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A Welcome from the Principal



Welcome to the Aspire Magazine, reviewing the Spring/Summer term 2022. Yet again, it has been a busy term with plenty of opportunities for our young people to shine.

We have had several trips out of College, including to Belgium, Aberystwyth, London, Castleton, Liverpool Hope University, Manchester Metropolitan University, Stoke College, Macclesfield College, Alton Towers, and Old Trafford. Some students completed their Gold & Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, and some represented College at an Elite Sport Performers' Day. We have had a very successful 'Festival of Sports Day', and the Sixth Form organised the second annual 'Faith in Action Fair', to raising an incredible £1531.92 for the Clinic in India (£5,821.61 raised in total over the course of the year!).

We said farewell to our Year 11 & 13 students, with an Assembly & Mass, as well as a Leaving Prom & Dinner. Year 8 students went on day retreats to Savio House, and members of the Chaplaincy Team visited our All Hallows Learning Community Primary Schools. Congratulations to the Eco Council, as All Hallows was once again awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag, and a special mention for St Alban's Church, who celebrated the bicentenary of their mission in Macclesfield, with a special Mass, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Bishop Mark.

I hope you enjoy our latest magazine. Thank you to all of our contributors and all those who help put it together.

God Bless,

Tim Beesley
Principal

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Faith Life

Year 8 Retreat

Year 8 retreats to Savio House, Bollington started on a cool May day but that did not stop us all having a most reflective day filled with activities, and opportunities to play in the games room and outside. The retreat was led



by the Savio House team. Students began with a series of ice breaker activities before splitting into 4 groups. These groups were not based on friendships and provided students with a wonderful opportunity to work with other people in their year group. The activities were based on the “Bridges” theme of the day. Students had to work together to solve problems and succeed in their task. Students discussed what they had learnt about themselves before we had a final reflection as we considered who in our lives was important in



the building blocks of our own personal bridge. Well done to our students for their excellent behaviour and participation in the day.



8C, 8F, 8N, 8M and 8S visited Savio House, Bollington the following week for their retreat day. They worked on the theme of “Bridges” as they took part in a wide range of team building games and activities. The games included being able to plan how to drop an egg out of a window without it breaking, passing a hoopla hoop in an unbroken chain, work out how to cross the electric maze and creating a shape with a rope while blindfolded. Students also had the opportunity to relax and enjoy time together. The final liturgy led by Father Roman brought together the theme for the day and sent the students out to act upon what they had learnt.



Living Joyfully: Vocations

Ahead of Vocations Sunday (8th May), a number of our Year 9 forms and 8M were fortunate enough to be able to take part in a Vocations session with some individuals from a variety of Religious Communities on Wednesday. 8M spoke to 2 Religious Sisters and a Priest, who had spent 30 years in Africa. The students were able to ask any questions and these varied from, "How do they/we know the right path for God?", "How do we hear God?", "Why are they called 'Sister'?" and "What do they miss or consider they sacrificed?". This last question raised the most emotion in 8M when we heard one of the sisters put her German Shepherd puppy up for adoption; not because she had to (to be part of the community) but, rather, so that she wasn't attached to anything that would distract her from worshipping God.

Blaire V in Year 9 said of the event, 'The Sisters helped give Year 9 an insight into what the lives of nuns are like. However, the most important thing we learnt from this opportunity was what the meaning of peace is.' The event was a well received experience offering insight into the life of a religious that we wouldn't ordinarily be able to access.

Thanks to Mrs Sutton who coordinated the virtual vocations day which gave our students the opportunity to hear from and discuss Religious Vocations.

We had some lovely feedback from the Sister Lynne

Dear All,

This is just a brief email to say a huge thank you for your participation in the Living Joyfully 2022 Schools Event. It was great to meet you all and we really hope that it was a helpful and interesting experience for you and for your students. The religious were all really delighted with their groups and with the great contribution and questions that the pupils asked. Some comments I received so far: 'I found the experience meaningful and uplifting,' 'The children were delightful' and 'They asked really thought provoking and challenging questions.'

Sr Lynne

Pentecost Prayer Stations



Year 7 have been visiting the Chapel to reflect and pray at stations in preparation for Pentecost. The stations are based upon the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. They have been preparing for the feast of Pentecost. The prayer stations were based upon the CAFOD prayer stations, and focused on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Students said the experience was calming, prayerful and that they had enjoyed the activities.

7A have been to the chapel and looked at different stations based on different emotions that the disciples experienced when the holy spirit came down.

