



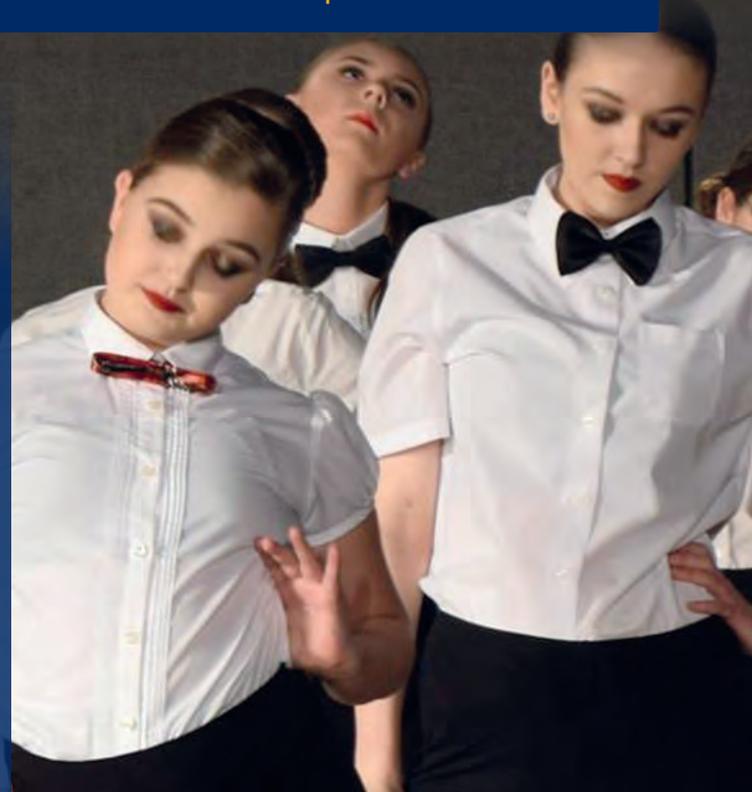
Heart to Heart

April 2017 Newsletter

Evening of Dance

A spectacular evening of dance was held at All Saints in mid March when our students performed for parents, friends and staff. All Saints has a strong reputation for Performing Arts and we were delighted to hold our own event, allowing students to showcase their abilities and talent.

With specialist Dance staff and studios, strong links with LJMU Dance Faculty and the Liverpool Empire, it is not surprising that Dance is an increasingly popular choice. Many thanks to all involved in the production and of course our audience.



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family had a very enjoyable, restful and holy Easter break. As we begin the final term of this year we reflect upon what has been achieved this academic year and our planning for the next.

Enrichment opportunities are an integral part of life at All Saints. We seek to exploit the learning opportunities, not only within but also far beyond the school environment. 'Drop Down Days' are now firmly established at All Saints, providing unique learning experiences. The February 'Drop Down Day' sent Year 7 to both the Anglican Cathedral and the Cathedral of Christ the King. Year 8 went to Chester Zoo and Year 9 enjoyed the experience of Humanutopia. Year 10 worked with the Red Cross and Lloyds 'School to Work' programme. Year 11 benefitted from attendance at the QVC assessment centre and focused on exam preparation in their option subjects. The Sixth Form Career Academy students had their eyes firmly on the future with KPMG in Manchester.

Such opportunities are available to every student in every Year Group throughout the academic year. I firmly believe that the 'world' is our students' classroom and they gain immense benefits from these experiences.

Spring Term events brought us the Big Sing, an Evening of Dance, Duke of Edinburgh residentials, university visits, Dragon's Den, and placements in major companies (e.g. Jaguar Land Rover) where students work alongside key professionals. The breadth and range of enrichment activity is impressive and these are just a sample of what is on offer.

Year 11 and Sixth Form students are preparing for examination success. Easter Revision School provided further opportunities for focused preparation. Together with our drive for excellent teaching and learning this will ensure positive outcomes.

Over the Summer Term I am looking forward to meeting our prospective Year 7 students and their parents at Intake Evening, at the Welcome Meetings and on Transition Day. At the Welcome Meetings children's personal talents, skills and interests can be discussed more fully with key staff.

