



All Hallows Catholic College Newsletter - Michaelmas Term

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Dear Parent / Carer,

“This is our Earth and our future. We need to take care of it.” This is the main message behind today’s Global Student Strike, arranged to coincide with the UN Climate Action Summit on 23rd September. Young people are gathering around the world, demanding action on climate breakdown, and our Eco Council have attended the march around Macclesfield today, representing All Hallows. One of our core College values is stewardship and it is good to see our children and young people so aware of their environment, wanting to do something to improve it. As I write this newsletter, there is a plumber outside my office, installing another water fountain, further encouraging our students to use refillable bottles, rather than wasting plastic. The introduction of these new water fountains is a direct result of the work of the Eco Council and their requests.

Letters regarding the Rewards Trip for Years 8-13, on October 10th, have been sent out. The deadline for consent forms and payment is Monday 23rd September. Letters will also be sent out shortly for the Year 7 Service of Welcome, on Wednesday 2nd October. In the meantime, could parents and carers of Year 7 students please put this date into your diaries, for a 6.00pm start, finishing around 7.30pm.

It was our Open Evening on Monday, and there was a real buzz around College, as prospective students and their families were guided around the site by our Sixth Formers. There was much to see, as lots of children had volunteered to come back to College in the evening, to show off our College and its facilities. All of the students were a credit to the College and their families, particularly the Sixth Formers who were fantastic ambassadors for All Hallows. We have also hosted three very busy and successful Open Mornings this week, allowing visitors to see the College during a normal working day. We have received lots of very positive feedback, particularly how happy the students seemed, and what a lovely ‘family’ atmosphere there was. Thank you for helping us promote these opportunities and thank you for your continued support.

If you ever wish to contact me about any issue, please do not hesitate to email me via my PA, Mrs Metheringham, at principalpa@allhallows.org.uk.

Tim Beesley, Principal

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 17th October 2019

7:00pm- 9:30pm



Aspire not to have more but to be more - Saint Oscar Romero



Year 12 Lourdes Pilgrimage



Our journey to Lourdes started at the beginning of Year 12. David Middlemiss attended Sixth Form to give a talk about volunteering on the annual Diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes. Volunteers help Pilgrims from all parts of the Diocese to visit the Shrine of Lourdes. The goal of the pilgrimage wasn't only to assist the pilgrims who required support, but to also grow as individuals. Through the year building up to the pilgrimage, volunteers committed to attend training sessions and to go to as many fundraising events as possible, to help raise the money for the travels costs of both pilgrims needing assistance and travels of volunteers. All the monies raised were to go towards reducing the overall cost of the journey to Lourdes. Taking part in these activities meant that sixth formers, the visit team and leaders had many opportunities to build strong relationships before setting off on the pilgrimage.

On the 24th of July the coach of seven Year 12 and thirteen year students, alongside the group leaders left the All Hallows bus turning circle, in the early hours of the morning. Our journey took around 22 hours. Upon arriving in Lourdes it was apparent it was simply a small market town, lying in the foothills of the Pyrenees within which the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes where Mary started to appeared to St Bernadette.

On reaching our hotel, The Jeanne Darc, we unpacked and prepare for the arrival of the pilgrims, who were arriving a couple of days later. On the day the Pilgrims arrived, a team of volunteers, including myself, went to the airport greeting all arriving pilgrims, offering assistance them assistance if they needed it.

Throughout the week of the pilgrimage, our role was to assist the pilgrims traversing Lourdes via wheelchair, for those who are less able to move freely. As volunteers, we also developed relationships with the pilgrims getting to know them through interactions, just talking to them or simply listening to what they wanted to say while assisted them.

I am thankful I was granted the opportunity to go to Lourdes, and if possible I would love to go again.



Morgan Sloan, Year 13

New Term Dates

Term	College Opens to Students	College Closes to Students
Michaelmas	Tuesday 3rd September 2019	October 25th 2019
Christmas	Monday 4th November 2019	Thursday 19th December 2019
Epiphany	Monday 6th January 2020	Thursday 13th February 2020

Rewards Trip Thursday 10th October

If you have not already done so, parents are kindly asked to log onto their 'parent pay' account this weekend to pay for the upcoming Rewards Day activities. All consent forms and payments must be received by Monday 23rd September in order for coaches to be reserved. Please contact Ms B Sidebotham in the Finance office, if you have any problems accessing your account.