'We sat down on really comfy cushions while moving station to station after we finished each task. We did many tasks from reading books to colouring in doves. I enjoyed doing this because you get to reflect on yourself.'

Haru P

Chaplaincy Visits to Primary Schools

Members of the Chaplaincy and Liturgical Music group were delighted to visit St Benedict's and St Alban's Primary Schools. They were accompanied by the College Lay Chaplain, Mrs Livesey.

A very warm welcome was given by the younger pupils and their teachers to the All Hallows visitors.

The focus of the visits was the creation of prayer stations. It was an opportunity for students to further develop different ways of praying, and talking to God, while also allowing the older students the opportunity to lead prayer experiences with future All Hallows students.

Thank you to everyone who made us feel so welcome and thank you to Gui, Alfie, Mae, Abbie and Tyler.



St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Congleton Visit

Juanna S T and Isabel S J and College Chaplain, Mrs Livesey, very much enjoyed their morning with Year 5 pupils at St Mary's this week. The pupils prayed at three prayer stations created by the All Hallows group before devising their own stations. The class then silently followed the stations and prayed at them. The atmosphere was lovely.

All Hallows thank Saint Mary's staff and students for such a warm welcome.



Year 9, 10 and 12 Meditation in the Chapel

Students were invited to relax and focus on their breathing as they imagined themselves to be on a beach with waves lapping onto the shore. They pictured themselves on a beach far away or in the UK. Jesus walked along the beach to meet them and they spent time talking to Jesus. Throughout their time at All Hallows students are offered a variety of ways to pray and reach out to God. Meditations continued for Years 9,10 and 12 throughout June.



St Alban's Bicentenary Celebrations



We were privileged to attend a mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Bishop Mark to mark the bicentenary of St Alban's mission in Macclesfield in June. As part of his homily the Cardinal spoke of the Macclesfield mosaic which stretches back 200 years. We count our blessings that today we can gather as Catholics without the fear of persecution, to publicly give witness to our faith. Thank you to Mr David Middlemiss and his team for their organisation and a big thank you to Year 13 students Ben, Ruby, Dan and Issy for their hard work as stewards and witnesses.



Annual Diocesan Mass - Friday July 8th

It was truly a wonderful feeling to be able to join again with all the high schools and colleges of the Diocese in celebrating Mass with Bishop Mark in July.

St Columba's provided a great setting. Jo Boyce led us in preparing the music and singing as part of the liturgy. It was uplifting and joyful. The theme of the Mass was "Give Thanks" and we certainly did give thanks for the fact we were together in person once more.

While the Headteachers met at their DASH meeting, the students reflected upon "being clothed in love" with the Mini- DASH team and SYMT. The students wrote prayers on a paper copy of a school blazer to show how they can show love every day.

Thank you to Tyler, Ivan, Jack, Rebecca, Adelaide. Lanais, Joseph, Thomas, Jack, Ruari and Bailey for their contribution to the singing and music.

It was a pleasure for Mr Thompson, Mrs Livesey and Mrs Garvey to be with them for the day.

Mrs Livesey



Faith in Action

Fundraising for the all Hallows India Clinic

Each year students and staff across the College commit to raising the funds needed to maintain the All Saints Health Centre in Varasanadu (see picture of our students there in 2020) In doing so we make a difference to the quality of lives of over 20,000 women, men and children in the surrounding area. By financially supporting the work of the Presentation Sisters we are able to provide: prescription medicines; health checks; natural fertility care and advice; vaccination programmes and alcohol rehabilitation; as well as health education and skills



education. This year our amazing students, staff and parents have once again worked hard, displaying the All Hallows Core Values of Compassion, Cooperation and Honourable Purpose to raise the fantastic total of £5,821.61! This has been done through form fundraising which have included cake sales, 'Guess the Sweets in a jar' competition, a cross bar challenge, to name but a few activities! Our sixth form students raised a large proportion of the total through a series of annual events: All Hallows Has Talent, Fancy Dress Day, the Faith in Action Fair and the Staff V Students Football Match.

Thank you to all you have supported and donated this year.



In the summer term Mrs Turley, our star baker/maths teacher, baked treats for our staff to raise money for the health clinic in India. On offer were Millionaire Shortbread and variations of Rocky Road and as usual (Mrs Turley often bakes and drops treats off for staff) they were all delicious! The total raised topped £90.

