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DECEMBER

A Christmas Message from Mr Doyle:





How does Darth Vader like his Christmas turkey? ….On the dark side.

Merry Christmas to you and your family! I'm sure you've earned it! We hope that you have a really happy time together and have plenty of fun and rest. I'm writing this the morning after a brilliant Christmas concert which showcased 200 children singing, playing and dancing and I've got to say that it is one of the most enjoyable school events I've ever seen. There's a quote by St Irenaeus that goes, "The glory of God is a person fully alive." Well, that glory was fully visible with great fun, too; and Mr Fisher, our Head of Music, is apparently spending his Christmas holidays working on the South West Surrey comedy circuit. We hope that the Y11s have rested well after their mocks; attendance was fantastic and behaviour was impeccable. This tends to signal great things next summer.

Speaking of showcases, we enjoyed our first English Showcase, which gave students from Y7-13 the chance to lift their poetry, drama and creative writing into a memorable and fast-paced literary bonanza. It was great to see shy students come out of their shells when they encounter something they love, as well as some Y11 hoodies re-enacting the murder scene from Romeo and Juliet in modern dress. It went to show how Shakespeare is not purely – nor did he intend to write – for libraries and academics.

Likewise with History; Year 7 had a great Medieval Day at the end of November that had them heading back in time and learning about exactly how their great-great-great-etc grandparents used to live. No Wifi!

Thank you to all the parents who have got involved in the Parent Teacher Association, which has met 3 times this term. Without you, we are nothing; with you, we can do wonderful things for your children. They've got some great ideas so when they start getting out there, please get involved! On a sporting note, well done to our teams; our Y10 footballers are still progressing through the national tournament, and Y7 and Y8 sport seems to be blooming. The same goes for our liturgies, which have transformed into colourful, creative displays of WWI memorials, remembering the saints and celebrating our talents; 10/10 for Josh for showing us his Tae Kwondo exam display and our Irish Dancers for jigging up and down the aisles of the sports hall! All AMDG! (*Ad majorem Dei gloriam: to the greater glory of God*).

Have a happy, relaxing, holy Christmas and here's to a great 2019.



Last one: What kind of music do elves listen to? …… Wrap.

Merry Christmas!

Mr Doyle



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Sixth Form News

On Tuesday 27th November, we celebrated the **10th anniversary** of our link with the Italian catholic school Liceo Internazionale Arcivescovile, LIA, which is situated in Rovereto, near Lake Garda in the north of Italy. Students, teachers, host families and both head teachers, Mr Doyle and Mr Fedrigotti, attended the service in the school Chapel which was beautifully adorned for this really special occasion. In the homily, Father Anthony Glaysher emphasised the importance of living in a community free of barriers, where all people are given the opportunity to grow culturally and spiritually together and help each other not just in times of need. After the mass, we gathered in the Sixth Form building to enjoy a slice of the 'anniversary cake' while reminiscing about the over 240 students who have spent 9 months with us over the past ten years!







By Leonardo Preschern 12RB & Alessandro Imperadore 12MO

Senior Maths Challenge Success

Sixth Form maths students have achieved 1 gold, 4 silvers and 12 bronze awards in this year's UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. Over 80,000 pupils from across the UK returned scripts for the senior maths challenge with the top 10% receiving a gold certificate, the next 20% silver and the next 30% bronze.

Approximately 7,000 of the top students are invited to sit one of the follow on competitions, including the senior kangaroo. Congratulations to Martin Davies who not only achieved a gold certificate but also got through to the senior kangaroo challenge.

Frances Kemp, Ben McLaren Porter, Thomas Hiorns and Rose Dickson for their silver certificates. The following students achieved a bronze certificate: Marcus Johnson, Jacob Grafham, Bevan Pun, Charlie Farrant, Sean Su, Thomas Doherty, Greg Boniface, Ross Crabbe, Daniel Flynn, Matthew Hiorns, Ben Jones and Charlie Chilcott. This is an amazing achievement, well done!

Sample question from this year's senior maths challenge:
The positive integer 2018 is the product of two primes.
What is the sum of these two primes?

A 1001 **B** 1010
C 1011 **D** 1100
E 1101

Well done also to

By Mrs Roberts

Safe Drive Stay Alive

This half term, Year 12 attended a 'Safe Drive' presentation in Dorking designed to teach students about the dangers of driving and to ensure they are safe and secure on the roads. The training, which is run by the police and emergency services, aims to highlight the dangers to inexperienced drivers.

Blaring loud music on entry was designed to emulate students coming out of an exciting party with friends and then encountering a dramatic shift in mood by being faced with horrific road traffic incidents. The music helped to get rid of any preconceptions as to the day ahead, but this music was meant to contrast starkly with the shocking testimonies to come. We had been warned to expect a heart-wrenching afternoon but this contrast was definitely effective.