All Saints is now in a very strong position as all our plans are reaching fruition. Our building programme will be completed by the start of the

next academic year and all areas of the school will have traditional teaching spaces. Improved sporting facilities will be in place by 2018. Teaching and learning is always given the highest priority and continues to improve. Our enrichment programme is vibrant and benefits all. I lead a committed and hard working staff. We are proud of these achievements, which were recognised by OFSTED (December 2016).

We strive for excellence in all aspects of school life and it is my intention that All Saints will become the first choice secondary school for every Kirkby parent. In short, it will be a school at the very heart of the community and in which we can take great pride.

Yours sincerely

Tony McGuinness

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Headteacher



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Years 9 & 10



The first weekend in April saw the culmination of 4 months training for Year 9 and 10 students preparing for their DoE Bronze Award. Since January All Saints has been working closely with Knowsley Youth Mutual, which ran the preparation course at Lord Derby's estate. Activities included rafting, canoeing, bushcraft

and archery. Map reading, an essential skill, has been taught at All Saints and the weekend involved a training expedition to Moel Famau. A six mile hike was followed by an overnight camp. Students returned to Kirkby tired (Mr. Johnson too!) but with a real sense of achievement.



Primary Mathematics Challenge

Congratulations to St Michaels & All Angels! Mathematical minds were stretched as primary pupils from St Josephs, St Laurences, St Maries, St Michael & All Angels and St Peter & Pauls competed in 4 rounds of mathematical challenges.

The event was organised and hosted by All Saints Mathematics Department. The winners were St Michael & All Angels closely followed St Peter & Pauls.



Year 8 Visit CHESTER ZOO

Chester Zoo is a global conservation charity that uses its expertise not only across the UK but also across the world, such as Latin America, Africa, South Asia, Madagascar and of course Europe. The Zoo's expertise in conservation and the scientific study of animals is widely respected. We were very surprised that, despite being so geographically close few of our students had visited the Zoo. February's 'Drop Down Day' provided the perfect opportunity and Year 8 clearly enjoyed the experience.

"Our Mission is to be a major force in conserving the living world." Chester Zoo website.



Year 7 Visit Liverpool University



Year 7 spent the day at Liverpool University in March to experience life as a student. They watched a science lecture, using liquid nitrogen, visited the Law Courts and worked in groups to design their own society.

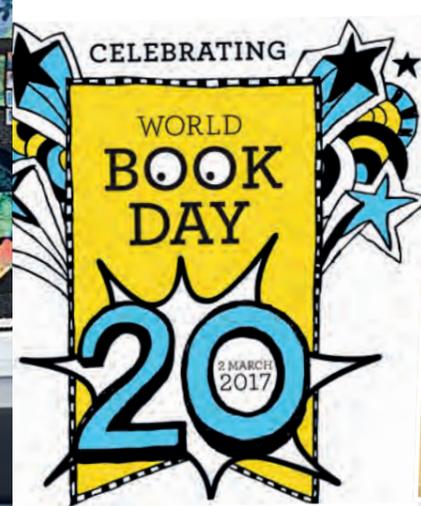
We were delighted to have Bailey Tunney, a former All Saints pupil, as our guide. Bailey is a first year Business Management student.





So long, farewell, Mr. Jones! *Jaguar Land Rover.*

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr. Ken Jones of Jaguar Land Rover. He has worked in partnership with All Saints, providing inspirational opportunities for so many of our students. The partnership with JLR will continue even though we say goodbye and good luck to Ken, who is moving to a new post in a pharmaceutical company.



World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and most importantly a celebration of reading. It is now in its 20th anniversary year and celebrated across 100 countries. At All Saints the activities involved students presenting their own favourite reads in 'Show and Tell'. Staff across all subjects became storytellers as they read out their favourite stories. To cap it all there was also a book swap. Reading is a vital life skill and we want our students to enjoy it as confident and critical readers. Prizes were awarded for the best 'Show and Tell' presentations and the best staff storyteller.



