

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

25th October 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The end of a remarkably busy half term is finally here, and I hope that families have some lovely plans for a break over the next week. Pupils deserve a 'pat on the back' for all the hard work and enthusiasm that they have brought into school these first few weeks of the year.

Our Catholic community is thriving and I was so proud to see our SVP group take such a leading role in the festival mass at St Mary Magdalen's church recently. They also have been raising money in school for the local charities they support.

Year 7 deserve a special mention as they have settled into school so well. They have even been involved in helping to greet the next Year 7 as part of the Year 6 Taster Day to All Hallows. The PTFA and the Year 7 pastoral team hosted a spooky Halloween disco for Year 7 and 8 to help them celebrate the end of a successful term.

The newsletter is full of news and in particular this week it focuses on several individuals who are excelling in sports and activities outside of school. These pupils show huge dedication and commitment to what they do and we are rightly proud of all they achieve.

Finally, please read all the newsletter as there is some really important information and requests to parents. I understand that school sends a lot of information home to parents, but the newsletter remains an important form of communication.

Enjoy the half term

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper
Headteacher



Lunchtime Mass

Our lunchtime Masses this half term have been full of joy and deeply prayerful as we have gathered each week to celebrate this ultimate act of worship as a school community.

We had a particularly special Mass last week during which we were joined by 200 pupils and staff. The intention for the mass was Harry a Year 8 pupil who underwent a stem cell transplant last Monday (21st October) to treat leukaemia. It was very special to come together in prayer for one of our pupils and offer the Mass for him and his family. We hope that Harry felt the comfort and strength from our prayers and wish him a speedy recovery.



The school office is open
8.00am until 4.15pm

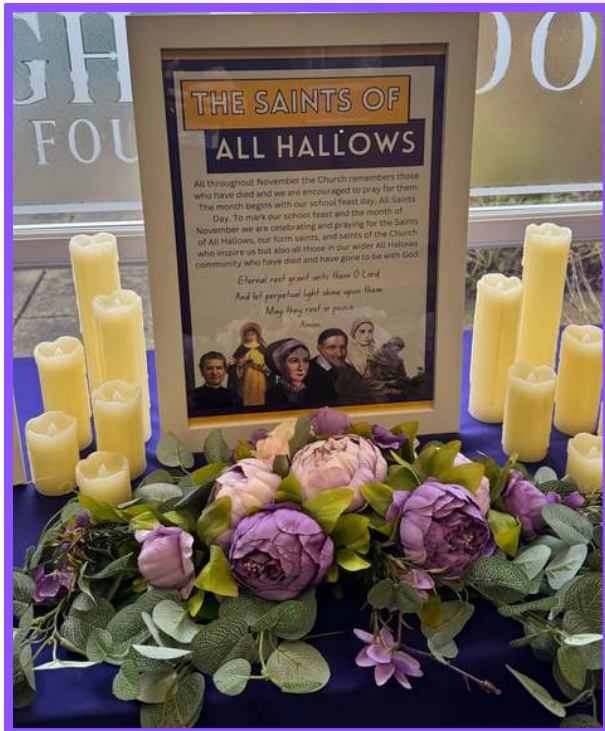
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Catholic Life

Breakfast with God

Every other Friday at 8:20am pupils and staff are invited to Breakfast with God. This is a chance to come together, share breakfast (tea and toast) and pray together at the end of the week. It has been wonderful to be joined by so many pupils each time this half term and to have lots of different staff sharing their reflections on the theme for the week and leading us all in a time of prayer.

All pupils and staff are welcome to join us, information about when it is taking place is always displayed on the screens around school.



All Saints/All Hallows Day

On Friday 1st November the Church celebrates the feats of All Saints or All Hallows. This is our school feast day. During the first week back after half term we will be celebrating our school feast in several different ways, from creative times of prayer, Mass and some sweet treats through the week.

