

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

27th September 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I have been visiting our primary schools these last few weeks and yesterday we held our annual Open Evening. It was a fantastic evening where many of our current staff and pupils were able to spend time sharing their experiences of school life as well as demonstrate some of the amazing facilities and activities that we have as part of life at All Hallows. We would encourage applications for the next Year 7 intake and a huge thankyou to the pupils who smiled and chatted with prospective parents and pupils.

Our Year 7 are settling really well into school and they are getting used to the fast pace of a high school. Next week they will be retreating to Lowe House for a wonderful opportunity to have some prayer time and take part in workshops which will help them build relationships with both their form tutor and head of year as well as make new friends

I hope that pupils are joining new extracurricular groups and settling down to their studies. This is a key term and a huge amount of academic progress takes place from September to Christmas. Attendance has so far been fantastic and although I am aware that winter will bring its challenges, I would like to encourage pupils to keep their attendance as high as possible. Research shows that attendance is a key factor in pupil progress.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper
Headteacher



Head Boy & Head Girl



Ryan Lancaster
and
Rebeca Figueroa

Deputy Head Boys & Deputy Head Girls



Harrison Ridgeway, Lilly
Washington,
Oliver Glover and Lauren Clarke

Senior Prefects



Back row: Akein Ferdinando, Harry Quigley, Ellie Salisbury, Matilda Blackburn, Fearné Speight, Eva Margison, Poppy Hazelwood, and Christopher Attah
Front row: Harrison Ridgeway, Lilly Washington, Ryan Lancaster, Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Cooper, Rebeca Figueroa, Oliver Glover and Lauren Clarke

School Ambassadors

On Monday 9th September we celebrated our first whole school Mass together as a community. This is always an exciting time as it is also the time where our Head Girl and Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Boy and Senior Prefects are announced. In order to be considered for these roles, pupils in Year 11 have to submit a written application, then take part in an interview with the Headteacher, Mrs Cooper and Head of Year 11, Mrs Hodgson. Votes from their teachers and their peers were also considered as part of the process. More than 40 pupils applied for these leadership roles and following a rigorous selection Mrs Cooper was pleased to announce her senior prefects are; Akein Ferdinando, Christopher Attah, Harry Quigley, Poppy Hazelwood, Eva Margison, Ellie Salisbury, Matilda Blackburn and Fearné Speight. The Deputy Head Girls are Lilly Washington and Lauren Clarke the Deputy Head Boys are Harrison Ridgeway and Oliver Glover and the Head Girl is Rebeca Figueroa and the Head Boy is Ryan Lancaster. We congratulate them and wish them well in being ambassadors for our school community.

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Faith in Action

What is Youth SVP?

Youth SVP is an invitation for young people aged 11-18 to come and join our Vincentian family. Worldwide our mission is to tackle poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need.

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded thanks to a young student who walked through the poorest streets of his community on his way to university lectures each day. The poverty he came across inspired him to be the change and make a difference to those around him in need. Today the SVP works in communities around the world to continue this legacy.

With a formula of 'See, Think, Do' groups of young members meet in schools and parishes across England & Wales to discuss and put into action support for the people around them.

Youth SVP members use their creativity, resources and energy to engage in their school and parish communities and take part in social action. Through voluntary work, Youth SVP members not only make a difference, but learn new skills and build lasting friendships.

