



Parent Bulletin 17/10/25

Loving God,
You created each of us in Your image,
beautiful, diverse, and equal in dignity.

We thank You for the rich heritage and contributions
of Black communities across the world and in our own country.
Help us to honour their stories, celebrate their achievements,
and learn from their courage and resilience.

May we stand together in solidarity,
rejecting injustice, racism, and division.
Give us hearts that seek peace,
minds that pursue truth,
and hands that build a more just world.

Let our school be a place of welcome,
where every voice is heard,
every person is valued,
and love is shown in action.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Welcome Message

As we move through the first half-term, Week 7 has been packed with enriching experiences and proud moments across the school. Some of our Year 10 pupils attended the XL Academy Conference, engaging in inspiring workshops and leadership activities. A group of students also took part in a Maths trip to Haydock Races, where they applied mathematical thinking in a real-world setting. Meanwhile, our assemblies this week have focused on Black History Month, with powerful messages and student-led presentations celebrating culture, history, and identity. It's been a fantastic week of learning and growth.

Assembly Focus – Black History Month

This week, our assemblies have focused on the importance and impact of Black History Month. Pupils explored key historical figures, cultural contributions, and the ongoing significance of celebrating Black heritage and achievements. We are especially proud of Kimberley (School Council member) in Year 11, who has played a leading role in delivering these assemblies. Her confidence, leadership, and passion have truly inspired her peers and staff alike.



Black History Month Celebration – Wednesday 22nd October

We are excited to invite all pupils to a special Black History Month celebration event taking place next Wednesday, 22nd October, at 3:10pm in the library. Led by Kimberley and her team in Year 11, the event will be a vibrant celebration of Black culture, featuring music, food, and a fun photo booth experience. Kimberley has worked incredibly hard to organise this event, and we are proud of her leadership and creativity. It promises to be a fantastic event for everyone involved.

7 Kolbe Bake Sale – Raising Money for Willow Wood Hospice

This week, pupils from 7 Kolbe took part in a fantastic bake sale as part of the Enterprise Challenge, raising money for Willow Wood Hospice. The event was a great success, with delicious treats on offer and enthusiastic support from staff and students alike. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who contributed and supported the event—your generosity helped make it a meaningful and rewarding experience for our pupils.

Year 8 Maths Trip to Haydock Races

This week, a group of Year 8 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day out at Haydock Races as part of a Maths enrichment trip. The visit gave students the opportunity to explore real-life applications of probability in an exciting and engaging setting. From calculating odds to analysing race outcomes, pupils were able to deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts while having fun. It was a brilliant experience that brought learning to life outside the classroom!

Year 10 XL Academy Conference

A group of our Year 10 Business students have attended the XL Academy Conference at Ashton Sixth Form College today. This event offers high-level taster sessions, a guest lecture, and insight into future study pathways and our pupils had a great day.

Post-16 College Talks – Preparing for the Future

This week, we were pleased to welcome Xaverian College into school to speak with our Year 11 pupils about their post-16 options. Over the coming weeks, we will also be joined by representatives from Ashton Sixth Form College and Clarendon College, who will be sharing information about their courses and opportunities. These talks are a valuable part of helping pupils make informed decisions about their next steps. We encourage families to check the individual application deadlines for each college to ensure no opportunities are missed.



Thank You for Supporting Uniform Standards

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all parents and pupils for your continued support in maintaining high standards of uniform across the school. We've noticed a clear and positive improvement this year, with pupils arriving smartly dressed and ready to learn. It's been fantastic to see such pride in presentation, and we are very proud of the way our students are representing the school community.

KS3 Science Workshop

Next week, selected KS3 pupils will have the chance to take part in a fun science workshop led by Mr Payne. As a reward for their efforts this half term, pupils will get hands-on with exciting experiments designed to spark curiosity and creativity. From bubbling reactions to surprising scientific tricks, it promises to be an unforgettable experience!

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.

Rewards Assemblies – Final Week of Half Term

Next week, we'll be celebrating pupil achievements in our end-of-half-term rewards assemblies. Pupils will be recognised for their outstanding attendance, including awards for the best and most improved attendance across each year group. As a special reward, one pupil from Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 with the highest attendance will each receive a free ticket to join our exciting Chester Zoo rewards trip. We are looking forward to celebrating the hard work and commitment of our students!

Homework and Arbor – Final Week Reminder

As we head into the final week before the half-term break, we would like to remind pupils to check their Arbor accounts to ensure they are up to date with all homework tasks. Arbor is the central platform where homework is set and tracked, and it's essential that all pupils are regularly logging in. After the break, our homework policy will be fully rolled out, and pupils will be expected to use Arbor consistently. If any pupil is having trouble accessing their account, they should speak to their form tutor as soon as possible for support.



Year 11 Mock Exams – Starting After Half Term

Year 11 pupils will begin their mock exams immediately after the half-term break, starting on Monday 3rd November and running until Friday 14th November for most subjects. Spanish speaking exams will take place separately between Monday 17th and Friday 21st November. These exams are an important opportunity for pupils to prepare for their final GCSEs and identify areas for improvement. To support revision, pupils are encouraged to continue using the Year 11 SharePoint folder, which contains a wide range of resources and materials from their classroom teachers.

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.

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 Kolbe - 98.13%
- 8 Kolbe - 96.79%
- 9 Ward - 94.73%
- 10 Kolbe - 93.86%
- 11 Ward - 97.06%

ASAPs – Celebrating Achievement

We continue to celebrate pupil success through our All Saints Achievement Points (ASAPs) system. Pupils earn ASAPs for positive behaviour, effort, and contributions to school life. Once a pupil reaches 1,000 ASAPs, they will be awarded a Bronze Badge to recognise their



achievement. The current highest score is an impressive 669, held by Gisela ODS in Year 7 – well done, Gisela. We are excited to see who will be the first to reach 1,000 ASAPs this year!

Some of our star pupils this week are:

- Maimuna A- 7 Kolbe
- Oliver G - 8 Romero
- Carys F - 9 Teresa
- Malwina N - 10 Romero
- Jessica MB- 11 Ward

Well done everyone!

Save the dates:

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

Notices

Mobile Phone Policy Update

Our phone boxes will launch 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 appreciate your support in rolling out this policy.

School Photo Day – Friday 24th October

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.



Final message

As we approach the end of a busy and successful half term, we would like to remind families that school will finish at the normal time next Friday, 24th October. Pupils will then enjoy a one-week break, with school reopening on Monday 3rd November. Thank you for your continued support this term.

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

Best wishes,

Ms Gilligan