

## Year 7 Boys

Year 7 has an abundance of talent and we were able to send 3! Teams to a night of Knowsley Schools football. They showed excellent commitment and attitude. Highly commendable!



### International Call Up!

Terrific achievement by this Year 10 student who has been selected to play for England U15 team. We cannot name him here but we are sure many of you will recognise him. Well done!

## Years 7 & 8 Girls

Our girls are making great progress through the Knowsley League. Keep it up, girls!



## Year 9 Boys

Congratulations to Year 9 who beat the Fred Longworth team from Manchester 7-3 in the National Cup.



## Year 9 Girls

High scoring performances from the team this last term, winning both games 7-2 and 10-0



## Champions Year 8 Girls

Congratulations to Year 8 on winning the Knowsley Netball Tournament.



## Netball Year 7 Girls

Winning every game in their first ever tournament for All Saints, this team is one to watch. Well done, ladies!



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# Heart to Heart

January 2024 Newsletter

# All Saints Awards Evening



Pupils, parents, governors and friends of the School gathered to celebrate the success of our students.

Awards were made for academic excellence, sporting/cultural achievements and outstanding contributions to school life.

We were delighted to welcome our special guest speaker, Liam Hanlon, Managing director of the Forshaw Group, one of our major partners.





**“ We have created a culture of achievement at All Saints where success is the norm. ”**



## Dear Parents/Carers/Friends of All Saints,

Prospective pupils and their parents who attended our Open Evening will have gained further insight into the opportunities at All Saints. It is very encouraging to us all that so many students seek a place at the school and once again we are oversubscribed.

As we start 2024 I want to thank you for all the support you give to your daughters and sons. Parental support for school initiatives is strong and what is always evident is your commitment to working in partnership with us. Therefore I was delighted to meet so many of you last term at various events, including the Celebration of Achievement evening, the Christmas Showcase performance, the Chatterbooks Celebration, the Scholars' Induction event and of course our Parents' evenings. In this way we ensure the best possible education for our young people. Together we are truly 'the All Saints Family'.

Over the last seven years we have achieved a great deal. Our buildings and outdoor facilities have been remodelled; our examination results at both GCSE and Sixth Form have improved dramatically and our standing in the community is high, as evidenced in the number of applications for admission. Your support, active involvement and dialogue with the school is the bedrock for these achievements.

Our other partnerships have also increased. Strong links with many local businesses, public services and national organisations continue to provide mentors, employment opportunities and apprenticeships. Local universities and colleges give students a deeper understanding of higher education opportunities, enabling them to make informed choices. Both these pathways provide a real insight into the world beyond school.

Smooth transitions between educational stages are essential for our students' development. Thus strong links with our associated primaries are equally vital. This is the basis for our Primary Liaison Programme and Super Saturdays are just one strand. The close cooperation and dialogue with our primary colleagues give them the confidence to recommend All Saints.

It is these wider partnerships, together with the hard work of all staff and the trust we have built with you, our parents and carers, that make All Saints the thriving learning community it is today.

A school year is cyclical. At the start of 2024 we are anticipating next term's public examinations, our new Year 7 pupils and the future destinations of our Year 11 and Sixth Form students. Excellent attendance builds the foundation for successful educational performance. For Year 11 students especially, attendance at Saturday Study Sessions is enabling them to make a positive start to their GCSE exam preparation.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and of interest. It can only provide a taste of the daily life of the school but for the latest news please do visit our website. It shines a light on the day to day life of All Saints.

On behalf of the Governors and all the staff, I wish you all a happy and fulfilling 2024.

Yours faithfully

**Tony McGuinness** Headteacher

# Open Day

We are proud of our school and the strong bonds and trust that we have built with the local community. All Saints is open to every Kirkby pupil and welcoming so many prospective students and their parents presents an opportunity to share that pride.



# Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance underpins school success. A day of lessons missed can never be replaced. Congratulations to the following forms which achieved the best attendance in their Year Group in the first week of the new term:

**7T 96.3%**  
**8T 100%**  
**9L 97.9%**  
**10C 97.5%**  
**11A 98.1%**

Excellent individual attendees are entered into a prize draw. Pictured here are the winners for Years 7 to 11.



## Mathematics A - Level Studies with University of Liverpool

Year 10 mathematicians are benefitting from a weekly workshop taught by university lecturers. The aim is to give students insights into mathematical studies at A Level. Every experience such as this is a chance to reflect on their studies and future career choices.



## Celebrating Achievement Year 7



Success is celebrated at All Saints and each Year Group has its own Awards Assembly. Recognition is given to all subjects, various sports, outstanding attendance and contributions to school life. These Year 7 students have made an excellent start at the school.



## Geography Fieldwork

Mapping towns and studying their geographical location and natural features are all part of fieldwork study. Year 7 conducted their surveys in Ormskirk and Wigan.



