

ALL SAINTS'

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Parent Bulletin – w/b 25/03/24

Thought for the Week:

This week, in the Church, it is Holy Week. During this week, we journey with Jesus, from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to his journey to the cross. The passion of Jesus Christ is the story of his suffering and death - a story of love, sacrifice, and redemption. Jesus' courage and perseverance give us hope, strength and inspiration to carry on during difficult times. We are reminded that he truly understands us when we struggle and encounter hard times. We share in the sacred Triduum, from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday, which is the summit of the Liturgical Year. Look at the Mass and service times on the Parish Newsletter to see where you might be able to journey with us, as a Church, in prayer, during Holy Week. Make time to ask Jesus to give you the courage and perseverance to face any difficult situations in your life and to look towards the hope and joy that the resurrection brings to us all.

THE 6TH WEEK OF

Lent

The Word of the Week is:

PASSION

"Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last."
LUKE 23:46

Reminders/information:

All Saints' Way – This week's All Saints' Way theme continues to be Inspire! Commendation ceremonies are taking place for all year groups. We look forward to celebrating with all students and well done to all those students who are nominated for an award.



PE kit reminders

Please remember that on PE days, the trainers worn must be supportive with a good sole (for health and safety reasons fashion trainers, such as AF1, converse/boots or plimsolls are not permitted in or out of PE lessons).

Attendance

It is important for your child to regularly attend school for a variety of reasons - the learning and social skills developed, and for their confidence and self-esteem. Obviously, your child may miss school due to sickness or a hospital appointment but holidays should not be taken in term time. There are very few reasons a Headteacher can authorise a child being off school. Unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice being given which is currently £120 (or £60 if paid within 28 days).

We also have a few children coming into school after 8.55am. Being late for school causes significant disadvantages to children. They not only miss the introduction to the lesson, but also the opportunity to meet and socialise with classmates before lessons begin. Children coming into class late causes disruption to the whole class and regular lateness may well result in your child being unable to reach their full potential.

Period 1 starts at 8.55am. If your child arrives to school after this time, then they will receive a late mark and potentially a lunch detention or afterschool detention. This does not include students late due to the school buses.

If your child is going to be absent, please inform school using the Arbor App providing full details or by calling 01623 474700 and press 1 for pupil absence. A phone call or home visit will be made if we have not received any information that explains your child's absence by 9.30am.

Other updates

Please remind students that the field currently remains out of bounds as it is still very muddy. We will review the situation after Easter and aim to open the field as soon as we have a sustained period of dry weather.

A reminder that the equipment shop is located in PA1 and is open at break time for students to top up any missing pieces of equipment. Students need to ensure they are fully equipped at all times if this runs out.

Whiteboard Pens	25p	<p>Equipment Shop 3x of each maximum The shop will be at PA1 Every day at break.</p>	
White Boards	50p		
White Board Rubbers	40p		
Black Pens	5p		
Green Pens	5p		
Pencils	5p		
Rulers	15p		
Highlighters	25p		
Rubbers	10p		
			Glues
		Post-It-Notes	40p
		Flash Cards	50p
		Sharpeners	5p
		Packs	70p

Safeguarding update

You might have heard of social media influencer Andrew Tate, who's recently been in the news. We know that children are reading his messages and posts about violence towards women, and his views can be dangerous for both boys and girls. Read the attached factsheet so you're prepared and able to talk to your child about Andrew Tate and his opinions.

Personal Development:

Mental health and Wellbeing: Exam period and Mental health: [Parents' Guide To Supporting Children At Exam Time | YoungMinds](#)

Exams are often a source of stress for young people. And after two years of academic disruption due to the pandemic, many will be experiencing them for the first time this summer. The blog in the link above explains how parents can help their children cope with exam pressure and achieve their potential, while also protecting their mental health.

Please also remember you can sign up to one of our after-school parent sessions – email flint.h@allsaints.notts.sch.uk for more information.

Mental Health and Wellbeing reminder: Please remember that the link on our website is: [Mental Health & 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: 'Action for Construction' are hosting an event on Wednesday 17th April, during the school day, linked to careers in construction. We have the opportunity to take 10 students from Year 9 and 10, to experience activities within this industry. For more information please email flint.h@allsaints.notts.sch.uk

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

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.

Parent and Carer Planner 2023-2024

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	
Thursday 9 th May	GCSE 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.
Thursday 15 th August	A LEVEL RESULTS DAY (8am – 10.30am)
Thursday 22 nd August	GCSE RESULTS DAY (9am – 10.30am)

Andrew Tate

You may have seen this name pop up in the news, or you may have heard about him from your children. Find out who he is, why he's in the news, the risks he poses and how to talk about him at home.

Who is Andrew Tate?

- Social media influencer with over 5 million followers on Twitter
 - Former professional kickboxer
 - Previous *Big Brother* contestant
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Why is he in the news?

In 2022, Andrew Tate was banned from YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok due to his controversial and misogynistic (hatred and discrimination against women) posts.

In December 2022, he was arrested in Romania along with his brother on suspicion of human trafficking, organised crime and rape.

How does this affect our children?

Andrew Tate, sometimes referred to as the 'king of misogyny', is a famous and influential figure on social media, even after being banned. He draws a lot of attention to his extreme wealth, luxury lifestyle and possessions, such as his expensive cars.

Children may still see his content (as other people can still share his posts) and may believe that acting and thinking like he does will lead to fame, fortune and success.

He promotes ideas such as:

- Men are more important and more powerful than women
- Violence against woman is okay
- Men shouldn't show emotion

He has said things like:

- "I think the women belong to the man"
- "[Women are] intrinsically lazy"
- "[There is] no such thing as an independent female"
- "Depression isn't real"
- "The hallmark of a real man is controlling himself, controlling his emotions, and acting appropriately regardless of how he feels"

We know children are talking about Andrew Tate, and boys in particular are being influenced and 'groomed' by his views, with concerns that his power and influence could lead to radicalisation and violence against women. Girls are also in danger of accepting that what he says about women is true (i.e. that they're worth less than men).

What can we do as parents?

We recommend you:

1. **Read recent news articles** about Andrew Tate, if you're not already familiar with him
2. **Ask your child what they're getting up to online** – show genuine interest, don't judge them or tell them what they should and shouldn't be doing. Children are more likely to share if they feel you're interested, rather than trying to check up on them.
3. **Have open discussions about Andrew Tate** – don't tell your child how to think, but question their thinking and understanding. Ask if they believe what Andrew Tate says, for example his comments that women “belong” to men, and how that might make the women in their lives feel, or they themselves feel. The charity Bold Voices have a great toolkit to help with this, which you can find in the 'Sources' box below.
4. **Be role models** – encourage your child to be open with their emotions. Teach them that it's okay to cry if you're sad. Show respect for women and girls, and encourage your child to model this behaviour.

Sources

This factsheet was produced by [The Key Safeguarding](http://www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding): www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding

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