Staff V Sixth Form Football Match



There was an electric atmosphere at Macclesfield FC's Leesing.com stadium as students watched on with admiration at the skill and determination displayed by their teachers. Whilst 6th form players Ethan and Simon enjoyed the opportunity to "get to push Miss O'Gara and Mr Howells around a bit", (the consensus of the near graduates).

During the first half morale was booming, lots of shots on target for the 6th formers, many gracefully saved by the self-proclaimed "1984 ladies gymnastics champion" Mr Lees. Mr Faulkner's fall count hit an all-time high of 7 in the first 30 minutes alone. Pressure packing on the staff to clean their act up as the 6th form lads kept the ball on their side. Luckily, Mr Howells' defence was immaculate complying with some dashing saves from Mr Lees. Miss O'Gara was all over it; immense woman power joined by Miss Thomason.



Due to an unfortunate “recurring injury” Mr Clark was replaced by Mr Megson who got some good pace in despite his lack in self-confidence. No goals in the first half but a good show of skill from all staff and 6th formers rounded off by 2 more Mr Faulkner falls who unsurprisingly stated “my legs are killing me” post-match. However, it was all “for the good of the team” according to star player Miss O’Gara.

Moving into the second half, after pep talks and handshakes, we witnessed a smashing goal for 6th form by Tom M (number 18) joined by a group Ronaldo “siuu” celebration that will remain legendary for years to come, putting them in the lead 1-0. Mr Lawson picked up his game until he kicked the ball out of the stadium. Many good clearances from Miss O’Gara and Mr J Mercer, who soon afterwards scored a beautiful goal set up by Mr Lees. The crowd were in awe and filled the stadium with cheers. Pressure went back on the staff for a while with some near misses and saves by our man of the match Mr Robinson.

After Mr Lees had finished his floor dancing routine and following some rough moving by Igor, Mr Robinson scored a penalty, bringing the score up to 2-1. Rightfully, he celebrated with a demonstration of the worm, the most popular highlight of the game for Mrs Garvey. (As well as everyone singing Mr Benbow’s name, who played excellently at number 10. A crowd favourite).

Although admittedly feeling deflated, the 6th form boys put the pressure back on until an insane goal from Miss O’Gara set the score to 3-1. Mr Howells later lovingly described it to be “almost as good as Miss Thomason’s from 5 years ago”. It was high fives and hugs from the staff. Mr Howells keeping up defence until a corner from the 6th Form just hit the top of the net, inevitably resulting in a mixed emotion victory for the staff. Manager Mr Aspinall expressed great joy in his team’s “focus and determination to overcome such odds... happy days.”

Headteacher Mr Beesley affirmed “it was an absolutely brilliant match and the best team won.”

6th form manager James Martin stated, “We made mistakes and allowed them to capitalise, but the most important thing is that the students had a good time and we raised money for the India clinic.” Archie and a few of his teammates said although they were a bit disappointed and felt they “didn’t take their chances”, it was in all “a good experience and helped take some of the stress off exams.”

A final message from 6th form to the staff, “after exams we want a rematch” according to Nathan there “wasn’t enough game time.” All to be discussed after the players recovery. (Mr Faulkner...)

A great response from everyone in attendance, both players and spectators. This was a day not likely to be forgotten soon.



Year 9 RE Trip to Yeshurun Synagogue in Gatley

In May our Year 9 students have visited the Yeshurun Synagogue in Gatley as part of their study of Judaism. This is an annual event which has been running for many years allowing our students to learn about the key elements of a synagogue, Jewish worship as well connections between Christianity, Islam and Judaism through common prayer. Many thanks to Charles Bloom for giving our students a talk and the synagogue for hosting us again.



Sunflower Update

After months of growing, repotting, and nurturing the sunflowers we planted in forms back in the spring for British Science week and to show our support for the people of Ukraine, plants around school are starting to flower. Many forms have made a real effort in looking after their flowers and have been rewarded with some huge blooms. The winning form was 10M whose sunflower reached over 2m 50cm! Congratulations to Miss Martin and her form. Other sunflowers of notes belonged to 7N and Mr Aspinall, 8N and Mrs Richardson, 8B and Mrs Needham and 12/13 A and Miss Thomason.



Sixth Form General RE: Talk on Refugees

Refugees Welcome Cheshire East Chair and ex- All Hallows teacher of 25 years, Nicky Campbell visited All Hallows and spoke to our Year 12 students part of their General RE course. Here, the proud mum of Gogglebox BAFTA winner Leon Campbell, told us all about the charity that she chairs in Cheshire East.

The students were asked to consider various questions, in a 'Gogglebox' manner and there was a good buzz about the room.

