

Saints' SUMMER ALIVE

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Welcome

Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of the academic Year 2020 - 2021 and what a year it has been!

There is absolutely no doubt that the challenges created by the Covid Pandemic are unprecedented, however I would say that such situations can galvanise a community!

I have mentioned to you before that our students have continued to work extremely hard during the last eighteen months and their high levels of resilience witnessed on a daily basis, have been and continue to be extra-ordinary.

I know that for many of you, the Pandemic has been epitomised by enormous sadness and we have continued to pray for those members of our community who have lost loved ones.

At this point, I must pay tribute to all of my colleagues who have worked tirelessly to maintain a sense of continuity for all children and I know that they will be ready for a well-deserved rest.

May I draw your attention to the letter which was issued on July 20th. This contains some important information ready for our start in September and I would encourage you to read it carefully. It is quite long but I wanted to make sure that you are clear as to what will happen during the next academic year. Please note the staggered start to the year and the specific days when year groups will return. If you have any questions regarding the letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support as without it, we would not have been able to face this tremendous challenge.

It is now time for a rest and an opportunity to spend some time with our families and friends.

On behalf of myself and everyone at All Saints', we wish you all a very enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Best wishes to you all,

Carlo Cuomo
Headteacher

School closes for the Summer on Tuesday 27 July at 1pm. We re-open for lateral flow testing on Thursday 2 September. Y7, Y11 and Y12 start on Friday 3 September and all year groups are in on Monday 6 September.

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Chaplaincy News

Thank you so much to Joe and Ruth from the Becket for organising Mass and allowing us all to join together as a trust to celebrate the solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul. It was wonderful to hear Father Michael Brown in

stereo as the whole school hushed in their classrooms to join the celebration.

We also received our good news letter from the Becket which was shared with staff and students. Our

'Faith in Action' Groups spent time writing letters to the residents of our local care home to spread good news and joy just like St Paul.



To our friends at All Saints School,
We hope you are keeping well and enjoying your final term of this academic year!
We are very much looking forward to receiving your letters and hearing all your Good News stories!
We hope that you feel encouraged by hearing our news and we know we will be encouraged by hearing yours.
There is a special warm feeling when you receive a letter so we hope this activity inspires us all to continue to send letters of Good News and share the love of Christ with those in need, just like St Paul did!
Thank you for spending the time to write to us.
Happy Solemnity of St Peter and Paul!
From The Becket School


















Remember you can access any of our prayer resources from home at www.beinspirational.co.uk



ALL SAINTS' SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Keeping Students Safe

If you have a safeguarding concern, our team are here to listen to you and help you with any situations you may be facing. They will listen to you no matter what issues you may have so do come and speak with us.

 Mrs N Kilday Designated Senior Person KS3-4 for Child Protection Assistant Head Teacher (Behaviour & Attitudes)	 Mrs R Davie Designated Senior Person KS5 for Child Protection Assistant Head Teacher (Head of Sixth Form)	 Mrs C Warriner Designated Deputy Person for Child Protection John Paul Centre Manager
 Mrs S Corner Designated Deputy Person for Child Protection Behaviour and Learning Coordinator	 Mrs D Bamford Designated Deputy Person for Child Protection Leader of Learning Support and SENDCo / LAC Designated Teacher	 Mr C Hutchinson Designated Deputy Person for Child Protection Acting Deputy Head
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Sixth Form News



Congratulations to our 15 Year 12 students who have graduated from their HE+ programme with The University of Cambridge, with Dawid Sroka being awarded 'The most engaged student in their school'. Students have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with virtual lectures and seminars and getting top tips for applying to University. All students received a certificate from Cambridge University. We will be running this programme again in September.



Rewards Day

The end of year rewards day saw our Year 12 students having fun on some giant inflatables followed by pizza for lunch.

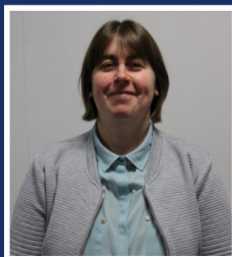


Sixth Form Staff

Meet the team



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Careers

Our recent Careers Day gave students from Years 7 to 10 the opportunity to take part in a series of events to help guide them in their future careers.

