



All Saints Catholic High School

Heart to Heart

September 2017 Newsletter

Record Results at All Saints Congratulations and Celebration

Best GCSE results in the history
of education in Kirkby
Best GCSE results in the history
of All Saints

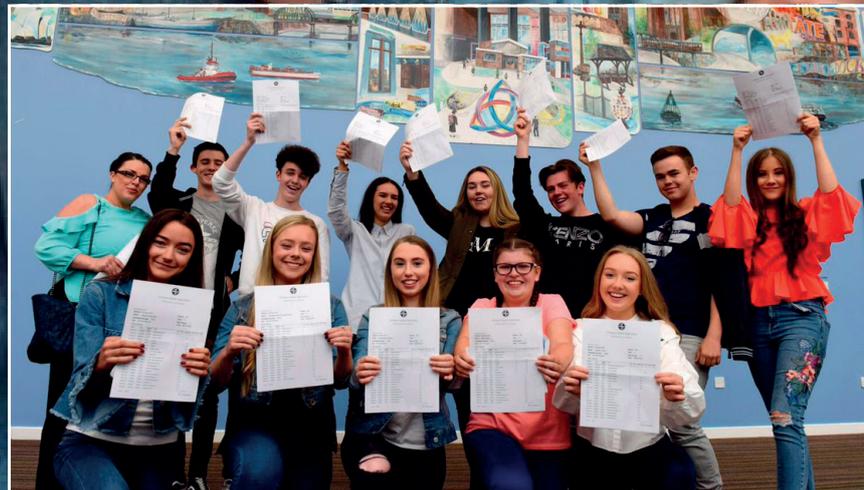
'Most improved School' in Knowsley

65% higher grades in
Mathematics

63% higher grades
in English

52% of pupils with 5+GCSE
grades, including
English and
Mathematics

23% rise in English and
Mathematics grades



Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to report an outstanding set of GCSE examination results for 2017. The figures speak for themselves. Particularly impressive is the 23% rise in pupils achieving higher grades in both English and Mathematics and across many other subjects. These are the best ever GCSE results achieved in the history of Kirkby and consequently, a 'personal best' for All Saints, which now stands as the most improved school in Knowsley. For me as Headteacher, our students' success is always the primary aim. We certainly achieved it this year.

Central to this success is the sheer hard work of our students. This is underpinned by excellent teaching, additional provision through one to one sessions, revision classes and of course Easter Study School. Also essential have been the support and encouragement you have provided by working in partnership with staff. Thank you all for this.

Not to be outdone, Sixth Form students excelled this year with a 100% pass rate at both BTEC and A Level. Moreover, all our university entrants gained their first choice course. As a counterpoint to our strong educational drive, this summer has also seen the completion of our £450k Phase Two building programme. Now, all departments have traditional classrooms. We start this next academic year on a very firm foundation indeed.

September 2017 will be the start of my 3rd year as Headteacher and I continue to be ambitious for All Saints. Just as you do, I want the very best educational opportunities and outcomes for our young people. Parents, staff, the local authority and the Archdiocese working in partnership are achieving this. In All Saints we have a school to be proud of. We will continue to strive for excellence in every aspect of school life.

Yours faithfully,

Tony McGuinness
Headteacher



Key Dates

School Term dates 2017/2018

Autumn Term

6 September 2017 - 21 December 2017
Half Term - 23 October 2017 - 27 October 2017

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

14th	September 2017	-	Open Evening - Year's 4,5,6
21st	September 2017	-	year 11 parents information evening
5th	October 2017	-	year 9 curriculum evening
2nd	November 2017	-	year 10 curriculum evening
9th	November 2017	-	year 7 transition parents evening
18th	January 2018	-	year 11
1st	February 2018	-	year's 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

Remembrance Assembly: London & Manchester

On the 23 June all students and staff gathered in the atrium to remember those affected by the tragedies in Manchester and London. It was All Saints' first ever 'whole school' assembly and normal timetable was suspended. Our community values are underpinned by our Mission Statement and manifest in our behaviour each day.

Our Remembrance Assembly reflected these values through prayer, dance, music and song. We remembered all those affected by these recent tragic events, the deceased and injured, their families and friends and of course those working in the emergency services. The atmosphere was charged with compassion and spiritual empathy for all whose lives had been changed forever.



Kirkby Collaborative: Celebration of Achievement 2017

All Saints hosted the 2017 Celebration of Achievement. 98 primary pupils from 16 schools received awards for their effort, attainment and perseverance.

For the occasion All Saints Year 8 students performed dance sequences, choreographed by one of our senior Dance students, Georgia Cowin. Many thanks to Steve Granite of Abbey Logistics for presenting the prizes and to Steve Stewart of Cheshire FA, our master of ceremonies.



St Vincent's School for the Blind and All Saints

While collaborating with students from St Vincent's a group of our Year 10 students composed a song, 'Be your own superhero'. The lyrics focused on celebrating all the positives we have in our lives. All Saints students learned some sign language too!



Duke of Edinburgh Expedition



Following months of preparatory training the expedition weekend took place at the end of May. The location was Austwick, North Yorkshire. Spirits were high despite wind and torrential rain.

Tents were erected at Dalesbridge Camp and remained standing! Following ten hours of walking, navigating their route and finally cooking their own supper all 31 students successfully completed the expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. A celebratory presentation evening for parents and students was held on 5th July. Well done to all involved!



