

ALL SAINTS'

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Parent Bulletin – w/b 11/12/23

Thought for the Week:

On Sunday, another purple candle - the candle of peace - was lit. This marks the second week of Advent in the new Liturgical Year.

The candle of peace reminds us of the peace of Christ we prepare to receive, and it challenges us to think of new ways that we can live in peace.

In today's world, peace is so greatly needed. Think of the ongoing crisis in Gaza and the West Bank, the earthquakes in Afghanistan, the conflict and violence in Syria and Ukraine and all places suffering any type of turmoil or unrest. Think of the areas in your own lives where peace is needed. Perhaps there is a relationship to mend or a friendship that requires God's healing peace.



During this season of Advent, we are given the perfect opportunity to reach out the hand of peace and to reconcile with one another. Why not make that call or send that card or go to confession to offer and/or feel peace? Remember too that through prayer, we can "seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14).

This Advent, let us be agents of peace, united in action and prayer. Let us pray that peace may fill our world, through its presence in our prayers, our actions and our hearts, so that the peace that Jesus gave us, comes alive for all in God's world.

Reminders/information:

All Saints' Way – This week's All Saints' Way theme is Think! Students are being asked to think about the season of Advent during our Celebration of the Word and what they hope for during this important period.



Uniform reminder - As the weather turns colder, please be aware that the uniform policy states:

Allowed: Grey plain knitted v-neck jumper. Sweatshirts / cardigans are not allowed.

Black round neck jumpers or hoodies under blazers are not allowed. Students should be encouraged to bring a warm, dark coat to keep them warm at break and lunch.

Rewards

This week we are holding our termly 'Chat and Treat' reward for all students in Year 7-11 who have 97% or more attendance and 2 or less behaviour points. We look forward to rewarding and celebrating the successes of these students

Sports Captains - The PE Department are recruiting Sports Captains and would like to offer it to all students in Years 8-10. Sports Captains will support the PE department in running lunchtime/tutor time and after school activities. They will develop leadership, organisation and teamwork skills. If students are interested they need to submit a side of A4 lined paper to Mr Curtis indicating why they would like to be a Sports Captain and what skills/ideas they have that would help within this role. Deadline for applications is Friday 15th December 2023.

Online safety update

We have been encouraging students to THINK before posting online this week. Would they be happy sharing what they post with school staff or parents? Is what they are saying online kind? Does it lift someone else up?



Personal Development:

Wellbeing – KoothTalks - Parents/ Carers: Support for young people experiencing anxiety or stress this Winter. Please complete the form in the link below in order to attend:

- KoothTalks - Parents/ Carers: Support for young people experiencing anxiety or stress this Winter

This session is designed for parents and carers and will provide the following:

- Stress and Anxiety in young people
- Talking about mental health
- Activities and Resources!
- How Kooth can help

[KoothTalks - Parents/ Carers: Support for young people experiencing anxiety or stress this Winter \(google.com\)](#)

Wellbeing reminder: Please remember that the link on our website is: [Wellbeing - All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy - Mansfield](#). In addition, if you have any questions or specific concerns regarding your child's wellbeing then please email the address: wellbeing@allsaints.notts.sch.uk.

Careers update – Please find the link to a podcast that can provide support for those who are helping to guide young people to make career decisions:

[Helping parents and carers guide young people to make career decisions - podcast | The Careers and Enterprise Company](#)

Careers reminder: Please remember you can also visit our school website: [Careers - All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy - Mansfield](#).

We have just added a range of posters under the Labour Market information section ([Labour Market Information - All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy - Mansfield](#)) with information about a range of subjects and how they directly link into careers within Nottinghamshire.

Free School Meals - Derbyshire County Council administers the applications for **Free School Meals** for students studying at All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy.

Please use the link below to apply.


<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

If your child is in receipt of **Free School Meals**, you may be able to receive support with payments for school trips and uniform. If you are unsure whether you are entitled to claim, please complete the eligibility form on the website to check.

If you experience any difficulties please let us know and we will ask Derbyshire County Council to assist.

Lost Property – we have lots of lost property in the General Office including lots of coats. Please ask your child to come at break or lunchtime to have a look through if they have lost anything.