They began by thinking of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke's Gospel), read very well by Sam. They were asked to think about the question "who is my neighbour" and this was then linked to their consideration of a refugee's situation and experience. This, obviously, was linked to the current Ukraine crisis. However, Mrs Campbell was clear to point out that she got involved in the charity when the Syrian refugees were fleeing because of war, followed by the Afghan refugees trying to escape the fall of the regime in August 2021 and now of course, the current Ukraine crisis.



The reason she got involved is because of her own family history; Jewish pogroms forced her ancestors to leave a part of the world we now know as Ukraine.

Mrs Campbell also helped the students to think about the quality of their donations to such charities. Reminding us to consider the culture and religious beliefs of the refugees; ensuring suitable clothing and food donations for instance. She encouraged gifts of money instead; ena-

bling the refugees to buy what they needed.

However, she also made a plea for the students to donate their time. Encouraging them to consider the ages of the people forced to leave and come to the UK. These people were their own age and they can do things that would be valued by the young people with people their own ages. This might also help our students to help with meeting their DoF and Sixth Form volunteer hours obligations.

She advised that there is a drop in at St Michael's Church in Macclesfield each Saturday for hosts and the refugees and any volunteers would be welcome. If you are interested in being a part of this initiative but live elsewhere, please check the [website](#) for details.

Thanks to Nicky Campbell for her inspiring talk!

Year 13 Leaving Celebrations

Year 13 Leavers Mass

We celebrated Mass in the chapel at the end of May with all of Year 13 and their form tutors.

The theme of the Mass was "Thanksgiving" as students leave All Hallows to begin a new and exciting phase of their lives, taking the values they have learnt at All Hallows with them. The altar cloth had been specifically made to reflect the fact that students' sixth form experience spanned the Covid 19 pandemic.

Students had worked for the past few weeks with the RE team putting together videos and prayers as well as choosing the readings. Matthew's Gospel reminded us all to place our trust in God:

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Father Martin Coyle from St Gregory's RC Church, Bollington spoke eloquently in his homily about the visit of Pope John Paul II to England 40 years ago this week. For Father Martin it proved a turning point in his life as he felt God calling him to be a priest. He told the young people to trust in God as they journey on the path he has chosen for them.

Mr Beesley reassured the students that the best is yet to come as they leave All Hallows and start university, college, apprenticeships, employment or voluntary work.

We wish Year 13 success in their exams and we will continue to pray for them as a College community in the future.

Mrs Livesey, Chaplain

The celebrations continued as students went back to the Common Room to vote in a variety of awards such as 'The Most Likely Student to Become Prime Minister' and other less serious categories! After handing round cupcakes to thank all of our College staff, an annual leavers tradition, students headed to Fina in Macclesfield for lunch.



Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Residential to Holderness

In June our Year 12 geographers spent two days on the coast at Holderness, conducting a case study and investigation into coastal erosion.



Year 12 History Trip to London



On Tuesday they took part in an online conference with students across the country to help prepare them for their coursework. Then on Wednesday it was off to London for a trip to the Houses of Parliament and the Tower of London to name a few. It's fair to say the students came back tired but enthusiastic, as they submitted the first part of their coursework today!



Sixth Form Enrichment Week

It was a busy and exciting week in the All Hallows Sixth Form when Year 12 students were on their enrichment week. Students have engaged in a variety of activities throughout the week to prepare them for life after All Hallows.

Aberystwyth Trip

Seventy Five year twelve students made their way to Aberystwyth University for a three day residential. This was our first post-Covid group visit to a university. Students got an experience of student life, staying in halls of residence, attending lectures, fieldwork and attending student socials.

Lectures

The history was really interesting as it taught us about how history can be seen in a wider perspective than just popular view, while also how sources such as letters and newspapers can demonstrate how small towns and places such as Aberystwyth can play a wider role than we'd realise in history. (Jack, Year 12)

Psychology

In the psychology lecture we learnt about ethics and the long-term effects on participants. We were taught about how psychology makes the world a better place. We also looked at the impact of schema on our hearing of Stairway to Heaven. It felt like being in TED talk, I loved it. (Pat, Year 12)

Biology Lab Session

Dr Russ gave us an interactive session on parasites. We carried out an experiment to see how effective drugs were at paralysing worms. It was interesting especially when he showed us the pickled tapeworms that had come out of one of his students! (Joe, Year 12)

