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It gives me great pleasure to write to you after a fantastic first half term back after that glorious summer we all enjoyed.

We have had a wonderful start to the year and our new Year 7 and Year 12 students have been an absolute pleasure to have in school. They have been so enthusiastic! I'm often asked by potential students and parents about whether people get lost on our large site, but the truth is that our new students find their feet very soon and work away like they've been here for years.

Our Year 8s did us proud by being our tour guides for visitors to the school, and excelled on Open Evening when they welcomed over a thousand guests around the school! All years

have knuckled down to some impressive graft, although Years 12 and 13 have managed to squeeze in some light relief during their Rag Week and are hoping to raise thousands of pounds for charity. Look at Twitter for some eye-catching snaps of fancy dress and the lip synch battle..! We feel proud to belong to a school where our students get so involved both in and out of the classroom.

I wish everyone a restful half term break and may we all come back refreshed and ready to continue the excellent hard work after the holiday.

Patrick Doyle

Genius Boakye, 8S has been selected as the Overall National Winner of the 2019 Easter Scene Painting Competition organised by The Knights of Columba Catholic Fraternity. He has been awarded a Certificate signed by the Supreme Knight together with a £75 Book voucher and £200 donated by the Fraternity to our school. Well done Genius, a fully deserved award for such a fantastic piece of work! (see below). The new Easter Competition will start in the Spring term and all are welcome to enter a piece of Art work.

Details of this competition will be given in your Art lessons. Good luck!



Three Exciting Upgrades!

So pleased with our finished patio space, the parasols are a fantastic addition. What a beautiful way to brighten up everyone's day!



Unveiling the new and hugely improved Fitness Suite... all we need now is for the students to make the most of it!



Our new canteen has been a long time coming, and we are so pleased to finally be able to give our students such a beautiful place to eat, socialise and enjoy during their well deserved spare time. Enormous thanks to everyone who worked on this project, it's a huge achievement!



WATER SPORTS 2019

The Water Sports Trip this year created so many fun moments and loads of memories that will be treasured. The thought of a 19 hour journey wasn't much fun but we actually didn't notice how long we had travelled for! Teachers and students brought lots of different films for us to watch which helped pass the time. Monday morning bright and early we arrived at our destination, La Riva. The Rockley staff were waiting at the reception for us ready to guide us to our area. Within hours of settling in we were out on the water, ready for a fun filled week of activities and sunshine!

Even when the weather was raining and windy, with the odd rumble of thunder and flashes of lightening we were out continuing with the planned activities regardless. At times the weather being bad made everything even more fun to do as it was more of a challenge! My favourite activity would have to have been the dart sailing, we just couldn't control the dart, even before our minion (airbag) fell off! The Rockley staff were amazing and had so many enjoyable things planned for us. The chef prepared tasty 3-course meals every day! The trip was an amazing experience. Thank you to all of the All Hallows staff who came and shared the memories with us and a massive thank you to the Rockley staff at La Riva who made the whole experience so memorable!

By Charlotte Wood 10M



OPEN EVENING 2019

We recently hosted another very successful Open Evening, introducing All Hallows to a new generation of potential students. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a fantastic event. Here are just a few of the photographs taken on the night to help give a flavour of the evening ... *(photographs kindly taken by Niamh Walker, 13LP)*



Here is a quote from one of the parent's, praising our outstanding Year 8 Tour Guides

**"The guides were amazing guiding us through very busy areas in the school but keeping us all together
They answered all our questions and did it all with smiles on their faces".**



Year 7 Away Day!

Our Year 7s have begun their Away Days in the beautiful setting of St Lucy's Convent. The theme for their day is 'Imago Dei' and is a wonderful opportunity for students to consider how they can use their gifts and talents and their time to help others in need. There were fun activities, giving everyone the opportunity to get to know each other a little better. Here is a write up from Henry:

"Our Awayday to St Lucy's Convent was quite hectic. The bus ride was lively with lots of chatter and singing. Mrs Haigh asked for people to help in the morning liturgy which was amazing. Later on we were allowed to go outside where we played football and manhunt even though it was muddy and damp,



nobody let it stop them! After the fun outside we started activities, one of which was to pass around a card for everyone to write something nice about each other. We had fun having our form photo taken, posing like Superman flying! After we got back on the coach to come back we were held up in traffic, it was an escaped pig which we said was Peppa Pig! The police came and helped us through the traffic. It was the best day ever! Thank you so much to our teachers Dr Kurian, Mrs Cousins and Mrs Haigh".

