

## Welcome

Dear parents and carers,

It only seems like yesterday that September had arrived and a new term had started. The start of a new term always symbolises a new chapter in the life of a school and in particular welcoming our children back to school provided us all with a great sense of energy and enthusiasm. As I mentioned to you in my last letter, our students have settled in extremely well and these last eight weeks have been extremely busy for all of us at All Saints'.

Unfortunately, due to the high number of Covid cases recorded in Mansfield, we were unable to hold the normal face to face Open Evening. The live event with myself proved to be very popular and we have created a brand-new promotional video showcasing our wonderfully vibrant community. This year, we have decided to focus much more on the curriculum and the video includes a variety of information from many subject leaders who will tell you more about the subjects that children study in Year 7. May I remind you that the deadline for applications is October 31st. If you have any questions regarding the admissions' process, please access the school's website which has a section for admissions. You will find a copy of the Supplementary form which must be completed as part of the application process. Alternatively, please contact Mrs Jane Ellis-Laycock at school who will answer any questions that you may have.

May I also remind you that the main method of communicating with both parents and carers is through the 'MyEd' App. Please ensure that you are able to access MyEd so that you remain fully informed of any information or new items during the school year.

As we return from the half term break, our Year 11 and 13 students will be preparing for their Mock exams. On the VLE, students will be able to find a wide repertoire of resources and it is important that they make effective use of these resources. If you have any questions about these exams, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Finally, I hope that you enjoy reading the various articles included in the newsletter.

Best wishes to you all,

Carlo Cuomo Headteacher







FROM THE DIANA AWARD

Following on from the success of last year when the school was awarded the Wellbeing Badge from the leading Anti-Bullying organisation 'The Diana Award', we are working hard this year to earn the Respect Badge. Our Anti Bullying Officers have been promoting the systems in place in school, assemblies have taken place to discuss on line safety and an Anti-Bullying Act of Worship is planned for after half term when students will be given the opportunity to reflect on the values we uphold in school and how to support each other.

#### WELLBEING

Any campaigns or initiatives that encourage positive wellbeing such as peer mentoring, mental health awareness, support groups, online support tools, safe spaces in school.



GCSE Drama trip to see Groan Ups.

On Thursday 9th September, a group of year 10, 11 and 12 Drama students visited the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield to see a performance of the comedy show, Groan Ups. It was great to be back in the theatre with the students and they all had a wonderful time. This will support students when writing their live theatre responses as part of their GCSE exam. Students reported that it was one of the funniest performances they had seen and that nothing beats live theatre!

#### GCSE Blood Brothers Trip to the Theatre Royal

On Thursday 16th September, 55 year 11 and 12 students had the exciting opportunity to see the acclaimed musical by Willy Russell. We were one of many schools present and All



Saints' students were exemplary as always. It was a thoroughly emotional experience being back in a full theatre, witnessing some students' first exposure to the live musical. Hopefully this will give them the confidence they need to write about the play in the exam.



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

# Sixth Form News

#### **Baking to beat Cancer!**

What has become a regular date in our calendars and is one of the most well-known fundraisers in the UK, the Macmillan coffee morning helps support those in need by donating its profits to Cancer Support Trust, which has gone on to raise over £290 million.

Macmillan is an organisation founded in 1911 by Douglas Macmillan, who set up the society determined to help those affected by cancer after experiencing the trauma caused by it first-hand. 80 years on, the first "coffee morning" was born, with 300,000 people taking part and over £250,000 was raised in donations alone.

Now Macmillan strives to provide the necessary support, tools and information to help aid those who are going through their own individual journey. They believe that through fundraising - which is 98% of their total income – they can make a positive change to the lives of those impacted by cancer.







This year, the All Saints' Sixth Form Head Boy, Head Girl team decided to partake by hosting a bake sale to the sixth form and lower school. This consisted of a plethora of delicious treats, ranging from classic cupcakes to Oreo cheesecakes, vegan muffins and oatmeal cookies. We believe Charity fundraisers like the bake sale hosted by the sixth form team are imperative to showing our morals and beliefs as a school, and it again exemplifies that charity events are of paramount importance.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who spent time baking and donating cakes (student and staff), as we managed to raise a total of £227.07.

The kind donations made by students and staff meant the money raised can go to important causes, such as paying for a Macmillan nurse or simply supporting someone affected by cancer.