It certainly wasn't an outing we are going to easily forget. Each story was shared by someone who had been personally affected by it which made the experience incredibly intense. The accident that hit us the hardest was the death of a young child due to the distraction of a mobile phone. One small look to the left and that family's life had changed forever. Even though the driver was forgiven by the mother, the driver could never forgive herself.

We learned some important safety lessons that will stay with us for life. Our phones will remain in our glove box, we will have no intention of drinking any alcohol before driving, and we will be extra careful when driving in wet conditions! Overall, it was a really worthwhile presentation and we are grateful that we got to attend it.

We hope that all of the staff, students and families have a safe and happy Christmas holiday!

By Rose Dickson & Santino Izzo

Student Council 2018-2019 the Year so far…..

After weeks of campaigning last school year, we welcomed our new student council for 2018-2019.

At start of this year we introduced ourselves to the school and highlighted some of the areas we were hoping to develop and work on in this year; making the school more eco -friendly, whilst tackling other issues that have been brought forward by representatives of each year group.

We are currently working with the University of Surrey in order to develop our recycling and food waste management systems in school. We have also brought other issues forward to the Senior Leadership Team such as the practicality of the lower school skirts.

This Advent the Student Council has partnered with the G.I.F.T Team in order to collect food for the Farnham food bank and children's toys for the Guildford Hospice, helping those in less fortunate situations to truly celebrate this Christmas with joy and abundance.

In the New Year we hope to implement more eco-friendly systems within the school, such as composting food waste and reducing plastic waste within the school. We encourage all students and parents to speak with members of the Student Council about any ideas you may have within the school which could enhance your learning or to make the school environment more welcoming.

On behalf of the Student Council we wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

By Awa Tansie and Frances Kemp

To contact us please email:
schoolcouncil18-19@student.allhallows.net

All Hallow's PTA is up and running …

We are pleased to announce that we are in the early stages of re-forming the school's PTA. A focussed group of volunteers have met on a number of occasions to discuss the best way the group can utilise the many talents that exist amongst the parents to support the school's goals.

The two key initial focus areas have been Fundraising and Careers Support with a couple of initial projects focussed on gathering information and communicating where contributions have been utilised to date and where we can help moving forward.

Look out in the New Year for a questionnaire asking about your own individual experiences in the workplace that you might be able to share with students at the school.

If you have any time that you can share with the group this would be gratefully received and you should contact Matthew McGrory at PTA@allhallows.net in the first instance who will ensure you receive information about what is going on and are invited to any future meetings.

By All Hallows PTA

NEWLY COMMISSIONED MEMBERS OF THE 'GIFT' TEAM!



Year 7 at the Birth of Jesus!

What a privilege for 40 Year 7's to see the Nativity play at Wintershall. Seeing the nativity with real life people and animals was the perfect way to consolidate our class topic and to begin the run up to Christmas.





We witnessed Mary and Joseph coming across the field under a clear starry sky to find room at the barn. Shepherds were in the field keeping warm with braziers and Angel Gabriel spoke from high up in a tree with an amazing choir singing God's praises. Later in the barn the baby Jesus was born, played by sleeping 5 week old baby Rex.

By Mrs White

Q&A

Maria Foley, 9H, won a *silver medal* at the recent Southern Regional Acro Competition (women's group, grade 3 regional level). This is a fabulous achievement and here's an interview we did with her where she explains her sport:

News.com: Maria, when did you first start doing gymnastics?
Maria: I started doing gymnastics at a club when I was seven.



N.com: How did you get into Sports Acro?
M: I was looking for a different type of gymnastics and my mum did Acro as a child so I thought I would try it out!

N.com: What does Sports Acro involve?
M: Sports Acro is a form of gymnastics that involves working with a partner or within a trio to create routines and balances.

N.com: What do you love about your sport?
M: I love that in Sports Acro you can develop a strong friendship with your partners. This is because you usually work with your partners for a long period of time so you develop friendship and trust during the course of being together.

N.com: Do you find being "a Top" scary (a Top is a smaller gymnast used as a balance)?
M: At first I found being a Top slightly scary because I didn't know my partners very well. Now I don't find being a Top scary because I trust my partners and know the moves and what we do. I really enjoy working with my partners because my bases are two of my best friends at my gymnastic club. This means we are able to work really well together and have fun too!



Maria (centre) and her

N.com: Did you know that Mr Antrobus (Head of Year 9 and all round Good Guy!) has done Sports Acro in the past?
M: I knew Mr Antrobus did gymnastics but I only found out recently that he did Acro!

N.com: Do you have any advice for being successful in your sport?
M: My advice to anyone wanting to do Sports Acro is to have fun, be dedicated and lastly find a club that suits you in terms of the commitment they require.