Career Academy Launch

February saw the launch of our Career Academy Programme when Year 12 met their professional mentors. All Saints has very well established partnerships with a range of organisations and companies that benefit our students enormously. We were pleased to welcome representatives from Santander, Royal Bank of Scotland, Manchester University, Abbey Logistics, The Royal Mail and the Civil Service.

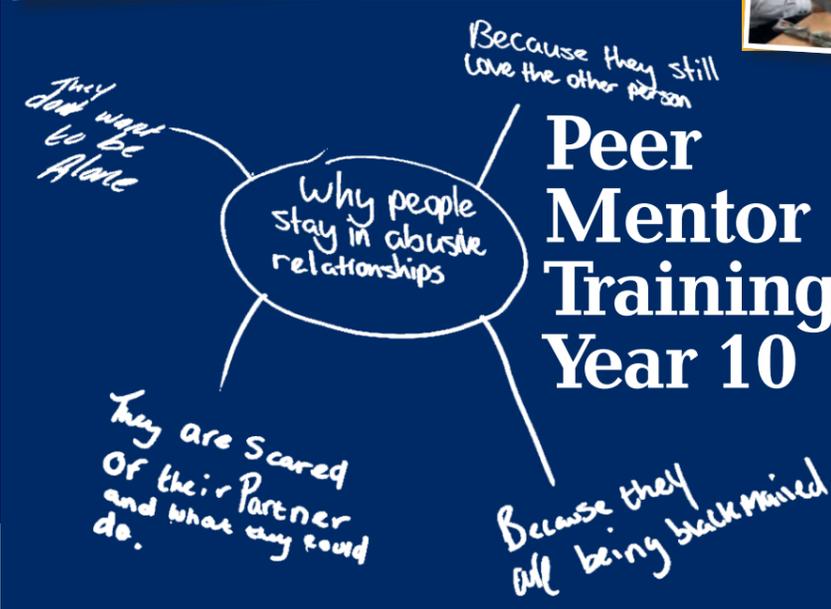


Silverstone Next Stop

Congratulations to Owen Sandford, Tom Haake, Lee Johnston and Daniel Cope for reaching the final of this year's 4x4 School Technology Challenge. This is an international STEM enrichment initiative, giving young people a real insight into the skills needed to become an engineer.



The project aims to raise awareness, interest and enthusiasm in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through practical hands-on experience. The team's task was to design and build a radio controlled 4x4 vehicle to a detailed specification. The final takes place at the very end of March at the Silverstone circuit.



Peer Mentor Training Year 10

20 Year 10 students have now had peer mentor training, which focused on abuse within intimate teenage relationships. They looked at how young people behaved within a relationship and what they think is right and wrong.

A key aspect of the course was learning what to do if they know that someone is being affected by domestic abuse. Students showed great maturity and empathy in dealing with this sensitive subject. Well done, Year 10 peer mentors.