Year 7 Team Building and Study Skills Day

On 10th October year 7 students are off timetable to take part in a fun Team-Building and Study Skills day. Students are asked to wear their PE kit on the day.

PTA News

Families welcome - please buy multiple tickets via parent pay. All trips include transport from College.

Upcoming trips: Please email Mrs Heaton to reserve tickets: a.heaton@allhallows.org.uk

Wednesday 30th November 2019.

Annie The Musical @ The Regent Theatre Stoke 7.30pm.

Price: £30 each

Tuesday 17th December 2019

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas @ the Lowry (musical) 7.30pm

Price: £30 each

Saturday 16th May 2020

Les Miserables the Musical @ The Lowry matinee performance 2.30pm

Price: £30 each



PTA 100 Club - join now!

The All Hallows PTA 100 Club is a simple means of raising money, which allows us to subsidise the amazing trips that we offer throughout the academic year, making them cheaper for you. For the sum of £1 per month or £12 per year, you will be allocated a number and have a chance of winning £100 in our monthly draw. Please collect a standing order form from College and send it into reception in a sealed envelope marked 'PTA 100 Club' FAO Mrs Heaton.

Attendance Matters

We are committed to encourage all students to have excellent attendance and punctuality. We recognise that any absence from school is detrimental. It is the legal responsibility of parents and carers to ensure good attendance and punctuality and to inform the College of any reasons for any absences. We understand that there are genuine reasons for absence, but as a College, we have a duty to monitor attendance and work with families to achieve the best possible attendance for each child and young person.

Here is a reminder of the College Policy/Procedure for student absence:

Policy/Procedures

Students are expected to attend College for the full 190 days of the academic year, unless there is good reason for absence which can be authorised (College approved). In some cases, an absence may be unauthorised (College will not approve absence).

The parent(s)/carer(s) will be required to provide an explanation if a student is absent on the first day the absence occurs and on each day of absence. This may be by letter, telephone, email, text or personally at the College office or by appointment.

Should contact not be made from home, the College will contact parents on the first day of absence. This will usually be done via a text message or phone. Such contact will be logged for future reference. Should the absence continue with no explanation, the unauthorised absence may result in involvement from the Local Authority and legal action may be pursued.

Rewards/Incentives

Different rewards and incentives will be used each half term. Year groups and forms with the best attendance each week will be recognised in the school's newsletter.

There will be certificates, prizes and other rewards (non-school uniform days, trips, Amazon vouchers) for form groups and individual students. These will be given for excellent attendance and also significant improvements.

Impact

Attending school is essential for students to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better chances in life. Below, are examples of how school absence is impacted upon by attendance

Student attendance over one school year:

- 98% attendance = approximately 4 days absent from school
- 95% attendance = approximately 10 days absent from school
- 90% attendance = approximately 4 weeks absent from school (1 day of absence every two weeks)
- 85% attendance = approximately 5 ½ weeks absent from school
- 80% attendance = approximately 7 ½ weeks absent from school (1 day of absence every week)

Student attendance over 5 years (Years 7 – 11):

- 85- 90% attendance = similar to having half a year off school
- 80% attendance = similar to having a whole year off school

Weekly form attendance: Week Beginning 13th September Well done to all!

7 Barlow & Fisher—100%
 8 Fisher—98.6%
 9 Avila—98.2%
 10 Barlow—98.5%
 11 Ward—100%
 12/13 Fisher & Siena— 99.5%







European Day of Languages

Next week our students, regardless of what language they are learning, can celebrate European languages in a variety of ways. More details are available from form tutors or on the posters around school.

- Cinema experience - films in Spanish, French and German
- International cuisine in the canteen on Tuesday at both breaks, including paella, churros con chocolate, and German doughnuts
- Design your own European Day of Languages T-shirt competition
- Business assembly for Year 9s and Year 11s on the importance of learning languages
- 'Find a teacher who...' bingo game



Performing Arts Extra-Curricular Timetable

Music	Drama	Dance
<p>Orchestra with Linda Monday 3:15- 4:00pm E2</p> <p>Samba Band Wednesday Lunch E2</p> <p>Pop Choir with Rosie Thursday Lunch E2</p>	<p>Aspire Drama Club Tuesday Lunch (Red week only) F20 (Drama Studio)</p> <p>High School Musical Rehearsals Wednesday (Main Cast) 3:15 - 4:15pm Hall and Thursday (Whole Cast) 3:15- 4:15pm Hall</p>	<p>Street Dance with Kyle Tuesday 3:15- 4:15 Dance Studio</p> <p>KS4 Technique Class/Choreography Workshop (sign up with Miss Mellor) Wednesday 3:15- 4:30pm Dance Studio</p> <p>High School Musical Rehearsals Friday 3:15- 4:15 Dance Studio</p>
		 