Ice Cream on the beach, Student Social and the Last Night

Having seen the sea only from a distance, the second night we all walked 15 minutes down the hill from the university campus and got hit by a wave of sea salty air. We were given the freedom to walk down the promenade, get a classic fish and chips and skim stones in the sea. Towards the end of the evening, we all bought ice cream and managed to fill our shoes with sand and stones from running along the beach in the evening sun. On returning to our newly renovated accommodation (Pantycelyn), the university had kindly organised a quiz. It was the perfect way to end our short stay at Aber, with teams shouting across the room creating a lively and fun atmosphere. Although the quiz was pretty simple, consisting of general knowledge and the like, it brought us all together and gave us a feel for student life. (Izzy and Joe, Year 12)



Some quotes from Year 12

"I enjoyed having ice cream and skimming rocks with my friends."

"It gave a good taste as to what university life is like."

"It was really helping in figuring out what I want and what I don't want in a uni."

Accommodation

I had a really nice big room, with a sea-view (my friends were all jealous!). It was great having en-suite and a massive kitchen to share! We were well looked after and the food was plentiful, especially the massive breakfast! It was really sociable sharing a flat with all my friends. I really hope my halls of residence are that nice in a years time!

(Georgia, Year 12)



Manchester Metropolitan University Apprenticeship Fair

Those Year 12 students who didn't go to Aberystwyth went to MMU to the Apprenticeship Fair. They saw lots of different companies who talked about the different skills needed and a tour around a large city university. 'It was good to know what the other options were beyond university, but I think I want to go to uni.'

(Dan, Year 12)

All Hallows Awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag

Congratulations to Mrs Sutton and our Eco Council as All Hallows has once again been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag. The assessing team commented on many positive aspects of the Eco Council's work, including the following comments:

'We love that you have such a large Eco-Committee – this shows your schools excellent commitment to both the programme and the Eco-cause. An adaptable team effort is vital for fighting climate change and your school really demonstrated that. We really liked your action-focussed and practical approach to Eco Committee meetings. It's a productive way to work and yielded great results. 20 meetings is a really great amount and testament to a committed Committee. We love how active your Eco-Committee was in communicated Eco-Schools activity school-wide. Shared emails, training, Twitter, fortnightly meetings, messages in the newsletter and on the school notice board, plus relaying via form tutors, all combine to make a great approach!'



Pupils at All Hallows Catholic College collaborated with Mrs K Sutton to conduct an environmental review, assessing how eco-friendly their school is. They reviewed everything from the school's recycling practices, to energy usage, to how environmental themes are covered in classrooms. Building on their findings, the pupils and Mrs K Sutton planned a year of activities that would up their green credentials.

The group connected their work to 3 Eco-Schools topics: Marine, Water and Energy.

Activities included establishing a way forward to raise awareness of the limited supplies of water as well as how we may be harmfully affecting our marine life through

the use of balloons and confetti (both of which are on the rise). The students have been instrumental in a whole-school initiative to help to raise awareness through the help of Water Aid. Pupils are aware they sometimes take water for granted and this endeavour is helping all of us to be more considerate of our limited resources.'

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "Earning an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award takes passion, commitment and a desire to make a difference. Pupils should be proud of their great work. They're an inspiration and it makes us feel heartened and positive about the future of our planet.

Assembly by Eco Council on Sustainable Fashion

The ECO Council put together an informative and thoughtful assembly on Sustainable Fashion and Care for our Common Home - Laudato Si, which they delivered to all year groups in May. Bella C, James L, Michael S, Oisin M, Poppy H, Ella D, Rebecca S, Theo B, Rebecca H, Rachel R, Jack T, Carrie P, Angel E, and Abu F were all instrumental in pulling together and helping to lead a fabulous and reflective assembly on Sustainable Fashion, and how as Christians this is one very practical way of putting our Values of Stewardship and the call of Pope Francis in Laudato Si into practice in our own lives.

With their hard work and enthusiasm in their delivery, including wearing and showing off their pre-loved and Sustainable Fashion clothes during most of the week, we able to help the students to understand the real cost of Fast Fashion compared with Sustainable Fashion. This included raising awareness of the conditions that the workers are forced to work in, including facing rape and abortion, as well as the environmental cost of making and dying clothes that are worn a few times and discarded.

Year 11 Geography Trip to Iceland

After a relatively stress-free journey through Manchester Airport and flight, students and staff checked into the Viking Hotel in Reykjavík. Before dinner in the amazing dining room that was set up like a Viking ship, students were able to take advantage of the Suðurbæjarlaug Thermal Swimming Pool located round the corner from the hotel.