Covid restrictions meant staff had to come up with new ways to help students navigate the world of employment, with sessions via Microsoft Teams and socially-distanced in-person sessions. From mock interviews to talks from parents in specific job roles, students also had the opportunity to speak to representatives from Cambridge University via video call.

6th form students giving a presentation to year 10 students.



Assistant Headteacher, Miss Flint, said: "We wanted to do something a little different this year, and it paid off as the students really enjoyed the sessions".

"They came in business wear and were given the opportunity to 'apply' for a job, complete tasks, and were then told at the end who would have been successful".

"We had parents chatting to students about their careers – with a football coach, maths teacher and an emergency dispatcher for East Midlands Ambulance Service amongst the roles covered. It gave students insight into different careers and the options available for them after they leave school".



Assessor Luke Baker from Create FM with Year 10 students.



Lunch Bunch Readers

This half term we started our Lunch Bunch Reading Group. The group was created to support some of our students with their reading. We've been meeting once a week and recently finished our first book. The students involved have enjoyed having the opportunity to listen to a story being read to them and discussing the book. We hope to continue the sessions in September.

Summer Reading

All of our Year 7 students have started reading the book "Check Mates" by Stewart Foster in their English lessons. It tells the story of Felix who is struggling at school. His ADHD makes it hard for him to concentrate and his grades are slipping. Everyone keeps telling him to try harder, but no one seems to understand just how hard he finds it. When Mum suggests Felix spends time with his grandfather, Felix can't think of anything worse. Granddad hasn't been the same since Grandma died. Plus he's always trying to teach Felix boring chess. But sometimes the best lessons come in the most unexpected of places, and Granddad soon shows Felix that there's everything to play for.

To support our students with their reading over summer, we have purchased a copy of the book for each of our year 7 students to keep. We would like the children to finish reading this during the summer break and complete an AR quiz before they return in September. We hope they enjoy the story and look forward to talking to them about it when they return to school.



Reading Awards

All our Year 7 and Year 8 students are involved in a program called Accelerated Reader. It has been specifically designed to improve pupils' reading ability and raise their reading age, but also to encourage and nurture a love of reading that will continue into adulthood.



Some fantastic reading has taken place over the course of this academic year. Students have received certificates and prizes for their efforts. The prize for the most words read in Year 7 went to Lily K who managed to read a staggering 3,881,766 words and to Fina S in Year 8 who read 1,142,982 words. Well done!



At the end of each year, a student is selected to receive the Sue Jackson Reading Award. This award is in recognition of the consistent effort and dedication that a student has made with their reading. The nominated student has their name engraved on the award which is displayed in the Library.

The recipient of this year's award is a student who has shown incredible dedication and commitment to their reading. They have passed 71 quizzes and read almost 4,000,000 words, which is amazing. So a huge congratulations goes to Lily K in Year 7. Well done Lily!

Many thanks for supporting students with their reading during this challenging year.

All Being Well

By Mrs Warriner & Mr White



The summer holidays have arrived and 5 weeks of children not in school can be fun and exciting but it can also be difficult for parents/guardians.

There are many things that can make the summer holidays difficult: Your child may be off school but you are still at work, your child could get restless half-way through the holidays, behaviour could be difficult to manage etc.



Don't overschedule: It's easy to feel pressured into planning an activity or something for your child's every waking moment. It's not always practical to have one thing booked after another, travelling from one location to somewhere else and getting caught in traffic etc. can cause stress for you as a parent.

Plan your summer holidays together as an adult and child:

There can be a temptation to take the school holidays one day at a time, but this can leave you scrambling to make plans for the forthcoming days and leaving you stressed. Plan a week in advance what you are going to do the next week.

Things can be slightly different if you have older children who do their own thing. You can still have certain anchor points in the week, for example, specifying certain evenings you'll cook together.

Keep some sort of routine:

Keeping some sort of routine can be helpful for you as a parent.

For instance, if you get up at x time each day – after breakfast you can all clean the house. Children can then have free time, lunch and then everyone can go somewhere together. When you get back, arrange an hour of quiet or reading time.

Routine will shape the day for you and reduces power struggles and complaints of being bored.



