



All Hallows Catholic College

Newsletter - Christmas Term



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Issue 10

Friday 15th November

Dear Parent / Carer,

The Remembrance Services on Monday were very prayerful and respectful, as teachers and students across College took a role in delivering their own class' liturgy – well done and thank you to them all. This week's assemblies have been delivered by Mr Blades and the College Council, as part of Anti-Bullying Week. As well as reflecting on different types of bullying and the reasons why some people bully others, all students were asked to sign a pledge to show their opposition to bullying. The names of all the students and staff who signed this pledge have been collected together and will form part of the 'Unity Tree' that the College Council are creating in the College Hall, as a visible statement and reminder. All students have been reminded of the College's bullying email address that can be used to share concerns, and the College Council have relaunched the Friday 'Friends' drop-in group, where anyone can attend, to chat, play games or just spend time with others.

We are at that time of the year when we face the possibility of snow showers, so I would like to remind you of the arrangements we will make in the event of severe weather. If, in the Principal's opinion, to open the College would not be in the best interests of the health and safety of students and staff, or if difficulty with transport networks means the College would be inadequately staffed, College will remain closed. The following procedure will then apply to keep the community informed:

A message will be posted on the College website as early as possible. Please ask your child to check before setting out on their journey to school. This message will be updated regularly to keep you aware of plans for the following day. A text message will also be sent to all parents to keep you informed. College uniform rules still apply, but students may wear more appropriate footwear, i.e., wellington boots, for their journey to and from College, and change into uniform shoes once they arrive. Please note that a message will only usually be posted on the College website if the College is to close, either fully or partially. If there is no message, then the College will be open as normal. Please try not to attempt to telephone the College, as this will block the telephone lines which will be used for emergencies. If the College remains open, your child will need to make every attempt to get to their usual bus stop on time. If the bus fails to turn up, your child should return home after 30 minutes waiting time. In the event of heavy snowfall during the College day, any decision to close early will be announced using the means above. Students are not allowed to use mobile phones whilst in College, and we request that you do not rely on individual messages that come to you from any source other than the official announcements. If the College closes during the normal College day, parents will also be informed by text-message. If it is necessary to close the College for more than one day, parents will be informed, again, through the College website and text message. Obviously the College will remain open unless the weather conditions present an obvious danger to safety.

Today we received a report of an All Hallows student, cycling home, at about 4.30pm yesterday. The unidentified student was reportedly cycling in an unsafe manner, with little regard for surrounding traffic, with no lights on his bike and not wearing a helmet. This is the second such report we have received in recent weeks, so could I please ask again for the support of parents and carers whose children cycle to College, in ensuring that bikes are safe and roadworthy, and that lights are used during the winter months. It is also of real concern that so many of our students do not wear a cycling helmet. Please discuss this with your child, and emphasise the advantages and benefits of wearing a cycle helmet. We will always ensure that there is somewhere safe for students to keep their helmet during the College day.

Thank you for your continued support and if you ever wish to contact me about any issue, please do not hesitate to email me via my PA, Mrs Metherringham, at principalpa@allhallows.org.uk.

Tim Beesley, Principal

Faith Life

Weekly Prayer

Living God, keep us awake in faith, a faith that acts. When our faith grows weary, strengthen us, when our faith grows fearful, give us courage, when our faith grows despairing, give us hope, and when the faith of others falters, may we be a light in their darkness.

Amen



Assembly theme this week and next:

Our assemblies this week were lead by our student council as part of Anti-Bullying Week.

Find out more about the campaign: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2019-change-starts-us>



Next week's theme is: Random Acts of Kindness

Remembrance Service

On Monday, our students took part in a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving which culminated in a 2 minute silence at 11 am and our Form Representatives laying a wooden cross in our Pax garden. During the liturgy students had the opportunity to reflect on those who have lost their lives fighting for our freedoms. As a symbol of their commitment to peace, students exchanged an origami peace dove they had made.



Alton Castle Retreat

Next week, 82 students from Years 7 and 8 will be taking part in an residential retreat to Alton Castle and we will bring you a report next week.

