



ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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'A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord."'

Isaiah 40:3

The All Saints' Way theme leading up to the end of the Advent term is "Never Give up!". In the Celebration of the Word, students are being asked to never give up thinking about the season of Advent and what they hope for during this important period.

Attendance and punctuality

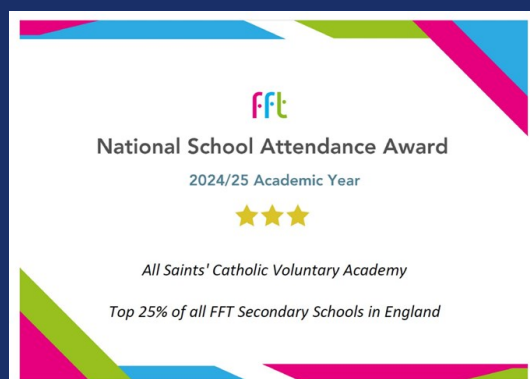
You will find useful information to support with attendance concerns, particularly regarding winter illnesses and information on our new online payment system for penalty noticed; all details can be found via the link.



[School attendance and absence | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)



All Saints' Catholic Academy has yet again been awarded with an FFT National Attendance Award. FFT collects daily attendance data from over 10,500 schools and for last academic year 2024-25, All Saints' Catholic Academy was in the top 25% of all schools in England. Thank you to all our students, parents and carers who support the school community.



If you require any documentation from school evidencing your child's admission to/attendance at All Saints' for the purpose of VISA renewals, passport applications, benefit claims or any other purpose, please give as much notice as possible. School receives many requests of this nature and cannot always guarantee a quick turnaround.

Reminders

As we approach the end of the year, we encourage students to remember our CALM mantra as they move around the school, whilst waiting for lessons and when in the classroom.

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.





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We Shall Serve



Y8 and Y9 Briars Retreat

After a beautiful night prayer, including Adoration, everyone woke up feeling refreshed to begin the day on the theme of 'Connections'. Today's been a day of team-building, scenario-based learning and prayer. We're all looking forward to dinner and the evening entertainment.



Christmas Card Competition

We've been overwhelmed by the standard of entries for this year's Christmas Card Design Competition! Take a look at the entries, all of which will be displayed around school seasonally. We look forward to letting you know the winners and all entrants will be rewarded with a Proud Podium and some sweets.





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REWARDS

"let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works" Matthew 5:16

As we come to the end of this term we look forward to the commendation ceremonies taking place

seeing all of the students achieving in their academic subjects and pastorally.

We will also be celebrating all students in Year 7-11 with excellent attendance and low behaviour points. These students will have the opportunity to come together and enjoy our "Chat and Treat".

Anti Bullying week

Participation. **"We all have the right and duty to participate fully in society" Ephesians 4:16**

What a fantastic Anti-bullying week at All Saints'. Really proud of the thoughtful contributions from the tutor groups, which are now displayed around school. We had posters, collages, banners, poems and even a song. Students used the slogan "Power for Good", and this was evident in the fantastic pieces created.

Anti-bullying competition winners are as follows:

Overall winners – 9JSY (Industria)

Individual winner – Davindu (9CCE - Industria)

Year 7 (Fortitudo)– 7JPA

Year 8 (Fidem) – 8BDS

Year 10 (Caritas) - 10MMN



Mental Health and Wellbeing:

Techtimeout Tuesday was on Tuesday 2nd December –

Why 1 hour offline matters more than you think:

Between emails, online meetings, and endless notifications, it's no wonder our brains feel frazzled, our focus slips, stress builds, and the line between work and rest disappears.

It's time to take back control of your tech-life (and give your poor finger a rest!). Just a short tech break can help you:

Recharge your mind. Reconnect with people. Reset your focus. Rethink your tech habits.

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



If parents wish to contact the SENDCo at the school they can email SENDCo@allsaints.notts.sch.uk and someone will get back to them regarding their query.



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Congratulations to our students who received their Duke of Edinburgh's Award at a special presentation event.

Students received a certificate and pin badge for having completed the four sections of the award (Expedition, skill, volunteering and physical)

In total 24 Bronze Awards and 7 Silver Awards were presented.

Well done to all of you for your hard work and commitment.

Student Success

Congratulations to Albie Walker in Year 10 who has been selected to play for England's Under 18's at golf.



Albie has led a very successful golfing career and recently won the Mansfield Junior Sportsman of the Year Award! Well done Albie!



HOMEWORK CLUB



Tue & Thur
3:35-
4:30pm

(or stay as long as
you need)

In the

John & Paul
Centre



Get your self quizzing
and homework done
before you go home!

Computers,
printing and
internet available



Staff on hand
to support



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



Online safety update

An average child spends 6.5 hours a day on screen over Christmas & New Year. No doubt many children will have new devices on their Christmas lists as well!

Why not have a go at implementing some of the top tips below to reduce the screen time of children this Christmas.



1. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

IT is extremely difficult to persuade your children that spending too long staring at screens isn't a good idea if they see that you are always looking at your phone or tablet. Make sure you set a good example by limiting your own time spent staring at devices.

2. SET BOUNDARIES

Make sure they're aware of when phones are not to be used.

Decide what your rules are as a family. Do you eat together screen free? Do you say no screens before bed? Do you expect family screen free time during the day?

3. NO CHARGERS IN ROOMS

This can help ensure children get a good night's sleep as they aren't woken by their phones during the night.

4. ENGAGE IN MORE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Christmas can be a good time to have some non-screen time playing board games as a family, sport or even just going for a bike ride can help reduce screen time.

5. TALK AND LISTEN

WITH everybody locked in their own worlds staring at their private screens, we can often forget how powerful chatting is.

Start chatting – ask them about school, friends, or any concerns they might have.

Engage in anything to keep those lines of communication open and make sure you listen effectively too.

6. TURN OFF THE TV

WHEN you're not watching the television, switch it off.

Don't just leave it on as the background to everything else you are doing.

Get into the habit of turning the TV on when you want to watch a specific programme then switch it off when it's finished.

7. FOMO

Don't let them miss out on life because of the fear of missing out

MANY children are anxious they will lose out socially or friendship-wise if they are not always on the case and up-to-date screen wise.

Reassure them that while you understand the fear of missing out (FOMO), it is better if they decide for themselves what they really want to keep up with – and how to use their screen time more efficiently to do that.

8. Don't just impose rules - let children have input

INVOLVE the children in the limiting process. Rather than making rigid rules – which is more likely to make them furtive screen watchers – let them negotiate how they can use that time.

Talking about programmes their friends are watching will make them feel part of the changes, rather than having boundaries forced upon them.



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Careers

All students have Personal Development lessons dedicated to Careers and our careers programme can be found on the school website, detailed below. In addition, we utilise the platform Unifrog for students and parent/carers to access in addition to Progress Careers.

Unifrog

Parents can create their own "student" account using this sign-up code: **ALSCparents**

[Parents- an introduction to Unifrog](#)



Progress careers

[All Saints – Careers Hub](#)

Careers reminder:

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

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In school on Tuesdays

Based in careers office near library/ sixth form



Careers Fair

We had a fantastic day at All Saints' Catholic Academy's second Careers Fair!

Over 20 businesses, universities, colleges, and degree apprenticeship specialists came together to inspire our students encouraging them to engage, interact, and ask the big questions about their futures.

The day was a great success with outstanding behaviour, just as we expect from our incredible students.

A huge thank you to everyone involved for making the day such a valuable experience!



Student Council fundraising

The student council are working hard to come up with lots of fun activities to raise money for student council. Week commencing 15th December there will be bake sales, challenges and Christmas competitions. We hope students enjoy the activities and support the fundraising.

Eco Stewards

Our Eco Stewards meet every Monday tutor time to support the Trust Eco Council aims.

This term we have re-started litter picking, are considering how we can increase the number of students using reusable water bottles and looking at ways to save energy. Energy saving tips - to save energy, reduce heating by turning down the thermostat, insulating your home and sealing drafts. The average temperature for a room is between 21-22 degrees.





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SAFEGUARDING TEAM

"We shall serve"

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON - God made each person, so every life is important and should be protected
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - God wants us to help make sure everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE



DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Mrs N Kilday

Designated Senior Person for Child Protection
Office in the PA Block



Miss H Flint

Mental Health Lead
Office opposite M24



Mrs S Corner

Designated Safeguarding and
Behaviour Lead Practitioner
Office in N1

Designated Deputy Persons for Child Protection



Mrs D Bamford
Office in X1
(Learning Support)



Mrs C Warriner
Office in the JPC
(John Paul Centre)



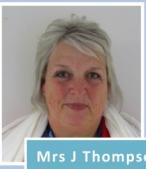
Mrs A Wain
Office opposite
the library



Mr C Hutchinson
Office near the
staffroom



Mr C Hall
Office in the
PA Block



Mrs J Thompson
Office in N1



Miss A Oldham
Exam Office in
Technology foyer



Ms J Webley
Office in the
PA Block



Mrs R Davie
Office opposite the
library



Mrs P Gamble
Office in the Science
Block

Mr R della-Spina



Designated Trust
Safeguarding Lead

Eva Callaghan



Local Authority Child
Protection Contact/
LADO
Contact: 0115 8041272

*It is the Lord who goes before you.
He will be with you; he will not leave you
or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.
Deuteronomy 31:8*



Wellbeing Co-Ordinators



If you feel you need support please click the [WORRY BUTTON](#) on the homepage of our website.



Mrs C Novell
Drama Teacher



Mrs H Bentley
Drama Teacher



Mrs K Earl
RE Teacher



Miss A Oldham
Exams Officer



Mrs C Coope
Librarian

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section of our website.

#SelfCare