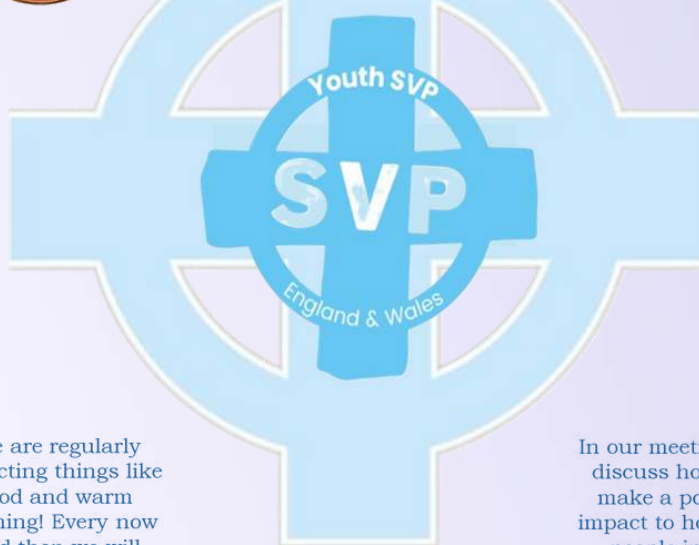


Youth SVP

- . Collecting items that local charities need
- . Holding weekly meetings
- . Helping with children's liturgy in school and in the parishes
- . Helping in a local parish by serving at Mass and in school
- . Volunteering for an SVP support project- Metanoia which we support with Homeless Drop in centre
- . Collaborating with local adult SVP activities in Penwortham – Christmas dinner for the parishioners
- . Fundraising and collaborating with local charity projects such as Galloways and Rotary Club
- . Supporting the Mini Vinnies at the feeder Primary schools
- . Visiting care homes- singing in the homes at Christmas and sending Christmas cards
- . Creating safe spaces in school
- . Running and Donating to All Hallows Foodbank and the local Foodbanks in the area
- . School clothing banks- which support the Metanoia project at St Wilfrid's in the town centre on Wednesday evenings
- . Running the Hot Chocolate stand monthly for fundraising needs
- . Knitting squares for Charity through the All Hallows Community Choir group
- . Organising community get togethers- feast of St Vincent de Paul Mass volunteers from school to read and perform at the Mass and the social event on October 6th 2024
- . Summer Sleep Out – new event to be organised for 2025
- . Supporting Refugees and Asylum seekers
- . Supporting the Retreat Programme in school



Faith in Action



We are regularly collecting things like food and warm clothing! Every now and then we will come around forms and collect your donated items

Help us change lives!



In our meetings we discuss how can make a positive impact to homeless people in our community.

Help us make a difference!



Hot chocolate stand
Sleep out
Foodbank
Metanoia
Christmas Hampers
Galloways

Meetings take place on a Monday lunchtimes in Performing Arts!

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Year 7 English

On Monday 16th September, the English department hosted their annual Roald Dahl party for pupils in Year 7. Pupils were selected for the party based on the work and attitude they had demonstrated in their English lessons for the first two weeks of the year. In lessons, pupils were asked to design Roald Dahl bunting and to create their own confectionary item; the teachers were absolutely blown away by the pupils' effort and the work they produced! Well done to everyone in Year 7 for making such a wonderful impression on us.

At the Roald Dahl party, pupils enjoyed an array of wonderful Wonka wares as well as some games, quizzes and fun activities to get to know one another. It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs Cooper and the children to the party; we look forward to hosting more parties later in the academic year.



Performing Arts

The Performing Arts department at All Hallows continues to go from strength to strength with pupils of all ages taking part in a variety of activities in and out of school during the academic year. We have started the year with the whole school Mass in September with many pupils from each year group singing and performing in the Music Chaplaincy group. Our theme for this year is 'Praise' and offering up our talents in many musical ways to help enhance the Liturgy at school. Members of the Performing Arts will be taking part in the annual Open Evening activities this week with a host of performances from musical theatre and different styles of music.



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We are delighted to report that our Music and Drama clubs have had record attendances with our weekly Matilda rehearsals reaching the number of 116 pupils registered. The new Year 7's have made a wonderful start and there is so much talent to be celebrated amongst them. The new GCSE Dance course began on Monday evenings with 30 pupils registered and there has been a great response to the lessons. We are fortunate to welcome back former pupil Miss Anna Mc Cutcheon to support in the running of the course. Pupils have signed up on Synergy to a variety of clubs at lunchtime and after school including Choir, Rock Bands, Matilda and Dance club.

There has been a tremendous response from our Year 7's in taking up the opportunity to learn new instruments such as guitar, piano, drums, flute and singing lessons with our instrumental teachers.

Please see Mrs Colclough if your child is interested in registering for lessons. It is never too late to join any of our groups or instrumental lessons.

A theatre trip to watch the production of the West End hit 'Wicked' is also being planned and letters will go home to club members via Parent mail very soon. We are hoping to go to Manchester to watch it for our Christmas theatre trip.



