

All Hallows Catholic College Newsletter - Christmas Term



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Issue 13
Friday 6th December

Dear Parent / Carer,

The Christmas holiday is almost here and it seems no time at all since I was welcoming you back after the summer holiday. It has been a busy and highly successful Autumn Term so far. The staff have worked tirelessly on behalf of the students and your children have been keen to learn and get involved in so many activities in and out of the classroom.

We have well and truly begun our journey towards Christmas, with our Choir singing at the Tree of Light Service in Macclesfield Market Place yesterday evening - thank you to all the students, staff and parents who took part. The choir are also singing at the Carol Service at St Alban's Church, next Thursday evening at 6.30pm - all are welcome.

Thank you to those parents and carers who came to the Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening on Wednesday. It was the first of the year, in the new evening format, and feedback was very positive – a shorter, more focussed evening, though 'busier' of course. On Wednesday our Sixth Form also hosted a General Election hustings, with the four Macclesfield candidates from the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Green parties attending. It was an interesting meeting, made all the more so because of the questions asked by our students. They asked questions on topics as diverse as the environment, the NHS, homelessness and immigration. Thank you to Dr Keogh for organising the event, the candidates for participating, and the students for contributing.

We have a very full two weeks planned for the remainder of term, including our Sixth Form Taster Day on Monday and our Key Stages 4 & 5 Awards Evening on Wednesday 18th December. We are hosting our annual All Hallows has Talent Show on Thursday 19th December, and staff and students can wear Christmas Jumpers on that day, for a donation to charity. As mentioned last week, College also breaks up the Christmas holidays on Thursday 19th December, with buses arriving early, for 1.45pm finish.

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

Tim Beesley, Principal

Faith in Action

A Prayer for Advent

God of patience and constancy, be with us in this time of waiting.

Though pressures mount and distractions increase, keep our eyes open to your beauty,

our minds open to your wisdom, our ears open to your word.

Help us to guide those in our care, as your star led the Magi.

So that we might journey to your Son together, inspired by truth and love.

Amen.



Assembly Theme for next week

This weeks Assemblies have been lead by Deputy Principal Mrs Garvey on the theme of Advent. Students and staff have been encouraged to take time out to reflect on the purpose of Advent as a time for spiritual preparation.

Our assemblies next week are mainly lead by our Year Learning Leaders, who are reflecting and celebrating the successes their students have achieved so far this year. Mrs Marshall will continue her assemblies on inclusion, while 8C are leading an assembly on Modern Day Slavery.



Carol Service

All Hallows Carol Service, takes place at St Alban's church Macclesfield on Thursday 12th December at 6.30. This promises to be a lovely reflective evening, lead by our Choir, dancers and Performing Arts students. This is a wonderful opportunity to join with us in our preparations for Christmas.

Watercolour by Isabelle Cain Year 13



Christmas Gift Appeal

Thank you to all families for their support with this year's Christmas appeal in aid of 'Caritas'. As this draws to a close, we will update you on the monies raised next week.

Congratulations to 7S, and Miss Kirton, who raised the fantastic sum of £102.85 to purchase gifts for families in crisis, by holding a bake sale during Friday break times. On sale were a variety of delicious treats: home made brownies, cakes and biscuits. A true example of all our core values in action. Well done to all!

India Meeting

Parents and students who are visiting our clinic in India in February are kindly reminded of the meeting on Monday 9th December at 6.00pm.

Evening Events This Term—Important Information

Wednesday 18th December: GCSE and A Level Awards Evening—7.00pm registration.

This evening is to recognise the success and achievements of our GCSE and A level students who received their qualifications in August this year. Our guest speaker, Mr T Reid who co wrote 'Car Share' with Peter Kay, promises to be both entertaining and inspiring. As entry is by ticket only, please contact our reception on 01625426138 to reserve your tickets. We look forward to seeing you there.

