

CHAPLAINCY TEAM

I am writing this on a cold wintery morning, yet if I look closely in the garden things are on the move. The daffodils and snowdrops are showing and the days are gradually lengthening. These are signs of change. It's the same in school, welcoming our new Head Mr Doyle heralds some changes ahead, perhaps small ones at the moment but who knows how things will grow and develop. On the 1st March, just after we return from half-term, it is the first day of meteorological spring a season of change and expectation. Our lives are always changing, sometimes imperceptibly, other times overwhelmingly, mostly somewhere in between. It is also Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. Lent offers us an opportunity to look closely at ourselves and

our relationship with God and others. It is often marked by a period of almsgiving (fund raising) and fasting (giving things up). In fact many people will embark on giving things up even though they do not really engage with Lent. For some it will be an exercise that they hope will continue beyond Easter. It can be a period of testing and may require some great determination, it can be life changing. It is good to give some thought on how we will journey through Lent before we get there. What will we do that will bring a new dimension into our lives? What will we do to benefit others? What will we do to shape ourselves and our relationship with God and His creation? It has the possibility of being a journey of discovery that can bear many fruits. – **By Deacon John**



8 Alban Away Day

On Wednesday 18th January my form and I went to St. John's Seminary for our Away Day. We learnt about human rights and how we should treat others. This was an interesting topic to learn about because it covers lots of different aspects. My favourite part of the day was the acting because we all had fun as a group and enjoyed making, and

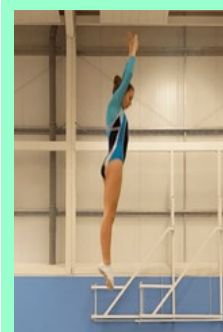


watching, the scenes! The races were also fun; everyone was very competitive! As a form, we would like to thank everyone who helped prepare this day for us and also the rest of the Year 8 Away Days still to come.

By Kezia Stanford 8A

CONGRATULATIONS TO....

The 10 students representing AH at the recent Surrey schools swimming gala; notable performances from Regan Woods 8J and Amelia Chalkley 11S. A special mention to Olivia Price 8J who finished 2nd in her breaststroke event.



Katie Campbell, 9C who attends Alpha Trampoline Club in Alton and has just received the Alpha Award (which is the club's signature award for outstanding club spirit, assistance with younger years coaching, teamwork etc.)

Jacob Grafham 11P who recently achieved 5 County qualifying swim times in 50m Back, 50m Free, 100m Back, 100 Free and 200m Back and will compete at the Surrey Age Group County Championships.

Daniel (10P) and **Matthew Grant** (8E) who won six Judo medals, between them, during January. They won Silver in Belgium at an International Judo

Competition; then at the British Schools Southern Regional competitions, Matthew won Gold and Daniel won Bronze, there then followed a South Coast competition where Daniel won Gold and Matthew Silver.

Malena Hathaway and Claudia Stephens 7C who sold homemade cakes, to the congregation of St Joan of Arc church after 4 masses raising money for the CAFOD appeal (Yemen crises). They raised £380!



Please email major achievements (include a photograph) to: news.com@allhallows.net

Dates for your Diary

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 1st March

8P AWAYDAY

Wednesday 1st March

YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 2nd March

16.30 - 19.00

8S AWAYDAY

Wednesday 8th March

YEAR 12 & 13 (optional) PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 9th March

16.30 - 18.00

YEAR 11 PHOTOS

Thursday 9th March

8H AWAYDAY

Wednesday 15th March

YEAR 9 PATHWAYS EVENING

Wednesday 15th March

YEAR 11 INTO YEAR 12 TASTER DAY

Thursday 16th March

SPRING CONCERT

Wednesday 22nd March

19.00 - 21.00

DANCE SHOW

Wednesday 29th March

19.00—21.30

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 7th April - 12.15pm Finish



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Welcome Mr Doyle

I am writing my first letter as Headteacher to thank everyone for their very warm and generous welcome. It is a real privilege to be the Head of such a wonderful school with such fantastic students. I am looking forward, with your support and the support of the students, staff and governors, to making the school even better than it already is.

The term so far has flown by with an exciting and busy few weeks! I have spent a lot of time getting around the school in order to know the students and staff, and I enjoyed meeting many parents at the Year 11 and Year 9 parents evenings. I look forward to meeting many more of you over the next two terms. It has been helpful to hear your thoughts on All Hallows.