N.com: Who is your idol?
M: My idol is Claudia Fragapane *(pictured right)* a UK Artistic Olympic gymnast



Claudia Fragapane

N.com: What is your ambition within your sport?
M: My ambition is to become a successful base when I am too big to be a Top.

Thank you for your time Maria and we wish you every future success!



Magnificent Martial Arts Successes!

Three amazing recent achievements to report from the world of Martial arts, were our students have excelled yet again!



Congratulations to **Harry Simms** (9H) who fought his way to a bronze medal at the GKR National Karate Championships in Sheffield on November 17th.

Harry competed in a division dominated by higher grades and secured his top three finish by battling through a series of closely-contested bouts and came within two points of fighting for gold. The bronze medal match itself proved a tense affair and, with the scores tied at the final bell, was decided in sudden death when Harry landed a decisive body strike.

Following this achievement Harry has since been invited to train with the UK's Eastern Zone squad ahead of next year's Karate World Cup. **Well done Harry!**

On November 24th **Jasmine Costelo** (10P) **and Joshua Costelo** (9C) competed in the Open British Taekwondo Competition in Scotland.

It is a huge competition with 700 competitors from 8 European countries. Jasmine and Joshua were both very successful. Jasmine achieved a gold medal in patterns, silver in flying sidekick and silver in sparring and Joshua achieved gold in sparring and silver in flying sidekick. **Well done Jasmine and Joshua!**

A fantastic achievement for all of them.

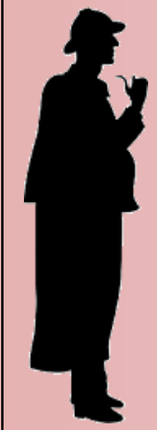
By Mr Antrobus, PE Department





The Premier of "The English Showcase"!

On Thursday 29th November, the English Department hosted their first ever showcase evening to show off an array of literary talents across the school and to share the literary texts we study. Students from Year 7 to Year 12 were involved in the fantastic evening which proved that English was not just about writing essays in an exercise book and gave many students a real opportunity to shine.



Hosted by Alex Beal and Rheanna Brindle from Year 10, the evening began with two lovely piano recitals and a slide show of A Level Media work. Highlights from the show included Year 7s reading delightful identity poems, two highly engaging short-stories and three powerful persuasive speeches. There were enthralling performances and readings from Shakespeare, J. B. Priestley, Arthur Conan-Doyle, Carol Ann Duffy and Harper Lee as well as a highly entertaining choral performance of Baz Luhrman's 'Suncream'.





The evening concluded with a public brawl from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet involving a group of Year 11 boys and a collection of nerf guns - never let it be said that boys don't like Shakespeare! The English Department would like to thank all those involved, but particularly the students, many of whom were rehearsing for several weeks, and to all the friends and family who attended the event.

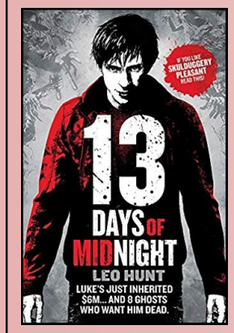
By Mrs McGill, **English Department**





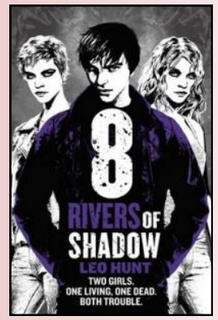




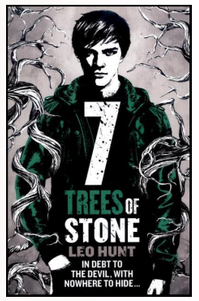


Years 7 and 8: Author Visit

In November, students of Year 7 and Year 8 were treated to a visit by **Leo Hunt,** the author of the novels *Thirteen Days of Midnight, Eight Rivers of Shadow and Seven Trees of Stone.* Leo began writing the trilogy while he was just starting college. The first novel in the series, 13 Days of Midnight, is about a boy, Luke who has been left in charge of his father's ghost collection: eight restless spirits. It was nominated for the 2016 Branford Boase Award and shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award.



During the presentation, Leo told some spooky but fascinating stories about how ghosts have been depicted in history and how these tales have inspired his own writing. He also read some extracts from his books and gave the students a taster of his new science-fiction novel, *Phantom*.



The students really enjoyed the talk and asked some very interesting questions of their own. Altogether, it was an entertaining and informative insight into the world of a successful author.

By Mrs Bryant—English Department

Year 7 Away Day Fun!





7S and 7H Away Days! All having an amazing time playing games and getting to know each other even better at Medstead Convent of St Lucy.