Term Dates 2020

Epiphany Monday 6th January - Thursday 13th February

Easter Monday 24th February—Friday 3rd April

Weekly form attendance: week ending 29th November Well done to all!

7 Avila—93.5%

8 Newman—97.3%

9 Romero—100%

10 Fisher—96.6%

11 Barlow-98.3%

12/13 Siena-96.4%



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**

Tuesday 17th December 2019 A FEW SEATS STILL AVAILABLE!
The Grinch Who Stole Christmas @ the Lowry (musical) 7.30pm
Price: £30 each



Saturday 8th February

Tubing at Stoke Ski Centre. Just £15 per person. Includes coach and hot meal after 1 hour tubing. Please pay on Parent Pay. Places limited. For further details contact Mrs Heaton as above.

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/





ECO Tip for the Advent Season:

Reflect Biblically, Act Bodily, Connect with Nature. Why not start an annual, earth-friendly Christmas tradition with your family. For instance, go on a family winter walk, plant a small tree together to symbolise the value of God's creation. Think prayerfully about the season ahead and consider how you might be able to give back to the earth and instil the values of sustainable living.

Year 10—Doing Their Bit for Biodiversity!



Mrs Needham's Year 10 Animal Care students recently conducted an audit of the All Hallows school fields and decided to develop the hedgerows in one of the fields. With thanks to the Woodland Trust, who kindly donated the trees to school, we were able to plant 40 young shrubs, including hawthorn, hazel and crab apple.

Pictured left and below, students in action, planting up!



Mrs Needham explained that not only will this planting help to provide additional shelter from the wind and increase the habitats for wild animals, it will also helping to reduce the overall carbon footprint of school. Such planting is also advantageous to the local area as Macclesfield has been identified as one of the national priority areas for tree planting by the Woodland Carbon Fund, see the map below for more details.

Well done to all involved, especially to Mrs Needham for organising the project. Another great example of our students showing Stewardship, one of our five core values.

If you are interested further in this scheme, log onto the website below for more information:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/woodland-carbon-fund



Year 8 History Visit to Liverpool



On Thursday and then on Friday last week, two groups of Year 8 students travelled to Liverpool to visit the International Slavery and Merseyside Maritime Museums. The purpose of the visit was for students to learn more about two topics they had been studying in lessons: slavery and the history of the Titanic. The day consisted of a tour of the slavery exhibition and then a workshop, handling artefacts related to different aspects of the slavery story. This included punishment objects, abolitionist publications, cultural objects from African civilisations, all to give a context to what our

students had learnt back in school. Many students found it eye—opening, being able to handle such a wide variety of objects and they learnt a lot from the experience.





Students then toured the new Titanic exhibition to discover the city of Liverpool's role in the story of one of the world's most famous ships. All students were a credit to themselves and school, with one of the tour guides saying that All Hallows was 'the best school we've had visiting in a long time!'

Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Timetable 2019- 2020

Music

Orchestra with Linda

Monday 3:15- 4:00pm E2

Samba Band

Wednesday Lunch E2

Pop Choir with Rosie

Thursday Lunch E2



Drama

Aspire Drama Club

Tuesday Lunch (Red week only) F20 (Drama Studio)

High School Musical Rehearsals

Wednesday (Main Cast) 3:15
- 4:15pm Hall

and

Thursday (Whole Cast) 3:15-4:15pm Hall



Dance

Street Dance with Kyle

Tuesday 3:15- 4:15 Dance Studio

KS4 Technique Class/Choreography Workshop (sign up with Miss Mellor)

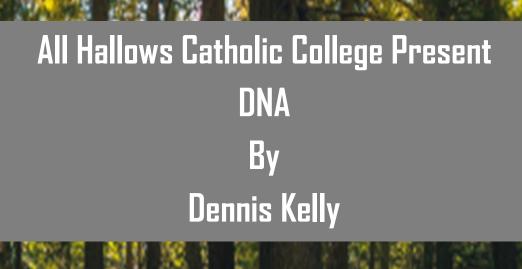
Wednesday 3:15- 4:30pm Dance Studio

High School Musical Rehearsals

Friday 3:15- 4:15 Dance Studio







It's about being part of something...

