

All Hallows Catholic College

Newsletter - Epiphany Term



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Issue 21

Friday 14th February

Dear Parent / Carer,

Tying in with Valentine's Day, this week's assemblies have been delivered by Mrs Sutton and the Eco-Council, on the theme of Stewardship and 'Loving your Planet'. All students also had 'Standards' assemblies this week, reminding them about the College's core values and expectations, including arriving at school promptly, with the correct equipment. Whilst recognising that the vast majority of our students 'get it right' most of the time, we also clarified what the consequences there are for those who don't. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have reminded all students about our rules regarding mobile phones - they are not to be seen or heard during the College day. This helps students to focus on learning, and also gives them a 'tech break' – time when they're not being messaged or distracted, and don't feel pressure to be constantly connected. It also means that there is less risk of phones getting lost, damaged or stolen. If mobile phones are seen or heard during the College day, they will be confiscated and put into the safe, for a parent, carer or responsible adult to pick up. We have also explained to students that this applies to students wearing ear-phones or pods – if they are walking around College wearing ear-phones, their phone will also be confiscated.

The Sixth Form visit to the clinic in India has departed today, and thank you to everyone who has donated to the gift appeal. Mrs Garvey and the rest of the party have taken bags full of stationery and toys, to give to the children in Varasanadu. The Science trip to Geneva and CERN is also underway, returning tomorrow.

This half-term has been a busy one, and this week has been no exception. As well as the staff accompanying the young people to India and Geneva, thank you to Mrs Heaton for the PTA Tubing trip, the History Faculty for the Year 9 trip to the Imperial War Museum, Mr Howells for the Apprenticeship Fair and Mr Blades for the Year 10 & 11 Macclesfield Pledge event.

Finally, thank you to the Performing Arts Faculty and young people for the College production of 'High School Musical' – tonight and tomorrow. There are still tickets available – if you would like to purchase any please visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-hallows-catholic-college

Once again, thank you for your active support and involvement in your child's education. If you wish to communicate with me on any issue, please do not hesitate to email me via my PA, Mrs Metherringham, at principalpa@allhallows.org.uk.

Tim Beesley, Principal

Faith in Action Weekly Prayer

Grant us Lord a vision of your world

As your love would have it:

A world where the weak are protected,

And none go hungry or poor;

A world where the riches of creation are shared,

And everyone can enjoy them;

A world where different races live in harmony and respect;

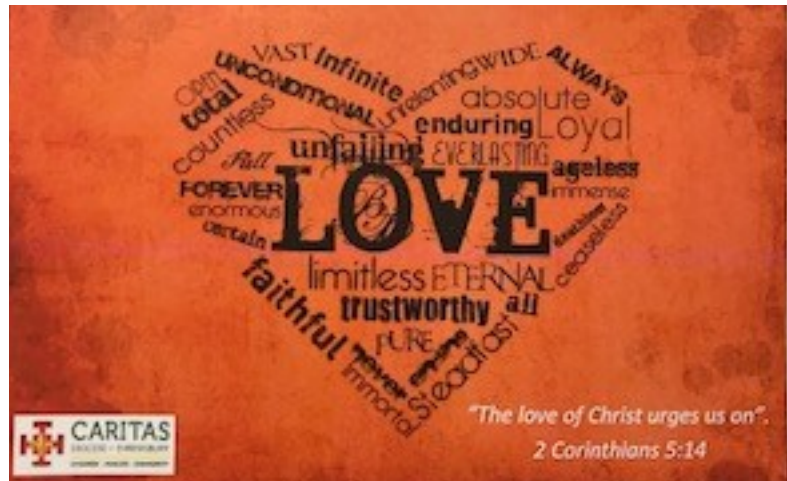
A world where peace is built with justice,

And justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to build it,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Core Value of the Week—Stewardship



Caring for our environment demonstrates our appreciation of God's creative work. As humans, we have a duty to take care of our environment so that it can be passed on to future generations. In our College, we can put this value into action by making sure we put our own litter in the bins provided. By doing this we keep our animals safe, and our College looking good.

