

ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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'As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.'

Peter 4:10

All Saints' Way

The All Saints' Way theme over the next two weeks is Think! Miss Flint is



leading the Celebration of the Word with the No to Hate ambassadors thinking about our inclusive community. This will also lead to celebrating World Culture Day (information below)



World Culture Day

On Wednesday 21st May we are celebrating World Culture Day. This will be a non-uniform day, and we encourage students to come to school in their cultural clothing, or something that represents their culture. We will be asking for a £1 donation, which will go towards making our school more inclusive for all. Each lesson will start with a slide about different aspects of culture to develop knowledge and reflect throughout the day. The canteen at lunch time will be serving a range of food, from Monday exploring different cultures. Why not try something new!

Reminders

Uniform

Please ensure you refer to the uniform information in the letter sent out last week to ensure that students continue to look smart and ready to learn as the weather turns warmer.

Please could parents and carers ensure that student names are written or sewn into items of uniform which could be lost or misplaced e.g. blazers, ties, PE hoodies. We have a lot of lost property with no way of identifying the owner. Names in uniform would really help.

GCSE and A-Level exams

GCSE and A-Level exams. The Year 11s and 13s have made a fantastic start to the final exams and their conduct has been exemplary. We hope that all of their hard work and revision pays off.

Punctuality

Please 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.



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We are delighted to celebrate the election of our new Pope, Pope Leo XIV!

Form Time Prayer and prayers in Mass focused on Pope Leo and his new ministry in our Church and Bishop Patrick issued the following statement:

Statement of the Right Reverend Patrick McKinney Bishop of Nottingham upon the election of Pope Leo XIV

Thursday 8th May 2025

The College of Cardinals has elected Cardinal Robert Prevost as the 267th Pope. He has taken the name Pope Leo XIV in succession to Pope Leo XIII who was known for his social teaching and keen interest in social issues.

Pope Leo XIV greeted Rome and the world from St Peter's balcony this early evening, on 8th May 2025, in both Italian and Spanish. Smiling warmly at the huge crowds in St Peter's Square he wished everyone the

peace of Christ and encouraged the Church to build bridges between people and to work for dialogue and peace.

This reminded the crowd of themes that Pope Francis often spoke of, and his words were greeted with warm applause.

Following the election of Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham, issued the following statement:

"I am overjoyed to hear of the election of Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, but also a missionary religious, an Augustinian, who has spent many years ministering in Peru and travelling widely. I wish to assure the new Pope of my prayers and good wishes, and that of Catholics throughout the Diocese of Nottingham, as he begins his ministry as the successor of St Peter. His rich and varied experience will be a huge blessing to the Catholic Church and to the wider world. May God bless and guide him."

HABEMUS PAPAM!

"MAY PEACE BE WITH ALL OF YOU"

Catholic Diocese of Nottineham



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Year 11 Mass

Our thanks to Canon John for coming in to celebrate one of two beautiful Masses to give thanks for our Year 11 students, as they begin the final chapter of their school year. The students all showed reverence and they will, undoubtedly, take the message of the Mass with them. Thanks to Mr Coope, one of our Governors, for ministering, and to all of the young people who read, prayed, sang and led any part of the liturgy. What



a great privilege it is to be part of the All Saints' community. You are all in our prayers as you commence your GCSE examinations.

Year 9 Mass

Y9 were the final year group to share in their walk to Mass for their Jubilee Pilgrimage of this academic year. The young people were a credit to the school. Our school chapel has been open daily and students have been writing prayers in honour of Pope Francis. Whilst in Mass with Y9 today, we prayed for Pope Francis, bringing all of the prayers from our school community with us. This afternoon, each student in school has taken home a prayer card containing 'Prayers Upon the Death of Pope Francis' to share with you at home.



This is an important time for our Church, school and parish communities to come together to pray for Pope

Francis, who has been an inspiration to all of us in some way. A message from the clergy, plus times of prayer in the parish of Our Lady and All Saints are below.

Requiescat in pace.

We mourn the passing of Pope Francis

but rejoice in his entrance to our Father's house.

He has certainly gone to God with his hands full and will be hearing the words of His Beloved Lord and Master

"Well done, good and faithful servant

enter into the home of your Father."

Holy Father, Pope Francis, may you rest in Peace and Rise in glory.





POPE FRANCIS REQUIESCAT IN PACE





Safeguarding

Your child can get a lot out of YouTube, but there are some risks too, like contact from strangers or seeing unsuitable videos. Follow the steps in this factsheet to help keep your child safe.

Keep your child safe on YouTube

Videos that look like they're child-friendly can include violent or disturbing content, and it's difficult for YouTube to catch all of these videos before children see them

Inappropriate videos may be suggested videos, or appear in search results

Adults may use YouTube to contact children and 'groom' them into sharing explicit pictures or videos of themselves

Children might see videos with extremist content

Children can share personal information, e.g. the street they live on or their school, which could put them in danger

5 steps to take

1. Turn on 'restricted mode' to help hide videos that may have inappropriate content On the website:

- A. Click on the icon in the top-right corner that represents your YouTube account
- B. At the bottom, click 'Restricted Mode'
- C. In the top-right box that appears, click 'Activate restricted mode' to turn on

In the iPhone and iPad app:

- A. In the top right, tap your profile picture
- B. Tap 'Settings' > 'General'
- C. Turn 'Restricted Mode' on or off

In the Android app:

- A. In the top right, tap your profile picture
- B. Tap 'Settings' > 'General'
- C. Turn 'Restricted mode' on or off

2. Keep autoplay turned off and manage recommendations

Autoplay is turned off by default for users aged 13 to 17.