Extra-curricular activities reminder:

 ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY Extra Curricular Activities - All Year Groups - Term 1			
Day	Break/Tutor time	Lunch 12:55 – 1:30pm	After School/Community Clubs 3:35 – 4:30pm
Monday		Year 10-11 badminton/ table tennis (6th form) sports hall Computer coding club, M11, MWN KS3 film club in X5	School games competitions (External schools) Homework Club (Library, 3.35-4.30pm)
Tuesday		Year 7 Games (Year 7 zone) (HDN) KS3 film club in X5 Geography Club (X14/15)	Girls football (All years - Astroturf) GCS Boys football (Year 7-9 - Field) OTN Homework Club (Library, 3.35-4.30pm)
Wednesday		Year 7 –8 Dodgeball (AKT/ 6th form) Year 7 Science Club, AGT, S4 KS4/5 film club in X5	Year 7-9 Netball RSD Year 7 / 8 Trampoline DHS Homework Club (Library, 3.35-4.30pm)
Thursday		Year 9 Badminton/ Table Tennis (6th form) sports hall KS4/5 film club in X5	Year 10/ 11 Netball HFT Examination PE trampolining OTN Examination PE badminton/table tennis RGN KS3 Rugby KS4/5 Gym X19 RDE Homework Club (Library, 3.35-4.30pm) STEM club, X9 3.35-4.30pm, LPR (Starts in November) Textiles Club (CCE, all years, in A3)
Friday		Year 9- 10 Basketball (RGN)	

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

Please see the Parent and Carer Planner on the next page. This is also available on the school website in the parent section.

Parent and Carer Planner 2023-2024

INSET Day on Monday 4 th Decem-ber- Students not in school.	
Thursday 14 th December	Year 13 Mock Results Morning
Friday 15 th December	Year 11 Mock Results Morning
Monday 18 th December	Year 12 and 13 Progress Evening for Parents. In Person
Students finish school on Friday 22 nd Dec and return to school on Thursday 4th January.	
Week beginning 8 th January 2024	Year 7-10 Data Information. Year 7 Reports.
Monday 8 th January (All week)	Year 11 Mock Speaking Exams for MFL
Tuesday 16 th January	Year 11 Progress Evening for Parents. In Person
Week beginning 22 nd January	Year 8 Reports
Wednesday 31 st January	Year 8 Progress Evening for Parents. In Person
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 8 Options Afternoon
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 8 Options Information for Parents. Online
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 11 Drama Exam
Thursday 8 th February	Year 11 Drama Exam
INSET Day on Friday 9 th February- Students not in school. Students return to school on Monday 19th February.	
Wednesday 21 st February (All week)	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams
Monday 26 th February (All week)	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams
Monday 4 th March until 12 th March	Year 12 Exams
Thursday 7 th March	Year 7 Progress Evening for Parents. Online
Thursday 21 st March	School Show
Friday 22 nd March	School Show
Thursday 28 th March	Year 11, 13 and 12 Data Drop Year 12 Reports
Students break up on Thursday 28 th March and return to school on Monday 15th April.	
Week beginning 15 th April	Year 7 to 10 Data
Monday 15 th April until 26 th April	Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams (Actual)
Monday 22 nd April	Year 10 Exams Week
Monday 6 th May - Bank Holiday	
Monday 13 th May	GCSE and A-Level External Exams Begin
Friday 10 th May	Year 11 Drama Exam
Monday 13 th May (All Week)	Year 9 Exams Week
Monday 20 th May	Year 10 Progress Evening for Parents. Online
Week beginning 20 th May	Year 10 Exam Results and Report
Friday 24 th May	Year 13 Leavers' Mass
Students break up on Friday 24 th May and return to school on Monday 3rd June.	
Week beginning 17 th June	Year 9 Exam Results and Report
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 9 Progress Evening for Parents. Online
Friday 21 st June	Year 13 Prom
Monday 24 th June (All Week)	Year 12 Exams
Thursday 27 th June	6 th Form Information Evening for Year 10. In Person
Friday 28 th June	Provisional end date for Year 11 and 13 External Exams.
Monday 1 st July	Provisional Sports Day
Friday 5 th July	Year 11 Prom
Week beginning Monday 8 th July	Year 7 to 10 Data
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 12 Exam Results
Friday 26 th July	Students break up for the Summer.