November is also traditionally a time when we pray for and remember those who have died. At the front entrance of school, we have created a prayer display, and we are inviting pupils and their families and staff to share pictures of their saints who they wish our school community to pray for and remember throughout November. If you would like us to include a picture of a loved one who has died, please email a picture across to me (Kate the Chaplain) on kwi@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk. We would love to pray for and remember them as the saint of All Hallows in the coming weeks.



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Saint Vincent de Paul



SVP Festival Mass

Pupils from All Hallows Youth SVP group celebrated the Feast of St Vincent de Paul at St Mary Madeline's church on Sunday 13th October. All Hallows pupils participated in the readings and bidding prayers. The pupils offered up a collection of food that had been donated by the school for the 'Churches Together' food bank. After Mass there was a celebration party in which the pupils entertained the local partitioners with tea coffee and cake! The partitioners were delighted with the contribution from our youth SVP group.

SVP Community Concert

All Hallows pupils and the All Hallows Community choir will be performing in a concert at St Theresa's parish centre on Tuesday 12th November. The concert is to raise funds for the SVP Christmas lunch for the elderly. Tickets are £5, please come along to show your support to such a worthy cause!

Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support of the Foodbank. All donations are appreciated and useful, but particularly welcome this month for the Harvest Festival would be:

Dried Pasta
Tinned Tomatoes
Pasta Sauce
Tea
Coffee



Shoebbox Appeal

SHOEBBOXES FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN - this is the time to fill a shoe box!

Please wrap the box and label for a boy/girl and appropriate age. Contents could include: hats, socks, gloves, small toy, pencils, crayons, paper etc, sweets (not chocolate!).

Boxes will need to be handed into the SVP group by the end of October.

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Community Concert

TURNING CONCERN
INTO ACTION
SVP

In support of the SVP Christmas lunch
for the elderly
St Teresa's Parish Centre
Tuesday 12th November @7.30pm
All Tickets £5

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Mental Health Day



A big thank you to all staff who participated in Hello Yellow day on the 10th of October by wearing yellow in a variety of interesting ways. This helped brighten the school day for pupils while raising awareness for young people's mental health. Mrs Taylor and Mrs Monaghan ran fun activities at lunchtime including a quiz and well being art. Well done to Hallie Mattison in Year 8 and Oliver Jefferies in Year 11 whom were overall winners of the quiz and art. They both received a wellbeing goodie bag. Thank you to all the pupils who participated at lunch time.



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Players Drama School Musical Theatre Intensive Training Day

This week our Year 9 and 10 Performing Arts and Dance GCSE students went to Preston College to take part in a full day of intensive Musical Theatre Workshops with guest masterclasses. The pupils immersed themselves in all aspects of Musical Theatre including acting, dancing, singing, Q+A sessions and vocal coaching. It was a challenging, enjoyable and very rewarding day. Thank you to Players Drama School for inviting us!



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Bella Cumia Southport Little Theatre Production of Oliver



Well done to Bella Cumia in year 8 who has just finished a show run of Oliver at Southport Little Theatre. She was cast into what is usually an adult role of the Rose Seller. Bella also played one of Fagin's Gang with the children's ensemble. We were delighted to read this section about her in the NODA review of the show. "Before moving on, can I make a special mention of the song 'Who Will Buy' and the four vendors ... 'Flower Seller', 'Strawberry Seller', 'Milk Maid' and 'Knife Sharpener' played by Bella Cumia, Charlotte Littler, Sam Thomas and Daniel Rogers respectively... thought this song was wonderfully balanced with each character singing their individual part amazingly well ... the harmonies were sublime... well done folks!"