All Saints in partnership with Jaguar Land Rover

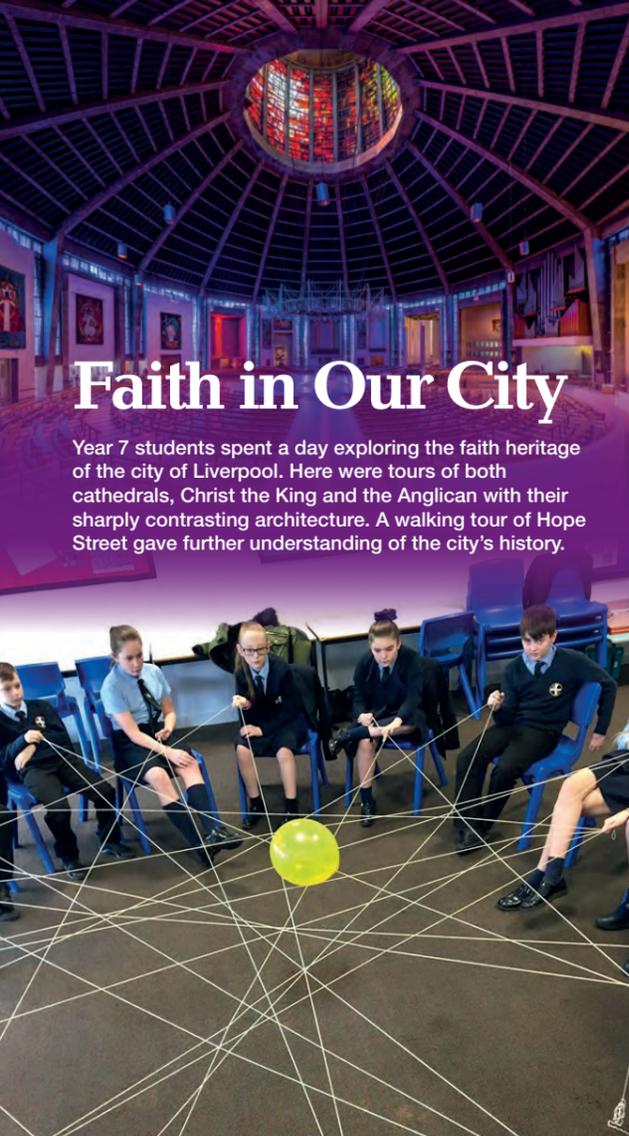
Innovation, imagination and practical design skills were needed as All Saints Year 9 students competed in teams to develop car accessories. Ideas included a car safe, a luxury overnight accessory bag, food carrier, a footwear caddy and IT enabled rear tray. It was a closely fought battle and the winning team designed an innovative boot liner for transporting animals. Many thanks go to JLR.



Merseyside Young Medics Course

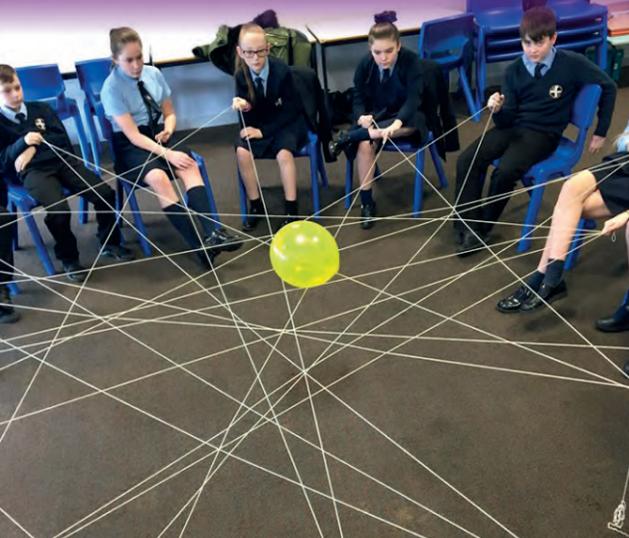
Congratulations to Lily Manns and Chantelle Green who have each gained a place on Merseyside Young Medics Course. As part of the 4 year course the girls will gain work experience in GP surgeries and hospitals, attend Summer schools and learn First Aid.





Faith in Our City

Year 7 students spent a day exploring the faith heritage of the city of Liverpool. Here were tours of both cathedrals, Christ the King and the Anglican with their sharply contrasting architecture. A walking tour of Hope Street gave further understanding of the city's history.



Year 10 Visit to St Vincent de Paul School for the Blind

St Vincent de Paul School for the Blind offers specialist education, equipping pupils with the necessary skills to lead a rich and fulfilling life. They also provide rehabilitation services for adults. All Saints chose St Vincent as its charity for the January half term.

Representatives from Year 10 visited the school to gain a greater appreciation of the its specialisms and the daily challenges faced by blind people. In turn we were pleased to welcome representatives from the school to our Year Assemblies.



Civil Service comes to All Saints

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who completed their 6 week training programme with the Civil Service. Tuition and interview techniques and an informed view of the range of employment opportunities available in the Civil Service were all part of the course.