It's about how far you are willing to go...

It's about murder.

What would you do...?

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December 2019 7pm Email: I.michaels@allhallows.org.uk to reserve your tickets

English News

An Inspector Calls



Year 10 students spent the evening at Buxton Opera House recently watching a production of J B Priestley's, An Inspector Calls. In the play, the unsuspecting Birling family are visited by the mysterious Inspector Goole. He arrives just as they are celebrating the engagement of Sheila Birling to Gerald Croft. The Inspector reveals that a girl called Eva Smith, has taken her own life by drinking disinfectant. The family are horrified but initially confused as to why the Inspector has called to see them. What follows is a tense and uncomfortable investigation by an all-knowing Inspector through which the family discover that they are all in fact caught up in this poor girl's death.

The visit was to support the study of the play, by our students for their GCSE English Literature. Ms Martin, who organised the trip, said, 'It was an enjoyable production with effective staging and really useful for our exam students to see the play performed.'

Trafford Centre Trip

On Thursday last week after the school day was over, a group of 50 students, staff and parents set off through the rush hour traffic for some seasonal retail therapy at the Trafford Centre. There they spent a couple of hours browsing and taking advantage of the Black Friday prices on offer. A big thank you to Mrs Heaton and the PTA team for organising this popular annual event.





Sixth Form News

Sixth Form Taster Day for Year 11: Monday 9th September

Our current Year 11 students will experience life as a sixth former for the day, including lessons in their choice of A Level subjects to help make an informed choice for the next stage in their educational journey, starting in September. Students are reminded that they should dress in Business Dress on the day. Students are not expected to purchase suits specifically for the day, but should present themselves in smart trousers/ skirts and shirts/blouses.

Sixth Form Assessments

Year 12 and 13 both have a study day on Monday 9th, followed by exams in the common room and F15 throughout the week. Students should be revising in preparation for these important assessments.

Year 13: start at 9 am

Year 12: start at 12.45 pm



Hustings at All Hallows

Our sixth form students were joined this Wednesday by the four candidates standing for Macclesfield in the upcoming General Election. The event, which was compared by our own Dr Keogh, allowed each candidate to lay out their vision for the future at local, national and international level. This will be the first election that many of our year 13 students will be able to vote in and, they are determined to have their say in what is being described as a 'once in generation election'. Students then had an opportunity to ask

questions. Lucas started with a question on homelessness and food banks, an issue very much in keeping with our values here at All Hallows. Alistair followed up with a stewardship question about the candidates' plans for the environment. Head boy, Kanta asked the candidates about their views on immigration. Prospective politics student Anna wanted to know about the manifesto pledges for funding the NHS. All in all, an interesting and informative afternoon.

Higher Education Update

Over the past week many of our students have been engaged in interview practise prior to university interviews in the coming weeks. We offer a huge thank you to our interviewers Ann-Marie Connor, Paul Speeding (formerly of Salford University) and Charles Insley (Manchester University) for putting our students through their paces.

On Friday, we were joined by Hayley from Lancaster University who delivered an interview skills session for our students. They learnt about how to prepare, body language and what questions to ask about the course and university. Hayley also met with our students who are applying to Lancaster this year.

We also wish all our students with upcoming interviews good luck, including those who are traveling down to Oxford and Cambridge next week for their interviews, some of which will be over three days. We wish them all every success, and are very proud of them getting this far. We are sure they will SHINE on the day.

Our internal deadline for UCAS is December 15. Any students who haven't sent their form off yet should meet with Mr Howells, following their assessments next week. Our destinations board is filling up nicely with all the fantastic offers students are receiving, and we look forward to hearing about more offers as we enter the new year.