The first day was very busy with the party taking the Golden Circle Tour which included a swim in the Secret Lagoon Natural Pool. Then a visit to the Kerid Crater, the Gulfoss Waterfall, followed by some time waiting for the Great Geysir to erupt. The final stop of the day was at Thingvellir National Park.

The second day was just as busy. The first stops on the South Shore Tour were at the Seljalandsfoss Waterfall and the Skogafoss Waterfall. After this, students got to walk on the black sand of Reynishverfi Beach and spend time at the Dyrolaey Peninsular. The last stop saw the group take part in a walk on the Solheimajokull glacier.

Miss Sandler, Head of Geography said, 'The students were brilliantly behaved and they proved to be excellent Vikings on the glacier doing Viking push ups and ice wall walking! We all especially enjoyed the accommodation: the cabins that we stayed in were super with wooden frames, beds and even geothermal showers. The staff in the hotel all wore Viking outfits and the main restaurant is set up as a Viking ship!'



Year 13 History Trip to New York City

Year 13 A Level History students, along with Mr Martin and Mrs Bell-Smith, travelled to New York City for a week of the Easter holiday to visit some important sites related to the topic: The Making of a Superpower the USA 1865-1975. Students had an amazing time and experienced NYC in all its glory as the city of skyscrapers and, the city that never sleeps. Students participated in historical visits in the day and they were given the last day to do their shopping. Each evening we all gathered to try a different New York cuisine (pizza, burger, bagel and pretzels, for example). Our hotel was located just off Times Square, so students were in the heart of New York surrounded by bustling traffic.

Day 1:- Students visited the tenement museum looking at life for immigrants into the city in the 19th century. We also went to St. Patrick's Old Basilica where the catacombs run under the ground. We toured the catacombs and listened to the history of Catholicism in New York. In the evening we sat with a cappuccino in the sun looking out on the Hudson River while joggers passed by.



Day 2:- Visit to the Historical Society Museum which had a replica of the Oval Office. We also visited the Museum of the Native Indian, had a tour of Wall Street and Federal Hall to see where the famous 1929 crash happened. In the evening we went to the Rockefeller Plaza.

Day 3:- Students took the ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island immigration Centre. In the afternoon we toured the 9/11 Memorial Museum and the fountain memorial on the foundations of the old World Trade Centre. Students went up the Empire State Building in the evening but we couldn't see a thing. It was incredibly windy and we were literally in the clouds. The students and staff had an amazing time jumping

around in the wind and this became a highlight of the trip!



Day 4:- Students had the day to shop in NYC. They visited Fifth Avenue and then we had a trip to Macys. In the evening we took the subway to Brooklyn and walked back into Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge.

Mr Martin said: 'It was great to get away after all the Covid troubles. Students got to end their time at All Hallows' on a high. They benefited incredibly from seeing the USA. New York City is important to many people over the world as the location of their new life in the New World. Sometimes, international historical study can seem far away and distant

compared to British history. Students got to see how exciting American history is and could humanise some of the individuals from their course.



Mother Tongue, Other Tongue Poetry Competition

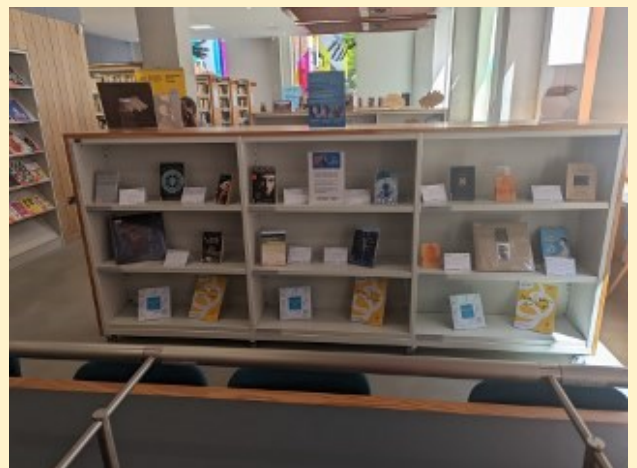
On Thursday 15th July we took a group of 12 Year 8 students to Manchester Metropolitan University for a celebration event of the poetry competition 'Mother Tongue Other Tongue'. Mother Tongue Other Tongue is a national Laureate Education Project, led by Professor Carol Ann Duffy DBE (UK Poet Laureate 2009-2019). The Mother Tongue part of the competition requires children who do not have English as a first language, or who speak a different language at home, to share a lullaby, poem or song from their Mother Tongue. This can be remembered, or passed on, or it can be an original piece. They then write a short piece in English to explain the poem's significance to them. The Other Tongue part of the competition encourages children learning another language in school to use that language creatively to write a poem.