A special mention to Star Baker Annie-Mae Lund, whose spectacular Oreo and Halloween themed cupcakes sold out in minutes!.

Article by Ben Tomlinson 6KGL

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#### World Mental Health Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October was **#HelloYellow day**, in support of World Mental Health Day (officially 10.10.2021). Students and staff came into school wearing a yellow accessory and donated to Young Minds. I am pleased to say we raised £92. Thank you to all that took part.

This half term we have also been able to offer 20 of our students support from our trained wellbeing links, to help develop strategies for when things are getting difficult for them.

This has helped the students to be able to access all elements of All Saints' life.

Please remember any wellbeing support can be found on our school website (Wellbeing - All Saints' Catholic

Academy) and you can email wellbeing@allsaints.notts.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns.



We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes. But the little things you do can make a BIG difference.

Wear something yellow to school on 8 October and donate £2 to YoungMinds. Together, we'll show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

Because a little yellow... goes a long way. youngminds.org.uk/helloyellow









Mr M Harwood

#### **Enrichment opportunities**

Many All Saints' students have taken the opportunity to

join a number of clubs and groups this half term. We now have a group of 45 year 11-13 students who applied to be a part of the Peer Support programme. In addition, after half term we have a group of students meeting as a Mental Health Action Group, No to Hate ambassadors, Ecowarriors, Student council and Year Captains. Well done to everyone that has decided to embrace school life through this opportunities

#### RSHE (Relationship, Sex and Health Education)

The first half term we dedicated a block of time over to RSHE. Students have worked through one of the 6 topic areas during Monday Independent learning Time. Online safety; Relationship & Sex Education; Careers information, advice & guidance; Mental Health & Wellbeing; British values & Finance and Physical Health. We have made use of the Ten resources (<u>Online Parent Portal – Secondary (tentenresources.co.uk</u>)), Cambridge University and Woodhead group (local construction company - <u>Woodhead Group Creates A Better</u> <u>Experience For All | Woodhead Group (woodhead-group.co.uk</u>)) who have spoken to Year 10 about career options and the UK parliament (**Malcolm Smith** Senior Education and Engagement Officer – East Midlands) who delivered information to our year 8 students. If you have any questions about our RSHE programme, please do not hesitate to contact us.







7-CDL had a fun form time buryinga time capsule with informationabout their current self, prayersand a item that represents them.7-CDL are hoping to retrieve the

contents of the time capsule at the end of Year 11 to see how much they have all changed during their time at All Saints'.



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

All Saints' students have made an excellent start back to school this academic year and as always, the close working relationships with our parents/carers has really proved to be invaluable! Our pastoral team and teaching staff continue to support all students to ensure students have every opportunity to be successful with their studies and enhance their chances of a prosperous career in the future.

#### CONGRATULATIONS...to the 47% of students across the year groups who have achieved over 97% School Attendance, of which 399 students achieved 100%.

Very well done to every student who has come back this year with a positive attitude to their attendance and studies.

A reminder that lessons start at 8.55am and therefore students should ideally be in school for 8.50am. Late gates

are in operation to check punctuality of students in the morning and detentions will be issued to students who arrive late to school.

If your child is going to be absent, please send a message via the MyEd App or call 01623 474700 absence line with information. If your child is unwell, please provide full details. We thank our students and parents/carers for continuing to work closely with us to ensure our high levels of health and safety within school are maintained and our students are able to consistently access excellent education.





It has been pleasing to see so many students this first half term receiving a large number of achievement points for a variety of lessons and for consistently following the All Saints' Way (100% attendance and no behaviour points for the week).

The number of students achieving the All Saints' Way last week were:

#### Year 7: 120 - Year 8: 115 - Year 9: 110 -Year 10: 105 - Year 11: 114

Students have also been nominated by their subject teachers to receive a praise postcard for an excellent start to the year and these will be handed out by Year Captains. **Well done to all students nominated.** 





As we begin the second half term there will be other opportunities including celebrating students with excellent conduct points (certificates and being entered into a prize draw), rewarding students who consistently follow the All Saints' Way with a Christmas treat and of course our Commendation ceremonies!



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### 16 to 23 November

Well done to 7CDL who managed to raise £35 for Autism East Midlands by doing a staff car wash, the students' spirits remained high despite the rain!





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