## Year 11 Saturday School

Examination success requires consistent effort and hard work. Year 11 students attending Saturday study sessions showed they were determined to take every opportunity to achieve their personal best. Even if it meant a six day week.



## Jack and the Beanstalk at the Atkinson Theatre

Christmas celebrations included a visit to Southport's Atkinson Theatre to see a performance of this much loved pantomime. All Saints has its own strong tradition in Performing Arts so professional productions provide not only enjoyment but also inspiration for our students' personal performances. Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed the show.



## THE WOMAN IN BLACK

Senior Drama students were entranced by this performance of Susan Hill's now classic novel. This ghostly, gothic tale was staged by a professional cast and inspired ambition (and not a little trepidation). Liverpool Playhouse played host on this occasion.



## Christmas Celebrations 2023

Celebration Award Assemblies and Christmas lunches were held for each Year Group. Year 9 (pictured) clearly felt the sense of anticipation and excitement the Christmas Term brings.



## Christmas Hamper Appeal

Once again a big thank you to all who donated so generously. The donations make a huge difference to Kirkby families at what can be a very challenging time of year.



## ECO Club

Our Eco garden continues to thrive. December saw club members foraging for Christmas wreaths. October brought pumpkins for Hallowe'en (and pies!). July saw salad crops harvested for the summer barbeque. All in all it was a very productive year and green fingers were nurtured at All Saints!



# Remembrance Service 2023

Our atrium fell silent as pupils and staff reflected on the sacrifices made by all who had fought for their country. Poppies were sold to support the work of the British Legion. The charity helps the victims and their families who are often deeply affected by their experiences.



# SUPER SATURDAYS

Primary pupils enjoy the All Saints experience long before they join us in Year 7. During Super Saturdays we welcome primary pupils to sample the facilities and teaching, and generally to experience the daily life at the school.



# London Experience for Year 10 Scholars

A visit to the capital city proved to be a fantastic experience for these Year 10 Scholars. In addition to the famous landmarks they met with local MP, George Howarth, at the Houses of Parliament. Will this encounter inspire political ambitions?



# Saints Catholic High School



# Year 7 Christmas Disco

Having completed their very first term at All Saints these Year 7 students had much to celebrate. Music and dance made for a lively evening.



# The Bosco Club Neon Party

Thank you to our Sixth Form Business students who organised a fantastic Neon party for younger students from the Bosco Club.

Preparation included working with each individual to create their own personalised t-shirt. Interaction between senior and junior students is very important in promoting our ethos as a supportive learning community.



# Chatterbox Club: The Buzz Challenge

All Saints has a dedicated school library where students can read, research, borrow books and study after school. We also actively promote reading. Do you recognise these wizards having some fun at the Chatterbox club? Or these Year 7 students starting their Buzz Challenge? We urge all parents to encourage their children to read at home and join their local public library.



# Food Glorious Food!

Christmas cookies were on the menu in Food Technology. Key Stage 3 students honed their festive baking skills.



# Reading Matters

Indeed, reading does matter in understanding so many aspects of life so at All Saints we promote a reading culture.

We want our students to become accomplished and proficient readers as preparation for further education, for work life and of course for personal enjoyment. It was lovely to see parents and pupils enjoying reading activities at our Reading Celebration Event.



# DD Drop Down Days

Each term we abandon our classrooms to enjoy learning in a wide variety of venues, providing diverse experiences that are tailored to each Year Group. The range is impressive.

- Chester Zoo
- Liverpool Football Foundation
- Action Jackson Cells
- Nat West Bank
- LLS Sixth Form Sports Courses
- PSA: Political Studies Association
- Mann Island
- Anthony Walker Foundation
- Edge Hill University
- The Metropolitan and Anglican Cathedrals
- The Greek Orthodox church
- Manchester Museum of Science and Industry



## Year 9 Scholars at Manchester Museum of Science and Industry

Both Liverpool and Manchester have wonderful cultural resources with world class museums, art galleries and libraries. Many are free to enter and visits such as these make students aware of the breadth and richness of the collections. We trust students will return independently to these special places throughout their lives and future careers.



## All Saints & the Forshaw Group

Well done to these Year 11 students who have just completed their 3 month apprenticeship probation period with the Group. To celebrate they were presented with trade specific tools:

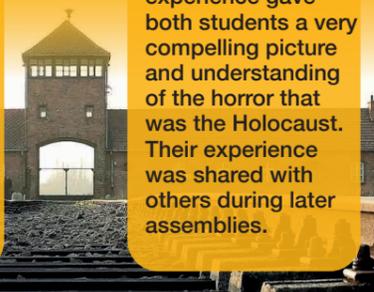
Devon for Tiling      Joe for Plastering  
Elliot for Joinery      Nathan for Decorating



## Holocaust Memorial Trust: Visit to Auschwitz

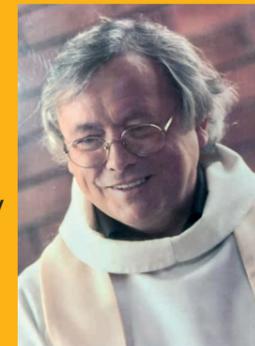
Two of our Sixth Form students Isabella Molyneux and Faye Allward travelled to Poland with the Memorial Trust. Through these visits the Trust ensures that the lessons from Auschwitz 'can never be

forgotten'. The experience gave both students a very compelling picture and understanding of the horror that was the Holocaust. Their experience was shared with others during later assemblies.