We were incredibly proud of all of the students we took with us, who had all produced fantastic poems, however we were especially pleased with the efforts of Gianna, Sean, Rebecca and Jemima who all won in their categories. With over 1200 entries from across the North West, our students did fantastically well!

The day started with our students taking part in poetry workshops with published poets who work with MMU, including Valerie Bloom who recently won the 2022 CLIPPA (CLPE Children's Poetry Award), the UK's only award for published poetry for children.

We then moved into a lecture theatre where the winners were announced. There, we were privileged to be spoken to by Carol Ann Duffy who performed some poetry for us.

We had a fantastic day and our students were impeccably behaved - we hope to enter the competition again next year!



Students Become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

On Wednesday 27th April a group of student volunteers across all years were trained by The Diana Award Charity to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABA's). ABAs are students who, through their training, will change the attitudes, behaviour, and culture towards bullying in their school. They will be able to spot the signs where it is happening and support, as well as promote the bullying prevention message our College already has.

The training was delivered online through Teams and our students engaged very well throughout. Mrs Rigby, Pastoral Support Manager, supervised the training session and was very pleased with the maturity shown by our students and she will now set up an ABA group to share the knowledge gained with other students who will become Associate ABAs.

Mr Blades, Assistant Principal



Inclusion Mural

Our College Council have been working on a handshake mural to promote an anti-bullying and inclusion message. Each student will have the opportunity to add their fingerprint. Left is an image of the first finger print to be added and of others added by Year 10 students in their assembly. This mural is still a work in progress and we very excited about displaying it when it is completed.

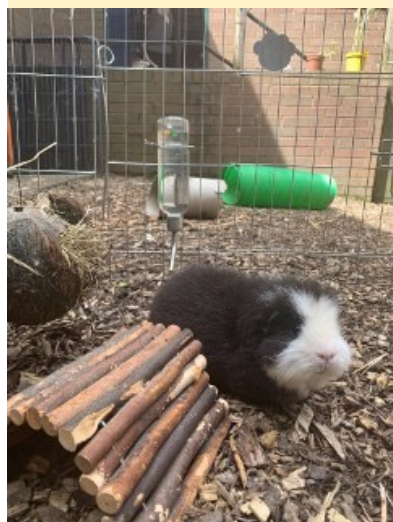


All Hallows Farm Round Up



With the weather warming up and the flies arriving to annoy us, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Needham thought it was a good idea to treat all us fluffy sheep to prevent fly strike. This is a nasty condition caused when the flies lay their eggs on us. Here's some photos of the students spraying us and the cool blue lines we will be sporting over the summer months.

Later in the Summer term both Teddy and Neil had a visit from Doug the sheep shearer came to see us and gave us some much needed hair cuts! Now we're cool and protected from the annoying flies this summer.



There was some exciting news for Bambi, our Guinea Pig when her new friends finally arrived in the Spring term. Princess and Fluffy have settled in very well.

Our Farm Manager, Mrs Lewis left us in the summer term for pastures new! She has thoroughly enjoyed her time at All Hallows and has loved working with our staff, students and of course, all the animals! Her final comment was that she will miss the College and everyone in it very much indeed. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well on her new adventures.



Year 5 All Hallows Learning Community Days

This week we welcomed Year 5 students from our learning community primary schools of St Mary's, St Alban's, Christ the King, St Benedict's, St Gregory's, St John the Evangelist and St. Paul's. The students went to Science, History, Food Technology lessons, as well as spending time on the All Hallows farm getting to know our wide range of animals. The students had a real hands on experience in both Science and Food Technology. In the labs they used Bunsen Burners and looked at the different types of flames created by different chemicals. They also learnt about safety techniques in using the equipment and wore their goggles with pride! For their History sessions students took part in a Cluedo style activity, assessing the evidence to solve the mystery of the Birmingham Sweet Shop Poisoning. In our Food Technology kitchens, the students created, assembled, baked and in some case, ate their own French bread pizzas. To experience our farm, students had a tour of the outside animals and then spent some time handling and looking at how they are looked after.