Mini DASH Conference



On Friday the 7th of February, All Hallows hosted a mini DASH conference run by Caritas for many Catholic schools in our Diocese. During the sessions, the work that these schools have been doing on social enterprise was celebrated. The variety of activities that they have been doing was astounding and inspirational. The presentations have shown how socially aware they are and have shown great commitment to putting the gospel values

in action. For instance there were some who had a “day of kindness” where any and all actions, to others were done with kindness. Our own college celebrated the work of the eco council. We were keen to show off our work within the community and showed the video from participation in the school strike last year. If you would like to see the video once again, please find it on our new website within the Twitter feed.

Mrs Sutton



Love Your Planet Day

Thursday 13th February was the culmination of a week of assemblies delivered by the Eco Council which highlighted the current climate crisis and offered solutions that we can all act upon, to try to make a difference. The idea for Love Your Planet Day was originally conceived by Bella Clayton, now in Year 10 and developed together with Mrs Sutton, our Eco Council coordinator, and has since become a Macclesfield wide event.

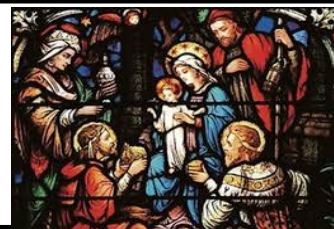
On Thursday, many students, as seen below, replaced an item of their school uniform with an item of red or green clothing, for a small donation, to show their solidarity with the planet. The total donations made by students and staff will be revealed in the next newsletter. All monies will spent on furthering the work of the Eco Council in school. A big thank you to Mrs Sutton and the students involved in this project, which is an excellent example of our core value of stewardship in action.



Term Dates 2020

Easter: Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April

All other term dates can be found on the school website.



Evening Events in the Easter Term

Thursday 19th March—Year 11 Marginals Evening 6 - 8 pm

Thursday 26th March—Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening 3.45—7pm

Tuesday 31st March—Year 9 Pathways Evening 7—9.30 pm

Form Attendance: Week Ending Friday 7th February

Well done to all!

7 Avila—99%

8 Siena—99%

9 Fisher—98.1%

10 Barlow—97.4%

11 Siena—98.5%

12/13 Siena—99.5%



Year 9 History Trip to the IWM

On Wednesday 12th February, 68 Year 9 students and staff travelled to the Imperial War Museum North to find out more about life in Nazi Germany. The trip was organised to support and enhance the World War Two unit students are currently working on in history. Our students had the chance to tour the main exhibition area and watched one of the informative films, about life on the home front, broadcast hourly in the museum. The highlight of the visit was an educational workshop looking at how the Nazi government, its ideology and laws impacted on German citizens, particularly those who were Jewish. There was also the chance for students to learn how German citizens acted upon the ideology of the Nazis, for example learning about individuals who joined the SS and were found guilty of war crimes in 1945. Students had the chance to handle artefacts and discuss case studies of such German citizens. The students enjoyed the day and felt it beneficial to their understanding of the what it was like to live through the war years in Germany. Thank you to Mr Martin and the history department for organising the visit.



Important Public Health Information for Parents

Please see the following letters regarding the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus.



Working for a **brighter future**: together

Children and Families
Floor 5, Delamere House
c/o Municipal Building,
Earle Street
Crewe CW1 2BJ
Tel: 0300 123 5036

schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

DATE: Friday 7th February 2020

Public Health Advice to Schools regarding Coronavirus

Dear Headteacher,

Cheshire East Council has received a number of inquiries from schools regarding the issue of families with children returning from holidays overseas and the potential risk of spreading coronavirus.

This communication is to advise headteachers, governors and parents to refer to Department of Health guidance which is regularly updated.

There are two specific circumstances to consider:

The **first** is where a family member is unwell following return from a trip overseas to one of the heightened risk countries (see below). In this case the family should not bring their child into school but seek advice from the freephone helpline NHS 111.

