

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

11th October 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The newsletter is packed full of events and activities that our students have been involved in during the last few weeks. So many of our students willingly share their gifts, talents, time, generosity with others and the community. Particular praise needs to be given to our new Year 7 pupils who are really settling in well and getting involved in all aspects of school life. I should also mention that classrooms are full of learning and pupils and teachers are working really hard enjoying their lessons and making fantastic progress.

As we approach Christmas there are a few appeals to parents in our newsletter this week and as always your support for these requests is always very much appreciated. There will also be advanced notice of several Christmas events coming up in the weeks to come.

In the interests of health and safety we are making important changes to the morning drop off at the turning circle. Please read the details in the newsletter this week as they will come into force on Monday and hopefully these changes will make the entrance to school much safer for our pupils.

Finally over 400 people attended the Year 7 Mass of Welcome last night and it was a wonderful occasion which marked the end of the transition process. Thank you so much for the parental support we receive which makes these occasions such a success.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper
Headteacher



Year 7 Mass of Welcome

On Thursday 10th October we celebrated our Year 7 Mass of Welcome. This is Mass marks the end of our Year 7 pupils' transition and we welcome them formally into our community at our Mass, blessing each of them as member of our All Hallows community. It was wonderful to be joined by so many of Year 7's friends and family for this special celebration. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Ian, Fr Michael and Deacon Bill and it was a delight to them all with us. They play a huge part in the Catholic life of our school, and we thank them for all the time they can give.

The theme of the Mass was Pilgrims of Hope, which links into our whole school focus for the year and the universal Church's Jubilee year theme. During the Mass the readings reflected how we can turn to God, who is our hope, in all circumstances and we offered to God in the Mass our own hopes for the year. Our Gospel reading reminded us that we all have hidden potential and even the smallest of seeds can grow into the biggest tree. The Mass was a true celebration of what it means to be part of the All Hallows Community, and this was symbolized by our Year 7 bricks, each brick representing each pupil and their unique gifts, talents and personalities. These bricks build our school and make it the wonderful place that it is with God as our firm foundation. It was wonderful to come together as a Year 7 community to celebrate this Mass, united in faith, raising the roof with our songs of praise and reflecting silently in the presence of God on our own needs and intentions as our Year 7 embark on their five years here at All Hallows.

Thank you to everyone who helped to put the Mass together and all who made it such a beautiful and joy filled celebration.



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Catholic Life

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

On Friday 4th October we marked CAFOD's Harvest Fast day. Each form marked this day with an extended time of prayer which invited us to give thanks for all the blessings we have in our lives and to pray for those who aren't as fortunate as we are. We were also invited to find out more about the work of CAFOD and how their vital work helps some of the poorest communities in our world. At the end of our time of prayer we were each invited to think of ways in which we can help share and support the work of CAFOD. We also marked the day in solidarity with those who do not have what we have by having a limited menu in the dining room and some pupils decided to go without their usual Friday treats that day and donate what they would have spent to CAFOD.

Last year we raised a total of £4470.80 for CAFOD through different fundraising events. Thank you to everyone who donated and got involved in the planning of these events. We hope there will be many more this year and we can continue to support the important work of CAFOD.



Faith in Action

Our Faith in Action Team continues to meet each Monday after school to explore different ways they can put their faith into action and encourage others to do the same. This term we are focusing on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching which are principles that guide us to treat everyone fairly, help those in need, and take care of the earth as God's creation. On Monday 23rd September we delved into the principle of the common good and the group designed their own common good city thinking about how, if they were to build their own city, each part of the city could include all the citizens. Pupils explored how education, health care and housing could benefit the common good.

On Monday 7th October we changed our focus slightly to respond to the call from Pope Francis to pray for peace. Pupils and staff gathered in the chapel to pray the rosary for peace, joining with millions of Catholic around the world. It was wonderful to be able to put our faith into action in this way and be joined by so many of our school community in doing so.

Feast Days

Over the last two weeks we have celebrated two of our form saints, St Vincent de Paul and St Francis of Assisi. Vincent and Francis form groups planned and delivered liturgies to celebrate their form saint. Each of the liturgies focused on how their saint lived out their faith and linked with a principle of Catholic Social Teaching. In the Vincent liturgies they explored how St Vincent de Paul lived out the principle of preferential option for the poor, always putting the poor first. They invited their year groups to reflect and pray about how they might be called to do the same in their lives.

Francis form groups looked at the way St Francis was a steward of creation, reflecting on his love for the natural world. Francis form groups invited their year groups to think about how each of us are called to care for creation and look at creation through the eyes of St Francis. 9 Francis even got the form tutors involved in a recycling relay to demonstrate the simple ways in which we can care for our common home and God's creation. No feast day celebration is complete without a little treat, and every pupil in Vincent and Francis forms received a treat bag to celebrate their saint's feast.

It was a wonderful two weeks of celebration, celebrating two inspirational saints who teach us so much about how to live out our faith and put it into action.

