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## December 2019



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
and Sixth Form College

Welcome to all our readers to our final publication for this decade! Thank you so much for all your support over that time. With All Hallows being such a big family of families, we are fully aware that we can do very little without the help that comes from home and the parish. Thank you.

I'll start with some **staffing changes** that are taking place this end of term. We are sorry to see the following staff leave us: Mr Marker (PE), Mrs Houghton-Neave (RE) and Mr West (Maths). They each have brought great vitality to the school, and we are grateful for everything they have done for us. We hope that they will take what they have learnt here and continue to use it in their new schools.

We would also like to welcome the following staff: Miss Peters (SENDCo), Mr Mantey (Economics & Business), Mrs Evans (RE), Mrs Gladney (MFL) and Mr Slater (PE). We are very excited to have them with us and we know they will settle into their roles quickly.

As with last year, we had another **parent survey** in the summer, which we found very helpful in understanding how we're getting on in making a great experience for your children at school. Thank you to those who took the time to answer it. Several points were made on repeated occasions, which we have included here, along with our response:

- **More support for students** – We have created and widely publicised the 'Oasis' for student support from an adult, as well as the open-door chaplaincy. In the New Year, training begins for 3 of our Teaching Assistants to become 'Emotional Literacy Support Assistants' (ELSAs) to provide emotional and social skills support to children.
- **Reports felt over-complicated, especially so many numbers** – there is now only one 'Attitude to Learning' number, which is an overall judgement of a student's effort since the previous report.
- **There could be more Careers advice** – Mr Carney is now in charge of Careers and Vocation. He is developing further links around Careers, work placements, colleges and speakers, including with the PTA. His remit goes across all year groups. This term, we held a careers day for students and had interviews for Year 11 students and Year 13 Oxbridge and Medicine candidates. If you would like to offer your experience to the school or offer a placement, we would be delighted to include you – please contact [l.carney@allhallows.net](mailto:l.carney@allhallows.net).
- **Could there be healthier food?** – We now have an improved range of options in the newly refurbished canteen, including a salad bar. It is very successful!
- **Year 7 transition** – we have changed the 'meet the tutor' evening to allow parents more time with tutors.
- **More high-quality toilets** – we have refurbished several more!

We continue to work hard at ensuring that communication and consistency are excellent.

Back to this term, we had a wonderful Mass celebrating our patronal feast day (with some great singing!). We are recruiting more Sixth formers to train as Eucharistic ministers, plus more students to be altar servers and readers at masses and liturgies. We also intend to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes in July 2020 for students from Years 11-13. Details will follow.

Rag Week this year was very successful. We raised over **£6,000 in a week!** Thank you for your support. On the music front, Mr Fisher worked his magic again with a brilliant Christmas concert. These concerts are just such good fun along with being perfect showcases of high-quality performance.

Well done to our Year 11s, who are now on study leave after doing really well in their mocks. The boys' football team have yet again reached the last 32 of the national football competition – let's hope they continue strongly even after Mr Marker's departure.

I will end by wishing you and all your family a restful, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. **Patrick Doyle**



Congratulations to the Girls' Choir who, as is now tradition, sang at the Farnham Town Christmas lights switch on! Their version of A Christmas Melody is available to listen to on the Eagle Radio website and will also be aired at 7.45 a.m. on Friday 20th December.

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# Sixth Form News

**Our Year 13** students have been exceptionally busy over the last few weeks as a result of applying to University through the UCAS process or to apprenticeships, coursework in subjects such as Geography, History and Media and revising for their mocks after Christmas.