New Term Dates

Term	College Opens to Students	College Closes to Students
Christmas	Monday 4th November 2019	Thursday 19th December 2019
Epiphany	Monday 6th January 2020	Thursday 13th February 2020

Evening Events Next Term:

- Wednesday 4th December—Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 18th December—GCSE and A Level Awards Evening

Weekly form attendance: week ending 8th November

Well done to all!

7 Fisher—97.1%

8 Siena—96.3%

9 Avila—97.1%

10 Barlow—97.4%

11 Avila—96.4%

12/13 Romero & Siena— 97.7%



Lost Property

A polite reminder that all students' clothing and belongings should be labelled clearly with their name and form. There are several PE kits, coats, pencil cases and water bottles at Reception, waiting to be claimed!

PTA News

Families welcome - please buy multiple tickets via parent pay. All trips include transport from College.

Upcoming trips: Please email Mrs Heaton to reserve tickets: a.heaton@allhallows.org.uk

Now on sale: Christmas Shopping Trip to the Trafford Centre on Thursday 28th November. The cost is just a £5 contribution to the coach, payable on Parent Pay. Parents are most welcome - just buy multiple tickets.

We leave school at about 3.45pm and return at about 8.15pm.



Tuesday 17th December 2019

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas @ the Lowry (musical) 7.30pm

Price: £30 each

Join now:

The All Hallows PTA 100 Club is a simple means of raising money, which allows us to subsidise the amazing trips that we offer throughout the academic year, making them cheaper for you. For the sum of £1 per month or £12 per year, you will be allocated a number and have a chance of winning £100 in our monthly draw. Please collect a standing order form from College and send it into reception in a sealed envelope marked 'PTA 100 Club' FAO Mrs Heaton.

Online Safety Information for Parents

As part of their Wake Up Wednesday campaign, please see the latest poster below from the National Online Safety campaign. Log onto the following website for further information, <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/>



The Diana Award definition of bullying is "repeated negative behaviour that is intended to make others feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe." Cyberbullying is bullying which takes place online. It can involve anything from sending messages to posting offensive comments to uploading and sharing private or embarrassing photos. It is classed as an indirect form of bullying when compared to verbal or physical bullying, given it usually takes place through a digital device. However, for those experiencing bullying behaviour, the consequences can be just as serious and have far reaching effects.



What schools need to know about CYBERBULLYING

3 KEY ASPECTS OF BULLYING BEHAVIOUR

There are three key aspects of bullying behaviour, namely that it is repetitive, negative and intentional. These behaviours apply both offline and online. Cyberbullying can almost heighten these behaviours, particularly with access to the internet available 24/7 and the different ways in which those displaying bullying behaviour online can target others. The fact that they can also easily hide their identity online can make cyberbullying much more difficult to stop.



DIFFERENT DEVICES & CHANNELS

Cyberbullying can take place over any device connected to the internet which allows for two-way communication. This includes mobile phones, tablets, computers and even games consoles as it becomes more and more common for players to chat to other players whilst playing online. From a snapshot of 1,400 students surveyed by the Diana Award in 2018, 33% of young people admitted to have experienced bullying on social media, 11% via text message and 12% whilst online gaming.



WHAT LEADS TO CYBERBULLYING

There is never any justification for cyberbullying and those who display bullying behaviour need to be held to account for their actions. Nonetheless, it can be useful to try and understand some of the factors that may lead young people into bullying behaviour. For example, family issues, personal difficulties and a lack of positive reinforcement may push some young children into bullying others as a form of coping mechanism. Similarly, those exhibiting bullying behaviour may blame their targets for provoking their behaviour in the first place or engage in bullying behaviour as a call for attention if they lack social skills or understanding. Others may view their position as dominant which makes themselves less vulnerable to being bullied or they replicate behaviour they have experienced themselves in the past.



SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Cyberbullying can affect anyone, at any time, at any place. The impacts of cyberbullying can be long-lasting and leave people feeling scared, anxious and lonely. Some of the more obvious signs that those experiencing bullying behaviour might show include weight loss, crying, mood changes, depression and regularly avoiding school. Other symptoms, which might be less obvious to spot and would be difficult to pick up on in isolation, may include changes in body language like hunched shoulders, walking slower or an inability to make eye-contact. In extreme cases, those experiencing bullying behaviour may have unexplained marks or scars which could be evidence of self-harm.





