



ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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'Grant, O heavenly Father, that the sacrifice of Christ, who laid down his life for his friends, may raise all those who have died in war to the victory of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.'

Year 11 Parents and Carers

As our Year 11 and 13 students sit their first round of mock examinations from Tuesday 5th November until Friday 22nd November, it is important that they are prioritising their studies over this period. It is a valuable experience to get a sense of how each child is progressing in relation to the GCSE examination standards. We would highly recommend parents and carers being mindful of the following aspects in relation to supporting their child or children throughout the examinations: eating a decent breakfast to fuel them for the morning and packing a balanced lunch; getting to bed in a timely fashion to ensure a decent night's sleep; monitoring and where necessary, limiting screen time; actively discussing how the examinations have gone; looking out for signs of burn-out (panic attacks, revising excessively, isolating) and notifying school if needed. It is really normal for students to feel a degree of stress throughout this period of time and this is normally a sign that students understand that their mocks are important; however, if parents or carers, begin to become concerned about their child, they should not hesitate in contacting Mr Goodwin, the Year 11 Progress Leader. We wish our students the best of luck throughout this period of time.

Important upcoming date:

Year 11 Mock results will be released to students on Friday 13th December 2024.

Year 11 Progress Evening in School on Tuesday 14th January 2025.

Year 10- Year 7 Parents and Carers

The assessment maps for the year have been updated on the school website, under Curriculum, Assessments for Key Stage Three and Four. Here you will find the assessments that each child will undertake across an academic year and a fortnightly or "week beginning" window in which these assessments will be taking place. This should support parents and carers in helping their child organise and prepare for taking their respective assessments.

We would strongly recommend parents actively engage with the revision process with their children and there are a number of resources available on the school website to assist with this process. On the Curriculum/ Homework and Revision section of the school website, we have videos on how parents/ carers can support their child through the following revision strategies: look, cover, write, check; brain dumps and flash cards. All of our students have their All Saints' Absolutes Documentation and Term1 Absolutes can be found on the school website, under, Curriculum and Student Absolutes; these reflect the current or historic content that students have studied and should be returning to routinely to support knowledge retention. Finally, for parents and carers wanting to support their child's academic progress further, the school would recommend cultivating an environment at home which elevates the importance of reading and under Curriculum, Reading Matters, section of the website, there are a range of ways in which children can be encouraged to read.



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Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance remains a top priority for us and we want to share that our attendance remains above the national average which is really pleasing. Good attendance is crucial and a pivotal part of a child's progress in school. Please note that Page 5 of the student planner has an attendance tracker where student's track their weekly attendance. Please do take a look and also at the other useful information included in the planner. Thank you for all of your support.

Please also remember that lessons start at 8.55am and therefore students need to be in school and at their classrooms for 8.50am. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that students get to school on time.

Reminders

Please remember that parents and carers should be checking the student planner regularly to see homework set and other notes from teachers. It is also essential that parents/carers sign the planner weekly to show it has been checked. Thank you for your support with this.

Our equipment shop is located near reception and is open at break time for students to top up any missing pieces of equipment. It is essential that students are fully equipped for school and their learning.

ATTENDANCE WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week. Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

- +£160
- +£160
- +£160
- +£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

3 IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.

1 DAY = 2 SESSIONS

4 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

- +£160
- +£160
- +£160
- +£160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

5 If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME

- 2 parents and...
- 1 child - £320
- 2 children = £640
- 3 children = £960
- 4 children = £1280

No discount for early payment

3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.

- 1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
- 2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

EQUIPMENT SHOP

Everyday at Break Time in PA1



A reminder that students should only bring water or squash into school. Fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed in school and will be confiscated. Chewing gum is also not allowed in school. Also, a gentle reminder that we recommend that students do not bring valuables into school such as mobile phones, electronic devices and large amounts of money. School cannot take responsibility for any lost items and will not carry out investigations into this.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Do you have any old school uniform you no longer need and could be used by others?

We are collecting any uniform and PE kit that is clean and in good condition.

Items can be dropped off at reception



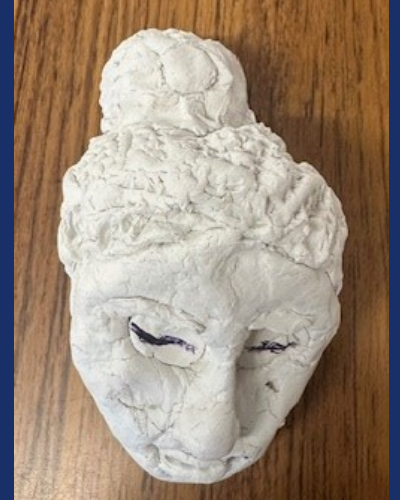
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Success

So many sporting successes in football over the last few weeks:

- Year 9/10 girls won 7-0 in the first round of the Mansfield Town Cup against QE.
- The year 7 boys won 11-0 against Samworth.
- The year 7/8 girls beat Quarrydale 14-0 in the Mansfield Town Cup.
- The Year 9 boys won 3-0 against Manor School.

Here is our winning entry from the first half-term History competition. An excellent model of the Ivory Bangle Lady, created by Rayani in Y7. Well done!



Incredible results!

Before half term students enjoyed visiting our enrichment fair. All of the different clubs and leadership opportunities were represented and students had the chance to ask questions and learn more. It was lovely to see so many students sign up! Students will find out more about the clubs starting over the next few weeks.

KS3 HISTORY

Remembrance Day Competition HALF-TERM 2



We would like you to create an item for Remembrance day, to commemorate the sacrifice that all of these people have made. You could create a poem, a picture or even design a memorial.