## UCAS

The UCAS application seems such a daunting process at first and, yes, it does take a lot of work and it is sent to your top five university choices but, in hindsight, it isn't as bad as many people make it seem. The first thing I tackled was the personal statement. Because I wanted to apply to Cambridge, I had my first draft done by the end of the summer holidays then it was only a case of tweaking to ensure that it was just right and fit inside the character limit. Then, it was the choices. Personally, I found this part the hardest as there are so many amazing universities offering so many degrees that interested me. I toyed with English Literature, Architecture and History but finally came to rest on Art History, a subject entirely new to me but that had sparked my interest through completing my EPQ and History Coursework around the subject. The decision on university was a combination of looking at rankings, going to open days and reading their websites, a gruelling procedure which I even made a spreadsheet for.

Once the 'Pay and Send' button was clicked it felt as though a huge weight was lifted from my shoulders but,

there was more to come. The Cambridge application process is a lot more complex than many others. I had to fill out a Supplementary Application Questionnaire, a confidentiality agreement, submit written work, prepare for a written examination and an interview. The first three were done within weeks of sending my application but the last two required a little more preparation. I did interview practices with about six different people and wrote so many practice questions, I can't count.

Then the day came, daunting but exciting. Timetable; written examination, interview, interview. I can't disclose many of the events of the day because of my confidentiality agreement but, I can say that it was oddly enjoyable. I'd spent months preparing for this one moment and done countless hours of research in to the subject I was now fully in love with that, though it was nerve-racking, I enjoyed spending time discussing it with my prospective professors.

As other university offers come in to my inbox and it is only a waiting game for the others, I am content to say that the UCAS application is one of the most rewarding experiences that I have completed.

**Hannah Larkin**

## Mock Preparation

Our upcoming Year 13 mocks start on the 13th January. Therefore, for the last couple of weeks I have been consolidating my understanding of mark

schemes and expectations for each of the exams. I have made a revision schedule to ensure that every topic for each of my subjects will be revised and prepared for fully. Moreover, my teachers have supported me in preparation for the mocks by supplying practice papers and revisiting the most difficult aspects of the content from Year 12. I did find it challenging to balance revision with homework and coursework, however over Christmas, I will be given the opportunity to focus my time solely on revision and preparing for the mocks. Nevertheless, I understand that the mocks are exceptionally important as they will give us an insight of what the real exams will be like in addition to the exam conditions.

**Abbie Whelan**

## National School Leavers Show

On the 4th December myself and a small group of students went to Ascot racecourse to the National School Leavers Show. Here, we had the opportunity to speak to a range of employers such as Vodafone, the Hilton Group and PSA. We spoke to them about their apprenticeship schemes and the opportunities their company offered. It was a really valuable experience and since then I have acted on the guidance they have given me by emailing a range of them for more information and getting an account of the apprenticeship.gov.co.uk website.

**Matteo Bartolomei**

**Our Year 12** students have now settled into College life and have approached their studies with an abundance of enthusiasm and dedication. It has been fantastic to see so many students making excellent progress in their chosen subjects and working very hard at home and in lessons. I am sure that this fantastic start will help them to progress towards the outstanding grades that I know they will achieve next summer. I have been inundated with nominations but special mentions to the following students who have made excellent progress this term: Michael Simmons, Alex Brindle, Ashish Furtado, Hannah Bradley and Treanne Archibald-Miller.

This half term the Year 12 students attended a Safe Drive awareness talk delivered by Surrey Fire and Rescue Services. This proved to be an extremely valuable and informative event for many of our students who are in the process of learning to drive. The event focused on road safety and was delivered in a hard hitting manner which will leave a lasting impression and hopefully ensure our young people drive carefully.

Furthermore, a huge congratulations to all Year 12 students involved in the school Christmas Concert. It was an absolute joy to watch! The standard of music was outstanding and I was extremely impressed by the leadership qualities that many of the students showed through the organisation of their own bands.

Highlights of the spring term will include the UCAS exhibition where students will have the opportunity to visit many University representatives and discuss courses and admission.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas spent with your loved ones.

