



ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC ACADEMY



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Matthew 4:19-20

And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

For the first two weeks in January, the All Saints' Way theme has been Learn! Students have had their New Year welcome back assemblies and reminders about standards and rewards. Students have also been given new Absolutes for each lesson and top ups of equipment so that students can excel in all elements of their classwork and homework.



Before Christmas it was an inspiration to be a part of the Advent commendation ceremonies and seeing the students achieving in their academic subjects and pastorally. Congratulations to all award winners.

During these commendation ceremonies the form with the best attendance and the best conduct won a certificate to display proudly in their tutor base, but also a pizza treat at tutor time to celebrate together. Congratulations to the following forms:

7JPA and 7HDN - 8BDS and 8GRS - 9BET and 9JSY - 10OVY and 10MAR - 11MWN (won both!)



During the winter season it is even more important for students to look after themselves by getting a good night's sleep, eating a healthy and balanced diet and wearing clothing that is appropriate for the wintery weather. However, should your child be too ill to attend school, please make sure you contact school by 9am each day, stating the reason for their absence. Please avoid just saying they are unwell or poorly, instead give a clear reason for the absence e.g. they have a runny nose, sore throat and cough, sickness and diarrhoea. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school, please visit the NHS website:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/children-and-young-people/illnesses-and-conditions/child-illnesses/child-illnesses-a-z/child-illnesses-a-z-is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

Please do not be offended if medical evidence has been asked for as this is in line with government protocol around the graduated response to improving school attendance.



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ALL SAINTS' CHAPLAINCY

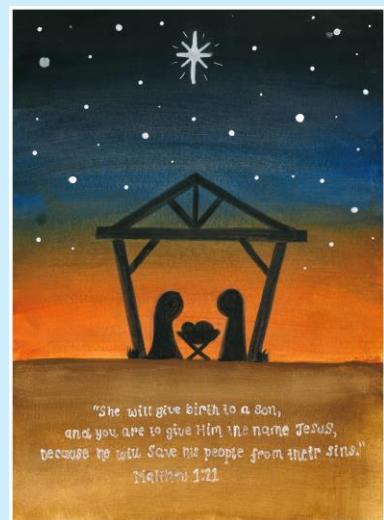
We Shall Serve

The Advent Term was filled with mission and led perfectly into the new year, as we begin our journey of discipleship, following Bishop Patrick's spiritual theme.

Here is a flavour of the past and present term, as seen on the Chaplaincy Bulletins.

Catholic Life - All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy - Mansfield

- Mission - letters of hope to those in care homes
- Christmas Card design competition winning entries
- Reflection sessions in the chapel for Y7-11, enhancing their RE curriculum
- The Briars Retreat with Y8&9





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FUNDRAISING



Our charities to support this year are the Danny C Foundation and the Emily Harris Foundation

The Danny C Foundation is a newly registered charity based in England, founded in memory of a former student Danny Castledine, who was tragically killed in 2022. It focuses on preventing knife crime through education and awareness initiatives.

The Emily Harris Foundation supports families with premature and sick babies in neonatal units. Funds provide practical help, emotional support, and essential items for parents during hospital stays

For the charity fundraising, each year group will have nominated day which will also be a non-uniform day for this year group. There will also be a fundraising event where each tutor group will have stalls with a variety of events and activities. The days are as follows:



Online safety

Lots of our students communicate using chat apps and group chats. Mostly they are sensible and use these platforms safely however as with all online apps and accounts they can pose some risks.

Always encourage your child to use these forums safely. Remind them not to share personal information, not to talk to people they aren't friends within real life and also to consider what they say when chatting online. Once it is written down and sent it is out there forever. What does their digital footprint look like?

Follow the link below to find out more about how to protect your child when using chat apps. [Chat apps | NSPCC](#)



Reminders

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.

If your contact details (phone number, address) have changed since your child started All Saints' and you have not updated school please could you do this as a matter of urgency. This also includes any changes to the name and phone number of your emergency contacts. Please let school know via admin@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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Art Competition Winners

Congratulations to Oren in Year 7 and Christeenaa in Year 8 who are the winners of the Art & Design Culture Vulture competition. Oren collected over 70 stars to win and Christeenaa over 60! Well done to both!



Congratulations also to Emilia, who won the Year 9 Art Photography Competition, with the best overall collection.

The best individual photograph was won by Maya A. Well done to all of them for their amazing work.