Lunchtime Masses

It has been wonderful to have our lunchtime Mass back up and running and to be joined by so many pupils and staff each Friday. Our Masses this half term have celebrated St Vincent's and St Francis' feast days. Thank you to Fr Ian and Fr Michael for giving their time so generously so we can celebrate Mass in school each Friday. And thank you to all the pupils who read our readings, lead our prayers and the music. They are always a wonderful celebration and a great way to end our week and start our weekend.



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Year 7 Retreat Days Animate Youth Ministry



On the 30th September, 1st and 2nd October Year 7 pupils took part in their retreat days at Lowe House led by the Animate Youth Ministry Team. These day retreats focused on the theme of Pilgrims of Hope which mirrors the universal Church's jubilee year theme for 2025. During 2025 Pope Francis has invited all people to reflect on this idea of being on a journey and a journey that is filled with hope. He has called on the Church to think about what brings us hope and how we can bring hope to the lives of others. Our Year 7 pupils began this journey of hope on these retreat days reflecting on ways in which this theme helps them to belong to our All Hallows community. During the retreat they used the jubilee year logo to explore how they are all individuals, on a journey together through All Hallows, that there will be challenges along the way but ones they can overcome with the help of each other, their family and their teachers and that our ultimate hope is found in God, our anchor, which they can hold on to for help and support.

Also included in the day was time with their form tutor and forms. A chance to get to know each other better and bond as a form group. The day was ended with a time of pray, during which we found out about the soon to be first millennial saint, Carlo Acutis, 15-year-old saint who was born in London in 1991 and lived a life of hope found in Jesus and a life dedicated to bringing hope into the lives of people he met each day. The life of this young saint helped year 7 I think about ways in which they are called to sainthood and how being who God created them to be will help them to become the saints of this generation.

A huge thank you to the Animate team for a fantastic set of retreats and to all the form tutors and Year 7 team for accompanying the Year 7s on these days.



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Saint Vincent de Paul



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

The SVP Festival Mass

The SVP Festival Mass will take place at St Mary Magdalen's Church 11am Sunday 13th October. There will be tea, coffee and cakes served in the hall afterwards. The All Hallows students will be participating in the liturgy and they will also perform at the party afterwards. Please come along and support your parish. SVP Donated home made cakes are welcome.



Shoebox Appeal

SHOEBOXES 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.



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.

Hot chocolate stand

Sleep out
Foodbank
Metanoia
Christmas
Hampers
Galloways

Meetings take place on a Monday lunchtimes in Performing Arts!



Help us make a difference!

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Lancashire Under 13s Netball

Huge congratulations to Charlotte Brown in Year 8 for being selected to represent Lancashire under 13s following trials with over 100 girls on Sunday. We are all super proud of you!



Year 9 Boys Football

Well done to the year 9 boys football team who won in their first game of the South Ribble district league 6-1. The man of the Match was Leo Ingleson.

The Year 9s also won their second match of the season 6-1 against Priory and played incredibly well. It was a fantastic display, especially in the second half! Jaiden Bates did extremely well when coming on at half time to go on and score a hattrick! We would like to give a special mention to Rio Charlesworth with 2 assists and also the man of the Match Elliot Ivers who scored just before the final whistle!
Well done everyone involved.



Year 10 Football

On Monday 7th October, the Year 10 Football team played their second league fixture at home against Lostock Hall Academy. The boys showed a fantastic first-half performance, displaying extremely impressive team play and ended the first half 1-0 up thanks to a very composed Thomas Challenor finish. In the early stages of the second half, Alan Szczepaniak made the score 2-0 with a very composed volley from inside the 18-yard box.

With 15 minutes of the match remaining, the visitors snatched a comeback goal against the run of play to set up a close end to the match. All Hallows continued to play on the front foot, and we're the team in control and seemingly heading towards a second league win in a row. With 2 minutes remaining, the Lostock Hall forward latched onto a through ball and scored from a tight angle to end the match 2-2. It was hard to accept anything but an All Hallows win but somehow we only came out with 1 point. Despite this, the team are unbeaten in the league with 4 points after two games. Special mentions to Finn Doherty, Conor McMullan and Alan Szczepaniak for some impressive individual performances. This is a very strong squad of players and the future is looking bright. We learn from this experience and keep on developing as a team. Well done everyone!



Blackburn Rovers ETC

Congratulations to Emily Dedrie in Year 7 who has signed for Blackburn Rovers ETC. Well done!

South Ribble Netball League

Last week was the start of the girls South Ribble netball fixtures. As you can see with the results below our teams did exceptionally well.

Year 11 v Balshaws won 45-17
Year 10 v Balshaws won 50-13
Year 9 v Balshaws won 50-1
Year 8 v Balshaws lost 32-8
Year 11 v PGHS won 39-12
Year 10 v PGHS won 42-21

This weeks Netball Fixture Results

Year 8 v Leyland St Mary's won 33-13
Year 9 v Worden won 37-14
Year 10 v Lostock Hall won 59-3
Year 11 v Lostock Hall lost 29-16

Well done to all of the girls involved this week.