National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Tips For School Staff

TAKE A WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH

In taking a whole approach towards cyberbullying, schools can cultivate a culture that relies on positivity and behaviour that is emulated by ALL members of the school community including staff, support staff, senior leaders, governors and parents and carers.



BUILD CONFIDENCE IN DEALING WITH INCIDENTS

This can be achieved by having clear knowledge of what constitutes bullying behaviour, having clear sanctions and courses of action and continually updating your knowledge of safety procedures regarding online and offline incidents.



USE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AS A RESOURCE

Ensure you understand what is influencing the behaviour of young people in your community. If schools know what their students are engaging with, it can be easier to develop and implement relevant and effective tactics / strategies to counter cyberbullying issues.



UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES OF BULLYING

As previously mentioned, sometimes those who are behind the bullying are in need of support just as much as those who are being targeted. In better understanding the cause of the issue, schools can better position themselves to tackle the problem and also adequately support both those displaying and experiencing the bullying behaviour. Taking a proactive approach means that schools can gear themselves to tackle issues specific to their school environment, rather than treating each case the same.



ENSURE ALL STAFF KNOW THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All staff have a role to play in educating and supporting children who are affected by cyberbullying, not just those responsible for safeguarding or online safety. Regular training, continuous professional development and clear school policies can help to empower staff in effectively managing any cyberbullying issues and in providing a united staff front on zero tolerance to all bullying behaviour.



In collaboration with



Ask For Help

For further support, advice or guidance to support you students at school, or to sign up to The Diana Award's free Anti-Bullying Ambassadors training events, head to www.antibullyingpro.com



www.nationalonlinesafety.com Twitter - @natonlinesafety Facebook - /NationalOnlineSafety

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CHRISTMAS AT ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC COLLEGE FARM



Sunday the 8th December from 1pm – 3:30pm

Please join us for a festive afternoon of Christmas fun on the farm at All Hallows Catholic College.

Enjoy a tour of the farm from our very own elves and, get up close and personal with our animals.

Visit Santa's grotto and receive a Christmas gift.

Try your luck on our Tombola or buy some lovely festive treats made by our students.

Tickets are limited and to be purchased in advance at a price of £4 per child.

Tickets include:

A visit to Santa, including a gift.

A bag of animal food.

A tour of the farm.

Entertainment.




Contact Kayleigh on staffxkl@allhallows.org.uk for tickets and enquiries.



ECO Council Tip

What is your ecological footprint? If everyone in the world lived like you did, how many earths would we need?
Take the test: <http://www.footprintcalculator.org/signup>

Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Timetable

Music	Drama	Dance
Orchestra with Linda Monday 3:15- 4:00pm E2	Aspire Drama Club Tuesday Lunch (Red week only) F20 (Drama Studio)	Street Dance with Kyle Tuesday 3:15- 4:15 Dance Studio
Samba Band Wednesday Lunch E2	High School Musical Rehearsals Wednesday (Main Cast) 3:15 - 4:15pm Hall and Thursday (Whole Cast) 3:15- 4:15pm Hall	KS4 Technique Class/Choreography Workshop (sign up with Miss Mellor) Wednesday 3:15- 4:30pm Dance Studio
Pop Choir with Rosie Thursday Lunch E2		High School Musical Rehearsals Friday 3:15- 4:15 Dance Studio
		

Movember Challenge

As the calendar turned over into the month of November, the annual hairy challenge that is Movember began. A group of staff are supporting this worthy cause, which aims to raise funds to assist organisations covering different aspects of male health. These include testicular cancer, prostate cancer and mental health, with a particular emphasis in recent years on suicide prevention.

We have a page on the Movember website: [AH MO BROS 2019](#). The last two years have seen us as a college group, raise in excess of £1000, with donations from work colleagues, family and friends. We are hoping for similar success this year. Please donate if you would like too—it would be much appreciated!

The hirsute group 'facing up' to this fund raising challenge in 2019, include Mr T Beesley, Mr D Aspinall, Mr P Benbow (pictured left to right below), Mr D Howells and Mr T Parke.

Bring on December 1st!