The **second** circumstance is where a family has returned from one of the heightened risk countries but have no symptoms of illness. It may be helpful for the family to seek guidance from NHS 111, but they can return to school.

We would emphasise NHS advice to encourage people to adopt good hand hygiene and good respiratory hygiene to prevent the risk of infection and a 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to coughs and sneezes.

Public Health England advice to travellers:

Travellers from Wuhan and Hubei Province

If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei Province to the UK in the last 14 days you should immediately:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area

Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus.

Travellers from other parts of China and other specified areas

This advice applies to travellers who have returned to the UK from the following areas:

- China
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

Please follow this advice even if your symptoms are minor.

What this means in practice:

We are asking people to take simple, common-sense steps to avoid close contact with other people as much as possible, like they would with other flu viruses.

This means remaining at home for 14 days after arriving from Wuhan or Hubei Province (or elsewhere in China if you have symptoms) and not going to work, school or public areas.

Where possible, you should avoid having visitors to your home, but it is ok for friends, family or delivery drivers to drop off food.

For further information, visit the PHE website at: www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public#situation-in-the-uk

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Girls Social Skills Group - Scratch Art

The social skills groups run by Ms Lankester have been creating Scratch Art as a way to express their feelings and share their thoughts. This group runs to support students who find break times difficult and need some extra support.



6th Form News: Apprenticeship Fair



Several of our former sixth form students, along with some other local companies, joined us this week to promote the apprenticeships that they are currently on. They set up stalls and spent times with some of sixth form students as well as some interested year 11s. The students were able to ask about the content of courses, types of roles available as well as finding out about the qualifications on offer.

As part of the day Ellie, from Manchester Metropolitan University introduced the concept of degree apprenticeships and explained the process in terms of applying. Ellie talked through some of the big companies, like AJ Bell and Astra Zeneca, that offer degree apprenticeships, but also highlighted that a number of smaller local

companies, such as Peaks and Plains, offer them.

Anna in Year 13 was pleased to have learnt about all the different types and levels of apprenticeships, 'I'm keen to gain an apprenticeship in retail. I'm not sure the degree apprenticeship will be for me, but I would definitely consider some of the higher apprenticeships.'

'The police stand was really interesting. It is really varied with opportunities to take on challenges such as an advanced driving course.' said Ellie, Year 13, 'it was great to get good information particularly about the progression available in the police force. They were also able to explain the application process. I will definitely apply.'



Our Year 11 students were particularly interested in the NHS. Katie, Year 11 was 'really pleased to hear that you can do an apprenticeship in nursing, I had no idea there were so many job roles in the NHS'. Harry, Year 11 was the best prepared student there, lots of the exhibitors commented on how well informed he was and how it made a real difference to the quality of the conversations that he had.

Mr Intihar, one of our parents, representing Trolexx Ltd, commented 'I have to say they [the students] all came across very well and were asking well informed questions, one girl [Lauren, Year 12] in particular seemed to be very interested in the business and doing some form of work experience with us.'



Former student Georgia, from Peaks and Plains said, ' It was good to see that the school is actively looking to support students who may want to go down the apprenticeship route.' It was great to see how successful Georgia has been. Through the scheme she has completed a Masters degree and now has a permanent job with Peaks and Plains.

We will look to host a similar event next year, but hopefully with even more companies to give students the best possible experience. We are hugely grateful to all the companies who allowed their employees to come, and to all the exhibitors for taking the time to speak with our students. Here at All Hallows we believe that it is important for students to explore all of the avenues open to them and help them make the right decision for them and their future.



