins of sweetcorn
- Red kidney beans
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish

Youth SVP are also supporting Metanoia who are collecting the following items:

- Tracksuit bottoms (male and female adults),
- Shoes/trainers size 11-13 (adults)

Thank you for everything you have brought so far, if you would like to join SVP in school, please come along to a meeting on a Monday at lunchtime!



Important Changes To Absence Penalty Notices

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE UPDATED NATIONAL CHANGE TO
PENALTY NOTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE.

THIS APPLIES FROM AUGUST 2024.

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices
Information for Parents

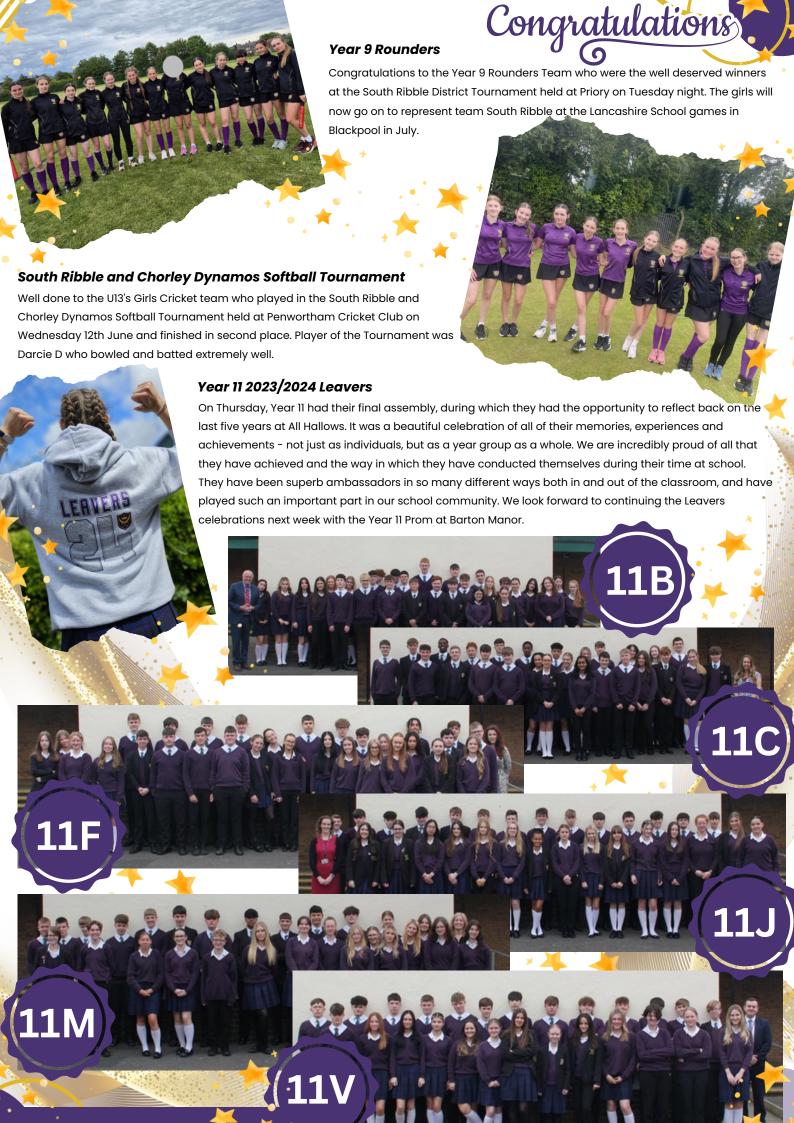
You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a
 rolling 10-school week period1. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span
 different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.
- Pupils who are late after 9.00am will receive a 'U' code which is classed as an unauthorised absence. Lates are classed as unauthorised absences and will count towards the fines.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning. Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning. This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential.

1 A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.



U15's Outdoor Cricket Tournament

Well done to the Year 9 and 10 girls who played in the U15 outdoor cricket tournament held at Penwortham Cricket Club on 12th June. We entered two teams into the tournament who both played well. The Year 10 team finished in second place and the Year 9 team finished in 3rd place. Well done to all the girls who played.



English A-Level Masterclass at Newman College

On Wednesday this week a group of Year 9 students had the unique opportunity to attend an English A-Level Masterclass led by Newman College's Claire Booth, Head of English Literature and Claire Porter Head of English Language. The Masterclass was held at All Hallows, and this event was designed to give students a taste of English Literature and English Language as A-Level subjects. The staff from Newman also gave our students invaluable university and careers advice on English's suitability as a third A-Level choice for students considering studying it alongside a variety of STEM A-Levels.

The students were enthusiastic and engaged throughout the many activities and class discussions that were held that afternoon, and the Newman staff were very impressed with their knowledge and maturity. The experience not only broadened our Year 9s' academic horizons but also provided practical insights into the skills necessary for success in both humanities and STEM disciplines at A-Level. A big thank you to Mrs McDonnell for organising such a fantastic event for our students and thank you to Mr Henderson and Mrs Cairns for supporting the



Details: Saturday 22nd June at 11:30am from St Mary Magdalen's Church

Our walk is just over a mile each way. If you feel you can't walk that far but want to join us in the park, there's a car park on South Meadow Lane opposite The Continental Pub. Walk along the flat path to the cafe and meet us there to enjoy your own picnic, make a donation and help the charity feed more hungry children.



Umpire Training

On Thursday 13th June, Mrs Preston took 17 Year 8 and 9 girls to Lostock Hall High School for some netball umpire training ahead of the Primary Netball Tournament on Thursday 20th June at Worden High School. All the girls who attended were a credit to themselves and the school showing great communication and leadership skills throughout the day.



U13's Boys Cricket

Our Year 7 Cricket team played in a small tournament earlier this week against two Year 8 teams from Hutton Grammar. The boys gave a great team performance, beating both Hutton A and Hutton B Teams. It was a fantastic day, with some excellent cricket on display. Many thanks to Hutton Grammar for hosting!



WORLD CUP

** FAMILY FRIENDLY FOOTBALL ON THE BIG SCREEN - TO ATTEND, YOUR GROUP MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE CHILD (AGED 0-15)



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FACE PAINTING STALL



FOOTBALL TSHIRT STALL



FREE ACTIVITY
CORNER



PARTY MUSIC PRE-MATCH + HALF-TIME



FOR TICKETS AND ENQUIRIES, PLEASE EMAIL: TheVenue@PenworthamTownCouncil.gov.uk

WITH A FULLY LICENCED BAR AND -



Link to our school's website for more resources.

Worried about your child's wellbeing?

Whatever your child is struggling with, they can access **free** and **safe** mental wellbeing support, today.

kooth.com



Please use the following links to All Hallows' website for more information from Kooth regarding:

- <u>Help surrounding exam time</u>
- Pastoral information

Parent/Guardians can attend but need to be with a Young Person!

Come Join Us For Our

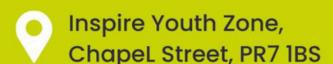
Future Careers Event!

WED 19TH JUN 6-8PM

Come see what is out there and consider a career you might not of even heard about!

Are you interested to see what type of opportunities local business are offering Young People?

We have a few local businesses giving advice and showcasing their career paths including apprenticeships, jobs and placements.











What's on guide



South Ribble CFW All our groups are free

June—Sept 2024