Lots of people have asked me what my hopes are for the school. To put it simply, I would like every

student at All Hallows to be extremely happy and successful, in and out of the classroom. To get this right, we all need to work hard towards preparing for our exams and be kind and supportive to each other – no more, no less than this. I am sure that if we all do our bit in striving towards this goal, every day, we will do really well. I am sure that this is what you also want for your children.

Thank you again for the warm welcome, and I wish you all the very best.



Presentation Evening 2017

The New Year had barely begun when The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Armed Forces, Aldershot once again hosted our Annual Presentation Evening



Students past and present joined members of our school community and guests in celebrating the success of our students.

Our guest speaker was Mr Adrian Laing, Headteacher of Wimbledon College, London. Many of you will remember Mr

Laing as a previous Deputy Headteacher at All Hallows. He spoke very fondly of All Hallows school, its staff and its students. Mr Laing reminded us all how important each individual is and impressed us with his ability to recall detailed conversations with some of the children he met and worked with. He spoke about his new



school, one of just 10 Jesuit schools in the UK. Jesuit Schools encourage pupils to find God in all things, to contribute to the building up of a Christian community which in turn cares for and values them. It encourages excellence in all they do for the greater glory of God. It was very clear that Mr Laing values the achievements of young people and so it was very fitting that he came to speak and present Year 11 students and Sixth Form students with their examination certificates. He was also pleased to present other awards to some of the younger students to recognise their hard work in academic studies and sport last year.

Please go to www.allhallows.net for more photographs of the Presentation Evening.



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A message for Year 13 Students...

The UCAS application deadline has now closed, so most of you will be receiving responses from your chosen universities soon (if you haven't already). Some useful website links to help you with your application are:

<http://www.allhallows.net/NewSixthform/pastpupils/list.pdf> Life after All Hallows
<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login> Student Finance <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/login> UCAS Track

Application Success!

This year, three sixth-formers from All Hallows have been offered a place at The University of Cambridge! Joshua Sweeny, Niall Fanshawe and Rebecca Tabbener in Year 13 were the lucky three to make it through the selection process to study Maths at the university, after undergoing a tough range of interviews and exams related to the subject they want to study.

An interview with Rebecca Tabbener, Year 13 Cambridge applicant.

Q: Which college did you choose to apply for as part of The University of Cambridge?

A: At first, I applied to Causis College to study Maths, but after my initial interview the university put me into an inter-college pool, where other colleges could choose to interview me. I was picked from the pool by Girton College and had to undertake a second interview which was very scary, but I am happy that they decided to offer me a place.

Q: What made you decide to study Maths at University?

A: Maths has always been a great passion of mine and so I want to pursue it further when I leave All Hallows. I'm not sure where my career path will take me, but I chose to study Maths at university because I enjoy it and, really, I think that's the most important thing.

Q: Do you have any advice for students that may want to apply for Oxford or Cambridge in the future?

A: I think that when applying to university, pick the ones that can offer you the best education for the course that you want to study. Don't get too hung up about applying to Oxford or Cambridge just because they're highly regarded. For me, getting into Cambridge was a challenge, but I remain optimistic as well as realistic. I haven't got the grades yet to secure my place, but I am remaining hopeful that I can.



Apprenticeship VS University

It is often forgotten that university is not the only path into higher education. Apprenticeships are a really useful option too, as they give you the opportunity to learn whilst in the workplace.

An interview with Daniel Walker, Year 13 apprenticeship applicant.

Q: What made you decide to apply for an apprenticeship over going to university?

A: An apprenticeship always appealed to me. I have recently applied for a role at AON insurance in Farnborough. Firstly, the idea that I would be free from debt and in fact earning as I worked was a great benefit to me. I will also gain experience in the real working world. I have often read articles from leading business people, such as Karen Brady, outlining the problems of going to university and how some employers actually look for people who have real, working experience. Therefore, it seemed a sensible choice for me.

Q: What advice would you give to students who are also thinking about doing an apprenticeship over going to university?

A: I was lucky enough to find this opportunity on a website advertised for students in their final year of college called www.notgoingtouni.com. I did initially struggle with this due to the amount of pressure that was put on me to go to university and study something that I wasn't 100% set on. I would say don't go to uni for the sake of it. If you don't know what you want to study, then don't! You may end up not needing the degree. There is nothing stopping you from going to university in later life, when you have a clearer understanding of what career path you may want to take. So, if you're not entirely sure of what you want to do after leaving All Hallows, keep looking for other opportunities. Rest assured there are plenty of options!

All Hallows Food Bank!

