

ALL SAINTS'

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Parent Bulletin – w/b 13/03/23

Thought for the Week: 'May those who love the Lord, shine like the sun'. Judges 5:31

Reminders/information:

All Saints' Way - This week's All Saints' way theme continues to be Aspire! Students should aspire to be the best students they can be both in and out of the classroom. There is a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities and clubs within the school day to join.



Online safety:

50% of students who completed the online safety survey said they talked/played with people online that they didn't know.

As a result of this we have been talking to students in assembly about the risks of the unknown person online.

The Internet Watch Foundation have put together a checklist of how you can keep your child safe online. The parent and carers guide is attached or for more information please visit TALK Checklist by Internet Watch Foundation | Home (iwf.org.uk)

Industrial Strike Action:

You may already be aware that the next teachers' strike action is due to take place on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.**

Due to a shortage of teachers working on those days, unfortunately we are not in a position to allow all Year groups to attend All Saints'. Based on the compliment of staff available, students in Years 7, 8 and 11 will remain at home for those days only. All other year groups should attend as per usual in full PE uniform. These arrangements for the upcoming strike days are different from the previous ones; this is because the school is committed to delivering the residential trip to Lockerbrook for our Key Stage Three pupils and in the balance of fairness for all of our students.

Students in Years 9 and 10 should bring their regular exercise books/ folders and all of their All Saints' Absolutes.

The timings of the school day will operate as per usual and students will be able to access the catering facilities before school and at both break and lunchtime, school buses will also run as usual. If your child is ill on those particular days, please notify school as soon as possible using the normal methods so that all periods of absence can be accurately recorded and monitored.

Emails have been sent to parents and carers of Years 7, 8 and 11 students who are key workers as those students may be allowed to attend school. Furthermore, another letter has been sent to the parents and carers of who we deem to be vulnerable as those students should also attend.

For those students not attending school on 15th and 16th March, they must access the following resources: <https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/teaching-learning/homework/> (opens in new tab). There are a series of videos which go through independent learning activities and these should be used to guide the production of revision resources based on the All Saints' Absolutes that each student has received. Year 11 students must use this time to revise for their upcoming GCSEs which will begin on Monday 15th May.

Of course, school will resume in full operation on Friday 17th March. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Well-being:

Personal Development:

- **Year 10 Mock interviews:** Students are now preparing for these, all parent/carers' should have received a letter outlining all key information. Can we please confirm these are on Tuesday 28th March. Please remember that consent must be sent into school, via the reply slip, to allow students to attend their interview.
Thank you in advance for your support.
- **Support for those navigating eating problems, from Young Minds:** Whether you're struggling yourself or supporting someone else, life with an eating disorder can feel scary and overwhelming. To mark Beat's annual Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which took place last week, we'd like to share a selection of resources and advice to help you navigate this difficult time. Including:
 - [What To Do If You're Experiencing Eating Problems | YoungMinds](#)
 - [Eating Disorders & Problems | Guide For Parents | YoungMinds](#)
 - [How To Support A Friend With An Eating Disorder | YoungMinds](#)
 - [How to talk to young people about mental health | YoungMinds](#)
- **Wellbeing email address:** If you have any questions or specific concerns regarding your child's wellbeing then please email the address: wellbeing@allsaints.notts.sch.uk
- **Website links:** Please refer to our school website for any extra support: [Wellbeing - All Saints' Catholic Academy](#).

Upcoming events: (details of each event will be sent out to parents nearer the time).

- **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March** – Industrial Strike Action. Letters have been sent via Arbor and Facebook and is on the school's website.
- **Tuesday 21st March** – Year 10 Mock Interviews
- **Thursday 23rd March** – Year 9 Retreat Day
- **Thursday 30th March** – Year 9 DTP/ACWY vaccinations take place