ANOTHER FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

With 14 groups playing a variety of musical genres, the annual Christmas Concert was as varied as ever; with 200 students taking part to demonstrate what they had been working hard on for the last 14 weeks. The regular groups like the Concert Band, String Orchestra and Big Band treated the packed auditorium to selections from West End Musicals, as well as fully choreographed songs from Abba. In addition to our larger groups, more and more students are getting involved running their own groups. Jude Bishop, Anna Hinchliff, Kara Rees and Isabella Collett all did fantastically with their own groups with music ranging from 'Get Lucky' to 'Build Me Up Buttercup' it was a great to see so much enthusiasm from them all.









The evening finished with a 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 relative lack of numbers by having the most enthusiastic singing of Five Gold Rings in the audience.

Whilst the Music Department have been hard at work this term, 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 thank you to Miss Myatt, Mr Arthan and Miss Nicoloau for their hard work this term, and a final massive well done to all the students involved.

By Mr Fisher, Head of Music





Farnham Festivities!



On Saturday 17th November the Girls' Choir, once again, performed at the 'Farnham Town Christmas Light' switch on in Gostrey Meadow. Over 30 students took part in the festivities, performing three songs fantastically; Christmas Songs of Joy, Never Enough and All I Want For Christmas is You. We entered one of our pieces, 'Christmas Songs of Joy', into the Eagle Radio's 'Christmas Carol Competition'. This will be played on **Friday 21st December** at **7.45 am** and our entry is on their website if you would like to have a listen https://www.eagleradio.co.uk/listings/christmascarols/ I couldn't be prouder of what the Girls' Choir have achieved this term. Well done, girls!

By Miss Myatt, Music Department

Calling all Budding Musicians!







If your son or daughter is interested in learning an instrument, the school Music Department have many instruments that can be loaned for free on a short term basis. We also offer private lessons on any of the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon, Piano, Singing, Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Acoustic Guitar and Drum Kit.

If this is something that your son/daughter might be interested in, please contact :

Mr Fisher via HODMusic@allhallows.net'







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Or call: **0300 200 1004** (ask for the Local Offer team)

Useful Websites

We invite all parents to visit the "Useful Websites" section of the school website, where there are a range of support options for students:

https://allhallows.net/useful-website-links/

STARTING JANUARY 2019

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PRIZES

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for a Standing Order form. Entries cost £1 each. The monthly prize pot will be half the proceeds, the remainder will go towards our first project to install more outside seating for our students.

JOIN THE ALL HALLOWS LOTTERY TODAY AND YOU COULD BE OUR NEXT WINNER!

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.

I ♥ History Club

Calling all historians! History Club takes place every **Wednesday lunchtime** with Mrs Featherstone in Room 16. Creating and playing fun games and enhancing your historical knowledge

CHAPLAINCY TEAM

Merry Christmas

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. The GIFT Team have welcomed 26 new members who have now been commissioned as student chaplains to go out into our community and 'wear Christ' in all they do. Many of the our newest recruits have been busy collecting food and toys for our Advent appeal, all going to Farnham Food bank (part of the Trussell Trust). We have also celebrated the ten year anniversary of our link with LIA (our Italian link school). A beautiful Mass and party brought us all together with our host families & Italian teachers to give thanks for all the opportunities the students have been given over the last ten years.

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

Ella Castle, 7P winner of The Great Aldershot Bake Off.

Toby Szlachta, 7P – who recently competed in a dancing competition and achieved First place in Quickstep and Second place in Samba. He and his younger sister have now qualified in Ballroom and Latin for Blackpool Grand Nationals 2019.

Evie Day, 7P who took part in the British Open for Irish Dancing. She has now qualified for the World Championships.

Vidal Pinto 7P, who competed in cross country and achieved a Hampshire sports award.


Eme Cosh

Eme Cosh, 9J, who was a winner at the Southern Enduro Mashup Mountain bike race in November. In a very muddy and technically challenging race at a location new to Eme - Queen Elizabeth Country Park. With the help of a set of "mud spike" tires fitted to her bike, Eme mastered the course and the conditions and went on to win her race. Well done Eme! This win will be great motivation for her off season training!

Sophia Fernandez, 9H, who achieved a Merit in her Grade 4 Cello examination. Well done Sophia!



Tia Bell, 10P and her team have achieved 3rd place (bronze) at the recent IDO Tap Dance World Championships held in Riesa, Germany.

Dates for your Diary

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS
Thursday 3rd January

YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHS
Wednesday 9th January

YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS
Monday 14th January - Friday 25th January

8A AWAYDAY
Wednesday 23rd January

YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING
Thursday 24th January
16.30 - 19.00

8C AWAYDAY
Wednesday 30th January

8E AWAYDAY
Wednesday 6th February

SEN OPEN MORNING (YEAR 9)
Thursday 7th February 10.30am — 12.30pm

8J AWAYDAY
Wednesday 13th February

HALF TERM
Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

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