Student Success



The half term holiday wasn't as relaxing for Thomas Cunliffe (right in the picture) in Year 8 as it might have ordinarily been! Instead of unwinding, Thomas was appearing nightly in 'Bugsy Malone' at the Storyhouse Theatre Chester.

Thomas, who is an accomplished actor and appeared in many production already, enjoyed the whole experience greatly, even though he was 'splatted' every performance and despite having to balance schoolwork and rehearsals for many months previously.

We will soon see Thomas in the AH upcoming High School Musical production.

Sixth Form News

Sixth Form Taster Day: Monday 9th of December

TEDx Event by Imogen Drake, Year 12.

Last Wednesday, I attended the annual TedX event at Fallibroome Academy with five other students from All Hallows Sixth Form. The theme of the event was, "Small Changes" and how we can take action to make a difference to various local, national and global issues. Several guest speakers gave short presentations on their story, or a subject they are passionate about. These speakers included a West End actress who persevered through injury, a tennis player who grew up in war-torn Sierra Leone and an ex-professional football player who became a zero-waste shop owner. We were invited to consider what small changes we want to make, and how we can apply advice from speakers to our own lives. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the day and found the event to be inspiring as well as accessible.

To view some TED talks, log on: <https://www.youtube.com/user/TEDxTalks>

Auschwitz Project

On Tuesday Alex Insley and Callum Berry visited Auschwitz along with Ms Argument. It was an early start as they needed to be at the airport for 5am. The boys spent the day in Poland as part of the Auschwitz project run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. They will then attend a follow up session in Manchester. The boys gained a lot from their experience and will be delivering an assembly to their peers later in the year.

Register to Vote

As the general election is imminent, we are encouraging students to register to vote. They can do so up until the 26 November. The link is below or on our twitter feed @all_sixth

Revision and Study Guides

There is a range of resources to support Sixth Form students, including study skills, referencing and revision guides for specific subjects. If students would like a specific guide that isn't already on the shelves, please speak to Ms Sinclair .

Other opportunities coming up:

- 21st November FREE All about STEM Events: Engineering your Future Events in Liverpool and Warrington · <https://www.allaboutstem.co.uk/2019/08/engineering-your-future-events-2019/>
- Apprenticeship Opportunity: Business admin apprentice to join Franklyn Financial Ltd in Congleton. Ideally looking for someone who has just finished their A levels and perhaps does not want to go to university. Please contact Ian Cottrill at Ian.Cottrill@sjpp.co.uk for more information or to register your interest.

SPORTS NEWS

RESULTS

SPORT / YEAR GROUP	OPPOSITION (H/A)	WIN / LOSS SCORE	MAN OF MATCH / OTHER COMMENTARY
Year 9 & 10 Indoor Cricket	District Schools	AHCC v Wilmslow Lost AHCC v Poynton Lost	<p>All Hallows played in a district Indoor Cricket Competition. Unfortunately, they came up against two very strong sides. Despite this the boys played some good cricket in spells, especially with the bat.</p> <p>AHCC v WHS AHCC 43 - 4 WHS 44 – 0 T.Brierley – 15*</p> <p>AHCC v PHS AHCC 26 all out PHS 27 – 0 T.Brierley – 11</p> <p>Man of the Match: T Brierley Tom performed very well with the bat, scoring 26 runs and was out once. He hit a couple of sixes and gave All Hallows a chance of victory against Wilmslow.</p>
Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Macclesfield Academy (A)	AHCC Win 17-16	<p>All Hallows travelled to Macclesfield Academy for a friendly Basketball fixture. It was a very a competitive game, played between two evenly matched teams. All Hallows just came out on top in the final quarter, with some important baskets scored by J.Hutchings. Well done to all the boys involved.</p> <p>Man of the Match: A Savio A tremendous defensive display, playing in his first Basketball match. He also chipped in with 4 points. Congratulations!</p> <p>Thank you to head boy K.Sibbett for giving up his time to help coach and referee the game.</p>

UPCOMING FIXTURES

SPORT / YEAR GROUP	OPPOSITION (H/A)	DATE	OTHER INFORMATION
Year 9 Rugby	The Kingsway School (A)	18/11/19	This will be played at Old Bedians RUFC Friendly
Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Poynton High School (A)	2/12/19	Friendly
Year 9 Rugby	Abbeygate School (H)	4/12/19	Friendly