**Miss Trafford—Head of Year 12**





## Heads of Year Updates

**Year 11** have made an excellent start this year. They have worked really hard in the lead up to the Mock GCSE Exams; I am sure the results will reflect this hard work and dedication. Many of the students have met with Mr Carney our Careers and Vocational Lead and have a better idea of their future career path. A big thank you to Mr Carney for organising this. If students have not had their careers interview yet, they will have early in the New Year.

Many congratulations to all those students who have successfully represented the school in sport, music, dance

**Year 10** have made an excellent start this year with new timetables and new subjects that they have chosen themselves. The recent Student Progress demonstrated their hard work with 141 students achieving all 1s and 2s for their attitude to lessons and homework. I would like to congratulate Bethany Baker, Millie Boreham, Maria Foley, Malena Hathaway, Will Lyons and Benjamin Richards for receiving outstanding attitude to lessons and homework for every single subject.

**Year 9** have had a busy half term. Student progress came out and highlighted a number of improvements especially in attitude to learning. Well done to all those that received a letter for outstanding achievement and outstanding ATL. There were over 140 students who only got 1's or 2's!

Thank you to Mr Carney for organising the careers day. The Year 9s were able to sample sessions from the world of work and visit the careers fair in the hall. I think the army and police stands had the most visits!

Well done to all the Beacon award winners at the end of

**Year 8** have made a fantastic start to the year. We have supported and celebrated some of our talented students in competitions such as Genius Boakye who was the Overall National Winner of the 2019 Easter Scene Painting Competition organised by The Knights of Columba Catholic Fraternity. He was awarded a Certificate, £75 Book vouchers and £200 donated by the Fraternity to our school. Isobel Keogh dancing in Portsmouth for the English Youth Ballet School, our very own Georgie Pritchard was the little matchstick girl. Didi Georgiou won gold at JSKA European Championships. Amy Richardson and her team placed third in the Great British Irish Dancing Championships.

In the Autumn term the attendance award was won by 8 Swithun, Merit award to Clare and Homework award to John. Alongside our form group winners were our certificate awards chosen by Year 8 teachers.

**Year 7** The newest members of our All Hallows family have settled in wonderfully this term.

They have shown an amazing attitude to their lessons and homework with a 98% positive attitude across all their subjects.

It has been brilliant to see so many students performing in the school concerts as well as some braving it to perform solo in assemblies!

etc. whilst also continuing with their revision. A reminder to all that our Year 11 Parents' Evening is coming up on Thursday 23rd January. It will be a great opportunity to discuss your son/daughter's mock results and gain an idea of how to move forward into the final phase, before the exams in the Summer. We will also have an Exam Prep Evening in March to give some final bits of advice in the lead up to the exam period. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**By Mr Corrigan**

This term Year 10 students were also introduced to their Work Experience by Mr Carney and I know that plenty of them have already started organising this for the end of the academic year in July.

It is a great opportunity for them to see what they might want to do when they leave school. I'd also like to wish Year 10 a Merry Christmas and hope that they relax and rest over the holidays ready to continue their hard work for their GCSEs next term.

**By Miss Milnes**

last half term, the winners are being announced this week along with some end of term awards. Look out for Beacon badges on blazers to see who our leading lights are.

Please be reminded that I am very keen to get every student in Year 9 doing an extra-curricular school club. These happen after school, but also at lunchtimes and vary from sport, music, drama to science, RE and history. I will be rolling out a monitoring system for the whole school in the New Year.

**By Mr Antrobus**

Winners included, Angelo Sandagon and Evie Day for perseverance. Maddie Sheffield-Cole won the award for stretching and challenging herself. Maz Benyera and Bobby Boughtflower were our winners for always being a team player. The Year 8 effort award was won by Polly Baldwin. Malachy Nolan won the award for always being positive and Anton Kepa for always doing the right thing. Our final teacher nominated award was given to Marcel Rosinski for being kind. Our Tutees of the term were; Tallulah Shanahan-Fuller, Stephanie Amanyiwa-Awotwe, Liam London, Jack Simms, Matilda Carver, Daria Jecz, Rebecca Tabanas and Ella Castle!

