



All Saints Catholic High School

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Newsletter July 2015

Half Term Highlights



Dear Parents/ Carers

My first term as Principal has been hugely rewarding. The welcome given me by parents, pupils and staff

has been very affirming. Reading this newsletter I am sure you will be impressed at the range of experiences and opportunities available to our young people. Certainly as a Kirkby pupil I would have been delighted to have studied physics at a world renowned scientific centre in Switzerland; watched tennis at Wimbledon; secured a paid summer internship with a leading UK company; or attended radiology lectures at the University of Liverpool. These are just a few of the highlights of this half term.

As we wish our most senior pupils success with their chosen path, be that further study or employment, we are also looking ahead. September will be the start of my first full academic year as Principal. There has been much planning this term to ensure that the new policies and procedures will underpin our values and bring success. I expect everyone in the school community to ensure that pupils at All Saints experience a high quality education in every respect. I expect our pupils to be hard working, polite, well behaved and caring of others. Like you, I am ambitious for them and will establish All Saints as a school to be proud of.

Thank you once again for your welcome. On behalf of the Governors, the staff and our pupils, I wish you an enjoyable Summer break and look forward to working with you again in September.

Yours faithfully

Tony McGuinness

Science Study at CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

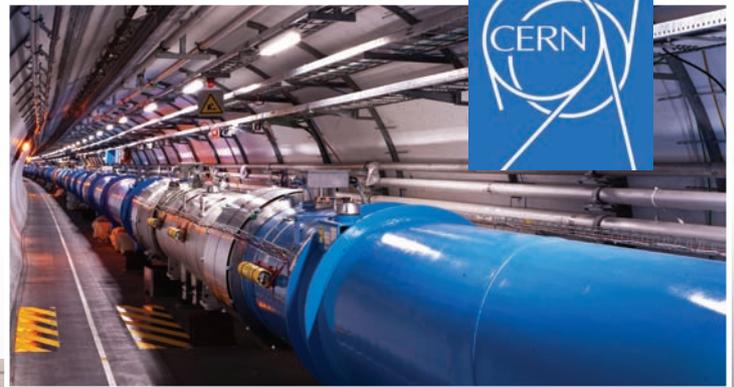


Talented young scientists at All Saints have the opportunity to study further additional science (triple science). The highlight of this year's academic study was to visit CERN, the world's largest nuclear research facility. They met scientists and saw at first hand the advances prominent nuclear physicists are making.

Students also attended a physics lecture and were taken on a two hour tour of the centre including ATLAS, one of the main reactors. Scientists commented on the depth of physics knowledge shown by All Saints students, which particularly pleased the Science staff! Cultural opportunities on day one enabled students to tour the United Nations building and take a seat in the largest debating hall. Here worldwide issues and decisions are discussed and made. There was also a visit to the English Botanical Garden, a tour of the old town and St Peter's Cathedral. Day two experiences included a visit to the ITC Discovery Centre in UN Square. As Geneva's

newest museum, there was much for students to see from satellites to cave paintings.

The standard of technology in this new museum was cutting edge with many interactive experiences available. The final day concluded with a visit to the Natural History Museum and Geneva old town for lunch. Opportunities like this provide fantastic learning opportunities and motivate students, enabling them to see possibilities beyond school.



Kingswood Residential



Years 7 and 8 students spent a residential weekend at Kingswood, an experiential learning centre in Colomendy, organized by the Science Department. An action packed, exhilarating, exhausting and hugely enriching weekend followed. Laser zone experiments, problem solving tasks, raft building and sport were on the programme.

All involved teamwork and independent, imaginative thinking. Specialist science equipment assisted their river study, enabling them to observe the invertebrate life in rivers and design scientific information displays for exhibition in school.



Celebration of Achievement 2015

All Saints was delighted to host this event, which celebrated the achievements of 93 pupils from Kirkby's 16 schools. It was very pleasing to welcome Robyn Dooley, a former pupil of All Saints, as our guest of honour.



Robyn was a member of the Knowsley Youth Parliament and an ambassador for youth on the prestigious World Merit Programme. She continues to develop opportunities for young people in our community.

The Performing Arts Department staged a medley from the forthcoming school production of *Mama Mia*. Awards were presented to 6 nominated students from each school. All Saints' award winners were nominated for a variety of achievements from academic, services to the school community, excellent attendance and also resilience in the face of personal difficulties. We are very proud of these young people: Lily Manns, Hannah Phillips, Jodie Garner-Jones, Thomas Jones, Ellie Hilditch and Olivia Bradley-Moore.



WIMBLEDON GAME SET MATCH!



Tennis has a very high profile at All Saints, which is the only Knowlsey school to play competitively in the Liverpool Tennis League. Not surprisingly our annual visit to Wimbledon and London is always popular. Students watched Blaz Cavcic compete against Gilles Simon on court 3 and also on a more local note, the Skipski brothers from Liverpool on court 16.

Sightseeing in London included visits to Kensington Park, the Albert Hall, Trafalgar Square, Picadilly Circus and a ride on the London Eye. The Harry Potter studios were a particular highlight as students spent an afternoon looking at sets, props and costumes from the Harry Potter films.

Leeds University Maths Challenge

All Saints students achieved success in this prestigious mathematics challenge. Congratulations to the following Year 8 students who gained awards: **Silver** - Talon Chead, Clara Brasier, Chloe Curran; **Bronze** - Alex Woolley-Carroll, Sophie Flynn, Amelia Gannon, Adam Bowe, Hannah Phillips. Undoubtedly they will be aiming for Gold next time.



