



All Hallows Catholic College

Newsletter - Christmas Term



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Issue 15

Friday 19th December

Dear Parent / Carer,

As the end of another exciting and successful term draws near, I should like to take a moment to reflect on the many successes and achievements of the last few months. It has been a long, busy term with plenty of opportunities for our young people to shine.

The year began with the fantastic news about the Class of 2019 and their excellent set of examination results. In fact just this week, we received news that last year's A Level results place All Hallows in the top 5% of all schools and Colleges nationally, for progress.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Awards evening yesterday, to celebrate their tremendous achievements. Thank you, also, to our Guest Speaker, Mr Tim Reid, father of Ava, and co-creator and co-writer of 'Peter Kay's Car Share'. His speech was truly inspirational.

Our new Year 7 students settled in well, after having enjoyed their Liverpool Hope University experience in July. We celebrated their Service of Welcome and heard them 'Sing Out' in October. Students from all Year groups participated in our Open Evening, as well as our Advent Services. We have had Geography field-trips, Art, History & English trips to London, visits to universities, theatres and restaurants, Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, learning conferences, PTA trips, an apprenticeship convention, and a Retreat.

Yet again our students, parents and staff have been generous with their time and money, raising much needed funds for charity, and working with our partners in the community. The Christmas Caritas appeal raised over £1,200 that has been used to buy a huge selection of Christmas gifts from Argos. We have collected food hampers for the SVP and Silk Life Foodbank, and the Sixth Form Fancy dress day raised funds for the India Project.

The term has been busy for extra-curricular sport, with successes in Football, Cross-Country, Rugby, Hockey and Netball.

The Choir has sung at the Tree of Light Service and the Christmas Carol Service.

Could I thank and congratulate the Sixth Form Leadership Team, and everyone involved in the fantastic 'All Hallows Got Talent' today, which really did showcase some of the wonderful talents that our young people have.

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 Metheringham, at principalpa@allhallows.org.uk.

A reminder that College opens for the new term on Monday 6th January 2020 at the usual time.