To check autoplay is off, check the 'Autoplay' toggle in a video page and make sure it's toggled to off. Depending on your device, this may show in the top right of the screen, or below the video.

You can also use the 'Don't recommend channel' option to remove channels from your recommendations.

To do this:

- A. Click the 3 dots next to a video's title
- B. Select 'Don't recommend channel'

3. Tell your child not to share any personal information in videos or comments

This is anything that could identify them or give away their location, like the name of the street they live on, their school name or their school uniform.

4. Check for comments on videos your child uploads

YouTube disables comments on videos of children, but videos can be missed – so do still regularly check for comments made on any videos your child shares.

Look out for comments asking for more specific videos or personal information.

5. Flag inappropriate videos and comments to YouTube

Use the 'flagging feature' to prompt YouTube staff to check content and decide whether to block or restrict it in line with its community guidelines:

- A. On the page with the video, tap the 3 dots ('more') icon next to a video or comment
- B. Select 'Report' (this is a flag icon in Android and iPhone and iPad apps)
- C. Select the reason for flagging, and provide any extra details you think will help YouTube staff



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Online

We need to be encouraging students to 'Think before they post' You never know who'll see photos, videos or comments you put online, even employers now complete online background checks so think about how others might react before you post anything. Even apps like Snapchat can be screenshotted and shared. Never share your address, phone number or the name of your school online.



For more information on how you can support your child to take care of their digital footprint have a look at the this link:

Taking care of your privacy and digital footprint | Childline

Young Carers

We are developing a programme at All Saints' to support all young carers. If you think your child may be classed as a young carer, please email flint.h@allsaints.notts.sch.uk

Who are young carers?

"A young carer is a person under 18 who looks after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled or has a mental health condition/an addiction".

Young carers may take on emotional and practical responsibilities like:

*shopping, cooking, cleaning
 *Managing money and medicines

 *providing personal care

 *Helping to get people out of the house

 *providing emotional support
 *Keeping an eye on someone

Careers

Our Careers advisor will be available to make face to face appointments on the dates below between 15.45-18.30.

We will email closer to the date to make an appointment. Alternatively, you can email: Darby.R@allsaints.notts.sch.uk directly.

Parents Evening – Progress career dates (in conjunction with Progress Evening in school)

Year 9 – Thursday 26th June

Sixth form information evening – Thursday 3rd July 2025

Careers reminder: Please remember you can also visit our school website: Careers - <u>All Saints'</u> Catholic Voluntary Academy - Mansfield.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

This half-term we have launched our Mental Health Awareness Inter-house competition as part of Mental Health Awareness week, where the theme is 'The Power of Community'.

Kooth – Online Mental health and Wellbeing Support for Young People

Below is a letter from Kooth, a fantastic resource for any students needing support for their mental health and Wellbeing.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child may have mentioned they have been made aware of a service called Kooth. It provides early intervention mental health support to children and young people. Kooth works with schools and professionals across over 90% of the UK.

Kooth is free to access via any internet-connected tablet, computer or smartphone. There are no waiting lists or thresholds to meet and a referral from a medical professional is not needed. Your child can join Kooth anonymously simply by visiting www.kooth.com.



Kooth offers young people a range and choice of support options under one digital roof. It has services that are accessible 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This includes one to one text based sessions with experienced counsellors and wellbeing practitioners run from midday to 10pm on weekdays, and from 6 -10pm at the weekend. Appointments can be booked in advance or accessed via a drop-in text-based chat. Kooth also provides a fully safeguarded and pre-moderated community with a library of peer and professional created articles. And

there are discussion forums too. All content is pre-moderated and age appropriate.

Kooth covers many topics on the website including relationships, LGBTQIIA+, exam stress, anxiety, eating difficulties, self harm, suicidal thoughts, body image, social media, bullying and family worries. All of these subjects affecting young peoples' mental health are presenting issues that Kooth and other mental health providers see from all age groups. Kooth is commissioned by the NHS and clinically approved for children from the age of 10, and is one of the few UK digital mental health providers to hold a BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) accreditation.

To find out more about Kooth visit https://connect.kooth.com/ or if you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, please email parents@kooth.com. Children do not need parents' consent to access Kooth.

Mental Health and Wellbeing reminder: Please remember that the link on our website is: Mental Health & Wellbeing - All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy - Mansfield. The trust Mental Health and Wellbeing space link is: Mental Health & Wellbeing (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



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It's really important we hold up-to-date parent/carer contact details for all students – including email and mobile numbers.

Please could parents check all details are up to date on Arbor. Thank you.

Students break up on Friday 23 rd May and return to school on Monday 2nd June.	
Monday 2 nd June (all week)	Year 9 Exams.
Friday 20 th June	Year 13 Prom.
Monday 23 rd June	Year 9 Exam Results and Report.
Thursday 26 th June	Year 9 Progress Evening for Parents. In Person.
Monday 30 th June (all week)	Year 12 Exams.
Thursday 3 rd July	Sixth Form Information Evening for Year 10. In Person.
Monday 7 th July	Sports Day (provisional).
Friday 18 th July	Year 11 Prom
Monday 21 st July (all week)	Year 10 Work Experience.
Monday 21 st July	Year 7-10 Data drop.
Tuesday 22 nd July	Year 12 Exam Results.
Friday 25 th July	Students break up for the Summer.