Time Capsule Reveals Secrets



Year 11 students gathered excitedly to retrieve the time capsule they had buried five years ago as Year 7 students. Hopes and ambitions for the future were recorded in their letters and then locked in the time capsule until this moment.

There was much laughter as they once again read their hopes of five years earlier. Many had radically changed their ideas but then All Saints is about raising aspirations. As these letters were retrieved Year 7 students buried their own time capsule to be opened in five years time.



Celebrating Year 11 Prom Evening



Annually we celebrate Year 11 students' successful completion of five years study at All Saints. All attending had to achieve at least 120 Prom Points that were awarded for positive contribution to school life.



Those achieving the highest point count also received gift vouchers: Charlotte Eden, Mia Hand, Abbie Welsh, Liomah Hulme, Olivia Robinson, Andrew Roberts, Sam Fury, Leon Fergus, Jack Foster and Dylan Cassidy. Our venue this year was the Devonshire Hotel and as you can see, All Saints students certainly cut a dash! We wish them well on the next stage of their life journey.

KIRKBY FESTIVAL 2015

All Saints was delighted to take part in this established festival, which reflects the strong community spirit of the Kirkby community.



Our contribution included a medley performance from our acclaimed *Mama Mia* production, arts and craftwork (which sold like hot cakes), 'Beat the Goalie' and 'Relax, Kids!' (ask your children about this).



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION Three Day Drama Residential

Professional expertise provided through our partnership with the Empire Theatre underpins the very high standards of performance seen in All Saints' productions.

A 3 day residential in June provided the cast with a superb opportunity to make this year's production of *Mama Mia* the best yet. A medley was performed at the Kirkby Schools Celebration of Achievement and at the Kirkby Festival. Year 5 students in our associated primaries saw the final dress rehearsal on 13 July prior to its 3 day run.

Year 12 Internships - Business Studies Career Academy

All Saints is delighted to have secured once again 20 paid internships during this Summer break. These are part of our long established partnerships with global companies who provide exceptional training and employment

opportunities. Companies involved include Santander, RBS, Lloyds, NHS, Abbey Logistics, QVC, Mask Laboratories and Graphics DSN11.



CAFOD

Just one world

CAFOD works with partners across the world wherever the need is greatest. All Saints sixth formers raised a £127 with their Bake-Off cake sale, which will be donated to support the world wide humanitarian work of CAFOD. They are following Pope Francis's message, 'Protect and care for each other and the earth'.



Year 9 Join the NHS

All Saints has a group of Year 9 students who are committed to helping others in a very practical way. Working with Skills for Health Academy North West and six other schools, students attended an after school skills club over a 6 week period.

This involved first aid training, resuscitation skills and learning the importance of dignity and values in caring for vulnerable people. It also gave students the opportunity to consider a wide range of career opportunities in the NHS. Certificates on successful completion were presented in an award ceremony at Bridgewater Hall.

Summer School and Primary Liaison

It has been an action packed half term for our Primary Liaison Programme. In addition to timetabled lessons we welcomed Year 5 to a full day in All Saints and a production of Mama Mia. Meanwhile our prospective Year 7 students were officially welcomed to All Saints during our Intake evenings. Summer School will no doubt be as popular as ever with a fun filled week (Monday 27th to Friday 31st July).

Ryder Cup Weekend Competition



Hawkstone Park in Shropshire was the venue for the 6th Form experience. All Saints has a tremendous range of sporting opportunities, including golf. Three rounds were played in the competition that taxed all ability levels. Although we did not come home with the Championship Cup, pupils played on a tough course, witnessing some incredible golfing skills and developing their own.



All Saints

Art Gallery



Visual Arts enhance the environment for everyone at All Saints. There is normally a huge quantity and range of colourful work on display throughout the school.

Examination entry portfolios for 2015 are currently being mounted for external and internal moderation. Here is a preview of the high standard of work to come.



Radiology Centre, Liverpool University



A group of Year 10 students were invited to attend the National Radiology Conference. A lecture outlining the latest advances followed by a question and answer session gave students a real insight into this highly technologically advanced medical research.

Representatives from leading research laboratories and scientific companies, such as Siemens and Phillips, were also represented. Students gained experience in using the very latest technology and experience of working in a Hazmat (*hazardous material suit*).



Father Ryan Football Tournament 53 Years on

The 53rd Father Ryan Football tournament took place at All Saints on 20th June. For the past 15 years this tournament has been organized and led by All Saints PE Department. During this period it has seen many Kirkby players go on to become professional footballers.

The competition is for all Year 5 and 6 pupils from Kirkby primary schools. The 2015 cup was shared between St Peter & Paul's and Park Brow with St Laurence's and Park Brow sharing the Walter Tomlinson Cup.



Key Dates

Examination Results:

A Level - Thursday 13 August 2015

GCSE - Thursday 20 August 2015

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2015:

3 September
26-30 October
18 December
Staff Training

Pupils return to school
Half Term
School closes for Christmas
1 and 2 September (*school closed*)

Spring Term 2016

4 January
15-19 February
24 March
Staff Training

Pupils return to school
Half Term
School closes for Easter
12 February (*school closed*)

Summer Term 2016

12 April
30 May - 3 June
22 July
Staff Training

Pupils return to school
Half Term
School closes for Summer
11 April (*school closed*)