Have a very happy & peaceful Christmas,

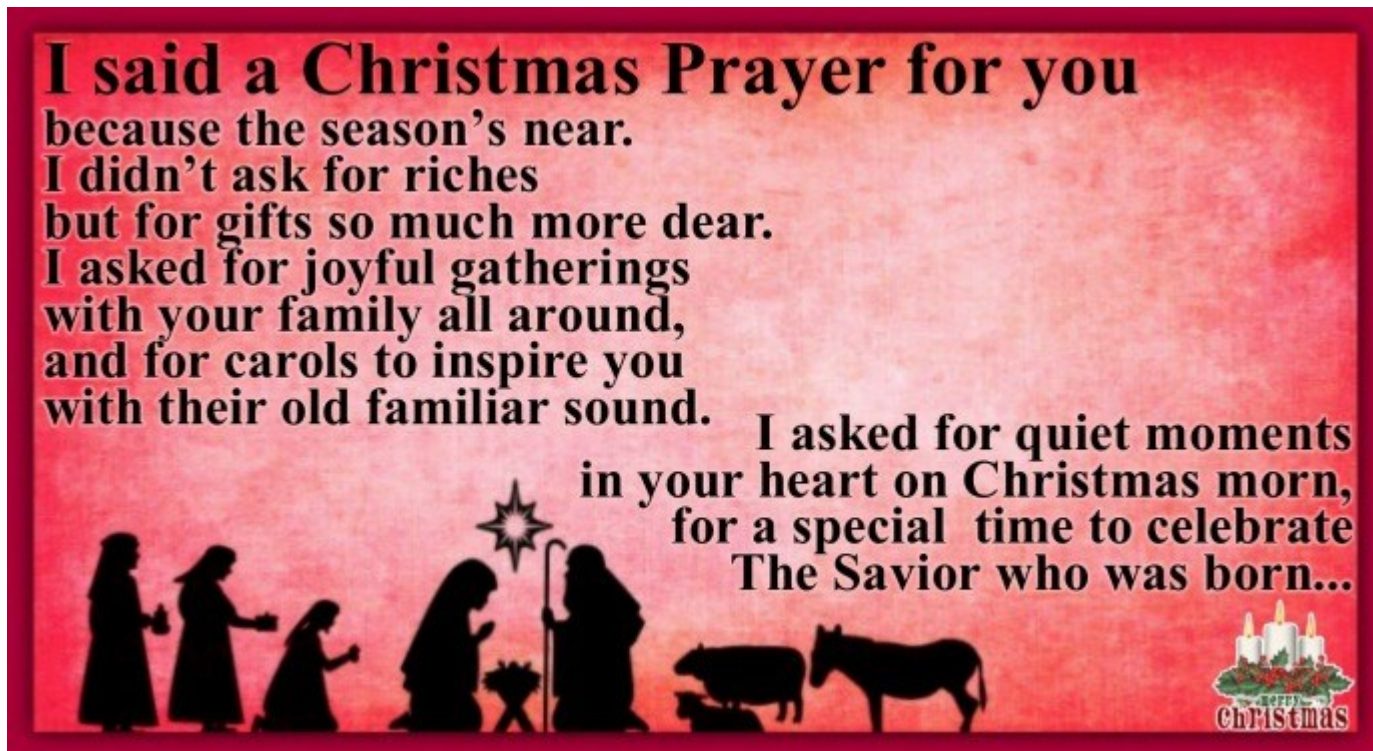
Tim Beesley, Principal



Faith in Action

I said a Christmas Prayer for you
because the season's near.
I didn't ask for riches
but for gifts so much more dear.
I asked for joyful gatherings
with your family all around,
and for carols to inspire you
with their old familiar sound.

I asked for quiet moments
in your heart on Christmas morn,
for a special time to celebrate
The Savior who was born...



Advent Fundraising

Representative from Caritas, Shrewsbury diocese, visited College today to receive the 54 Christmas gifts so generously donated by our students to young people across our diocese, who without our help would receive little, if anything this Christmas. Each tutor group, selected a gift they wanted to purchase and then pledged the money to buy it. This annual appeal has run in the college for the past four years and is always supported by Argos, Macclesfield who offer 10% discount on all toys purchased.

Caritas is a social action and social justice agency of the Diocese of Shrewsbury which seeks to develop the Church's social mission to stand up for those in need and those marginalised in society. Caritas actually means 'Christian love of humankind' and they express this in loving service. This is the motivation at the heart of all their work. At All Hallows, by supporting the work of Caritas, our students are able to 'Pay it Forward' and put our college values of Stewardship, Respect, Compassion, Co operation and Honourable Purpose into practice in a very practical way.



Pictured left to right: a selection of gifts, handing the gifts over and members of the College Council welcoming Caritas staff.

St Alban's Parish Church: Come & See Confirmation Evening

There is a Come & See Confirmation Evening on Tuesday 14th January 2020, at 7.30pm, in the Parish Centre. Parents and their young people, who are in Year 8 and above and from St. Alban's Parish and thinking about being confirmed in 2020, are invited to this meeting of information about the Confirmation Programme. For further details ring Rosemarie- 01625 422621 or see the Parish website.

All Hallows Annual GCSE and A Level Awards

At the end of every Christmas term, our recent leavers in year 11 and 13 return to collect their exam certificates and special awards. It is also a time to catch up on what our students have been doing since the summer. Congratulations to all students. Thank you also to Tim Reid, co-creator and co-writer of 'Peter Kay's Car Share' for an inspiring speech.

