



All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy

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“We shall serve.”

Mark 10:45 - *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

Monday 15th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about two very important events that will be taking place this half term which will support Year 8 students at All Saints': the Year 8 Progress Evening and the Year 8 Options - Parent Information Evening.

The **Year 8 Progress Evening** will be taking place on Wednesday 31st January from 16:00 until 19:15 pm; this event will take place at All Saints' school across the dining room and drama hall. This event will allow you to speak to your child's class teachers about the progress your child is making in relation to their target grades and the knowledge and skills required in the different subjects.

Students will be given an appointment slip on Tuesday 16th January and they will need to seek appointments from their teachers. Please let your child know which time periods you want them to make appointments with their teachers. We are not using the School Cloud platform to make appointments on this occasion in order to give parents and students greater freedom in booking appointments.

During the evening, a school bell will sound after each five-minute appointment. You will then need to make your way to the next member of staff, therefore, we would advise that your child leaves five minutes between each appointment, allowing you to locate the next relevant member of staff.

The **Year 8 Options- Parent Information Evening** is an online event which will be taking place on Wednesday 7th February at 6.00pm until 6:45pm. It will be an opportunity to deepen your understanding about the 'Options' process at All Saints' so that you can support your child in their future decision making.

The Options evening will run as a Microsoft Live Teams event and this is a wonderful opportunity for all parents and carers to participate as you can discover the information from the comfort of your own homes. **Historically, the Year 8 Options Evening has been very well attended by parents and carers;** I am really hoping that we will have our best attendance yet, given the home accessibility of this event. Details regarding how to access this event are at the end of the letter.

On Wednesday 7th February, Year 8 students will have the opportunity to speak to a representative from each curriculum area about the different GCSE courses; instead of their usual Period 4 and 5 classes on this particular day, teachers will present on each GCSE Option subject and provide an opportunity for questions and answers from the students. Students will be tasked with taking notes on key pieces of information so that they can discuss with their parents and carers after their school day has finished. Students will receive their options booklet and their options application form on this day so please ask your child to present it when they get home so you can look through it together.

Furthermore, for those students who are absent on Wednesday 7th February, there will be a series of videos about each GCSE option choice from Wednesday 7th February on the All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy website: <https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/teaching-and-learning/options-information>

"Leaders have high expectations of all. Pupils, including Sixth Form students, respond well to this challenge. They are determined to succeed."

The school will be using the Microsoft Live Teams function for the event; we are hoping that all technical issues have been resolved in advance of the event, but we ask for your patience in the event that we do experience some technical issues. I look forward to speaking to you on 7th February.

We are running the two events on consecutive weeks in response to parental feedback from previous years, where parents and carers stated that they would find it beneficial to have the Progress evening before the Options evening so they can support their child's decision making from a more informed perspective.

Yours Faithfully,

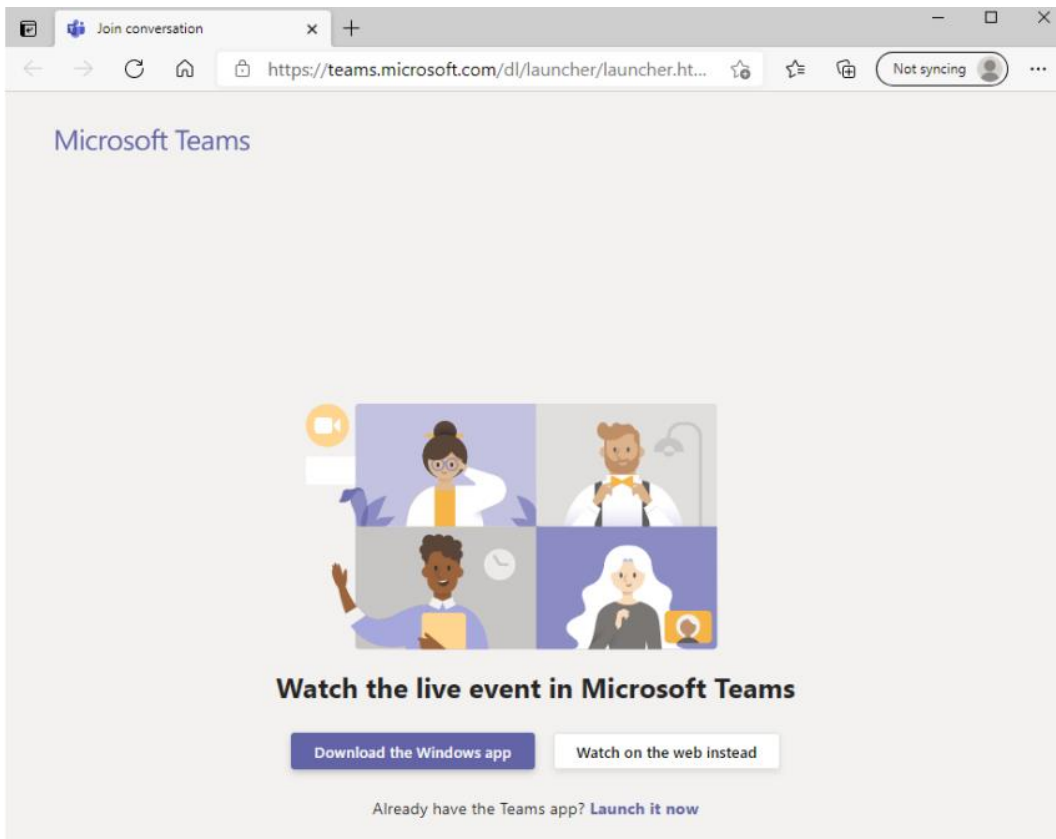


Mrs L Johnson
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How to access the Microsoft Teams Event:

Click on the link below and you may be given the following options:

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1. You can Download the Windows app from here, or watch it on the web instead.
2. If you already had the Teams app, you can launch it from here.
3. On some devices, it may require you to go to the App store and download the Microsoft Teams app or go to Google and download Microsoft Teams first before the link appears valid.
4. Your children will already have been using Microsoft Teams to access their online lessons and therefore it is highly likely that the Microsoft Teams app exists on the device used to access lessons.
5. If you have any issues accessing the link having tried the options above, please contact emson.m@allsaints.notts.sch.uk