 **ALL SAINTS'** **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

Designated Deputy Persons for Child Protection

Mrs D Bamford Office in X1 (Learning Support)	Mrs C Warriner Office in the PC (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 Xayer	Ms J Webley Office in the PA Block	Mrs R Davie Office opposite the Library	Mrs F Gamble Office in the Science Block

Miss H Flint
Mental Health Lead
Office opposite M24

Mrs S Corner
Designated Safeguarding and Behaviour Lead Practitioner
Office in N1

Mr R della-Spina
 Designated Trust Safeguarding Lead

Eva Callaghan
 Local Authority Child Protection Contact/ LADO
Contact: 0115 8041222

*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*



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Mental Health and Wellbeing:



Spring term webinars from the Schools and Colleges Early Support Service – click on the link found in the below PDF:
[Live parent and carer resources Spring term 25-26](#)



- How to support your young person with low mood
- Supporting your young person to stay well online
- Anxiety in adolescence
- Emotional based school non-attendance
- Understanding the impact of bullying on a young person's mental health Adolescent self-harm Weathering the storms of adolescent emotions
- Creating rules and boundaries whilst supporting a healthy relationship with your teen
- Supporting your young person to navigate healthy friendships
- Supporting your young person through exam time
- Understanding the adolescent brain
- Transitioning to Secondary School - supporting your child with the ending and a new beginning Supporting your young person with anxiety before they get their exam results

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: [Health & Wellbeing](#)
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 you feel you need support please click the  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



#Wellbeing



Scan QR code to view the Wellbeing section of our website.



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This term we continue our litter picking rota, we are also looking at how to reduce the number of single use plastic water bottles being used in school. we are looking to purchase some reusable bottles, with money raised last academic year and have also launched our ECO Steward competition:

To enter the competition, we invite you to create something that represents any of the Words of the Week, using only recycled materials.

Your creation must be made from materials that would normally be thrown away but that you turn from 'trash' into something we will treasure!

Energy saving tips – turn lights off when not in use and encourage natural light during the day-time. A study by 100Green found that the amount of energy wasted in the UK by leaving lights on could power around 125,856 homes for a year.

Careers

On Thursday 15 January, we were fortunate to have a visit from BBC Bitesize.

Year 7 to 11 attended careers sessions led by an experienced BBC presenter, who spoke to three professionals in a 'panel-style' setup.



Each professional worked in the local area and discussed their career path with the host. They covered a variety of topics, including relevant qualifications, personal anecdotes, advice on work experience and key soft skills for the workplace. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions during the interactive part of the event.

The students were well behaved, engaged and participated with enthusiasm!

BBC Bitesize web page has lots to offer, take a look!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

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



All Saints – Careers Hub

In school on Tuesdays

Based in careers office near library/ sixth form





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Parent voice results – advent term

Thank you for those completing our parent/carer voice last term.

We would like to share some key points, with actions that we have taken.

Thank you



You said	We Did
16% disagreed that their child knows how to access support for their Mental Health and Wellbeing at school and home.	Shared with you that: The students' weekly messages includes: information about young people supporting their own and others' Mental Health and Wellbeing. We sign post students to our school website where there is a worry button on the homepage in addition to a section dedicated to Mental Health and Wellbeing. Personal Development lessons do cover Mental Health as a topic covered by all year groups across the year.
26% disagreed with the statement: I feel that the careers provision at All Saints prepares my child, so they have a clear plan of what to do once they have completed their Year 11 and/or 13 subjects?	Asked for more specific detail: If you have more feedback with ideas to develop our careers programme please email FLINT.H@ALLSAINTS.NOTTS.SCH.UK .
16% disagreed with the statement: I am aware of the topics delivered to my child through the Personal Development (formerly PSCE) programme that is delivered at All Saints'.	Shared with you: An overview of our curriculum, plus the Personal Development Curriculum is located on our website: Personal Development - All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy - Mansfield
22% were unsure if school dealt thoroughly with concerns and bullying issues	Updated the anti-bullying policy, which is on the school website: Anti-Bullying-Policy-school-1.pdf Involved all students in the recent Anti- Bullying week competition. Recruited new Anti-Bullying officers and we continue to increase our peer mentor scheme
Parents asked for further information on how they can support their child in their preparation for examinations and effective revision. There were also requests for more of an academic focus within the parent bulletins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">January communication with parents around the most effective revision resources to support students.Signposting of revision support materials for parents and the assessment calendars, which are available on the website.List of Curriculum Leader contacts to be shared via the website to allow for easier parental communication.Parent bulletins to include examples of excellent student work each month.