Girls Sport

Results

Sport / Year	Opposition (Home / Away)	Win / Loss (Score)	Person of the match / Other Commentary
U12 Football tournament	Macclesfield and District	6 th overall	Well done to the girls for taking part it was their first outdoor tournament and they loved it. They put up a great fight in all games and did the College proud. Girls football will continue to run on a Monday night 3:15—4:15 with Miss Thomason, after half term. Nina Knowles, Ciara O'Connor, Jess Chadwick, Charlotte Nadin, Lucy Ernil, Charlie Bamford and Tal Nield.
Year 7 & 8 indoor athletics	Macclesfield and District schools	Year 7 girls 5 th Year 7 boys 1 st Year 8 girls 5 th Year 8 boys 5 th	What an afternoon it was. So much fun with lots of events for the students to show off their talents. A MASSIVE well done to the Year 7 boys for being the champions of their age group and moving onto representing the Macclesfield and District schools at the county event on March 9 th . Athletics will start after Easter for all year groups with two competitions starting in May.

Upcoming fixtures

Sport /Year	Opposition (Home / Away)	Date	Other information

Other notices

Student Success—Netball

One of our Year 10 students, Erin More O'Farrell (pictured left, below) who belongs to the Wilmslow Lightning Netball Club, recently was involved in a master class with Tracey Neville, ex England player and head coach. Erin was picked out by Tracey Neville from the group and was told that she was definitely one to watch for a chance to be selected for England one day! Tracey Neville also encouraged Erin to continue to work hard as she believes it will pay off in the future.



PE Extracurricular Timetable

Out of School Hours Learning	Lunch Time 1.35 - 2.10pm (Break 2)			After school 3.15pm - 4.15pm							
	Venue	Fitness suite	Sports Hall	3G Astroturf	Grass Pitch	Netball Courts	3G Astroturf		Sports Hall	Fitness suite	
MON	All Years Boys & Girls JM			Football Lunch Club Break 1 – 7&8 Break 2 – 9-11	Boys Football Y7 JM	Girls Netball All Years LCG/KAT	Girls Football All Years BM		Football Academy & Invitation Y12/13		
TUES		Basketball All Years Girls & Boys SIV		Football Lunch Club Break 1 – 7&8 Break 2 – 9-11	Boys Rugby Y7-8 SIV					All Years Boys & Girls KAT	
WED		Girls Netball Y 7/8 LCG/KAT		Football Lunch Club Break 1 – 7&8 Break 2 – 9-11	Boys Rugby Y9-10 SIV				Football Academy & Invitation Seniors (fixtures) Y12/13	Trampolining All Years LCG	
THUR	All Years Boys & Girls LCG	Girls Basketball KAT		Football Lunch Club Break 1 – 7&8 Break 2 – 9-11				Boys Football Y8 BM	Boys Football Y9 JM	Basketball Girls & Boys Y7 - 9 SL	All Years Boys & Girls LCG
FRI	All Years Boys & Girls BM			Football Lunch Club Break 1 – 7&8 Break 2 – 9-11				Boys football Y10 SJL	Boys football Y11 SL	Basketball Y10 & 11 SIV	