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SPORT/YEAR GROUP	OPPOSITION (H/A)	DATE	OTHER INFORMATION
U15 Indoor Cricket tournament (Year 9 & 10)	Macclesfield and District	21/11/19	This will be held at Macclesfield Academy after school 15:00 until 16:30. We will walk over to Macclesfield Academy at 14:15, the end of break 2. Students will then need to be collected from Macclesfield Academy at 16:30.
U13 indoor cricket tournament (Year 7 & 8)	Macclesfield and District	28/11/2019	This will be held at Macclesfield Academy after school 15:00 until 16:30. We will walk over to Macclesfield Academy at 14:15, the end of break 2. Students will then need to be collected from Macclesfield Academy at 16:30.
U15 Volleyball competition (Year 9 & 10)	Macclesfield and District	4/12/2019	We are currently awaiting more information on this event; we will update the details as soon as possible.
THE SANTA DASH (Year 7 & 8)		16th and 17th December	This will take place during PE lessons. All year 7 and 8 pupils will have an assembly on the event and how to get sponsorship for East Cheshire Hospice. There will more information given out during that assembly and also with regular updates here, on the newsletter. It will be the turn of the 7Y and 8Y half on the 16th and the 7G and 8G half on the 17th.

OTHER NEWS / NOTICES	<p><u>New Netball Club</u></p> <p>On a Monday night we are looking to run an inter year group netball league. We hope to have around 2 pupils per year group in the team. We will run the league outside, so 3 matches will run at once. We will post the results within the newsletter and there will be a prize for the winning team. WE will also look for sports leaders to help by umpiring the matches that they are not playing in.</p>
<p>Please note that if your son/daughter is to be excused from PE due to not feeling well, injury or anything else of this nature that they MUST bring a written note from home along with their PE kit and get changed. They will participate in the lesson as a coach, timer, and scorer or help in whatever way they can as part of the lesson. The only exception would be if their arm or leg were in a cast, which would make it extremely difficult to get changed in the appropriate time scale.</p>	
<p>PLEASE DO SEE THE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE FOR THE CLUBS THAT ARE PUT ON DURING THE DAY AND AFTER SCHOOL. SOME ACTIVITIES HAVE CHANGED THIS HALF TERM AS WE HAVE NO NETBALL MATCHES. THERE IS STILL ONE NETBALL NIGHT FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS AND WE HAVE INCLUDED A GYMNASTICS SESSION AFTER SCHOOL AND A RUNNING CLUB AFTER SCHOOL.</p>	

Out of School Hours Learning	During School Break or lunch as indicated			After School 3.15pm-4.15/4.30pm					
<i>Venue</i>	<i>Fitness suite</i>	<i>Sports Hall</i>	<i>3G Astroturf</i>	<i>Grass Pitch</i>	<i>Netball Courts</i>	<i>3G Astroturf</i>		<i>Sports Hall</i>	<i>Fitness suite</i>
MON	All Years Boys & Girls JM		Football Lunch Club Break 1 7&8 Break 2 9-11	Boys Football Y7 JM	Girls Netball Y10 - 13 LCG/KAT	Girls Football All Years BM	Football Academy & Invitation Y12/13		
TUES		Basketball All Years SIV	Football Lunch Club Break 1 – 7&8 Break 2 – 9-11	Boys Rugby Y7-8 SIV					
WED		Girls Netball Y 7/8 LCG/KAT	Football Lunch Club Break 1 7&8 Break 2 9-11	Boys Rugby Y9-10 SIV	Netball Fixtures All years LCG/KAT	Football Academy & Invitation Seniors (fixtures) Y12/13		Basketball All Years SJL/SL	
THURS		Girls Netball Y9-11 LCG/KAT	Football Lunch Club Break 1 7&8 Break 2 9-11		Girls Netball Y8/9 LCG/KAT	Boys Football Y8 BM	Boys Football Y9 JM		All Years Boys & Girls SJL
FRI	All Years Boys & Girls BM		Football Lunch Club Break 1 7&8 Break 2 9-11		Girls Netball Y7 LCG/KAT	Boys Football Y10 SJL	Boys Football Y11 SL		

LIBRARY NEWS

Opening Hours

Monday – Thursday 8.15am – 5pm

Friday 8.15 am – 4pm

Borrowing Books

Years 7 – 11 2 books 2 weeks

Years 12 & 13 3 books 3 weeks

Please return books on time! Items can always be renewed up to 3 times, at the Library desk.

