

## **Welcome Message**

This has been an exciting week at All Saints. In preparation for International Women's Day, pupils took part in a football festival for girls during Period 6 today—a fantastic celebration of women in sport and the growing influence of the women's game.

We also celebrated World Book Day as a school with the theme "Finding Magic in a Book."

We thank Year 9 for their respectful participation in their Year Group Mass at St Mary's Church, where pupils gathered as a community to reflect and pray together.

We are also pleased to share that letters have now been sent to our new Year 6 into Year 7 cohort. We look forward to welcoming our incoming pupils and meeting families during our transition events later this year.

Finally, thank you to all parents, carers and pupils who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening this week. Your partnership and support play a vital role in preparing our young people for success as they progress through their GCSE journey.

## **Catholic Life**

This week, pupils and staff have continued their Lenten journey by reflecting on the second week of Lent, with a focus on the Transfiguration. During Period 1 and in our end-of-day prayers, pupils explored how Christ's light guides and transforms us throughout this holy season.

Our Celebration of the Word, led by the Progress Leaders, encouraged pupils to reflect on the Gospel account of the Transfiguration and the call to "*listen to Him*." Through scripture and prayer, pupils considered how they can respond to Jesus' voice with faith, courage and openness.

On Thursday, Year 9 gathered at St Mary's Church for their Year Group Mass. It was a reverent and reflective celebration, giving pupils the opportunity to pray and come together as a community. We offer our thanks to Father Isadore for leading the Mass and to our pupil readers who led their year group in prayer.

As we approach International Women's Day on Saturday, we encourage all members of our community to reflect on the important women who have shaped history—including the significant female figures in the Bible. From Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to Mary Magdalene and many others, their courage and faith remain powerful examples for us today.

## **Confirmation Preparation – Years 8 & 9**

Preparation sessions will take place at St Mary's Church at 6:30pm on the following dates:

- 17th March
- 21st April

- 5th May
- 19th May
- 16th June

Confirmation Mass:

Thursday 25th June at 7pm, St Mary's Church  
(*The Bishop will be in attendance.*)

### **Pupil Leadership**

Student Council – Culture Day (Monday 9th March)

Preparations are now complete for All Saints Culture Day, taking place this Monday for Years 7, 8 and 9.

The day will include:

- a student-led assembly exploring culture and identity,
- culture stalls in the main yard where pupils can share aspects of their heritage,
- and the tuck truck selling world foods, giving pupils the opportunity to try flavours from different cultures.

### **Girls' Football**

Today, our Year 10/11 Girls' Football Team visited Manchester United's Cliff Training Ground to take part in a Greater Manchester competition. We are delighted to share that the team played 11 matches, won 9 and were victorious in the final.

Our girls' team continues to be a force to be reckoned with. Thank you to Mr Friel for his commitment to providing these opportunities. We remain determined to secure an appropriate pitch on the school field to inspire the next generation of footballers.

Winning Team:

- Kiera L
- Niamh M
- Olivia C
- Mia EC
- Amelia R
- Sophie H
- Ruby H
- Emily E

In addition, we are delighted to share that five of our Year 7 pupils have been nominated for the first ever Tameside Girls' District Team, with trials taking place tonight at Manchester City's Etihad Campus.

Good luck, girls!

**Top form attendance this week:**

7 CA & Ms Finlay– 100%

8 Assisi & Miss Wing

9 Teresa & Mr Allman

10 Kolbe & Mrs Bullock– 99.2%

11 JP & Miss Snape - 96.3%

**Top ASAP this week:**

7CA & Miss Finlay

8A & Miss Wing

9T & Mr Allman

10K & Mrs Bullock

11W & Ms Jones / Mr Mardania

**Standards & Expectations**

A reminder that a school bag suitable for carrying books and equipment remains essential. Please ensure your child arrives each day in full uniform and ready to learn.

**Save the Date**

Year Group	Date
Year 8	19.03.2026
Year 7	23.04.2026

- Student Council Culture Day – 9th March
- Tuesday 10th March – KS3 Author Visit
- Year 11 Mock Results Day & Interviews – 11th March
- Reconciliation Service – 24th March

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Ms Gilligan