Sports News

GIRL'S SPORT: UPCOMING FIXTURES

SPORT / YEAR GROUP	OPPOSITION (H/A)	DATE	OTHER COMMENTARY IF APPLICABLE
Netball fixtures for 2019 - 2020	Poynton	September 25th	This match is away at Poynton
	Knutsford	October 2nd	This match is away at Knutsford
	Macclesfield Academy	October 18th	This match is away at Macclesfield Academy
	Congleton HS	February 26th	This match is at home
	Poynton HS	March 11th	This match is at home For away matches, transport will be provided to and from All Hallows

Please note that if your son/daughter is to be excused from PE due to not feeling well, injury or anything else of this nature that they MUST bring a written note from home along with their PE kit and get changed. They will participate in the lesson as a coach, timer, and scorer or help in whatever way they can as part of the lesson. The only exception would be if their arm or leg were in a cast, which would make it extremely difficult to get changed in the appropriate time scales.

The Macclesfield 5K (and half marathon) takes place on Sunday 22nd September, 10am at the Macclesfield Leisure Centre.

If you are interested, follow the link below to register and join the AH team! Our team name is: All Hallows Catholic College.



It is always a really nice atmosphere and it would be great to get as many students, staff and parents involved as possible. The run is about promoting health, fitness and fun. The fastest 5 runners in the team score points, so there is a competitive element too! We hope to see you there.

<https://macclesfieldhalfmarathon.niftyentries.com/Macclesfield-5K>

ECO Council News

Mrs Sutton will be taking a group of students across the school into Macclesfield on Friday 20th to show their support for the national school strike highlighting the issue of climate change, This is being held ahead of UN Climate Action Summit in NY on 23 September.



Eco Tip: be inspired by Greta: <https://mashable.com/video/greta-thunberg-amnesty-international-speech/?europe=true> and thank you for supporting us on the school strike.

Out of School Hours Learning	During School Break or lunch as indicated			After School 3.15pm-4.15/4.30pm					
Venue	Fitness suite	Sports Hall	3G Astro turf	Grass Pitch	Netball Courts	3G Astro turf		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 Y10 - 13 LCG/KAT	Girls Football All Years BM	Football Academy & Invitation Y12/13		
TUES		Basketball All Years SIV	Football Lunch Club Break 1 – 7&8 Break 2 – 9-11	Boys Rugby Y7-8 SIV					
WED		Girls Netball Y 7/8 LCG/KAT	Football Lunch Club Break 1 7&8 Break 2 9-11	Boys Rugby Y9-10 SIV	Netball Fixtures All years LCG/KAT	Football Academy & Invitation Seniors (fixtures) Y12/13		Basketball All Years SJL/SL	
THURS		Girls Netball Y9-11 LCG/KAT	Football Lunch Club Break 1 7&8 Break 2 9-11		Girls Netball Y8/9 LCG/KAT	Boys Football Y8 BM	Boys Football Y9 JM		All Years Boys & Girls SJL
FRI	All Years Boys & Girls BM		Football Lunch Club Break 1 7&8 Break 2 9-11		Girls Netball Y7 LCG/KAT	Boys Football Y10 SJL	Boys Football Y11 SL		

Sixth Form News

Meet the Sixth Form Leadership Team

Head Girl: Bridie McNulty

Head Boy: Kanta Sibbett

Deputy Head Girl: Lucy Gregory (far right)

Deputy Head Boy: Ryan Martin (far left)

Prefects: Lizzie Nuttall and Ben Bradshaw

We are delighted with our new student leadership team.

All of them who presented were incredibly professional

and well prepared. The voting was very close. I think that Kanta, Bridie and the rest of the leadership team will make a huge contribution to the college.



Apprenticeship fair

On Thursday 15 year 13 students will go to the apprenticeship fair at Old Trafford. They will get a view of some of the top companies in the country alongside universities as well, especially those offering degree apprenticeships. They will be hoping to follow in the footsteps of last years students who gained apprenticeships at companies such as AJ Bell and McCann.

The Oxbridge and Medicine / Dentistry deadline of 15 October is fast approaching. Any student should have completed their personal statement on unifrog for Mr Howells and Mr Parke to review.