Year 11 Award Winners

GCSE

Art Mia North

Biology Aidan McKillop

Business Studies Ebony Oldfield

Chemistry Jeffrey Tugade

Communications James Franklin and Ava Reid

Computer Science Luke Tidsey

Drama Freya Rohimun

English Language Bethany Hughes

English Literature Lindsey Hinks

French Bethany Hughes

Further Maths Aidan McKillop

Geography Ben Prior

German Matilde Palo

History Sophie Okill

Latin Heidi Bain

Mandarin Jack Chung

Maths Roisin Middlemass

Music Isaac Kennedy

Physical Education Alistair Nickson

Physics Roisin Middlemass

Product Design Weronika Prusak

Religious Studies Archy Ashton

Science Imogen Drake

Spanish Imogen Drake

Textiles Bethany Hughes

BTEC

Animal Care Emma Blakie

Business Madeleine Bristow

Health and Social Care Megan Hinks

Hospitality & Catering Charlotte Edwards

ICT Owen Hatherall

Performing Arts (Acting) Max Walker

Yr 13 Award Winners

Art, Craft & Design Maisie Ellis

Biology Holly Malins

Chemistry Lily Kennedy

Criminology Finn Stanier

English Language Jessica Townley

English Literature Ella Pointer

Extended Project Jack Faiers

Fine Art Alyana Rosete

French Natasha Harper

Further Maths Stephen Hughes

Geography James Chadwick

German Chen Ji

History Molly Brammer

Law JJ Ball

Maths Colin Midgeley

Music Lucy Moncur

Music Technology Alex Archer

Physics Stephen Hughes

Politics Joshua Percival

Psychology Catherine Lachut

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics Jack Faiers

Sociology Katy Reid

Spanish Christoph Langer

Theatre Studies Amy Broadhurst

Special Award Winners

Sportsman of the Year Joe Coby

Sportswoman of the Year Holly Malins

The Emmaus Social Enterprise Award

Georgia Hall

Will Bainbridge

Vocational Achievement Patryk Koza

Academic Achievement GCSE

Bethany Hughes

Matilde Palo

Jack Cheung

Academic Achievement A Level

Stephen Hughes

Lily Kennedy

Endeavour Award Ava Reid and James Franklin

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Silver

Noe Peckham

Ben Haigh

Nick Moss

Heidi Bain

Olivia Burton

Bronze

George Wood Archy Ashton

Rhea Jegge Bryn Price

Alex Naden Hannah Winn

James Brown Freya Rohimum

Ben McKeith Charlotte Roberts

Sam Coates Hammond

BTEC

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business Emily Waite

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology Patryk Koza

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport Tom Smith

BTEC Level 3 Health & Social Care Rhonette Martinez

All Hallows Gets in the Christmas Spirit!

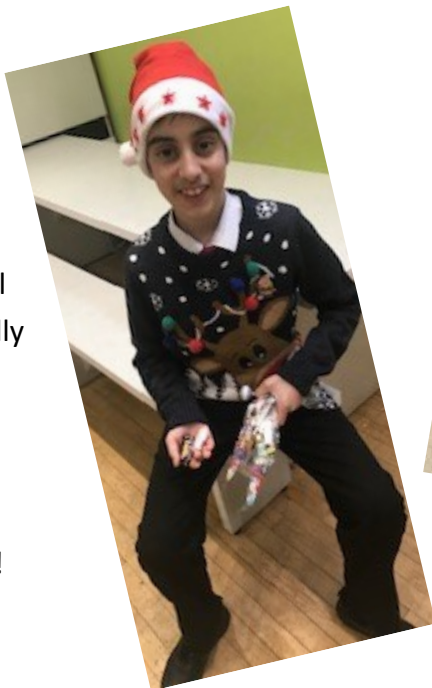


Ben Bradshaw and Kohta Sibbett compare All Hallows Has Talent.

Jessica O'Donoghue in Year 9, helping out in Reception and looking very festive!



George Papamichael in Year 8, fully kitted out in Christmas jumper to enjoy the talent show!



Izzy Richardson, Bridie McNulty and Lucy Gregory from the All Hallows Has Talent organising team.



Santa Dash

This week our year 7 and 8 students have been raising money for the East Cheshire Hospice by taking part, during their PE lessons, in an annual run. This year: the Santa Dash! Students donned Santa hats with flashing lights and set off! So far the amount raised is £761.40 but sponsorship monies are still being collected, so look out for the total in the new year. Well done to all involved, and Miss Gowing for organising the opportunity for our students to show compassion and stewardship.

Mo Bros Total

Congratulations to all the male staff who bravely grew moustaches and beards during 'Movember' to raise money to support research and prevention of many man's health issues. The total monies collected was £250. A big thank to all who took part and contributed to what is fast becoming an All Hallows annual fundraising event. Our staff also show how they can embody our core values: compassion and stewardship.

For more information about the charity: <https://uk.movember.com/>



Term Dates 2020

Epiphany Monday 6th January - Thursday 13th February

Easter Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April

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

Evening Events in the Epiphany Term

Thursday 3rd January—Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening 3.45—7 pm

Monday 3rd February—Year 13 Parent Consultation Evening 3.45—7pm

Tuesday 1st February—Year 11 Parent consultation Evening 3.45—7pm

All other dates can be found on the school website.

Parents as Partners

A polite request from the residents of Bedford Street to not block driveways, if you park there when collecting your child from All Hallows.

Finesse Uniform Suppliers

If you are planning on shopping for new items of school uniform over the holidays, please note the shop will be closed from 20th December and will re-open on January 3rd 2020.

PTA News



The Grinch That Almost Stole Christmas

What a fabulous evening was had at the Lowry Theatre by almost 90 past, present and future students, plus staff members and extended families. “Cindy Lou Who” certainly made an impression on Mr Grinch, and made him think twice about what was important at this special time of year: it isn’t just about the presents, but the time we can spend with our loved ones.