Cambridge University and All Saints Achieving Excellence

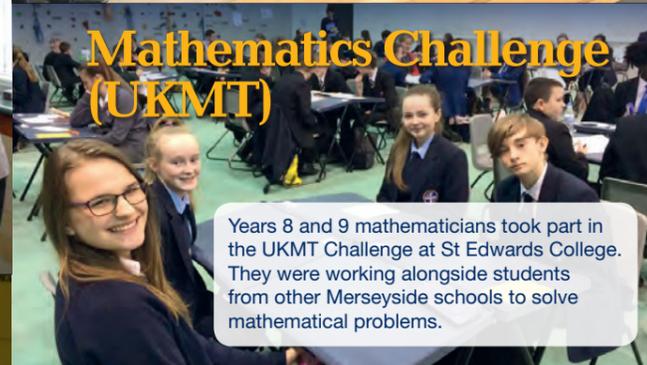
Magdalene College Cambridge holds aspiration-raising events for state schools. The aim is to give students an informed view of the University and encourage applications.

Year 10 scholars attended the event held at Goodison Park where they sampled lectures, were given an overview of Cambridge University and had a guided tour of the football stadium. It was an inspiring day.



Mathematics Challenge (UKMT)

Years 8 and 9 mathematicians took part in the UKMT Challenge at St Edwards College. They were working alongside students from other Merseyside schools to solve mathematical problems.



NHS Club: Year 9

The National Health Service offers many career opportunities and we want our students to be informed and have first hand experience. In partnership with Whiston Hospital students attended a 6 week course that focused on NHS careers. Students interviewed a range of health professionals and were trained in CPR. Medicine, physiotherapy, pharmacy, radiography, nursing, who knows what the future holds?



Christ's Passion: Spiritual Assembly Performances

Christ's Passion was the subject of the final Year Group Assemblies for this term. In preparation for Holy Week, our GCSE Dance, Drama and Music students portrayed the Passion, helping us all to contemplate and reflect on Christ's suffering and sacrifice. For Year 11 students this was part of their GCSE ensemble exam.



Thank you, Bishop Tom Williams.

Bishop Tom Williams led the prayers and reflections before distributing ashes at the start of Lent. Thank you, Bishop Tom.



The Big Sing

All Saints hosted an evening of song in staging the Big Sing 2017. We were delighted to welcome all our associated primary schools. Each school had selected their personal choice of songs. In the joint performances the roof was raised as the combined voices of over 350 students from both the primaries and All Saints rang out. There were many solo performances from each school. Undoubtedly we have some very talented singers within our school communities.



Mentoring Evening Inspires Parents and Students

All Saints welcomed a wide range of professionals to our Year 10 Mentoring Evening. Lawyers, authors, designers, accountants and international business leaders were amongst the many specialisms and areas of expertise represented. Each student will be given the opportunity to work closely with a range of professionals.

We were also delighted to welcome a former pupil, Stephen McDermott, who has helped to establish this mentoring network. Clearly, the event was appreciated by pupils, parents and professional mentors. It will be of great benefit to our young people, supporting their aspirations and career plans in a very practical way.

"I attended the Year 10 Mentoring Evening last night. What an amazing opportunity for my daughter and the rest of the group." L. Phillips

"The school is going above and beyond for its pupils and the community." G. Beckwith



Spirit of the Games

Congratulations to All Saints Netball Combined Years 7 and 8 team which won the Spirit of the Games Award at the Merseyside Schools Netball Finals.



Knowsley Basketball Champions Year 9

Congratulations to our Year 9 Basketball team who are now Knowsley Basketball Champions. They will represent Knowsley in the Merseyside Youth Games.



Year 7 Football Success

Year 7 Football team defeated Kirkby High School in the Knowsley Cup semi-final. Our star striker scored 5 out of the team's 7 goals but it was real team effort.



All Saints and the ABC Boxing Club

Physical Education GCSE students are being taught by experienced boxing coaches from ABC Boxing Club. They are learning the 'noble art' in a very safe and enjoyable way that is non contact yet develops all the skills and qualities that boxing has to offer. Not only does non contact boxing improve health and fitness it also develops confidence, responsibility and respect. These skills, together with strong discipline, will enhance many aspects of students' lives. An after school club is planned.



Key Dates

Examination Dates 2017

The public examination period is from 15 May to 28 June inclusive.

Parents Meetings:

20 April Year 7

Term dates 2017

Summer Term 2017:

19 April 20 July
29 May 2 June (Half term)