

Lord God,

As we continue our journey through this holy season of Lent, help us to grow in compassion, patience and understanding. Guide our thoughts, our choices and our actions so that we may become more like Your Son. Grant us the strength to persevere, the courage to change what holds us back and the grace to walk faithfully with You each day.
Amen.

Formation: Third Week of Lent

This week in school we have continued our Lenten journey together. Pupils have reflected on the themes of renewal, forgiveness and service during morning Formation and our end-of-day prayers. Thank you for continuing to support your child in keeping this season meaningful at home too. Please remember we finish later this year so that we are in school for holy week.

GCSE SUPPORT, PREPARATION & KEY STAGE 4 UPDATES

Year 11 pupils received their Mock Results this week, marking their final formal assessments before GCSE examinations begin in May. Pupils have been encouraged to reflect carefully on their results and to work with their teachers to identify strengths and next steps. From this point forward, our school focus is firmly on ensuring that every pupil is fully supported to reach their potential.

Across all subjects, we continue to emphasise:

- Quality First Teaching in every classroom
- Regular revision using past papers
- Effective use of flash cards for knowledge recall
- Completion of all homework set by teachers
- Attendance at intervention sessions for targeted support

We are reminding pupils daily that independent revision is vital. All pupils have access to revision materials, model answers, past paper packs and digital resources provided by their teachers.

The full intervention timetable is available here:

https://www.allsaintscatholiccollege.com/application/files/7217/6917/4581/2026.01.23_Extra-Curricular_Timetable.pdf

This week's assemblies for Years 10 and 11 focused on effective revision strategies, including practical demonstrations of:

- How to select and use past exam papers
- How to create high-quality flash cards
- Which topics to prioritise based on mock results

Year 11 – Hospitality & Catering Practical Exams

Year 11 pupils have completed their Hospitality & Catering practical exams this week, which make up 50% of their final GCSE grade. Staff were delighted with the standard of the dishes produced and pupils should be very proud of their creativity and professionalism.

Enrichment

Year 11 GCSE Geography Booster Trip

Mr Rutter led a group of Year 11 pupils to the Tutor2U AQA GCSE Booster Event at the Odeon Trafford Centre today. Pupils engaged with exam specialists who helped refine their revision techniques and deepen their understanding of key geographical concepts.

Key Stage 3 assemblies were delivered by Mr Baron, our Literacy Lead, exploring:

- the importance of developing strong reading habits,
- how reading supports progress in every subject,
- and the interventions available for pupils who require additional reading support.

Pupils were encouraged to read widely, take home library books and use our reading spaces at break and lunchtime. It is now an expectation that all pupils have access to a reading book throughout the school day.

Key Stage 3 Culture Event

On Monday, Key Stage 3 pupils took part in a Culture Event celebrating the diversity of our school community. The Student Council opened with a short assembly encouraging pupils to reflect on their own cultural identity. Stalls were set up on the main yard where pupils could explore and ask questions about cultures similar and different to their own. The event concluded with the Tuck Truck, which served cultural favourites including jollof rice and sausage and mash. It was a wonderful celebration of unity and pride!

Author Visit – Matt Dickinson

This week we welcomed Matt Dickinson, writer, film-maker and Everest summiteer, thanks to our English Department. Matt delivered inspiring year group assemblies. The afternoon concluded with a Year 10 creative writing workshop.

Year 10 Trip – HOME Cinema Manchester

Miss Morgan led a visit for Year 10 pupils to HOME Cinema to watch *Hamnet*, the semi-autobiographical film exploring Shakespeare's life and family relationships. This has supported pupils' understanding of the context surrounding the texts they study at GCSE.

Year 7 – Willow Wood Enterprise Competition

On Thursday, a group of Year 7 pupils attended the Willow Wood Enterprise Competition with Mr Friel and Mrs Anderson.

We are thrilled to share that pupils won an award for creativity in their fundraising project.

Willow Wood is the focus of our Catholic Social Teaching pledge for Year 7 and we are incredibly proud of their achievement and dedication. Thank you to parents and carers who supported this initiative both in the pupils' fundraising and attendance at the event last night.

Best attendance this week

7K & Mrs Grundy

8A & Miss Wing

9W & Mrs Dolan

10K & Mrs Bullock- Overall winners this week!

11W & Ms Jones / Mr Mardania

Top ASAPS this week!

Year 7 - Lucia J

Year 8 - Sharon D

Year 9 - Hailie D O

Year 10 - Tyler F

Year 11 - Isabelle S

Key dates:

Parents evenings:

YEAR	DATE
Year 7	23.04.2026
Year 8	19.03.2026

Final day of term: Thursday 2nd April 3:10pm

Return to school: Monday 20th April 08:40am

Updates on the school's official Facebook account: <https://www.allsaintscatholiccollege.com/>

Staffing update:

Today we say a very fond goodbye to Mrs Meadowcroft, who has been a valued member of our school community since 2016. We thank her for her dedication over the past ten years and we wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

We also share that Mrs Harney has now started her maternity leave. We send her and her family our warmest wishes as they prepare for the exciting arrival of their new baby. Good luck to them all during this special time.

Kind Regards,

Ms Gilligan