By Henry Usiagwu, 7A

Year 8 Harvest Festival!

On the last day of September, Year 8 celebrated a special Harvest assembly. Music by The Christians 'Harvest for the World' was played at the beginning and at the end. This is a powerful song which calls for equality in people's lives across the world. Mrs Fanshawe spoke about the history and the meaning of the Harvest festival. Together as a year group, they brought their contributions to the school Chapel,

an absolutely epic amount of food items! These, together with catering equipment donated by the school, will be delivered to a local charity Step by Step in Aldershot and to the Farnham Food Bank.

Thank you Year 8 for your incredibly generous donations. You are **awesome!**

Chaplaincy Team



Congratulations to **Eme Cosh of 10J**, who has featured in News.com before. Here, she is discussing her sport in an interview with www.cyclinguk.org. Well done Eme!

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FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

By mattlamy
Saturday, 22 June 2019

Eme Cosh



Eme Cosh is part of Cycling UK's 100 Women in Cycling 2019 list for being a really positive role model to young girls who want to take up mountain biking.

Although she's only 14 years old, and she's only been mountain biking since 2018, Eme Cosh is already making her mark.

She rides with several ladies MTB groups and is a member of the [Swinley Forest](#) Development Team. And she is a regular competitor in enduro events across the south of England, winning some races and regularly making the podium, even when racing against girls up to four years older than her.

But perhaps most importantly, Eme is also using her own Instagram account to show other potential young female mountain bikers that it can be done – and it's fun!

"Loading up the truck with our bikes at 6am on a sunny Saturday morning is the best!"

Eme Cosh

Eme said: "I have always been active but mountain biking has opened up so many new opportunities for me. I had previously focused on gymnastics so to be outside is fantastic.

"Doing MTB is such a team sport and I feel very motivated - and competitive! - when I'm out with a group of riders. It doesn't matter what level of skill you have, as we are there to have fun and to try and better ourselves.

"I feel proud of how I have progressed with my training in a short time - even when a few crashes have got in the way - and I want to keep on building my skills even further. Loading up the truck with our bikes at 6am on a sunny Saturday morning is the best!"

Eme was nominated for [100 Women in Cycling](#) by Cycling UK's Ross Adams, who said: "Eme is 14 years old and recently took up mountain biking as an additional outdoor hobby.

"As part of the Swinley Forest Development Team and through using her Instagram account, she is trying to break down stereotypes around young women mountain biking and racing.

"She is a really positive role model for young girls and women to take up mountain biking and challenge the traditional stereotypes."

What is 100 Women in Cycling?

Cycling UK's 100 Women in Cycling is an annual list celebrating inspirational women who are encouraging others to cycle.

CONCERT TOUR 2019



This year's Concert Tour took place in Prague, Czechia, and was enjoyed by students from Years



7 to 13. After a very long 20-hour journey through Europe, we arrived in Czechia, where we explored the town of Mariánské Lázně and Prague City, admiring the churches, shopping for traditional Czech food, and learning more about the culture.

We thoroughly toured the area; we visited Prague Zoo, had a river cruise and ate in numerous restaurants where we experienced interesting food combinations (steak with cranberry sauce and

whipped cream?!). Most importantly, we performed! Every school band and choir, including student-organised groups, had an opportunity to perform to the public. We had three concerts in



total: a street performance where we had the public dancing to YMCA; a concert in a chateau, accompanied by heavy rain and a church concert towards the end of the week.

The students had a chance to experience both the performance and the (more chaotic) behind-the-scenes elements of a concert. We had to set up before and pack up after every concert but, amongst the chaos of stands, instruments and PA system, every student stayed committed to their responsibilities, helping out as much as possible. Concert Tour 2019 was an incredible experience for both the staff and students who all shared one passion; performing. We would like to thank all the staff and our tour manager; without their help and commitment, this trip wouldn't have been possible.

by Isabella Collett 12MW

All Hallows Autumn Term Concert Dates 2019



5th November All Hallows Big Band and Farnham Music and Drama Big Band at Farnham Maltings Cellar Bar from 7pm - £5 donation towards Rag Week Charities. Two big bands come together for a night of great jazz music, featuring well known Jazz and Pop numbers as well as a Big Band finale!

13th November Chamber Concerts for Soloists and small groups in the Auditorium from 5:30pm Free admission! Come along and listen to students who are preparing for graded exams as well as small, student led groups. This will be a lovely concert and a great way to unwind after a busy day at work!