Year 13 Trip to Bronte Country

Ms McKillop describes the recent Year 13 English trip to Haworth in West Yorkshire:



We took 10 Y13 A Level Literature students on an overnight trip to Haworth to support their study of Wuthering Heights (pictured left). Our first stop was to look round the Bronte Parsonage Museum, which is in the house where the Bronte family lived. Our students were then given two talks - one on the Bronte context and one on critical interpretations of Wuthering Heights, all useful for their studies. As a group we then went for a walk across the moors to the waterfalls that the Bronte's used to spend time at. The purpose of this was to aid students' understanding the importance of setting in Wuthering Heights. Thanks to Mrs Heaton for driving us in there and back!







Year 13 Chemistry Trip to Manchester University



Mr Brumfitt and nine Year 13 chemistry students travelled to Manchester University last week to spend some time in the university's chemistry department. The main purpose of the visit was to take part in an NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance) workshop. The students learnt how an MRI machine functions and worked through some problem solving exercises with the help of the departments academic staff. Afterwards, the students toured the campus for a look at university life. The visit was described as

'useful' by the students, especially as this topic is a really 'tricky' part of the syllabus, according to Mr Brumfitt!

SPORTS NEWS								
GIRLS RESULTS								
SPORT / YEAR GROUP	OPPOSITION (H/A)		WIN / LOSS SCORE		PLAYER OF MATCH / OTHER COMMENTARY			
U13 indoor cricket tournament (Year 7 & 8)	Macclesfi and distri		3rd place		Well done to all girls that took part. They had a great time and did the College proud. Player of the match goes to Natalia Nield but, a grateful thank you to the others that took part: Emma Black Charlie Bamford Jessica Chadwick Izzie Lee Ruby Oldale Cara Jones			
U15 Volleyball competition (Year 9 & 10)	Macclesfield and district		3rd place		the competition, i part, especially as evening. To make players on the day had, Emily Worthin	out the full information in the week of t is a big thank you to the girls that took it was on the same night as parent's things even harder, we lost three due to sickness. The three players we ngton, Emily Waddington and Erin More to do their best. Well done, girls!		
UPCOMING FIX	XTURES							
SPORT/YEAR GROUP OPPO: (H/A)		STITION DAT		ATE	OTHER INFORMATION			
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. It will be the turn of the 7Y and 8Y hal on the 16th and the 7G and 8G half or the 17th.			

On a Monday night we are looking to run and inter year group netball league. We hope to have around two students 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.

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, WE HAVE INCLUDED A GYMNASTICS SESSION AFTER SCHOOL AND A RUNNING CLUB AFTER SCHOOL.

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 the student is unable to get changed due to the seriousness of the injury.

BOYS RESULTS							
SPORT / YEAR GROUP	OPPOSITION (& H/A)	AHCC WIN / LOSS & SCORE	MAN OF MATCH / OTHER COMMENTARY				
Year 10 & 11 Basketball	Poynton High School (A)	AHCC Team 1 Lost 33 – 28 AHCC Team 2 Lost 37 – 2	All Hallows took on a two very strong Poynton High School Basketball teams this week and lost both games. Game one saw Team 1 lose 33 – 28. This team consisted of students that play regularly together, which showed in a very narrow and well fought game. Stand out man D. Fowler pitched in with 5 baskets, scoring 10 points to give the side a hope. Team 2 had a very tough fixture against a very physical year 11 team from Poynton. Our team had two year 9's that struggled with the physicality of the game. Despite the score line, our boys played with great effort and spirit. They always played to the whistle and gave everything on the court. They were just beaten by the bigger and stronger side. Congratulations to all the boys that played. The teacher from PHS was very impressed with the attitude displayed by all boys. Well done!				
UPCOMING F	TIXTURES						
SPORT / YEAR GROUP	OPPOSITION (& H/A)	DATE	OTHER COMMENTARY IF APPLICABLE				
Year 7 & 8 Football	Eaton Bank (A)	10/12/19	Friendly Year 7a fixture Year 7b fixture Year 8 fixture				

Student Success—Fencing

Congratulations to India Wilson in Year 10 who won a team bronze medal at the Copenhagen U17 Challenge for team GBR2 .