During advent, the Sixth Form at All Hallows embarked upon collecting tins for the local food bank. In the end, we collected enough tins to feed over 20 families. This is a fantastic achievement and this year, the Sixth Form has been amazing at raising money to help support local charities. Keep it up!



Year 9 Holocaust Study Day



At the beginning of the day we had a visitor from the Holocaust Education Trust who gave us a wider view into this horrific event in history.

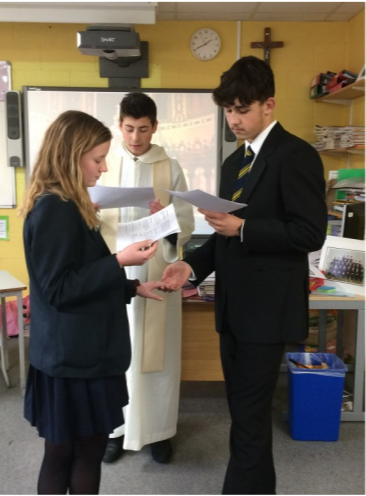
We learnt that WWII may have begun in 1939 but the persecution of the Jews began many years before when Adolf Hitler first came into power. It helped us to understand how people felt during that time. A small group of students were chosen to take part in a workshop during periods three and four. We looked at the rules and regulations that the Jews faced throughout this

time of persecution. Pictures were shown of children enjoying activities such as cycling, canoeing and studying in school. We then found out that all of these children had died in the Holocaust and the photos had been found in luggage in concentration camps. The workshop helped us to view the Jewish victims as normal people who were persecuted simply because of their religious beliefs. In the afternoon we had a testimony from a Holocaust survivor named Joan Salter. It was a wonderful yet sad experience to hear how she travelled across many countries with her family to reach safety in America and then finally England. It provided an insight into how she had been driven out of her home country and then persecuted for the first years of her life. I was shocked to find that out of a large extended family very few survived. It provided us with a new depth of understanding of the Holocaust.

By Iona Baxter 9E, Michael Simmons 9A and Will Hewett 9J

Year 10 Weddings!

This term in RE we have been learning about marriage in our topic of Religion, Relationships and Families. Marriage is important as it is one of the seven sacraments in the Catholic Church. Last week we enacted a wedding in our RE classes and nominated people in the class to act out different roles including priest, bride groom, best man, bridesmaids and father of the bride. We all gathered to witness the marriage of Mr and Mrs Haluwa which was officiated over by Father Matteo. The



bride and groom made their vows, exchanged haribo rings, and even signed a marriage certificate. Eloise also made an amazing two tier wedding cake which was delicious! It was really good fun and everyone enjoyed it just as much as they love studying RE! Unfortunately we don't think the marriage is going to last long... we are studying divorce in a few lessons time....

By Matteo Bartolomei 10A and Eloise Tynan 10E

Chemistry Masterclass

Year 12 students were invited to take part in a chemistry masterclass at the University of Southampton. We got to carry out practical work in the university chemistry labs, with postgraduate students on hand to help us and answer our questions. We used lots of different techniques and extracted a chemical called trimystrin from nutmeg, which we then analysed to see how pure we had made it - some of our groups were better than others! It was really interesting to carry out techniques like infra-red spectroscopy which are part of the A level course but not possible in college.
By Stella-Davia Lui, 12TP

Advance Notice

Year 10 students have 2 opportunities to visit the Chemistry Department at Southampton University next half term - letters will be out soon!



We are pleased to announce our new twitter account!

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Message from Welfare

Please ensure all items of school wear, coats and pencil cases are named. Students can check for lost property in Welfare during the school day.

MFL News

SAVE THE DATE

I am delighted to announce a new Language Learning opportunity for students learning German in the current Year 10, 11 and 12 at All Hallows, with priority to current Year 10 students of German. I will be taking a group of students on a language and cultural visit to Munich and Salzburg in time to enjoy the magnificent Christmas markets. I hope you read my review of them in the December edition of NEWS.COM. Full details from Mrs Boniface very soon.

GERMAN EXCHANGE

The Annual German Exchange will take place in June 2017

(visit to AH) and October 2017 (return visit to the Humboldt gymnasium in the beautiful city of Cologne). Students in the CURRENT Year 9, 11, 12 are welcome to apply. There are 20 spaces available. Mrs Boniface will be coming in to your MFL lessons shortly to tell you more about it. In the meantime, please see Mrs Boniface. Watch this space!

RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO FRANCE

Madame von Fragstein will be running a residential visit to France during October half-term 2017. Details to follow shortly; priority to students of French in the current Year 12 and 11. Further details available soon.

By Mrs Boniface