20th November Joint Choirs Concert with St Polycarp's and St Joseph's Primary Schools. Auditorium - £3 entry (tickets available from School Bank, limited number) from 6pm. Three schools come together to showcase singing within the local community! The concert will include a variety of repertoire which will suit all musical tastes!

3rd December Christmas Carol Concert at St Joan of Arc Church, Farnham from 7pm. More details to follow; please keep an eye on the Music Dept. Twitter feed for more information.

5th December Christmas Concert in the Auditorium from 7pm - Tickets on sale soon. Our biggest concert yet, with over 200 performers a wide variety of musical genres to suit all tastes, as well as some great audience participation. **Not to be missed!!**

During June, a group of Year 9 students had the chance to go to Belgium to experience the World War 1 battlefields. This trip was not only educational but very emotional as well as we visited many graves of unknown soldiers and other soldiers and also a few ancestors of my classmates. One of the parts of the trip that I found very moving was seeing the difference between the English and the German cemeteries and how the different countries wanted their soldiers to be buried. I also had the chance to lay a wreath down for an unknown soldier with a couple of other students, this made me think about how many other men where unknown and how many families had been



upset because of the loss of a relative but more upset that the body was missing. We also visited the Menin Gate where we watched the ceremony to commemorate soldiers during the war, this ceremony had happened every day since the end of the war. This is where three students who had been chosen had the chance to lay a wreath and represent All Hallows but also say thank you to everyone who fought in the war. This trip wouldn't have happened without the help of Mrs Chaddock and Mrs Jones and the other staff, so thank you for making the trip happen, I think we all learnt so much but also had some fun as well.



By Claudia Stephens, 10C



On Friday 27th September we took 15 students from year 10 to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst to join around 1000 other young people in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) careers event. Forty-nine industry partners, as well as units from across the Army, attended to showcase STEM skills in action. We took part in a specialised workshop with Microsoft, in which we had to design a revision map. The students also enjoyed chatting to industry experts such as

Amazon Web Services, Jacobs, Fujitsu. A particular highlight was dressing up in army kit and talking to Army officers and soldiers about the logistics of aid drops. We were also very fortunate to spot Princess Anne, who had made a special trip to the event, which was set in the impressive grounds of RMA Sandhurst. We look forward to attending again next year!



Congratulations to our September Lottery winners!

SEPTEMBER 2019 PRIZES

1st PRIZE – £107.40 to Mrs Nolan, Farnborough

2nd PRIZE – £53.70 to Mrs Hiorns, Farnham

3rd PRIZE – £17.90 to Mrs Reddie, Farnham

To join the All Hallows Lottery from as little as **£1 a month**, email finance@allhallows.net and request a form

English Showcase Evening

All parents, students and staff are invited to attend the English Showcase Evening on **Thursday 14th November** at 7pm in the Sixth Form Auditorium.

This event will include students from all year groups sharing some of the work they have been doing in English so far this term. The evening will include some fabulous performance poetry, together with play readings, short stories and a little bit of Shakespearean madness!

More information will be sent home in early November or contact Mrs McGill if you would like to get involved.

A Message from Helen Collins, Vice-Chair of Governors:

Perhaps it would be good to start with an introduction to my role. As Vice Chair I have been responsible for chairing the board which deals with Finance, Infrastructure and Personnel, supporting the Chair as appropriate and generally being available to the Head Teacher in terms of 'support and challenge'. I am also the Safeguarding lead on the Governing Body. Both of my children attended All Hallows and really benefited from the ethic and values of the school. I am therefore pleased and privileged to be able to now give something back.

We have now arrived back at school for the new academic year and I thought it would be a good idea to update you all on a few things whilst also giving a bit of an insight into the work the Governors will be doing over the coming months.

Firstly let me say, I hope you all had a fabulous summer break and were able to recharge your batteries while enjoying some time with family and friends. It was lovely to see the start of term unfold with the new Year 7 pupils looking so smart and enthusiastic, while those who stayed on at sixth form were still celebrating their GCSE results.

The beginning of a new year is always busy for Governors and this year has been no different. The amazing new canteen has been well received, and on behalf of the Body I would like to congratulate the whole team who planned, implemented and now run the canteen. Personally I love the new décor and colour scheme, if you haven't seen it I can confirm it is bright, light and inspiring. Investing in the infrastructure of the school is imperative to give our young people the appropriate surroundings they require to flourish and with this new facility we are showing a move towards the modern and flexible school space we need.