Summer holidays can be long and tough but still be enjoyable

School support: wellbeing@allsaints.notts.sch.uk or visit our website: [Wellbeing - All Saints' Catholic Academy](#)

What to do whilst you are working during the holidays

Firstly, is it possible that your manager or workplace could be flexible with your work. Could you work from home for certain days/weeks etc.

If you're still working whilst your children are off school, could you promote independence?

Could your child make themselves a sandwich for lunch?

Would they be able to remember to have some water regularly?

Could they clean their bedroom or vacuum a room in the house?

Although you can't be there to directly supervise everything, you can still set little tasks to control the structure of their day.

Do your research – Some regular clubs and activities may stop over the summer holidays, however there can be other events and holiday clubs that you can sign a child up to that run between 8am-6pm.

Keep learning going – Pick out some summer books, take part in a summer reading challenge and then use a set amount of time each day that has been set aside for reading.

Ask for help or make arrangements with others

Organising time for your children to see and socialise with other people is okay, for example, you might organise with grandparents or other family members to see the child.

This is good for everyone, as other family members could see their relative, the child gets to see their relatives and you would also get some respite.

You could also contact other parents and team up, arranging activities on one day, group trips or sleepovers between each household. So again, you as parents could have a day or evening to relax and recharge.

If you are interested in going on a trip or holiday with your child(ren) then the following website is helpful if you have been financially affected due to the pandemic, if you are a single parent or if you or your child is disabled. www.gingerbread.org.uk

You may be entitled to support paying for childcare whether you are in work, out of work or have a disability. You can use the following website in order to check which you would be eligible for and apply for that support. Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK

Send Children outside to play

If you have easy access to outside space, the weather isn't too British (rainy or cold) and the child is of an appropriate age to go out and play. Researchers recommend giving children a screen break and encouraging them to play outside. Claire McCarthy argues, "The more time children are outside, the healthier and happier they are."

It may take them half an hour to figure out what to do with themselves, but once they do, they find the outdoors endlessly interesting. They won't get bored, and they will sleep better that night."

Choose whatever length of time to let your child out to play that makes you comfortable, 15 minutes, half an hour, an hour. This can again promote some form independence for the child.

If you are having any issues during the summer holidays, whether that is any aspect of parenting, family life or bullying.

You can contact Family Lives confidential helpline service, 0808 800 2222, which is free calling from landlines and most mobile phones.

You can also contact them on askus@familylives.org.uk

Rewards

This half term has seen the end of a year of Rewards Day on Friday 16th July.

Rewards included days out to Drayton Manor theme park, ice skating and bowling.

Plus students who stayed in school enjoyed the sunshine on the school field with sports, time with friends and a visit from the ice cream van.

Students were impeccably behaved and were a credit to the school both on the trips and in school. The day was enjoyed by both staff and students.

Furthermore, the final Commendation Awards of the academic year have celebrated both the academic and pastoral achievements of students and it has been amazing to watch each year group cheer on their peers.

Congratulations to all the award winners.



Maths

UKMT Junior Kangaroo Challenge

Congratulations to Willow Hurst for achieving a certificate of merit in the Junior Kangaroo competition. She achieved an incredible score 130 out of 136. This award is only given to the top scoring students in the country from the thousands who enter the contest.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Bottle Rocket Competition

A huge congratulations to those entering into the Maths Bottle Rocket Competition. Finlay Mander in Year 7 and Job McGuire in Year 10 won their respective Year group Contests.



Despite restrictions being in place due to Covid-19, this year All Saints' has managed to successfully run expeditions for Year 11 students doing their Silver Award and Year 13 students doing their Gold Award. Those involved should have done their awards last year until the pandemic halted all planned walks. Even with restrictions being lifted the expeditions had to take place locally within Nottinghamshire and no camping was allowed.

Next year we should see things returning to normal with up to 28 Year 9 and 28 Year 10 students being able to take their Bronze and Silver Awards and our Year 12 students will be going for their Gold Award. Expeditions to the White Peak, Dark Peak, North Yorkshire Moors and clumber park/Ollerton will see students camping out and putting to good use the camp craft and orienteering skills they will learn during the course.



