

### Parent Bulletin 10/10/25

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

#### **Welcome Message**

As we reach the end of Week 6 of the school year, it's been another vibrant and engaging week across our school community. Highlights included our Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning and the visit from St Peter's Primary, which provided a lovely opportunity for connection and collaboration. We also marked World Mental Health Day, encouraging reflection and awareness around wellbeing, and held assemblies celebrating the incredible contributions of young carers—recognising their resilience and the vital roles they play both at home and in school.

#### Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning – St Peter's Primary Visit

This week, we were delighted to welcome a group of Year 6 parents from St Peter's Primary School into All Saints for a special coffee morning, school tour, and welcome session. It was a pleasure to showcase the transformation of our school and share the positive developments taking place. Visitors were particularly impressed by the calm and purposeful atmosphere throughout the building, the quality of teaching and learning, and the confidence and warmth of our pupil leaders, who guided the tour. We look forward to welcoming more families in the future.

#### **Assembly Focus – Celebrating Young Carers**

This week's assembly focus was on Young Carers, recognising and celebrating the incredible work they do. A young carer is someone under 18 who looks after a family member or friend who is ill, disabled, has a mental health condition, or struggles with addiction. It's estimated that one in five pupils in the UK could be a young carer, many of whom go unnoticed. These pupils often face unique challenges that can impact their school experience. At All Saints, we are committed to identifying and supporting our young carers. If you believe your child may be a young carer, please contact Ms Moseley, our Young Carer Lead, at RMoseley@allsaintscatholiccollege.com.



### **World Mental Health Day**

This week, in recognition of World Mental Health Day, pupils across all year groups have been engaging in important discussions during form time about mental health and wellbeing. They have learned to recognise the signs of poor mental health, explored strategies to support their own wellbeing, and were reminded of the support available to them in school. We are committed to fostering a supportive environment where students feel safe, heard, and empowered to seek help when needed.

#### <u>Practice School Lockdown – Tuesday Afternoon</u>

As part of our ongoing commitment to safety and preparedness, we will be carrying out a practice school lockdown towards the end of the school day on Tuesday. In line with DfE guidance, schools are encouraged to regularly rehearse responses to potential security incidents. These simple but important procedures help improve awareness and readiness, deter potential threats, and ensure we are equipped to respond to a range of situations – from anti-social behaviour to more serious risks. The safety of our pupils, staff, and visitors remains our top priority, and we appreciate your support in helping us maintain a secure school environment.

# **Black History Month – Celebrating Diversity and Culture**

Throughout October, we are celebrating Black History Month, a time to recognise and honour the rich diversity, culture, and contributions of Black individuals throughout history. As part of our celebrations, we are running a poster competition for pupils. This year's theme invites students to design a poster highlighting a Black individual who has made a significant impact—whether a sporting superstar, entrepreneur, humanitarian, or inspirational icon. Entries should be submitted to Mr Allman by 20th October. We look forward to seeing the creativity and thoughtfulness of our pupils in celebrating this important month.

## **College Assemblies for Year 11 – Exploring Post-16 Options**

Starting next week and continuing throughout October, we will be welcoming a number of local colleges into school to deliver assemblies to our Year 11 pupils. Guest speakers from Xaverian College, Ashton Sixth Form College, Tameside College, and Clarendon College will be visiting to share information about the wide range of post-16 options available. These sessions are a valuable opportunity for pupils to begin thinking about their next steps and to explore the different pathways open to them after Year 11.



### **Year 10 XL Academy Conference**

A group of our Year 10 Business students have been invited to attend the XL Academy Conference at Ashton Sixth Form College on Friday 17th October. This event offers high-level taster sessions, a guest lecture, and insight into future study pathways. Pupils should arrive in full school uniform, attend form as usual, and bring a pencil case and packed lunch. They will travel by school minibus and return by approximately 3pm.

## France Trip - Friday 24th October

We are looking forward to the upcoming France trip, which departs on Friday 24th October. This exciting opportunity promises to be a memorable experience for all pupils involved. For any further information or queries, please contact Ms Anderson at JAnderson@allsaintscatholiccollege.com.

#### **Catholic Life**

#### Year 7 Welcome Mass – Friday 7th November

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to join us for the Year 7 Welcome Mass, which will take place at St Mary's Church, Dukinfield, on Friday 7th November at 2:00pm. This special celebration marks an important moment in the spiritual journey of our Year 7 students as they come together as a year group for the first time in church. All of Year 7 will be attending, and we warmly welcome families to join us in celebrating this occasion of faith, community, and new beginnings.

#### October - Month of the Holy Rosary

October is recognised in the Catholic Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary. To celebrate this special time, Mrs Rutter will be leading a short prayer—one decade of the Rosary—every Wednesday morning at 8:25am in the school chapel. All pupils and staff are warmly invited to join in this peaceful moment of reflection and prayer. Rosary beads will be available for anyone who wishes to take part.

# **Fundraising in Memory of Maisie**

To mark the anniversary of Maisie, a much-loved pupil who sadly passed away last October, her friends in Year 11 organised a heartfelt bake sale last week, raising an incredible £700. In addition, the pre-loved uniform sale held over the summer raised a further £300, bringing the total to over £1,000. This fantastic amount will be donated to Maisie Moo's Missions, the



charity set up by Maisie's family in her honour. We are so proud of our students and community for coming together to support such a meaningful cause.

#### **Attendance**

Ensuring that your child attends school each day is essential to their progress and academic achievement. We thank you for your support in ensuring that your child has excellent attendance.

Best form attendance this week:

- · 7 Assisi 98.15%
- · 8 Assisi 97.6%
- · 9 Ward 95.65%
- · 10 Teresa 96%
- · 11 Romero 98.28%

#### **Achievement**

We track ASAPs (All Saints Achievement Points) weekly to ensure those pupils working consistently hard ad recognised and rewarded.

Some of our star pupils this week are:

- Akram M 7 Kolbe
- Willow S 8 Teresa
- Carys F 9 Teresa
- Malwina N 10 Romero
- Jessica M-B 11 Ward

Well done everyone!

# **Celebrating Homework Success**

We are incredibly proud of the effort our pupils are putting into their homework across all subjects. English and Science homework is set via Sparx (Sparx Reader and Speak Science), while Maths homework is set on MathsWatch. To celebrate our pupils' dedication, we display leaderboards on screens around school, highlighting those who have worked exceptionally hard. A special well done to those who have gone above and beyond by completing additional assignments—your commitment and enthusiasm are truly inspiring. Keep up the fantastic work!

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# Save the dates:

- School Photo Day Friday 24th October
- Year 7 welcome mass at St Mary and St Paul's Church Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Carol Concert Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- Options Evening 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### **Notices**

# **Mobile Phone Policy Update**

We would like to update you on the rollout of our updated mobile phone policy. As part of this, we have been waiting for the arrival of secure phone boxes, which were originally expected in September. Unfortunately, there have been delays, and we have since switched to a new provider. We now plan to launch the phone boxes after the half-term break for pupils in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10. This initiative is designed to ensure that mobile phones are kept safe during the school day and do not become a distraction to learning. Phones will be securely stored and returned to pupils at the end of each day. We will share further details with you as soon as we have more information about the installation timeline.

## <u>School Photo Day – Friday 24th October</u>

School photographs will be taken on Friday 24th October for all Year 7 and Year 11 pupils. In addition, any students who missed the last photo day or who have recently joined the school and do not yet have a photo on our system will also have their picture taken. Pupils will be reminded closer to the time to ensure they are prepared. These photos are an important part of our school records and a keepsake for families.

#### Final message

Thank you to all parents in our community for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Ms Gilligan