We are looking forward to January where we can start all over again!

**By Miss Cruickshank**

There are too many successes in our Year 7 sports teams to mention them all, but what impresses me most has been the numbers in participation, as well as the numbers in the science club and GIFT team really show that the Year 7s have the true All Hallows spirit!

Hope you all have a restful Christmas ready for another fantastic term.

**By Mr March**

## Careers and Vocation Programme Update

Last month saw the continued development of our careers programme with over 30 volunteers kindly giving up their time to share their knowledge and experience.

More than 25 areas of industry were covered during the day and students from Years 8-13 were able to find out about a variety of jobs from policing to motorsports, hairdressing to flying, as well as what it's like to be a professional footballer. The students also selected a number of talks to attend where they could hear about the day-to-day workings of a job role in more detail. It was great to see so many

young people demonstrating such keen interest in the next stage of their lives, and a number of our volunteers commented on being pleasantly surprised by how insightful some of the questions were. With our aim to make next year's event even better, please contact either myself, or Mrs Fanshawe if you feel that you could spare some time to help our students make important decisions about their future.

Merry Christmas and enjoy your break.

**Mr L Carney—Careers and Vocational Lead**



## Fantastic Sporting Achievements!



Many congratulations to Didi Georgiou, 8M, for competing in the Japan Shotokan Karate Association's European Championships and bringing home a Gold Medal! Well done Didi!



### GB U19 Floorball Training Squad

Ben Grafham, 12RG is part of the GB U19 Floorball training squad, which went to Uppsala in Sweden for a recent training weekend.

Alexander Rudd, a huge star of the Swedish national team joined them for one of the sessions, the weekend culminated in a game against Bele Barkarby IF IBF from the North of Stockholm, and our GB team held them to a 4-4 draw, which was a great result.



## English Department put on a Great Show!



On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, students from Year 7 to Year 13 performed, recited, read, re-enacted and enthused in our annual English Showcase Evening.

Compered delightfully by Year 11s, Georgia Brown and James Kraitt, the evening began with a dramatic performance of a fight scene from Othello, performed by the Year 12 English Literature class. This was followed by students from Year 7 and Year 9 reading their own poetry, a whole class dramatic reading from 8 More of an extract from 'The Speckled Band' and one of the winners from last summer's Shakespeare Soliloquy competition, Rameoj Delos-Santos.

Key Stage Four students were also keen to be involved, with an emotional balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet, performed by Adam Bordweitz and Megan Pryce, and an enthusiastic nerf-gun

battle between the Montagues and the Capulets! More poetry and prose readings followed from the GCSE and A-level anthologies and several extracts of students' own creative writing.

The evening finished with a Year 11 dramatic reading from 'An Inspector Calls', the tense moment, where the Inspector is revealed to have been an imposter! Thank you very much to all the staff involved in rehearsing students and to all the performers for volunteering their time & enthusiasm for the work we do in English. It was a lovely opportunity for students to share their work with parents and staff.

**By Mrs McGill Assistant Head of English**



## Another Wonderful Christmas Concert!



The sell-out Christmas concert was a fantastic evening, with 16 groups playing a variety of musical genres, the programme was as varied as ever; with over 200 students taking part to demonstrate what they had been working hard on for the last 14 weeks. Regular groups such as Concert Band, String Orchestra and Big Band treated the packed auditorium to pieces such as selections from Les Misérables, '9 to 5' and many Christmas favourites. As well as this, new groups such as Boys Choir, went down an absolute treat with the audience. Many ensembles are run by our Sixth-Formers, with Callum Golby, Anna Hinchliff, Hannah Bradley, Isabella Collett and Maddy Nolan leading and helping with many of our regular groups, thank you to them all for their hard work.