The football academy played their first game last week, a development game against a Macclesfield Youth Development XI. Despite goals from Smith and Nickson they ended up losing 2-3. However the boys played really well and there is good hope for the season which begins on Wednesday.

Year 11 - Date for your diaries: All Hallows Catholic College Sixth Form Open Evening will be on 17 October 7pm. More details to follow.

Other opportunities coming up:

- 11th October and 21st November FREE All about STEM Events: Engineering your Future Events in Liverpool and Warrington · <https://www.allaboutstem.co.uk/2019/08/engineering-your-future-events-2019/>
- 17th October: Macclesfield College Open Day
- w/c 28th October – NHS Work Experience Week. Contact ecn-tr.careerdevelopment@nhs.net to request an application form.
- Apprenticeship Opportunity: Business admin apprentice to join Franklyn Financial Ltd in Congleton. Ideally looking for someone who has just finished their A levels and perhaps does not want to go to university. Please contact Ian Cottrill Ian.Cottrill@sjpp.co.uk for more information or to register your interest.

See Mrs Coates for more details.

Work Experience Week

28th October to 1st November 2019

What is it?

The NHS is the biggest employer in Europe with over 1.3 million staff! East Cheshire NHS Trust is delighted to host a new **Work Experience Week** designed to offer an insight into a variety of different careers across the Health and Care sector. By taking advantage of this amazing opportunity you could become a part of the future workforce and help to provide the best quality care to the nation. With over 350 different careers on offer, there really is a place for everyone; no matter what your interests, skills or qualifications!

Jobs in Healthcare



78%
of staff working within the NHS have worked there for over 5 years.



30%
of NHS staff work part-time or job share.



350 careers



What's involved?

You will take part in numerous activities within the Trust and will have the opportunity to meet a variety of people working in a range of roles. You will be able to have a go at hands-on clinical activities in a safe, simulated environment and can speak to people who work in a wide variety of different areas. The whole week will be interactive and informative in order to show that a role in the NHS is much more than a 'normal' desk job. There will also be the opportunity to develop and practice your presentation skills.

Who is it for?

We welcome applications from students **aged 16-19 who have an interest in pursuing a career in Health or Care**. The best candidates should be able to work effectively in a team and be able to listen to others and take their opinions on board. You should be proactive in the way you consider work and you should perform all tasks to the best of your ability. You will be expected to be punctual and organised and commit to attending each session, which will run between 9am and 3pm each day (times may change slightly).



What next?

Please contact ecn-tr.careerdevelopment@nhs.net to request an application form. Complete this fully and return as instructed before **5pm on Friday 27th September, 2019**. Successful applicants will be contacted week commencing 7th October, 2019. **Applicants must be able to attend all 5 days**. As places are limited to 12, applicants will be chosen on the quality of their application form, which will include how you demonstrate the Trust's values. Upon successful completion of the course, you will receive a certificate of attendance and a short reference. For any further information, please contact the above email address.

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.

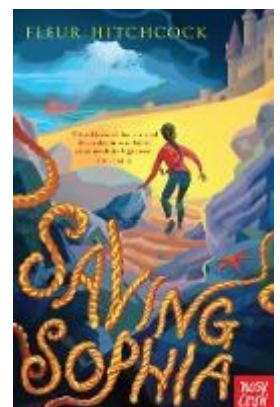
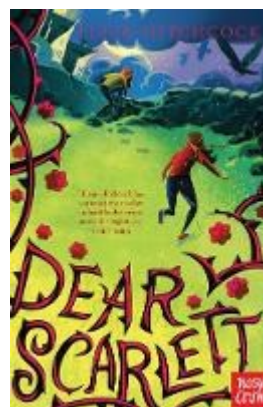
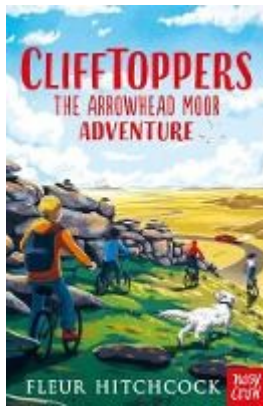
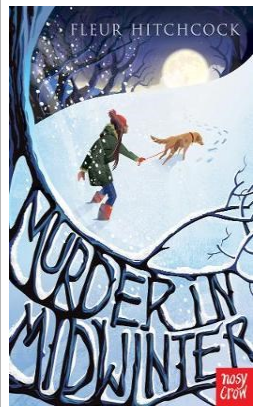
Book Amnesty

A significant number of books are not being returned to the library. Therefore, if you have any AH or ELS library books at home, I would ask kindly that they are returned, no questions asked. This will mean more books for our students to choose from and enhance the library stock, helping our budget go further. Thank you, in advance, for your support in this matter.