This academic year the Governing Body will be scrutinising the compliance of the school with OFSTED guidance and legal requirements. This is always an ongoing piece of work, and historically the school has always been highly regarded in these areas. This is something we wish to continue and as a result of recent societal, technological and political changes it is important we stay ahead of requirements. For example, in relation to GDPR (the legislation which regulates what we can do with personal data) and Safeguarding we will be looking at our compliance with legal requirements.

The Governors will also be undertaking their own personal development and training and the Body meeting will be, and have been, used to discuss new and emerging issues such as unconscious bias. New challenges will undoubtedly come our way this year and it is always nice to try to get ahead.

So in a nutshell, there is lots to do but we on the Governing Body are up for the challenge and will be looking for new ways to communicate with parents over the coming months.

Best wishes for a successful and fulfilling term.

Helen Collins
Vice Chair of Governors

PS. I love to read, so if anyone is looking for their next good book I can recommend:

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
A gritty story based on real events but with a very poignant twist, I couldn't put it down.

Or, if historical novels are your thing:

Shadow of Persephone by G. Lawrence
The story of Catherine Howard as never written before and the first in a series. Well written and beautifully flowing. Also has many links to Surrey.

Paul Hampshire and Peter Corns are the Governors elected by you, the parents, to provide a parental viewpoint at the Governing Body of All Hallows School.

To create more transparency, we would like to set up regular drop-in sessions to provide parents with the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what the Governing Body does at the school; as well as understand how to become a Governor.

Peter and Paul would love to meet with you in the main hall, so please do drop in on any of the following days between 3.15pm and 4.15pm:

Tuesday 5th November 2019
Tuesday 19th November 2019
Tuesday 3rd December 2019
Tuesday 17th December 2019
Tuesday 21st January 2020
Tuesday 4th February 2020
Tuesday 3rd March 2020
Tuesday 17th March 2020

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 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

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.

THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE AT ALL HALLOWS OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7TH
6:00pm to 8:30pm



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

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CHAPLAINCY TEAM



Coming into Autumn means we have to expect and accept the changing of the seasons. It's never an easy time of year as we leave the sunny days of summer behind with bright mornings and evenings to the darker mornings and drawing in of night. However, not everything is doom and

gloom for every season has its beauty and we should be aware of that beauty.

We need to be aware of all that is around us otherwise we miss so much. Amidst all the change of seasons and life in general, we must remember the unchanging nature of God, it is above all else. His beauty we should be aware of and reflect that in this world of change.

CONGRATULATIONS TO....

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



Harry Simms, 10H on qualifying for the **@GKR Karate** UK Championships in November. He booked his place in the national finals by winning double bronze at the recent regional qualifiers. Well done and good luck Harry!

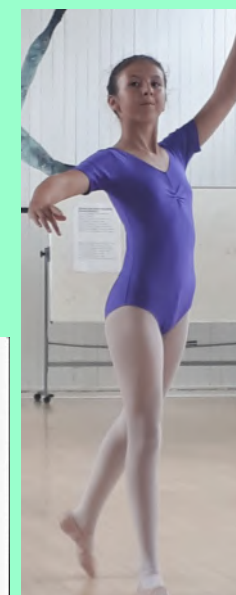
Jamie stoner, 11C entered the Farnham town tennis tournament held at Brightwells tennis club and won the boys final. He also played in the men's plate final and won! Well done Jamie.



Ben Grafham 12RG who has been selected to join the Great Britain Under 19 Men's Floorball Squad, to take part in a training camp in Uppsala, Sweden in October. This training camp will be part of the team selection process for the 2020 World Championship Qualifiers. Well done Ben!



Maria Borz, 8M who has achieved a merit in her Grade 3 Ballet and also passed her Grade 1 Violin with distinction! Well done Maria!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7M AWAYDAY

Wednesday 6th November

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 7th November

6.00pm - 8.30pm

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday 13th November

6.30pm - 7.30pm

ENGLISH SHOWCASE EVENING

Thursday 14th November (Auditorium)

7P AWAYDAY

Wednesday 20th November

JOINT SCHOOLS CONCERT

Wednesday 20th November

6.00pm - 7.15pm

YEAR 7 TUTOR EVENING

Thursday 21st November

6.00pm - 7.00pm

7S AWAYDAY

Wednesday 27th November

INSET DAY

Friday 29th November

7H AWAYDAY

Wednesday 4th December

YEAR 11 MOCKS

Monday 9th December -

Monday 16th December

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 19th December

7.00pm - 9.00pm

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 20th December

(Early Closure 12.15pm)



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