

ALL SAINTS'

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

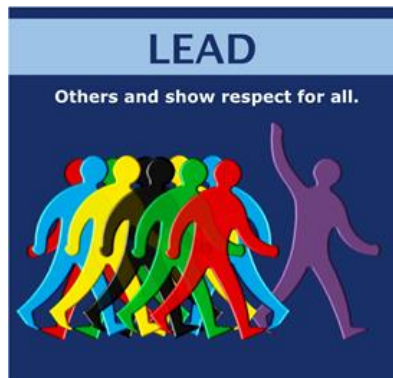


Parent Bulletin – w/b 19/06/23

Thought for the Week: 'Good things don't just happen – God makes them happen'.

Reminders/information:

All Saints' Way - This week's All Saints' way theme is Lead! We always encourage students to lead by example and be the best ambassador for the school both in and out of lessons.



Sports Day - Students will be showing their leadership skills this week and representing their Houses as they sign up for Sports Day events. Sports Day is **Friday 30th June** and we hope that all students will participate and have a great day!

Year 11 - A fabulous send off for our Year 11s on Tuesday 13th June. We have been incredibly impressed by the students who have demonstrated an unrelenting commitment to their education throughout their five-year journey at All Saints'. They have been a wonderful year group made up of thoroughly decent, creative and dynamic young people. We are so very proud of them.

Mrs Webley organised an incredible celebration. Thank you to her for all of her efforts with this year group, as well as their tutors and all other staff. We are also grateful to their parents and carers for their support over the past 5 years and for sending in such wonderful photos and memories. We wish them all good luck with their future endeavours.

Online safety - This week we are sharing some new information from @NationalOnlinesafety regarding Money Muling and how to keep your child safe. The poster is at the end of this bulletin.

Weather - As the weather continues to be very warm, please ensure that students bring a full, refillable bottle of water into school every day. A hat and sun cream are also advisable.

Athletics / Duke of Edinburgh success - Last weekend, a large number of students represented Mansfield at the Nottinghamshire County Schools Athletics Finals in Newark. They did incredibly well with many outstanding performances. Also, well done to all the students who took part in Duke of Edinburgh this week. They did really well in some challenging weather conditions! _

Personal Development:

1. **Safe4me:** Advice and Support for parents, carers' and guardians as part of our commitment to working in partnership to keep children and young people safe.
With summer holidays coming up, please see the parent information and talking to children about anti-social behaviour.
<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/parents/?tab=anti-social-behaviour>
2. **Self-care Summer:** The summer holidays offer an opportunity to recharge, but some young people may find themselves struggling without the structure and support network of school.
The Anna Freud Centre have created these #SelfCareSummer packs for primary and secondary schools. These packs feature a range of creative activities based on self-care strategies that other young people have found useful in helping them stay mentally healthy.

See link below and attachment for more information.

[My self-care plan: secondary \(annafreud.org\)](#)

Careers update:

NCS: National Citizen Service (NCS) help 15-17 year olds build skills for work and life by taking part in new challenges and meeting new people, gaining confidence and Independence along the way. Please follow the link below for more information:

[D2N2 Careers Hub: North Nottinghamshire Opportunities and Updates \(padlet.com\)](#)

Well-being:

- **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 Voluntary Academy - Mansfield](#)

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

- **Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June** – Year 10 Berlin Trip
- **Monday 26th June** – Year 12 exams begin
- **Monday 26th June and Tuesday 27th June** – Sixth Form induction days
- **Friday 30th June** – Sports Day and Year 11 Prom
- **Friday 7th July** – Year 13 Prom
- **Friday 14th July** – Rewards Day
- **Monday 17th July to Friday 21st July** – Year 10 Work Experience
- **Friday 21st July** – students break up for the end of term.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law; involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities; they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at www.moneymules.co.uk) has plenty of useful information and advice.

REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Meet Our Expert

Ross Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 10 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.



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