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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Faraday Challenge

On Monday 7th October we were able to take two teams of pupils to the 1st heat of the Faraday Challenge in the North West which took place at Leyland St Mary's High School. The two teams of six year 8 pupils worked on a challenge set by the IET which involved the students working as a team, working to a budget and a timescale. We cannot reveal the exact project that took place as this competition is repeated over 300 times across the country with those getting the highest leaderboard scores making it to the final but it was a challenging task for those involved. Judges from a number of different companies were present, including Samsung and STEMFirst and they all commented on the impeccable behaviour and commitment shown by the students.

A great day was had by all and a lot was learnt by the pupils, being able to realise their strengths and weaknesses and overcoming many problems to solve. The scoring was incredibly close and all six teams involved should be incredibly proud of their hard work and ideas. Sadly, we did not win on this occasion but it has been an invaluable learning experience for the pupils. Well done to Daisy B, Daisy C, April H, Keira M, Louie H, Sam C, Dylan C, Jack M, Dawid P, Harry W, Will H and Leo G. Thank you to STEMFirst, the IET and Leyland St, Mary's for hosting the event.



Aldi design a meal competition

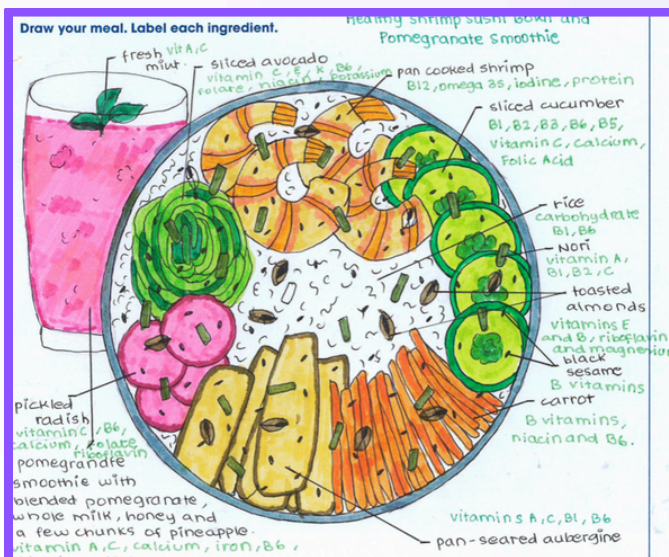
The Design a Meal Competition challenged young people to get creative and design a healthy, balanced and tasty meal to fuel an Aldi Athlete Ambassador at Paris 2024.

A huge congratulations goes to Jane Joel for winning the competition. Jane designed a wonderfully healthy and balanced sushi bowl for ParalympicsGB wheelchair fencer Oliver Lam-Watson.

The judges loved how Jane had taken inspiration from ParalympicsGB wheelchair fencer Oliver Lam-Watson's love of sushi to create her eye-catching design, and how she considered all the essential food groups and nutrients that he would need to power him to medal winning success at the Games, too!

In fact, her design was so spot on, that Oliver couldn't resist bringing it to life earlier this summer, before he headed to Paris...

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European Day of Languages Bake Off



On Friday 27th September, the MFL Department held a bake off / cake sale to mark European Day of Languages. Our students brought in an incredible array of cakes with a European theme. Some even had audio! You can see from the photos that our students truly are a talented lot! Cakes were sold at break time and an incredible £130 was raised which will go to Cafod. Many thanks to all of the students (and parents) who made the cakes. Certificates will be given to all those who brought in a cake and some lucky winners will soon be notified and given their prize. Thank you once again and vive le gâteau!



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IMPORTANT HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE

In recent weeks it has become increasingly busy around school drop off and pick up times. This has led to our school buses struggling to approach and enter the school safely. It has also resulted in some drivers and buses having to mount the pavement as they struggle to get in and out of the school grounds.

We have been monitoring the situation and have been looking at possible solutions to ensure our pupils are as safe as possible. We have already had one collision between a school bus and a parent. We feel we must take this action now to avoid a scenario where we have a pupil getting knocked down.

Morning Drop Off

To keep your children safe, we have decided to close the turning circle from 8.10am–8.35am. This is for all traffic except staff, 'school booked' taxis and the school buses. We would strongly advise parents to avoid turning down Crabtree Avenue, as the school gates will not be open.

After School Pick Up

Most parents collect their children slightly further away from school, which is very helpful and alleviates the dangers around the school site and Crabtree Avenue. The only request we have here is that people do not park in a place that will obstruct the buses as they approach school down Central Drive and Beech Avenue.

THESE CHANGES WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER SO PLEASE ALLOW A LITTLE MORE TIME WHEN SETTING OFF FOR THE SCHOOL RUN.

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>

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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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