



All Saints Catholic High School

Heart to Heart

January 2018 Newsletter



Celebrating Success Awards Presentation Evening

All Saints achieves the best GCSE results in the history of Kirkby

All Saints sixth-former gains an apprenticeship with leading blue chip company ↘

All Saints student gives first professional singing performance with Covent Garden and Glyndebourne professionals ↘

All Saints student achieves GCSE results placing her in the top 1% nationally, gaining a scholarship to Merchant Taylors ↘

Read on for our many successes last term



Awards Presentation Evening



All Saints was delighted to welcome parents and pupils to our celebratory Awards Presentation Evening. Record GCSE examination results in the summer; the continued active involvement of our many established partners in the business world; support from the political arena and vitally from parents and carers, all contributed to the school's success.

Awards were given for academic excellence, sporting/cultural achievements and outstanding contributions to the All Saints community. Mr. McGuinness spoke of a culture of ambition and achievement where every child is cherished as a unique individual. This occasion was the culmination of sheer hard work and the determination of all involved to make All Saints a centre of excellence.

We were very fortunate to welcome John Murphy, a former headteacher of All Saints, as our guest of honour. The achievements of over 150 students were recognised. It was a very memorable event.



Dear Parents/Carers/ Friends of All Saints,

2017 has been an outstanding year for the school at so many levels and I look for your continued support throughout 2018. Undoubtedly we are strengthened by the involvement of the wider community. From the political arena George Howarth (MP for Knowlsey), Steve Rotherham (Metro Mayor for the Liverpool City Region), Council Leader Andy Moorhead and Councillor Joan Lilly have all actively contributed to All Saints' regeneration.

From the business world, JLR, QVC, RBS, Santander and Abbey Logistics, to name but a few, provided opportunities to enhance our students' skills and employability prospects. However, most important has been the support of Kirkby's parents and carers, who, by choosing All Saints, have entrusted us with their children's education.

I hope you find our newsletters, Facebook and Twitter feeds informative. Do watch our recent video footage for a taste of daily life at All Saints. Our students' enthusiasm for the school makes them very powerful advocates.

Yours faithfully,

Headteacher



Farewell, Father Nick

On the 1st November Father Nick Wilde and Father Sean Kerwin celebrated Mass at All Saints.

The Feast of All Saints was a very fitting date to give thanks for Father Nick's unstinting support to the Kirkby community and to All Saints for over 30 years. His wisdom and guidance have been invaluable. Thank you so much, Father Nick.



Open Day

Open Day 2017 was a resounding success with record numbers of parents and pupils attending. We were pleased to welcome them and display the range and quality of education now on offer at All Saints. The sense of pride that parents, pupils and staff felt in the school was palpable.

The record GCSE examination results, the highest ever achieved in Kirkby, have cemented the community's belief and trust in All Saints. Thank you to those who have selected a place at All Saints for 2018 and those of you who have requested one for 2019. We look forward to welcoming you in the future.



Performing Arts - London Cultural Visit



Performing Arts play a vibrant role at All Saints. Standards are high as we enable our students to experience performing arts at the highest level. These experiences, underpinned by excellent teaching in school, result in the high standards we achieve as a norm. The itinerary of this visit included singing Handel's Messiah with the London Festival Orchestra at the Royal Albert Hall; a full day at London's College of Music and Drama, participating in workshops and seminars and watching a performance by first year College students; attending two West End musicals, Les Miserables and Matilda; and all this followed by a walking tour of the capital. On the journey home there was a fascinating diversion to Shakespeare's Stratford upon Avon.



Rambert Dance Company - Lowry Theatre Manchester

Dance students were on a mission to maximise their grades when they watched the Ballet Rambert perform set examination pieces for the forthcoming GCSEs. We know that if our students see excellence they will aspire and achieve it.

Well Done, Charlie!

Congratulations to A Level Performing Arts and Music student, Charlie Mckevitt, whose debut professional performance, alongside established singers from Covent Garden and Glyndebourne, took place in November.

Charlie also performed at the Liverpool Empire's ballet production of the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. A professional singing career beckons!

LIVERPOOL EMPIRE YOUTH BALLET PRESENTS
THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE

Drop Down Day

Drop Down Days provide students with experiences that enable them to learn in different ways and varied environments. On 30th November the programme offered a wide and popular range of opportunities.