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
TAKE THE CHALLENGE



All Saints' Students are 'Above' the National Average figures for Attendance

All Saints' has continued to support students with their learning and personal development throughout a challenging year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The close working relationships with our parents/carers has really proved to be invaluable! This has helped to ensure the success of the rigorous systems in place for

the day to day running of the school. Our pastoral team has particularly demonstrated its effectiveness this year supporting all students in a vast variety of new and imaginative ways and our teaching staff have shown versatility and determination to ensure students receive the best education available.

Most importantly, it is our students who will be reaping the benefits through their achievements!

We have been working extremely hard to maintain good attendance and punctuality over the past year (either side of the national lockdown) and as a result we have given our students every opportunity to be successful with their studies and enhance their chances of a prosperous career in the future.

We will of course maintain our drive for high standards in the new academic year, so All Saints' can continue being the best school in the local area.

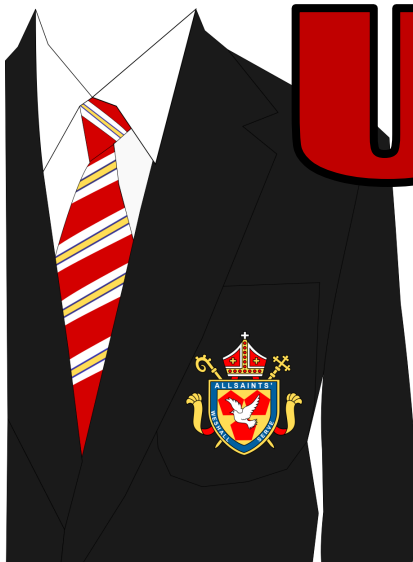
CONGRATULATIONS...to the 452 students across the year groups who have achieved over 97% School Attendance, of which 121 achieved 100%.

Boys vs Girls – Boys took top spot for the highest Attendance but it was a very close call.

Very well done to every student who excelled themselves this year...we're proud of you all!



It's really important we hold up-to-date parent/carer contact details for all students – including email and mobile numbers. If we have not already got these on file please let us know at admin@allsaints.notts.sch.uk



Uniform

We would be grateful for donations of any uniform especially blazers, trousers and PE kit that your child has outgrown. Also, any shoes that due to school closures are now too small but still in good condition.

These really help us to support the school community!
Thank you.



ALL SAINTS' SPORTS DAY 2021

Well done to all students who took part in this years Sports Day, after being able to run last years sports day it was fantastic to be able to run such a successful day.

Congratulations to Vocare who retained the sports day trophy and we can't wait to see you all back in PE in September. Have a great summer from all the PE department