Here are examples of different memorials and items linked to Remembrance day in Britain.



Closing date: Tuesday 3 December. There will be prizes for the best entries.

Individual entries only please! The designs will be displayed in the history classrooms. See your history teacher if you have any questions. Submit your entries to your history teacher or Miss Varney in X18. Good Luck!

Anti-Bullying

Anti Bullying week is the week commencing 11th November. Students will watch an assembly, complete a quiz and this will inspire students and give them ideas to come together as a tutor group and produce an entry for the Anti Bullying competition. There is a £50 prize for the winning tutor group. Good luck!





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Careers

Students all use Unifrog within their Careers lessons. Parent/ carers' are also able to access this platform using the details below or scan the QR code:

Sign In - <https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in/>

Parent code: ALSCparents



Visit our careers page on our website at:

<https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/information-2/careers/>

Or scan the QR



Careers Fair

This term we are hosting our 1st Careers Fair on Wednesday 27th November,

We have a range of employers and educators visiting for the day, which each year group will have the chance to connect with.

We are excited for the day.

Career of the Month



CAREER OF THE MONTH...

DRIVING INSTRUCTOR

AVERAGE SALARY £31,000

Worried about your future career being monotonous? This role is perfect if you're independent and want to do a bit of everything. Your day-to-day will be a mix of admin work, theoretical teaching and practical driving skills. Driving is a rite of passage in the UK, with over 50 million people with a license, according to Gov.uk. So, if you're looking for a career in high demand, this is the one for you!

JOB DESCRIPTION

As a Driving Instructor, you'll be responsible for teaching individuals how to drive safely and competently in accordance with national road regulations. You'll provide instruction for both practical driving and theoretical knowledge, such as traffic rules and basic automotive knowledge.

Get those tyres turning and earn between £31,000 and £45,000 a year with the opportunity to change lanes in the future and become your own boss!

QUALIFICATIONS

Fuel your future and gain the qualifications to direct you towards a career as a Driving instructor. This career path allows you the freedom to choose any subjects to study at GCSE and A-level, however, studying business is a good option if you wish to become self-employed later on. The main qualification you'll need to begin your journey is a full driver's license.

Following your education, you will need to complete 3 qualifying tests which will allow you to become a fully qualified driving instructor. Help you arrive at your destination by becoming a trainee instructor and gaining some on the road experience.

ALL SAINTS' CAREERS FAIR








Wednesday 27 November / 8:45am - 3:25pm / Open to all years



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Online safety update

The 4 big internet providers in the UK - BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media have come together to produce helpful video guides, which may help you to download and set up protection controls they offer. Full details can be found at

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider> , or scan the QR code.



Six top tips for social networking

1. **Know who their friends are**
Children often have competitions to have the largest numbers of 'friends', but do they know them all well enough? Remember that online friends will see everything that your child posts online.
2. **Share with care**
Children often forget that once it's online its out of their control. News, photos and posts often go viral without the originator knowing.
3. **Use the privacy settings**
Children and adults often forget to limit or set their privacy settings. This gives people online access to anything that is posted.
4. **Report it, stop it!**
The top social networks have buttons to report inappropriate activity or abuse. Don't be afraid to use it and encourage its usage.
5. **Know how to get help**
You and your child are not alone, authorities such as CEOP (Police), the NSPCC, the network provider and Childline all offer advice.
6. **Be their friend**
Being their friend on social networking sites is the easiest way of keeping up to date.





TEXTILES *Club*

T-Shirt Customisation 7 Week Course

Starts Thursday 7 November
3.30 - 4.30pm in A3 with
Miss Coupe



All students and staff welcome
but you must be able to attend
all 7 sessions



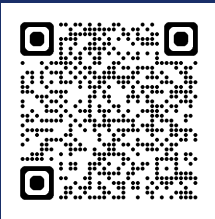


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Mental Health and Wellbeing:

Each month we will share information to support your child's Mental health and Wellbeing, using a range of external providers.

Kooth have put together a range of leaflets to support young people, covering topics such as exam stress, what is a panic attack, understanding social anxiety and more. Please use the QR to access these:



Mental Health and Wellbeing reminder: Please remember that the link on our website is: www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/parents/wellbeing/ →

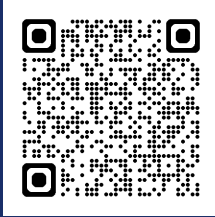


The trust Mental Health and Wellbeing space link is:

<https://mentalhealthandwellbeing.space>

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



Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education, including Relationship and Sex Education:

A reminder to please go to our school website, following the link below to see up to date information on the Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education, which incorporate Relationship and Sex Education. RSE/PSCHE:

[https://www. All Saints'.notts.sch.uk/teaching-learning/rse-psche/](https://www.AllSaints'.notts.sch.uk/teaching-learning/rse-psche/) →



Parent and Carer Planner 2024-2025 Academic Year Term 1

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| Tuesday 5 th November (all week) | Year 11 Mock Exams begin. |
| Monday 11 th November (all week) | Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams. |
| Monday 18 th November (all week) | Year 13 Mock Exams. |
| Wednesday 27 th November | Careers Fayre in school. |
| INSET Day on Monday 2 nd December- Students not in school. | |
| Tuesday 10 th December | Year 11 and 13 Reports and Mock Results Day. |
| Monday 16 th December | Year 12 and 13 Progress Evening for Parents. In Person. |
| Students finish school on Friday 20 th December and return to school on Monday 6 th January. | |