For the first time ever, the evening finished with a Christmas special from our Concert Orchestra, with many students having taken part in double rehearsals on a Thursday night to ensure the end of the concert was even more memorable than usual. The evening finished with the now traditional rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas. Each part was sung by a different section of the audience, resulting in a rather raucous and chaotic performance which left the audience smiling. The Senior Leadership Group made up for their lack of

numbers by having the most enthusiastic singing of Five Gold Rings in the audience.

A big thank you to Miss Myatt, Miss Nicolaou and Mr Senior for the hours of time that they give to make these events a success. Combined with this, so much happens 'behind the scenes' whether it is printing the programmes, organising tickets to be sold, as well as making sure that there are refreshments for the audience to have. It is a testament to the staff in the school that all of these things happen and the evenings run so smoothly. A big well done and thank you to all those who were involved!

If you fancy coming along next half term, we are hosting a Jazz dinner and disco at the end of January. This will include a fantastic meal and live music for your enjoyment, keep an eye on the school website for more information!

**By Mr Fisher—Head of Music**





## Respect Yourself



Exercise well



Eat healthy food every day



Sleep well

## Respect Faith in God



Take time to develop your faith

## Respect the Environment



Take time to appreciate the things around you

# Mind Matters

at All Hallows Catholic School

## Respect Others



Talk to other people and get involved



Help other people



Ask others for help

## Respect Learning



Challenge yourself



Keep learning new things



Do something creative

# Oasis

Are you feeling sad or anxious? Do you just need to talk about how you feel?  
Perhaps you need to have some quiet time to yourself?

If so, pop along to the Chapel where you will find a calm & safe **Oasis** in which Mrs Haigh will be more than happy to talk with you.

No problem is too small! We can work it out together.

**Time : Breaktime & lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday & Friday**

**Place : Chapel**

# Let's Talk about it

Are you worried about more serious things?

Possibly things that are happening to you outside school? Maybe you are worried about a member of your family or a friend? Perhaps you or your family receive help from other organisations such as Social Services, the NHS, Police or other charities?

Do you want to talk about these things?

If so, please tell a teacher or Mr Rees as soon as possible.

You can leave a message at School Reception asking to see Mr Rees.

**Time : Lunchtime on Wednesday**

**Place : Room 74**

**ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

*To promote good mental health, we have recently considered a number of activities that can be enjoyed by our students to encourage a positive state of mind and general good health.*

*The content and themes in the poster are recommended by several mental health charities and the NHS. Which of these activities do you do?*





## Congratulations to our November Lottery winners!

### NOVEMBER 2019 PRIZES

1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE – £102.90 to Mr Cassar, Farnborough

2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE – £51.45 to Mr Mwanje, Bracknell

3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE – £17.15 to Mrs Docis, Farnborough

To join the All Hallows Lottery from as little as £1 a month, email [finance@allhallows.net](mailto:finance@allhallows.net) and request a form

## Invigilators Needed!

We wish to appoint Examination Invigilators on a casual basis to cover examination periods throughout the academic year invigilating both GCSE and internal examinations. You will be required to work as part of a team committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for our young people and be willing to support students through the provision, supervision and monitoring of examinations. You will be employed on a casual basis (start and finish times to be agreed with the Examination Officer) but will need to be fully

## Year 11 GCSE English Literature Revision Dates for your diaries

**A Christmas Carol** – 24<sup>th</sup> December 9pm, BBC1

**A Christmas Carol** at The Old Vic, London showing until Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Macbeth** – Guildford Shakespeare Company, 8<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> February

**Year 11 Macbeth theatre trip** to Guildford Shakespeare Company - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm – letters will be issued to interested students in January.

**An Inspector Calls** at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre – 31<sup>st</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April – students should book tickets for this independently.

flexible during the exam period. Examination schedules will be provided prior to the exam period.