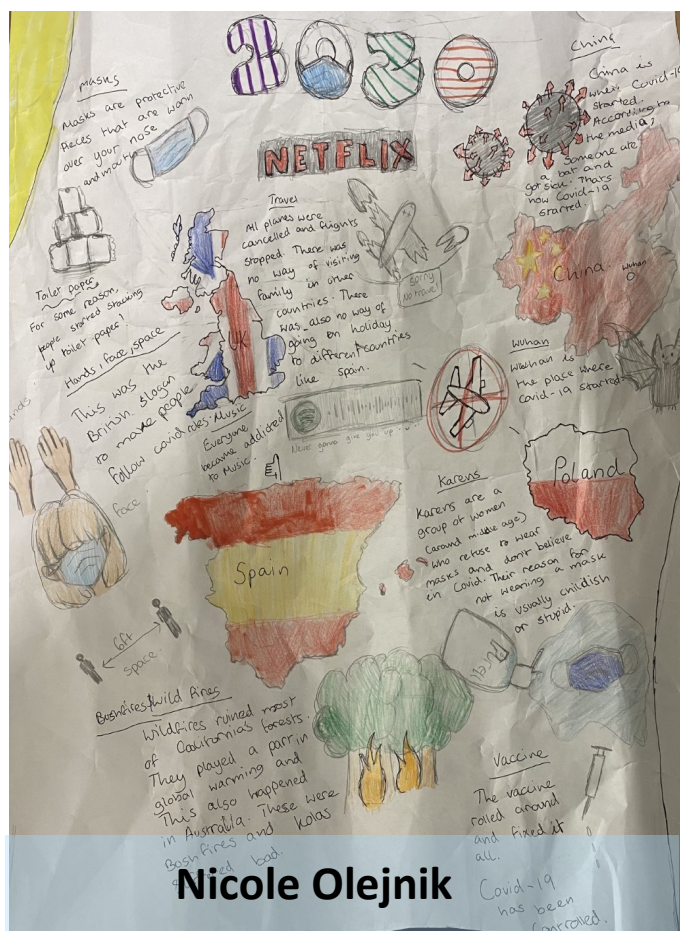


CONGRATULATIONS TO **VOCARE**
2021 SPORTS DAY CHAMPIONS

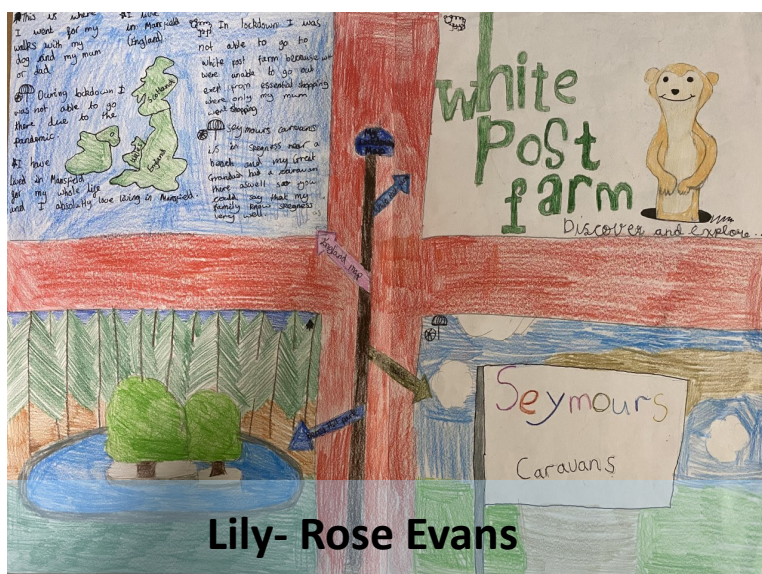




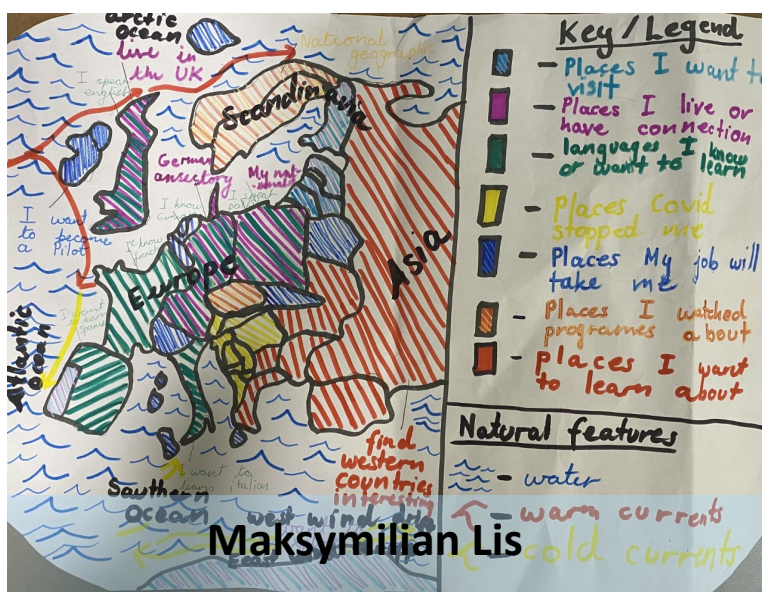
In Geography Club our Y7's have entered the Young Geography of the Year Competition run by the Royal Geographical Society. This year's competition involved making a map based on their experience of the Coronavirus.



Nicole Olejnik



Lily- Rose Evans



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After school pick up

Could we politely ask all parents and carers parking close to school to collect students at the end of the school day to please turn your vehicle engine off, and / or reduce the noise level of any equipment within the vehicle whilst waiting to collect your child.



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