LIBRARY NEWS

Opening Hours

Monday – Thursday 8.15am – 5pm

Friday 8.15 am – 4pm

Borrowing Books

Years 7 – 11 2 books 2 weeks

Years 12 & 13 3 books 3 weeks

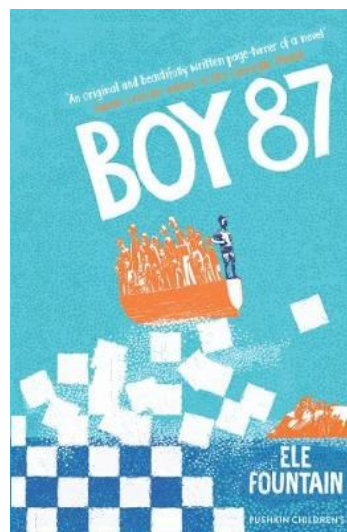
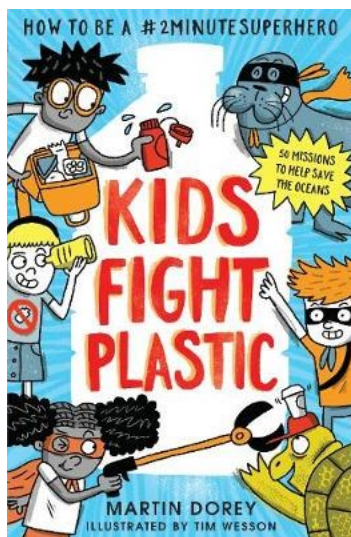
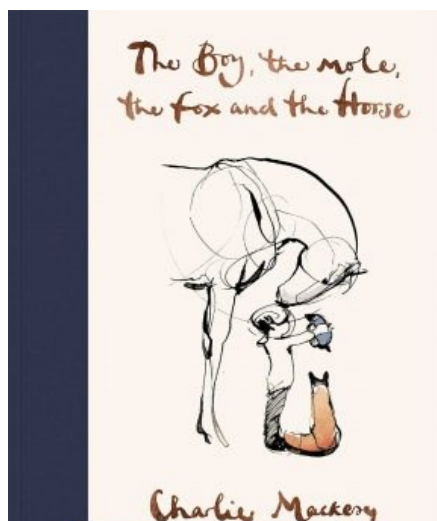
Please return books on time! Items can always be renewed up to 3 times, at the Library desk.

Half-Term Reading

The upcoming holiday is the perfect time to curl up with a book. Below are some suggestions to help you find the perfect read.

- Visit your local public library for some inspiration!
- Use the Book Trust Bookfinder, a great feature that allows you to narrow your book search down to age range and genre. Log on to: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>
- Tackle your Tsundoku ! This is the Japanese word for book pile. You may well have a stack of unread books that you could start on...

Recommended Reads



Overdue Books

A big thank you to all students who return their books on time! If students can make sure that they check the date label, inside their borrowed books, to see when their books are due back. Books should be put in the labelled box in the library, or see Ms Sinclair to renew the item(s) for a further two week loan.

Online Safety Information for Parents

As part of their Wake-Up Wednesday campaign, please see the latest poster below from the National Online Safety campaign. Log onto the following website for further information, <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/>

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

"The industry, as far as we can see as families, are grooming the next generation with a whole set of online games and these are aimed at 7, 8, 9 year olds – that's the next generation who are going to be their income generators" - Liz Ritchie, Gambling With Lives

The digital world that we live in can be a minefield for families and parents/carers. The way in which children 'game' now is completely different to how modern day parents and carers would have experienced. The 'monetization' of gaming is at the forefront of research and there are increasing concerns surrounding online gaming and the subsequent links this has with underage gambling.



From ONLINE GAMING to ONLINE GAMBLING

Recognising the Signs



10 Signs for Parents to Look For:

Disordered gambling is sometimes referred to as the 'silent killer'. Unlike drug or alcohol addictions the signs are sometimes harder to spot and if not dealt with at an early age can have a devastating effect on both the gambler and their families later on in life.

1 EXCESSIVE USE OF DEVICES

This can lead to increased isolated behaviour and lying about the amount of time spent online.



2 SPENDING MONEY ONLINE WITHOUT PERMISSION

If a child is willing to spend money online (invariably on a parent's card) without permission then this should act as an early warning sign to parents to ensure that there are some barriers and parental controls in place.

3 CHANGES IN BEHAVIOUR

Children may become moody, aggressive or argumentative particularly during or shortly after periods of online gaming.

4 A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL

Children may display an obvious change in attitude to learning and a more negative view of school.

5 DISENGAGED WITH FAMILY LIFE

Children start to prefer spending time alone online rather than engage in normal family activities.

6 COMPULSIVE EATING

This includes both eating the wrong types of food excessively and not eating healthily.



7 IMPATIENT

Children might not be prepared to wait for anything (mirrored in excessive online game play and in app purchases) and nothing is ever good enough.



8 'THE LOOK'

Compulsive gamblers are often said to look zoned out, have a greyness, look ill, experience a loss of weight and stop taking pride in their appearance. The same can be said of those who are starting to develop a gaming addiction.