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National Final of the Food, Farming and Natural Environment Competition 2024

Over the weekend of 18th-20th October we were lucky enough to be one of 6 schools in the National final which took place at Myerscough College. We joined schools from all over the country, some as far afield as Kent, for the action packed days of the final. 3 pupils from Year 10, John D, Amy B and Peter B have worked hard on their entries right from the beginning and it was only right that they should represent the school in this prestigious event. We were treated to a tour of the campus on Friday afternoon, meeting Scottish Wildcats, touring the facilities for Motorsports, Animal Care and Equine studies. We had a fantastic evening on ice breaker style activities, identifying birds from their songs, identifying unusual pieces of farm apparatus, even completing a taste test to identify different styles of honey. We were very pleased to find out that we won this section by earning the highest point tally! After tea the pupils also received the statement of the weekend that they would need to create a presentation about. "Building climate resilience into food production is essential for securing the future of agriculture." Later on in the evening gave pupils the opportunity to experience what it is like to stay in student accommodation which really helped them to see what was on offer at the college, even from the age of 16.

Saturday started with a trip, less than a mile down the road, to the Myerscough Farm where we were again given a tour, being able to see the process of caring for and rearing calves, right through to dairy cows, exploring the role of silage on the farm, how the cows were fed the correct nutritional diets, how solar power was used and how the robotic milking machines worked. We then went on to a soil activity where we were able to examine the soil compaction around us, looking at layers in the soil and testing how quickly water could travel through. We conducted a search of when water is used on the farm, had a talk about Cow Genetics in Modern Farming, conducted a waste walk and considered ways in which waste could be reduced. We were really lucky to also learn how to lay a hedge - cutting and bending a plant such as Hawthorne and 'laying' it down against others to create a structured hedge shape, creating space for wildlife. All students and Mr Case were exceptional at using an axe to complete this task!

Throughout the weekend we were able to experience wonderful guest speakers talks from McDonalds, explaining their sustainable plans, The Lakes Free Range Egg company, showing how eggs are graded and what makes a happy hen, a talk from Genus explaining how farmers ensure female calves and the genetic characteristics of cows. These were such an interesting and insightful explorations into the varied and essential career that is farming.

On Sunday the students had the chance to develop their presentations further and then had to present to a panel of judges, which is always a nerve wracking experience. They delivered an exciting and interesting speech linked to their theme and it was clear to see the passion they had for the topics. Sadly, they did not win the overall competition but to make it to the final 6 in the country is such an incredible feat and we are so proud of their hard work and effort. Well done everyone!



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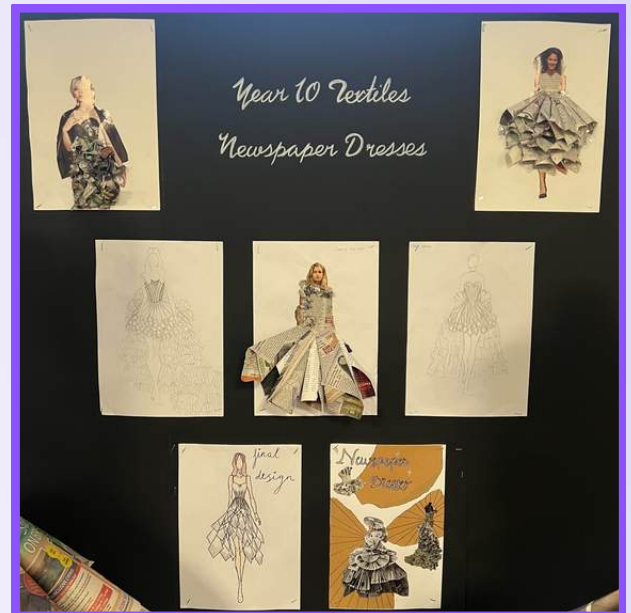
Year 10 Newspaper Dress Project

Year 10 Textiles students have been working on a creative project that blends art, design, and sustainability. As part of their curriculum, students explored the evolution of fashion by investigating both historical and contemporary designers. The project aims to teach students about the fundamentals of fashion design, including pleats, folds, and silhouettes. Provided with only pins, scissors, and a healthy dose of imagination, each student transformed simple sheets of newspaper into intricate garments, showcasing their understanding of structure and form.