## Father Nick Wilde

Father Nick served the Kirkby Catholic Community for over 30 years as Parish Priest, Chair of Governors, friend and loyal advocate. He had an innate understanding of the community he served, gave his time generously and was greatly respected by all who knew and worked with him. Father Nick will be remembered with great affection and gratitude by so many of us.



## Lord Derby's Estate: Year 7 Induction

A day at this wonderful outdoor venue made for a fantastic start to Year 7 students' secondary school education. Outdoor activities that require team work and problem solving provided the perfect environment for building confidence and making new friends.



# 'Dolly Hall' and the Year 8 Residential

We are fortunate to have a strong partnership with Dolly Hall, a fine old mansion on the banks of the River Dovey in North Wales. The charity provides residential accommodation in a very beautiful setting. Students can enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities, learn new skills and make new friends.



# Disneyland Paris

New experiences bring new opportunities for learning. Our latest overseas visit was to France and enjoyment of its culture and language, all exceptionally handy for navigating the theme park!



# Christmas Showcase 2023

Parents and pupils enjoyed the performance skills of our talented students. The Showcase event allows students to perform and display their individual talents to a live audience. It makes for a relaxed and entertaining evening.



# University of Oxford: Bebras Computing Challenge



This national challenge introduces computational thinking to students. Over 60 countries are involved world-wide and it is designed to excite students. Each student completes a series of challenges that focus on computational and logical thinking.



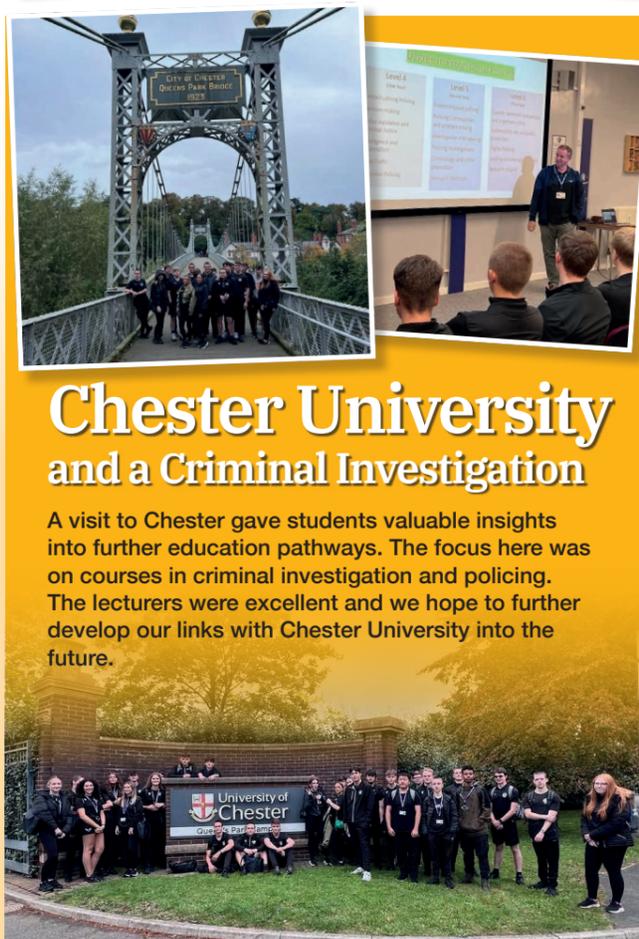
# Welcome Mass for Year 7

Starting secondary school is an important event in a young person's life. Our Welcome Mass celebrates the uniqueness of each student, our school and the wider Kirkby community.



# Chester University and a Criminal Investigation

A visit to Chester gave students valuable insights into further education pathways. The focus here was on courses in criminal investigation and policing. The lecturers were excellent and we hope to further develop our links with Chester University into the future.



# Advent Services

Our School Chaplain, Mr. Bennet, led the services, giving students the chance to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Year 7 students also had the opportunity to visit Heaven Sent, a Live Nativity, hosted by Kirkby Christian Fellowship. This event is held annually in the town and aims to bring the real Christmas story to life.



# Bosco Club: Training Junior Youth Leaders

The after school Bosco Club is very popular. Older students have the opportunity to train as Junior Youth Leaders. As part of their qualification they led teamwork activities with St Marie's primary pupils.