Out of School Hours Learning	During School Break or lunch as indicated			After School 3.15pm-4.15/4.30pm					
Venue	Fitness suite	Sports Hall	3G Astroturf	Grass Pitch	Netball Courts	3G Astroturf		Sports Hall	Fitness suite
MON	All Years Boys & Girls JM		Football Lunch Club Break 1 7&8 Break 2 9-11	Boys Foot- ball 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 Net- ball 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		Basket- ball 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		

LIBRARYINEWS

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.

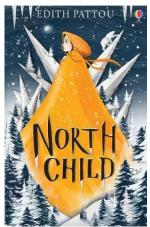
Book Amnesty

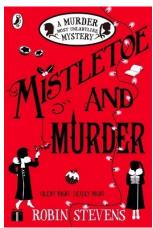
A significant number of books are not being returned to the library. Therefore, if you have any AH or ELS library books at home, I would ask kindly that they are returned, no questions asked. This will mean more books for our students to choose from and enhance the library stock, helping our budget go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

Recommended Reads

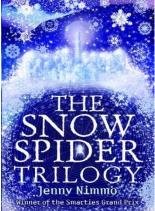
Browse the selection of Winter themed novels. Time to curl up with good book!







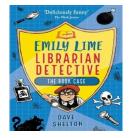




Cheshire Schools' Book Quiz Team News

Our team of Year 8 Girls, Katharine Franklin, Lelia Marchant, Olivia Cunningham and Till Ryio now have the first two books on the set list to read over the holidays:





Round 1 and 2 will take place in the second week back in the new year. In total, there are six books on the set list. Good luck to the girls this year.

Christmas Book Traditions

In Iceland, it is traditional to give books on Christmas Eve and stay in with a hot beverage to read them—what a great idea! This tradition

starts in September with the jólabókaflóð or the "Christmas Book Flood." The Iceland Publishers Association



sends a book catalogue, Bókatíðindi, to every home. And from that moment, until Christmas Eve, all of Iceland is gripped with book-buying fever!

St Paul's Catholic Primary School—A Voluntary Academy

JOB VACANCY

Teaching Assistant: 1:1 SEN Support AA:AD:5028 (Primary) – Temporary – 12.5 hours per week (12.45pm – 3.15pm Monday - Friday), 38 weeks per year - Grade 5 - £19,171 - £21,166 pro-rata, per annum (£9.74 – 10.97 per hour).

St Paul's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint an experienced teaching assistant to work 1:1 supporting a child with special educational needs.

For full details and application form, please email/contact:
Mrs D Wood, School Business Manager, St. Paul's Catholic Primary School, Marley Road,
Poynton, Cheshire, SK12 1LY.

Email: admin@stpauls.cheshire.sch.uk Telephone: 01625 877688.

Closing date: Monday 16 December 2019, 12 noon.

The school is committed to protecting the well-being of children and follows safer recruitment procedures when making appointments. This post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check and references.



XCell Youth Group

for fun, friends, and tuck!

Christmas Party

Friday 13th December 7-9pm, St Alban's Parish Centre, Macclesfield (opposite the church)





Games (Pool, table tennis, twister, sweeper)

Crafts & free Pizza



Wear some Christmassy clothes, for free entry. Otherwise £1 entry, plus tuck money.

We will also collect for Silk FM Toy Appeal-please bring an unwrapped toy or some money.

Next meetings:

17 January - Snowballs 28 February - TBC.... Everyone at secondary school (ages 11+) is welcome - bring your friends, meet up with friends from primary school, make new friends.

For more information contact:
Anna & Greg Hughes 01625 614406
or
xcellyouthgroup@gmail.com

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