Our goal was to challenge students to think critically about fashion and its environmental impact. Using newspaper not only sparked their creativity but also highlighted the importance of sustainability in design. Students drew inspiration from renowned designers, creating pieces that reflected their unique interpretations of style. From classic silhouettes to avant-garde designs, the dresses varied in aesthetic, demonstrating the diverse influences in the fashion world.

The project not only fostered creativity and teamwork among students but also reinforced the importance of eco-friendly practices in the world of fashion. As the students showcased their talents, they reminded us all of the potential for beauty and innovation, even in the most unexpected materials.

"The Newspaper dress project taught us to think outside of the box, work effectively in teams and learn new techniques. It was amazing to see how something as simple as newspaper can be transformed into a work of art" (Eimear and Alexis).



Exciting Times for English at All Hallows!

The English Department is proud to announce the formation of two exciting teams: the Poetry by Heart team and the Rotary Club Youth Speaks team!

Our Poetry by Heart group is preparing to showcase their talent in the art of poetry recitation. Students will memorise two poems. Last year Ruby Lupton (Y10), was awarded Highly Commended by the judges and we have every hope our team this year will make it through the semi finals and perform at the live finals held at The Globe Theatre London.

Meanwhile, our Rotary Club Youth Speaks team is gearing up for this year's public speaking competition. They'll be honing their debating and presentation skills, tackling important topics in front of a live audience at Balshaw's CoE school in November.

We wish both teams the best of luck and are excited to see them represent our school!



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Interform Netball Competition



This week has been the first of this school years interform competitions. For the first time, the PE Department decided to choose mixed Netball as the sport and it was a big hit! Over 200 pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 took part which was absolutely fantastic to see. Well done to everyone who played and a massive thank you to all the form tutors, heads and assistant heads of year who also came to support their form and year group. Well done to our form winners 7 John, 8 John and 9 John. Our next interform competition will take place in Term 2 and will be Football!



Netball Fixture Results

Year 9 v Worden won 25-12
 Year 9 v PGHS won 21-10
 Year 8 v PGHS lost 19-15
 Well done to all those involved.

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Preston North End Emerging Talent Programme

Congratulations to Olivia on her successful completion of the challenging 5-day trials for the Preston North End Emerging Talent Programme! The coaches recognized her dedication, skill, and potential, leading to her selection for the U14s, where she will be playing up a year. This is an exciting opportunity for Olivia to further develop her talents within a supportive and challenging environment at Preston North End. The club believes in her potential to achieve great things, and they are eager to support her journey. Well done, Olivia! Your hard work and commitment have truly paid off.



Preston North End Football

Congratulations to Nora Walsh in Year 7 on her selection to play for Preston North End for the third consecutive year! This is a remarkable achievement, and we are all incredibly proud of you. Your dedication and hard work have truly paid off. Keep up the great work!



Year 10/11 Girls Self-Defence Course

There are still some remaining spaces for Y10/11 girls on the self-defence course which will start after half term. The course will run on Mondays 3.15-4.15pm for 6 weeks. If you would like any more information (including cost), please refer to the letter sent out via Synergy. Alternatively, contact Mrs McDonnell or Mrs Sykes.



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Scarlett Walker Year 7 **Red Rose Classic Gymnastics Challenge**

Scarlett's performance at the 2024 Red Rose Classic Challenge was outstanding. Competing for Longridge Gymnastics Club, she secured first place in her age category (Age 11), earning both a gold medal and a championship trophy. Competing at the Copper level, she faced gymnasts from various clubs across Lancashire, including Southport, Thornton, and Garstang.