9 OBSESSIVE BEHAVIOUR

Children who demonstrate obsessive behaviour in everyday life are often reported to be 'at risk' of developing an online gaming disorder.

10 DISHONESTY

This could include starting to tell lies and in the more extreme cases even stealing things.



10 Top Tips for Parents:

If you think that your child may be at risk of developing a gaming addiction then there are a series of measures that you can put in place. This is by no means an exhaustive list but just some strategies that could ensure a potential situation does not escalate.

1 BE AWARE

Do not fall into the trap that it's just what children do – as parents/carers/families be 'on the same page' and do not be allowed to be played off against one another.



2 DO YOUR RESEARCH

Although both gaming/gambling addictions are now recognised as a mental disorder, some doctors may not be experts in these areas – families can self-refer to NHS Gaming and Gambling Clinics.

3 VISIT THE GP

See what help and support is available. Visit www.gamfam.co.uk and become an expert.



4 SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL

Have an open and honest conversation. Schools are investing heavily in mental health and can arrange or direct you to the most appropriate support services.



5 TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST

This applies to school work and in creating a learning environment at home. Find activities and hobbies that create a life away from the screen and be part of it.

6 BECOME THE EXPERT

Research the game your child is playing – does the game have loot boxes?



7 PUT BARRIERS IN PLACE

Set up parental controls for all devices (including phones) and set up screen time. Visit the 'Partnership with Parents' section at www.gamfam.co.uk for further details.

8 FINANCIAL CONTROLS

Turn off in-app purchases on games and make sure your credit/debit card isn't attached to the console your child is playing on. Do not link your debit/credit cards to your child's device and use a prepaid debit card instead. For example Monzo, Go Henry, Nimbl or speak to your bank for advice.



9 DISCUSS LOOT BOXES AND SKIN BETTING

Have a conversation about loot boxes and skin betting. Many games can still be played and completed without using loot boxes on the console version but be mindful of the mobile versions.



10 DO NOT LEND MONEY FOR GAMBLING

Or if you think it will be used for online gaming, without your permission.



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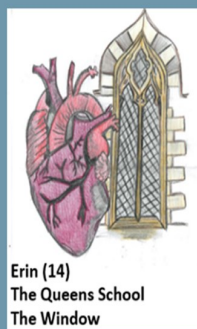
Do you love to be creative? Are you fantastic at painting? Amazing at sculpture? Why not enter our new art competition? Everyone is welcome to take part.



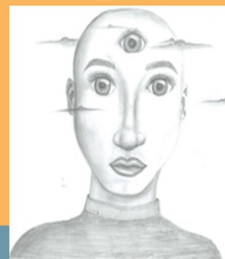
Spirited Arts is a nationwide competition for students aged 4–19. There are different age categories as well as many different forms of art that can be submitted i.e photography, sculpture, media and traditional forms such as painting and drawing.



Perdy (12)
BBG Academy
Golden Temple



Erin (14)
The Queens School
The Window



Amber (13)
St Ivo Academy
The third eye

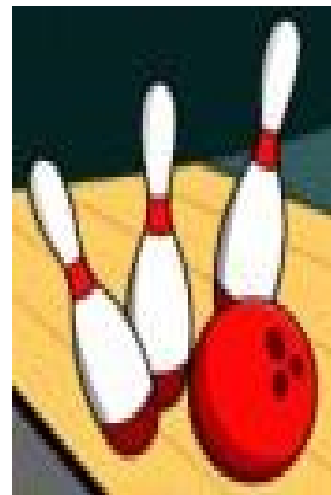


Laila (14)
The Latymer School
God Complex

XCell Youth Group

for fun, friends, and tuck!

BOWLING



Macclesfield Superbowl

Friday 28th February 7-9pm

£12 entry which includes 2 games of bowling, a meal and a drink.

Everyone at secondary school is welcome!
Bring your friends, meet up with old friends and make new friends.

Next meetings:

(note change of date for May/June)

27th March - St Patrick's Day games

1st May - TBC

5th June - Midsummer Games & BBQ
(hopefully)

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