Year 11 History Trip

On Thursday 19th September 102 GCSE History pupils went to Durham Cathedral to gain a greater understanding of the influence of the Norman Conquest in the north of England. This is a vital component of the Paper 2 Historic Environment question which focuses solely on the Cathedral at Durham. Pupils were given a guided tour and talks of key features within the Cathedral such as the magnificent, vaulted rib ceiling. Pupils also got to have a look at the cloisters and learn about the strict lives of the Benedictine monks; we even got to play dress up! After the morning tours, students went and enjoyed lunch in Durham centre, take in the sights and do some shopping. It was then back up to the Cathedral for the final tour and a visit to the shrine of St. Cuthbert before we went back to the coaches. Overall, the weather was good (a rarity for the North East), and students were impeccably behaved throughout! A wonderful and successful History outing.



Year 11 Geography Field Trip

On Wednesday 25th September, the Year 11 Geography classes went on day two of their GCSE field trips. This time they were investigating the changes in the River Wyre as it flow downstream. Pupils spent the morning measuring characteristics of the river like velocity, width, depth and bedload. In the afternoon, they visited Garstang and St. Michael's, to see the flood prevention methods which have been put in place to reduce damage. Pupils were all brilliant and we even managed to stay dry, despite the wet week we had been having.



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Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Weekend

Last weekend saw 47 Year 11 pupils complete the expedition side of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. At 10 o'clock on the Friday morning pupils arrived at Waddecarr Campsite with their sleeping bags, walking boots and an extensive supply of food and snacks. They got to work straight away pitching their tents and packing their rucksacks before they planned the first of 3 walking routes that they would complete over the next few days.

We were blessed with beautiful weather and after a successful first day pupils put their camp-craft skills to the test by preparing their first hot meal of the expedition. As the sun set on the Friday evening, pupils queued outside the staff quarters for hot chocolate before retreating from the chilly wind into their tents.

Again on the Saturday the sun shone whilst pupils completed their first assessed solo navigation. Pupils walked approximately 10 miles (some groups even more!) along a route they had planned together in their small groups the previous evening. This task combines navigation skills, physical endurance and mental perseverance; all of which our pupils excelled in throughout. The Sam Sykes team told us that it was unusual to get a full cohort to the top of Parlick carrying full equipment, an amazing achievement! We gathered together on Saturday evening to toast the success of Day 2 with marshmallows around the campfire, before pupils retreated to their tents for a well-deserved rest.



On Sunday morning, everyone rose early to put their tents down, tidy camp and complete their final walk. Pupils then had to do a group presentation to their assessor about their chosen aim for the weekend. The external assessors from Sam Sykes commented on numerous occasions that these were some of the best groups of young adults that they had ever had the pleasure of working with. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, enthusiasm and support for each other that we witnessed throughout the entire weekend.

Thank you to Mr Case, Mr Duffy, Miss Johnston and Miss Tasker for trading their duvets for sleeping bags and supporting the weekend.

WELL DONE YEAR 11!

Mrs Walsh and Miss Consiglio

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Year 8 Boys Football

The Year 8 Football team were in action for the first time this season on Tuesday night, playing a home fixture versus Lostock all Academy. The match was extremely competitive and both teams put in strong performances. Lostock had the better of the first half and went in 1-0 up after scoring a good header from a corner in the dying seconds of the half. This didn't worry All Hallows though, who came out very strongly in the second half. However, against the run of play, Lostock scored a second and we now had a real battle to try and stage a come back. The team showed a real desire to fight back and that character earned them a goal mid-way through the second half. A few minutes later and we scored an equaliser, sending Lostock into 'panic mode' with rushed clearances and silly fouls. In the last minute we had a free kick on the edge of the area and a chance to pinch the win the game. Lostock defended it well though and after a goalmouth scramble and a great save from their keeper, the game ended in a 2-2 draw! Congratulations to all the boys involved.

U16s South Ribble Athletics Championships

A massive congratulations to everyone involved in the U16s South Ribble Athletics Championships on the 17th of September. It was a great evening in the sunshine competing against the other schools in the district. We had some great individual and team performances, and All Hallows proudly came away the overall winners; with the girl's team coming first place, and the boys joint first - well done to all involved.