- Both Liverpool cathedrals, a synagogue and a mosque were venues for the Year 7 retreats;
- Presentations from Action Jackson, a motivational coach;
- 'Speed dating' with representatives from our partner employers including JLR, QVC, Santander, Lloyds Bank, Rentaspace, Knowsley Chamber of Commerce, Aramis, DWF and the Walton Centre;
- Visit to University of Liverpool for a variety of seminars.



Christmas Liturgical Assembly

All members of the school community gathered in the atrium on 21st December to celebrate Christmas. We know that we have created a very special school at All Saints and this occasion reflected it. Performances from our outstanding Performing Arts Department complemented the readings and there was a real sense of community with all seven Year Groups and staff joining in an impromptu singalong, accompanied by the newly formed staff band!



Year Award Assemblies

Hard work and effort are formally recognised in our end of term Year Group assemblies. Smiling faces say it all as together we build a culture of ambition, achievement and confidence.



Primary Partners

Our Primary Liaison Programme continues to thrive and has now been extended to include Super Saturdays. We are always pleased to host primary pupils from our partner schools. We aim for a smooth transition from primary to secondary education and want Year 7 students to have first hand knowledge and experience of All Saints well before they join our community full time.



Primary Attendance Awards 2017

All Saints was delighted to host this event, which recognises the importance of excellent school attendance. Pupils, parents and staff were joined by our special guest, Deputy Mayor of Knowsley, Mr. A. Ely, who presented the awards.

Our Performing Arts Department once again displayed their talents with a medley of dance, drama and music.



Remembrance Service

On 10th November at 11:11 am the atrium at All Saints fell silent as all present reflected upon those who had fought for their country. Poppies were sold for the British Legion charity that supports the survivors and their families, who are often deeply affected by their experiences.



All Saints Alumni

Kingsley Sheppard, currently Payroll Manager for Abbey Logistics Group, offered advice and shared his experience with All Saints students.

Kingsley joined All Saints Sixth Form in 2005, studying Science, Graphic Design and IT. His career path started as a trainee traffic planner with Abbey Tanks but following redundancy he had to take a temporary position in the Payroll Department. Then after being made permanent he never looked back. His message to students was clear; work hard, get qualified but above all, persevere.

Olivia Moore, currently an ambassador for the Geographical Association and a Geography undergraduate, hopes to enter the teaching profession in the future. She spoke to Years 8 and 11 Geography students about her love of the subject and the career opportunities that it can bring. She too recommended hard work and perseverance, and finding a career path that you will enjoy.



Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham & George Howarth MP visit All Saints



Steve Rotherham spoke to students about his ambitions for a prosperous Northern Powerhouse while George Howarth continues to fight for the people of Knowsley. Both gave empowering insights into the political system. It is good to know that All Saints is 'on the map' following our recent exam success.



All Saints Career Ready Programme



Our established links with a wide range of business and commercial partners provide outstanding opportunities for our Sixth Formers, including placements, mentoring and paid internships. This high quality provision was recognised in our last OFSTED inspection as both 'inclusive and aspirational'. Our latest Sixth Form cohort travelled to London in December for the launch of their individual programmes.

NHS Careers: Whiston Hospital Visit

Insight into NHS careers was given at this very informative and practical day. Year 10 students followed 'Adam' through his hospital journey from A&E to Radiography, Theatre (where he experienced a cardiac arrest) and finally to Occupational Health. It certainly gave a varied experience of career opportunities in the NHS. For the record, Adam was a dummy!



Things I know to be True.



Not to be outdone, our GCSE A Level and GCSE Drama students observed a performance of 'Things I Know to be True', which is a set text for their examinations.

Debating Club

Debating is actively encouraged in this extra curricular club. We want our students to become confident and thoughtful speakers with excellent communication skills. We aim to develop their powers of logic and constructive argument. It is held every Tuesday from 3:00 to 3:45 pm. Contact Ms. Khan for more details.

International Hour of Code Week

This global event reaches millions of students in over 180 countries. Not to be outdone All Saints took part in this computer programming and game development event.



Art Excellence

Everyone at All Saints benefits from the high standard of art work that is displayed throughout the school. In all subjects we seek to expose our students to excellence so that they are inspired to produce the very best work they can. Sixth Form Art students studied work from famous artists on a visit to the Roy Lichtenstein exhibition at Tate North and then on to the Walker Art Gallery for its more comprehensive collections. We look forward to seeing the fruits of their artistic labours.