Book Amnesty

A significant number of books are not being returned to the library. Therefore, if you have any AH or ELS library books at home, I would ask kindly that they are returned, no questions asked. This will mean more books for our students to choose from and enhance the library stock, helping our budget go further. Thank you, in advance, for your support in this matter.

There are a number of GCSE study guides that have also 'disappeared' from the library and we would appreciate being returned so that year 10 & 11 students can use them.

Accelerated Reader Success

Year 7 and 8 were busy reading and quizzing last term in school and at home. The statistics are impressive and we hope they will only get better as the year goes on. Well done to all and keep reading!

Year 7

Quizzes taken and passed: 544 with 7GN and 7YA being the most prolific quizzers!

Words read: 2, 396, 057

Year 8

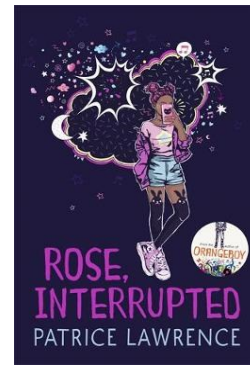
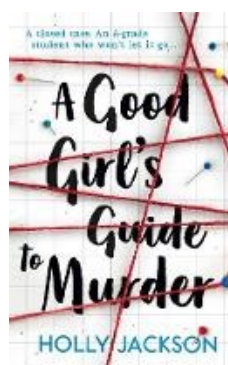
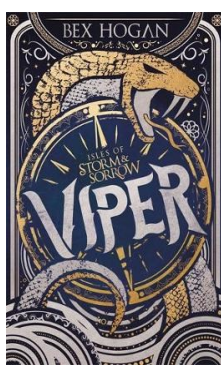
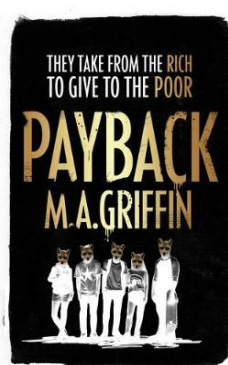
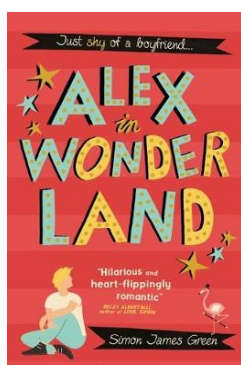
Quizzes taken and passed: 700 with 8G1C way out ahead with 182 passes.

Words read: 10, 752, 734.

Congratulations to Katherine Arnott (8A) who has read over 3 million words since September which is 32 books! A book token is on its way to her.

And the nominees are... The Cheshire Schools' Book Award

Shortlist for Year 9 upwards...



How to get involved: copies of nominated books will soon be available from the AH Library, along with voting forms. All members of the AH community are eligible to take part: students, siblings, parents, staff and governors.



Tree of Light Carols around the Tree

Thursday 5th December
6pm

Market Place, Macclesfield

Come along to enjoy carols around
the tree in memory of loved ones.



For information email admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk or call
01625 374142

SEND Youth Forum

If you are 11-25 years old and have a diagnosed or undiagnosed additional need, we are inviting you to come along and get involved in Cheshire East's "Voice of SEND".

Macclesfield SEND Youth Forum:

Macclesfield Hub,
33 Great King Street, Macclesfield,
SK11 6PN

First and third Thursday of every
month

6:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday 17th October

Thursday 24th October

Thursday 7th November

Thursday 21st November

Thursday 5th December

Thursday 19th December

Join us to discuss the issues that matter to you, make decisions, meet like minded individuals and take part in fun activities.



Your voice and opinions matter to us!

For more information, please get in touch with Fiona Ellis on:
07794437078. Or join our Facebook page: Participation Yss