Year 8 Rounders

After a few cancelled weather-related rounders tournaments last year, the year 8s finally got to play their first game against PGHS on Monday the 16th. The sun shone and the girls played extremely well but unfortunately, we were beaten by one rounder. Bring on next summer.

Winston's Wish



On Sunday 22nd September, Mr Clitheroe, alongside his Dad, completed the Fleetwood Triathlon in aid of Winston's Wish Charity.

Every day across the UK, children and young people lose someone significant to them. The death of someone important can be the most traumatic experience a child or young person will ever face.

Winston's Wish relies on voluntary charitable donations to support children and their families following the death of a parent, sibling or important person. Since 1992, they have helped tens of thousands of bereaved children and young people and, with your help, can help tens of thousands more during the most difficult time of their lives.

If you would like to donate to this fantastic cause, please click the just giving link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jimc-winstonswish>

Year 10 Boys Football

On Monday 16th September the Year 10 boys put on an outstanding performance to win their opening South Ribble league fixture 3-0 away at Leyland St Mary's. The whole team played magnificently from start to finish and it was capped off with two goals from Thomas Challonor and one from Thomas Armstrong. A great way to start the league campaign for the year!

On Thursday 19th September the Year 10 boys played their second game in four days in the opening round of the English Schools Cup competition away at St Bede's in Blackburn. Unfortunately, after a very positive first-half display, the team just couldn't manage to convert their impressive team play into goals and ended up losing the match 3-0 to a very strong opposition. There have been many positives to take from this first week of fixtures for the year 10 team, and we now look forward to aiming to win the South Ribble League and Lancashire Cup as the year progresses. Well done lads!



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SAVE THE DATE

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2024

Certificate Evening

14.11.2024

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



Euxton Villa Fc.

- Girls Teams from U9-U16 (2024/25)
- FA Qualified, friendly coaches
- First 4 weeks training free
- Games played in Sunday Leagues
- Sense of belonging, building confidence
- Social fun, inclusive, friendly and supportive

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For further information, please come and see us.

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ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Stewardship of Creation

Word of the Week

Genesis 2: 4- 9, 15

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Prayer for the Week

Dear St Francis,
You loved all of God's creatures, big and tall, near and far. I ask for your prayers to help me to be like you, to be kind to animals and people too. Teach me to be joyful, and to see the beauty in all things. Thank you for showing us how to love and for reminding us to care for our Earth. Amen.

St Francis of Assisi...Pray for us!

YouTube

CST 101: Care for Creation (WATCH HERE)

How are you called to be a steward of creation?

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St Francis of Assisi was born in 1181 in Italy. He initially lived a life of luxury but underwent a profound spiritual transformation, embracing a life of simplicity and service to others. He founded the Franciscan Order, promoting love for all living beings and harmony with nature. Francis preached to both humans and animals, emphasizing compassion and kindness. His radical approach to Christianity inspired many to live more authentically and compassionately. Despite facing challenges and criticism, his devotion to God and his vision of peace and love continue to inspire people of all ages to this day.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

This principle of Catholic Social Teaching means that God gave us the earth, animals, plants and everything in nature to take care of. We should protect the world and use its gifts wisely so that everyone, including future generations, can enjoy them. St Francis of Assisi loved all of God's creations- he called the sun, moon, animals and plants his brothers and sisters! He showed us how to care for nature with love and respect.

- How does caring for the environment reflect your values as a Christian?
- St Francis saw all creation as connected. How does this idea challenge the way we treat nature and animals today?
- Why do you think it's important to balance using the earth's resources with caring for them responsibly?
- How does appreciating nature help you grow in your relationship with God?
- St Francis lived simply and respected the earth. How can simplicity in your life help reduce your impact on the environment?

The Canticle of Creation by St Francis of Assisi

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently.

O Lord, we think of you when we look at him. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness; he is bright and lively and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours.

Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you; and for those who bear sickness and weakness in peace and patience - you will grant them a crown.

Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death, whom we must all face.

I praise and bless you, Lord, and I give thanks to you, and I will serve you in all humility.

A Prayer For Those Who Protect God's Creation | CAFOD
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