JLR: Halewood

Once again a big thank you to our partner, Jaguar Land Rover, for providing this pre-apprenticeship day and for all the numerous opportunities they make available to students from All Saints.

Chemistry for All



Liverpool John Moores University once again hosted a day for our aspiring chemists.

'O, Chemistree, O Chemistree how sparkly are your branches, can you explain how the silver on the trees is formed and why the solution goes blue?'

Our Year 10 chemists can explain now!

Year 7 Advent Service

Year 7 students celebrated Advent and their successful first term at All Saints. Many thanks to Father Sean for leading the service, which was accompanied by highly affecting performances of dance, drama and music.



Christmas Charities

All Saints would like to say a huge thank you to all who gave so generously to both the Kirkby Foodbank and the Toy Appeal. These donations will make an enormous difference to some Kirkby families.

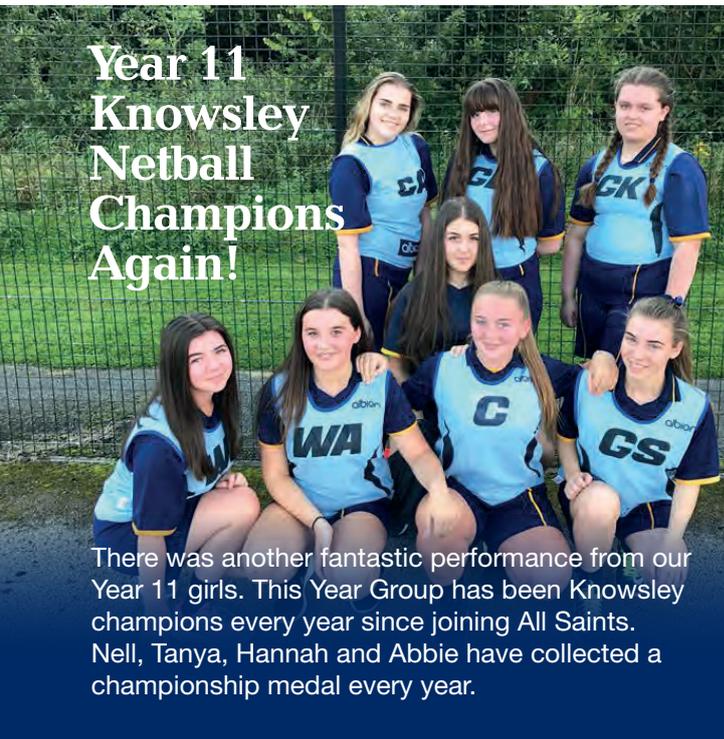


All Saints and Bebras

Bebras is an international initiative seeking to promote computer science and computational thinking. All Saints had 318 students taking part in the two week competition. The highest score in each Year Group was:

- Year 7: Jay Lee Byrne 7L
- Year 8: Mia Lafferty 8C
- Year 9: Johnny Farrell 9S
- Year 10: Jack Warburton 10C

Jay Lee Byrne achieved All Saints' highest score. Well done, Jay!



Year 11 Knowsley Netball Champions Again!

There was another fantastic performance from our Year 11 girls. This Year Group has been Knowsley champions every year since joining All Saints. Nell, Tanya, Hannah and Abbie have collected a championship medal every year.



UWCO World Open Thai Boxing Competition

Congratulations to one of our Year 10 students who won this title in Spain last October.



Everton Premier League Tournament

Years 7 and 8 Girls' Football Champions

Congratulations to our Years 7 and 8 team who won this tournament, defeating Liverpool College in the final. Well done, girls!

Key Dates

School Term dates 2018

Spring Term

8 January 2018 - 30 March 2018
Half Term - 12 February 2018 - 16 February 2018

Summer Term

16 April 2018 - 20 July 2018
Half Term - 28 May 2018 - 1 June 2018

Parents Meetings

18th	January 2018	-	year 11
1st	February 2018	-	years 12 & 13
8th	February 2018	-	year 8
1st	March 2018	-	year 9
8th	March 2018	-	year 10

15th	March 2018	-	year 8 options evening
28th	March 2018	-	year 11
19th	April 2018	-	year 7
26th	June 2018	-	year 6
27th	June 2018	-	year 6