There are a number of GCSE study guides that have also 'disappeared' from the library and we would appreciate being returned so that year 10 students can use them.

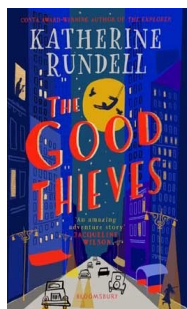
Featured Writer: Fleur Hitchcock

Fleur Hitchcock writes engaging, crime stories that keep the reader engrossed. We have a selection of the titles below in the library for students to borrow or try your local library. All books are suitable for Year 7 students upwards.



Fact Not Fiction Book Group every Wednesday Break 2 in the Library!

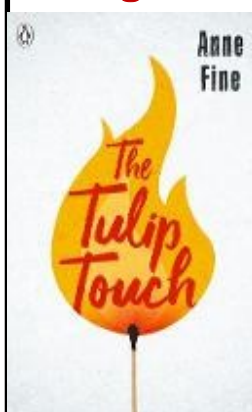
Book Competition



Win a signed copy of Katherine Rundell's new book: *The Good Thieves* by entering our September competition. Simply write 200 words on what wrong you would like to right in the world, and why. Entries to Ms Sinclair by Monday 30th of September.

Bollington Library

Young Adult Reading Group



The group meets on a Tuesday once a month from 4.30-5.30pm. We are hoping to all read the same book and then discuss it the following month. Our first title is 'The Tulip Touch' by Anne Fine.

If any AH students would like to get involved, they just need to get in touch with the library.

Phone: 01625 378266

Email: libraries@cheshireeast.gov.uk



XCell Youth Group

for fun, friends and tuck!



Games Night

Friday 20th September: 7-9pm,
St Alban's Parish Centre, Macclesfield (opposite the church)

Pool, table tennis, air hockey,
Twister, sweeper...



Come and join the fun!

Everyone at secondary school (ages 11+) is welcome!
Bring your friends, meet up with friends from
primary school and make new friends.

Bring £1 entry & some money for tuck.

We'll ask you to complete a Consent Form the first time you come. If
you email us, we can send it to you beforehand.

Next meetings:

11 October - Chocolate Bingo & Games

8 November - A trip out somewhere

13 December (tbc) - to be decided...

For more information contact:

Anna & Greg Hughes 01625 614406

xcellyouthgroup@gmail.com

The Season of Creation

1st September to
4th October 2019



St Alban's Justice and Peace Group with other local Churches offer a series of events and a Calendar of daily reflections from 1st September - **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** to 4th October - the Feast of St Francis, Patron of Ecology

Come along to celebrate God's creation with others at some of these events we have planned

Sunday 1st September
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Prayer Service
at 5.00pm - St Michael's Church, Market Place, Macclesfield

Sunday 8th September
Reflective Ramble
at 2.00pm
3 mile walk
followed by tea and cakes at Teggs
Nose Country Park SK11 0AP

Sunday 22nd September
Family Cycle Ride
at 11.30am
Tesco Car Park SK10 2AB
to Nelson Pit.
Bring a packed lunch

Sunday 29th September
**Morning Service with an
Eco Church theme**
at 10.00am
St Peter's Church,
Prestbury SK10 4DG



Wednesday 4th October
**Celebrate the end of the
Season of Creation**
with prayers and cakes
at 7.00 pm
St Albans Church

For more information or to arrange transport contact:
Bernadette Bailey at dwbailey@btopenworld.com or 07831 647 928



SEND Youth Forum

If you are 11-25 years old and have a diagnosed or undiagnosed additional need, we are inviting you to come along and get involved in Cheshire East's "Voice of SEND".

Macclesfield SEND Youth Forum:

Macclesfield Hub,
33 Great King Street, Macclesfield,
SK11 6PN

First and third Thursday of every
month

6:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday 17th October

Thursday 24th October

Thursday 7th November

Thursday 21st November

Thursday 5th December

Thursday 19th December

Join us to discuss the issues that matter to you, make decisions, meet like minded individuals and take part in fun activities.



Your voice and opinions matter to us!

For more information, please get in touch with Fiona Ellis on:
07794437078. Or join our Facebook page: Participation Yss