Jaguar Land Rover Education Engineering Scheme

Our innovative Career Academy Programme provides many opportunities for our students to work with leading companies. Pictured are Year 12 students who successfully completed the Engineering Education Scheme with JLR in June. JLR spokesperson said, 'the EES celebration and assessment day at the University of Liverpool was an overwhelming success. The students did a fantastic job presenting their project and were very professional throughout the day. Well done, Team All Saints!'



London Visit: Houses of Parliament and ...



Year 10 Scholars spent two days in London in July. Their packed itinerary included tours of the Houses of Parliament and visits to St Paul's Cathedral, the Millennium Bridge, the Globe Theatre, Westminster Abbey, Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace.

The evening theatre visit to see a performance of School of Rock was a lively affair. Not surprisingly they returned home tired but inspired.





Chemistry for All

A group of Year 10 students spent a day at LJMU as part of the Chemistry for All programme. There were new challenges and experiences as they tackled a range of scientific experiments in a Forensics Workshop.



Oxford University Experience

As part of their Oxford Experience a group of Year 10 Scholars spent their day attending a lecture, touring the university, speaking to students and staff, and generally gaining a better understanding of university life. 'Speaking to students at the university helped me to understand university life and reaffirmed my wish to attend a top university in the future,' said Chloe Fletcher (Year 10).



Sixth Form Internships

Once again our well established partnerships have provided valuable internships for our Sixth Form students. These are just part of our Career Academy Programme that is designed to help raise students' aspirations, to allow them to make more informed choices about their futures and to bridge the gap between education and work, with access to real experience with world class businesses. For this year's internships many thanks go to Abbey Logistics, Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital, Royal Bank of Scotland, the Walton Centre and Whiston Hospital.



Sixth Form Success - 2017 Examinations

Innovation and personalised study programmes are the bedrock of our Sixth Form curriculum. A 100% pass rate was achieved at both BTEC and A level with many students gaining distinction*/distinction in their BTEC Level 3 qualifications. All students applying to university have their first choice course and others have gained employment as a result of our Career Academy Programme. Well done, and good luck to all our Sixth Form leavers.

Liverpool Reading Quality Mark

All Saints has been awarded the Liverpool Reading Quality Mark (Silver Award). Reading underpins all learning and is a vital life skill. We are delighted that our literacy policy and initiatives have been recognised.



Salter's Science Festival:



Well done to our Year 7 Science Team that took part in the Salter's Science Festival at Liverpool University. There was a murder mystery in the morning that could only be solved through the use of chromatography and universal indicator.

All the students enjoyed the day, especially the 'glow in the dark' liquid. One added, 'I hope to do a degree in Maths in the future to enable me to become an accountant.' It is never too early to think about your future career!





Art Inspires at All Saints

Visual Arts displayed throughout the school have a very positive impact on the environment at All Saints.

The high standards achieved in the GCSE and A level examinations always provide inspiration and enjoyment.



Drop Down Days

Drop Down Days provide students with the opportunity to learn in different ways and in different environments. They have become an integral part of the All Saints curriculum. This year's programme included Year 7 at Chester Zoo; Year 8 with Dragons Den at JLR; Year 9 at the Cells Project; and Year 10 at Knowsley College and the Logistics Academy.



Reward Visits

At the end of the Summer Term after all hard work and effort for the examinations there is still a little time to unwind. This year's programme included trips to tenpin bowling, quasar, cinema screenings, Crocky Trail, Southport and Formby Beach.



Year 7 Scholars' Poetry Programme

Local writer and poet, Ged Thompson, led a poetry programme for Year 7. Ged, a former student of St Marie's, was returning to his Northwood roots. He explained that he wanted students to 'think outside the box and realise that not all answers can be found on Google'.



Father Ryan Cup: 55 years on.

The 55th Father Ryan Cup Tournament was held at All Saints and organised and led by All Saints PE staff. The competition is for all Years 5 and 6 pupils from Kirkby primary schools. Congratulations to St Michael and All Angels, this year's winners of the Father Ryan Cup, and to St Laurence's, winner of the Walter Tomlinson Cup.



55th Father Ryan Kirkby Primary Football Tournament
Saturday 24th June, 9am @ All Saints High School

PHIL THOMPSON, RICKY LAMBERT, MIKE MARSH, DENNIS MORTIMER, LEIGHTON BAINES, RYAN TAYLOR, CRAIG NOONE, TOMMY CATON, ALAN STUBBS, PAUL COOK, TERRY McBERNITT

**Support the next generation!
Kirkby Conveyor Belt!**

Primary Liaison: Year 5 Sports Day

Year 5 students from our associated primaries spent a day at All Saints in July. They displayed their sporting talents, prowess and very positive attitudes. It was a pleasure to meet and work with them all.

The overall winners were St Laurence's but we offer our congratulations to all schools that took part. We hope to see you again at our Open Day on 14 September.



Sport Highlights Summer 2017

Knowsley Football Champions

Well done, Years 7 and 9 boys!



Knowsley Athletics

Congratulations to All Saints girls who took the 100m, 150m, 800m, 1200m, shot putt and long jump titles. Champions all!



Knowsley Rounders

Year 10 girls added another Champions trophy to their cabinet.



Knowsley Tennis Championship

A combined team of Years 7 and 8 Boys took this year's title.