Pictured left, Ryan Coughlan, and his brother Alfie currently in year 9 and 7 respectively. They attended with their mum and uncle, who were also All Hallows students.

Many thanks to Mrs Heaton and her PTA for their hard work and dedication in organising all the fabulous trips over this year and previous years.

The PTA wish all of you a very peaceful and holy Christmas and look forward to sharing lots of lovely reward trips with you in 2020. Keep reading the newsletter to see what’s coming up ! Here’s what we are busy planning:

Tubing at Stoke Ski Centre, Splash Landings, Chester Zoo, Alton Towers and Les Miserables!!

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

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.



ECO Tip for the Advent Season: Cheshire East Hospice Christmas Tree Collection Service



Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th January 2020

After you have registered your tree for collection all you need to do is leave your tree outside in an easily accessible location and our team will do the rest! All the costs of running the collection are covered by local business sponsorship. This means that every penny of your donation will go directly to supporting the Hospice. For more details: 01625 708939 or eastcheshirehospice.org.uk

DNA Drama Production

This week our KS4 and 5 students took part in the school production of DNA, which was performed in the Drama studio.

This play tells the story of a group of teenagers, who accidentally kill one of their peers through a brutal and violent assault. On realising this terrible mistake they attempt to cover up this crime, but inadvertently implicate an innocent man in the process.

The production was directed by James Tomlinson and Ben Prior in Year 12. For a number of months they worked alongside a small dedicated cast of KS4 and 5 students. Audience members commented on the, 'thrilling and dark nature of the play... and the expertly performed characters revealing the sinister nature of some youths today'.

Cast members described the rehearsal process, 'The last few months has followed an intensive rehearsal process to ensure we deliver the true creative intentions of Dennis Kelly's play effectively. We have all really enjoyed this opportunity and would love to work on a similar project again'.



Sixth Form News

History Trip to York



Year 12 Medieval History students visited York on Monday 16th December. Students got to see inside Clifford's Tower, York Minster, Barley Hall and the Richard III Experience. They enjoyed the experience and really appreciated being immersed in Medieval history. York is a beautiful city and it has lots of relevant links to the A Level History course, particularly the Crusades and the Angevin Kings. Students also had some free-time in the afternoon to visit 'The Shambles', the Medieval street where parts of Harry Potter were filmed.

Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Sixth-form students visited parliament for the day on Tuesday 17th December. They had a tour of the inside of the Palace of Westminster and despite the new parliament having not yet met, we were able to see quite a bit, including spending a few minutes on the terrace. Students met with the local MP, David Rutley (pictured below) who also answered students' questions on the role of parliament and the recent election result. Some of the students had just voted for the first-time. Students also visited Westminster Abbey for a tour afterwards. We spotted a statue of Oscar Romero which had been placed on the entrance to the Cathedral in recognition of Christians, from denominations other than the Church of England. A good day was had by all and we even had a bit of spare time to complete some Christmas shopping!



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 & 11 students can use them.

Reading Success

Well done to Year 7 and 8 for all their efforts on Accelerated Reader this term!

Year 7

•Total words read since September: 7,416,732 7N have read the most words: 2,455,272

•Total Quizzes passed since September: 865

31 students have passed 10 quizzes or more this term

Quiz champion: Emily Brough, who has passed 22 quizzes

The English group with the most 100% passes: 7N with 280 quizzes

Jessica Gill was the lucky winner of the £10 Amazon voucher in the 100% quiz prize draw

Year 8

•Words read since September: 12,636,605 8Y1A have read the most words: 5,028,647

Word millionaire: Kathryn Arnott, who has read over three million words this term

•Total quizzes passed since September: 946

25 students have passed 10 quizzes or more this term

Quiz champion: Kathryn Arnott who has passed 34 quizzes

The English group with the most 100% passes: 8Y1C with 310 quizzes

Evie Ashton was the lucky winner of the £10 Amazon voucher in the 100% quiz prize draw

A merry Christmas and a happy new year to all our readers! Enjoy your holidays and keep reading!

Job Advertisement

LAY CHAPLAIN (for January 2020)



New NJC Points 23-28 £26,999 - £31,371 pro-rata

37 hours per week, term-time only (plus INSET days)

(Would consider part-time)

Applications to the HR Officer at:

All Hallows Catholic College, Brooklands Avenue, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 8LB

Email: hr@allhallows.org.uk Application documents can be found on All Hallows Catholic College website: <http://allhallows.org.uk/about-us/work-with-us/associate-staff-vacancies/>

Closing Date: 09/01/2020

Interviews: 12 noon on 15/01/2020

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