Scarlett showcased her skills on four apparatus: vault, beam, bars, and floor. Notably, she achieved gold on the beam, where her routine featured a challenging element known as a 'backwards flic,' demonstrating her ability to perform a complete backwards rotation on a balance beam that is only 10cm wide and 4ft off the ground. Additionally, she earned silver medals on both bars and floor, competing at the highest level of difficulty. Her accomplishments reflect her dedication and talent in gymnastics.

Year 11 Leadership Oliver Glover



We are sending out a huge thank you to Oliver Glover in year 11 who has given up his free time to help the PE department with refereeing some of the school's fixtures this term. It has been very much appreciated! Great work!!

All Nations Dance Competition

Congratulations to Lexie Burton in Year 7 for her outstanding performance at the All Nations Dance Competition in Blackpool! Lexie showcased her talent by competing in five dances, which included three Latin dances and two ballroom dances. Her hard work and dedication paid off, as she achieved two first-place finishes, one second-place finish and two fourth place finishes. We are incredibly proud of her achievements!



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PTFA

We've registered Friends of All Hallows - Penwortham with easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-all-hallows>

Friends of All Hallows
Registered charity: 1118676

Old Uniform

We are aware that many parents may have uniform at home that your child has grown out of, but may be still in good condition. Some items of uniform are very expensive and we would be happy for you to send these items into school to create a uniform bank. When families are finding it difficult to meet the costs of a uniform item, please feel free to contact school and we may be able to put some of these items to good use and support our families in this way.



PTFA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

As we prepare for our upcoming PTFA Christmas raffle we are reaching out to ask for your support. If you own or are part of a business that can donate a gift or service for our raffle, we would greatly appreciate your contribution.

Examples of donations could include vouchers for restaurants, beauty treatments, gym memberships, or products such as hampers, event tickets, gift items or vouchers.

Your generosity helps us raise vital funds that directly benefit our school and your children at All Hallows. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference!

In exchange for your generosity, we will advertise the business in the school newsletter and on the raffle tickets themselves, providing great visibility to our school community.

If you are able to contribute, please contact us at ptfa@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk. Thank you for your continued support.

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ALL HALLOWS DAY

THE SAINT THAT IS JUST ME



THE WORD OF THE WEEK

MATTHEW 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

The Beatitudes:

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons[a] of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



Loving God,
as we celebrate All Saints Day, our school feast,
we remember the holy men and women
who followed Your way.
Help us to live like the saints,
as Jesus taught us in the Beatitudes:
To be kind and humble, to bring peace,
and to stand up for what is right.
Show us that we can be saints too – just as we are.
Help us to be the best versions of ourselves, the
saints You created us to be.
Guide us in Your love, always and forever.
Amen.

"Saints are not superhero's who are born perfect, but rather are ordinary people who followed God with all their heart."



THE SAINT THAT IS JUST ME

- What qualities do you admire in the saints?
- How could you live out those qualities in your own way?
- What unique qualities do you have that you think could make the world a better place?
- When you think of living like a saint, what do you think that means for someone your age right now?
- What challenges do you face when trying to live out your values, and how might you overcome them with God's help?
- What small actions could you take each day to live more like a modern-day saint in your own life?

SOMETHING TO WATCH

The Saint that is Just Me (Danielle Rose)

[LISTEN HERE](#)

What is All Saints Day?

[WATCH HERE](#)

God's Story: Sermon on the Mount:
The Beatitudes

[WATCH HERE](#)

THE BEATITUDES – HILLSONG

[LISTEN HERE](#)

ALL SAINTS DAY



Last Friday the Church celebrated All Saints day or All Hallows Day. This is our school feast day and a day when we celebrate people who have gone before us, who lived good lives with God. It is also a day when we remember our own calling to become saints by living like Jesus, being kind, caring, and standing up for what is right. In this week's word of the week we hear the Beatitudes, a very famous teaching of Jesus. These Beatitudes help us to understand what it means and what it takes to be a saint. The saints lived out these Beatitudes.

Re-read them now: Which ones do you think you live out in your day to day life? What ones are challenging?