Our team works well together to help create a positive working environment to support our students during their exams. You must be reliable, punctual, be able to relate to other invigilators, staff members and students in a calm manner. Full training will be provided. DBS checks will apply.

Please contact Mrs Myers on 01252 319211 or [m.myers@allhallows.net](mailto:m.myers@allhallows.net)

## CALLING ALL OWNERS OF LOST PROPERTY!!!

We have 44 coats with no names that have been in lost property for at least this term - some of them longer!

**Also:**

1 x black Clarks shoes (girls)	4 x Grey jumpers
1 x Blue canvas shoes	6 x hats
1 x white Superstar size 6 trainers	3 x scarfs
1 x Black Clark Trainers size 4	1 pair of black gloves
1 x Black Trainers size 3	1 odd black glove
1 x Black Trainers size 5.5	1 x grey Puma jumper
1 x Black / pink trainers size 3	1 x bike helmet with gloves
1 x Black Boots Khombu - size 4	1 x Yellow JD sports bag
2 odd blue trainers size 3 and 6.5	1 x Black JD sports bag - PE kit
1 odd black trainer size 7	1 x White JD sports bag - PE kit
1 odd boys school shoe size 8	2 x Maroon Bags - PE Kits
	1 x Yolo Fitness bag - PE kits

Please contact Mrs Sheffield-Cole asap to claim, as we will be passing all the lost property to the PTA to sell on, before sending any left over to the charity shop.



## CHAPLAINCY TEAM

As we are now in the season of Advent, we are reminded to spend time in preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a time of hope, joy and peace. This term has seen much joy and celebration. Our GIFT team have been busy collecting food and toys for our Advent appeal, with donations going to the Farnham Food Bank (part of the Trussell Trust), the Royal Surrey Hospital –

supporting premature and sick babies and the World Villages for Children. As we reach the end of term, we want to encourage all members of our community to take the time to reach out to loved ones and spend time with all those you cherish most, but also enjoy the festivities that Christmas brings with it too.

We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. We will see you all in the New Year!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO....

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

Tia Bell, 11P for securing a World Championship win with Team GB at the IDO Tap Dance Championships in Germany Many congratulations Tia!



Toby Szlachta, 8P, who recently competed in the NATD (National Association of Teachers of Dancing) competitions in Crawley. These were qualifiers for the London Area to qualify for the Grand Finals taking place next year in Blackpool. Having only recently moved from Juveniles to Juniors, Toby did incredibly well achieving a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in his singles category dancing the Quickstep and Jive. He achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in both his couple competitions where he danced the Tango and Samba.

Toby has now qualified for Blackpool Grand Finals in July 2020 so well done and good luck!



Kieran Pratt 10C, who recently went solo gliding for the first time aged 14 years old. Kestrel Gliding at RAF Odiham have done a sterling job in helping Kieran reach this milestone. Well done Kieran! For further information please visit <http://www.kestrel-gliding.org.uk/>

Alice Roberts, 10M, who won the Farnham Young Volunteer of the year award last month. A great achievement Alice, well done!

## Attendance IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENDANCE—ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME

In accordance with Local Authority guidelines All Hallows Catholic School cannot authorise holidays during term time. Please be aware that should you request a leave of absence for your child/children which is not authorised, the Educational Welfare Service may be informed and a Penalty Notice may be issued.

Attendance has a direct effect on learning and achievement and we all want the very best for your child/children.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Tuesday 7th January

YEAR 11 INDIVIDUAL & YEAR GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

Wednesday 8th January

YEAR 10 SILVER DofE INFORMATION EVENING

9th January 6:30-7:00

YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS

Monday 13th January - Tuesday 21st January

YEAR 11 REFLECTION DAY

Wednesday 15th January

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING

Thursday 23rd January 16:00 - 19:00

8A AWAYDAY

Wednesday 29th January

8C AWAYDAY

Wednesday 5th February

8E AWAYDAY

Wednesday 12th February

HALF TERM

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

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