



Parent Bulletin 24/10/25

Dear God,

Thank You for the Bible.

Help us learn from it every day.

Make us strong in faith, kind in heart, and ready to do good things.

Amen.

Welcome Message

As we reach the end of the first half term, we are delighted to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the academic year. Our school community has come together to enjoy a wide range of enriching experiences and memorable events. From Black History Month celebrations to the France trip taking place this week, pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. Our Year 11 students have benefited from college talks, and intervention sessions and there have been a range of trips and visits across the whole school. We have welcomed families to our Open Evening, hosted a visit from St Peter's Primary School, and marked special occasions such as the St Francis of Assisi Feast Day and the European Day of Languages. Our pupils have also shown incredible generosity, raising funds for Maisie Moo's Missions and Willow Wood Hospice. It has been a busy half term, and we are proud of the commitment and kindness shown by our students throughout.

Final Week of Half Term Assemblies

This week, pupils were recognised for their outstanding attendance, with awards presented for the best and most improved attendance across each year group. They were also awarded for having a high number of ASAPs.

As a special reward, one pupil from Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 with the highest attendance, no late marks and top ASAPs each received a free ticket to join our exciting Chester Zoo rewards trip. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work and commitment of our students.

The winning pupils are:

- Year 7 - Chester Zoo Winner - Gisela DSO
- Year 8 - Chester Zoo Winner - Freddie F
- Year 9 - Chester Zoo Winner - Hailie DO

Attendance winners:

- Emily B
- Hailie D
- Gisela O
- Josh P
- Ronnie T

Well done!

Black History Month Celebration

This month, we celebrated Black History. We have had assemblies exploring Black History as well as a dedicated day in the canteen to trying some African inspired dishes.

This week Kimberley and her team in Year 11 hosted their Black History Month celebration. The event celebrated black culture, featuring music, food, and a fun photo booth experience. Kimberley worked incredibly hard to organise the event, and we are proud of her leadership and creativity. The event was a great success, and we are incredibly proud of the pupil leaders who made it happen. It was a fantastic celebration enjoyed by everyone involved.

France Trip

Our France trip departed this morning, marking the beginning of what promises to be a memorable experience for all pupils involved. Pupils will have a range of experiences including a visit to the Somme. We are looking forward to seeing the highlights.

To stay updated, follow us on social media via our Facebook page: All Saints CC.

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.

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Homework

Sparx Reader

Students will receive weekly English homework via Arbor, using Sparx Reader. This platform offers a wide range of texts tailored to each student's reading level. Students earn Sparx Reader Points (SRP), encouraging regular reading. Homework will be set and due weekly: Year 7 Wednesday and Year 8 and 9 Tuesday.

For Years 10 and 11, English homework will be set fortnightly. Students can choose their own texts for Language homework, while Literature homework will focus on GCSE revision texts. Homework will be set and due on Mondays and Tuesdays depending on the teaching group:

- Language: Year 10 (Tuesday), Year 11 (Monday)
- Literature: Year 10 (Tuesday), Year 11 (Monday – Groups A, B, C, D; Tuesday – Groups E, F)

Sparx Science

Pupils are expected to complete their weekly Sparx Science homework, set every Monday at 8am and due by Sunday at 10pm. These tasks are tailored to the curriculum and support personalised learning.

So far this year, our students have completed over 1,125 hours of learning and answered 93,491 questions correctly!

To encourage engagement, pupils can earn extra XP by completing additional tasks and aim for a spot on the science leaderboard—prizes are awarded each term.

We are continuing to support pupils through follow-ups and introducing rewards for top performers. Look out for certificates and celebration events coming soon!

MathsWatch

All Maths homework is set weekly via Mathswatch. For students in Years 7 to 10, homework is assigned every Wednesday and due the following Wednesday. Year 11 also receive weekly homework through Mathswatch, tailored to a bespoke plan. In addition to regular homework, students will complete a maths paper in class each month. To support this, a practice paper will be available on Mathswatch for revision beforehand, followed by targeted homework to address any gaps in understanding. Students can access Mathswatch if they are signed into their school Microsoft account—no separate login details are needed.

So far this year, pupils have spent almost 1,400 hours on MathsWatch with over 35,000 assignment questions being attempted. Well done everyone!



Mobile Device Policy – Starts Monday 3rd November

To support a safe and focused learning environment, mobile phones will be stored during the school day from Monday 3rd November. Pupils bringing phones to school must switch them off and store them in form room lockers. Late arrivals must hand phones in at reception. Phones will be returned at the end of the day. Breaches will result in confiscation, with phones only returned to a parent/carer.

We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain a productive learning environment.

Staffing updates

We are delighted to welcome Ms Klays back from maternity leave and are thrilled to congratulate Mrs Mike on the birth of her baby. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Johnson, who has joined us as our new Chair of Governors. We look forward to working with him as we continue to strengthen our school community.

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.

Letters have been given to Year 7 pupils regarding this event. If pupils wish to walk home from the church, this must be indicated on their letter which they should bring back to school during the first week back.

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
- 8 Assisi



- 9 Ward
- 10 Kolbe
- 11 Teresa

The attendance of the whole school continues to be above national average.

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 792, held by Oscar D in Year 9 – well done, Oscar. 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:

- Freddy W - 7 John Paul
- Alexander W - 8 John Paul
- Deron CF - 9 Ward
- Isabella E - 10 John Paul
- Jakob R - 11 Romero

Well done everyone!

Save the dates:

- **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**

Final message

We are proud of all our pupils - especially our new Year 7 pupils who have made a fantastic start to high school.

Thank you to all of our wonderful staff and parents who continue to support the school on our transformational journey towards excellence and success.

Please note that school reopens to pupils on Monday 3rd November. I hope you have a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes,

Ms Gilligan