Liverpool Hope University Experience

During the penultimate week of term, we spent three days at Liverpool Hope University with the students who will join our All Hallows community in September. The experience provides an opportunity to help students make new friends through sport and team building, as well as have an experience of university life, including attending a lecture and living in Halls of Residence. Our prayer activities led by our Lay Chaplain Mrs Livesey, helped students to explore our Mission and Core Values and provided an induction into the prayer and spiritual life of the College.

Here are just a few comments from our students, when asked, 'What was the highlight for you?'

'My bedroom was massive!'

'The food!!'

'I loved the Form competitions'

'I felt very special when I saw myself as a work of art.'

'The graduation - I can't wait to go to University.'

'I made lots of new friends'

'I loved everything.'

'I loved the church, it made me relax.'

'The cakes.'

'Even though I got homesick I really liked the sports.'

'Definitely the All Hallows' Talent Show.'

A big thank you to everyone involved in organising this event and supporting it including our primary school colleagues, Year 7 YLL, Miss Gowing and Form Tutors, Mrs Livesey, Ms Sinclair, Mrs Metherringham, Mrs Costanda, Miss Cooke, Governor Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Garvey.



PSCHE Days

During the summer term Year 7 - 10 took part in the third and fourth PSHE day of the academic year. Instead of studying their usual subjects In May, students had sessions that dealt with knife crime, refugees, extremism, foreign aid and health issues. For the last day of the year in July, students looked at Ukrainian culture, relationships, CAFOD's Step up to the Plate campaign which looks at how the global food system is broken and why people are going hungry, as well as the role and work of Water Aid. As happened last year, students had one session of the day visiting the Faith in Action fair organised by our Year 12 students.

Faith in Action Fair

As part of their Core RE programme, Year 12 students were challenged to organise a whole College event to raise awareness and funds for our India clinic. This year they organised a Fair which brought the whole college community together on the final PSHE day of the year. Students provided a range of fun games and activities including clothes dyeing, piñata, cross bar challenge, penalty shoot out and 'what's in the box'. There was also water balloon bombing, an ice cream stall, a basket ball challenge and the most amazing cake stall. The atmosphere on the day was fantastic.



Sporting Success



Football Results

A huge well done to the Year 8 girls football team for reaching the Final of the Macclesfield and District Cup. They were beaten by a strong Wilmslow team but the girls should be proud of their performance. Although 3-0 down at half time, the second half was much improved and the girls matched Wilmslow and played some great football. The final score was 4-0. Excellent effort from all girls but Player of the Match was awarded to Ruby Q for some brilliant saves in

goal. Wilmslow awarded their Player of the Match to Frankie T. Well done to both girls!



Cricket - Year 9 and 10

The Year 9 & 10 Cricket team came joint 3rd in the Macclesfield and District Cup. They played really well, beating Poynton with 2 balls to spare, lost to Wilmslow and drew with Fallibroome in the 3rd and 4th playoff match. It was a great team performance in all games, but a special mention goes to the opening batsmen, Ray S and Will J who retired in 2 of the 3 games and were only caught out once during the day. Congratulations to all involved.

Cricket - Year 7 and 8 Girls

The girl's Cricket team competed in the Macclesfield and District cup but unfortunately did not win a game. Despite this, the girls were competitive and tried their best throughout. Our best team performance came against overall winners Poynton, who we lost to by just 10 runs. Special mention to Grace P who hit 4 sixes in a row during one game. Congratulations to all involved.



Student Success

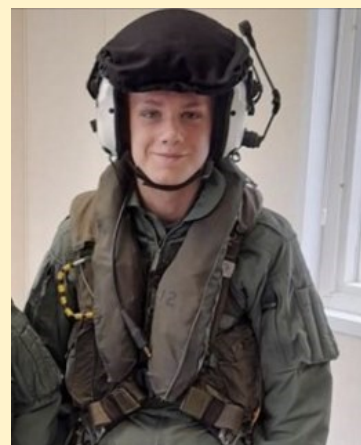
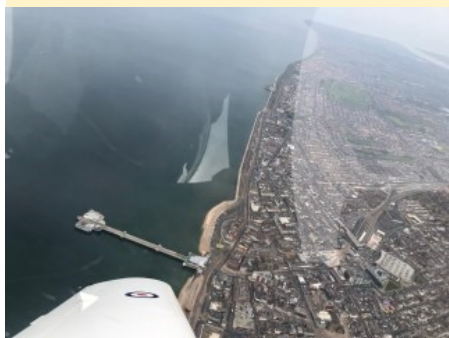


Congratulations to Leon Campbell, former All Hallows student who is now the Co - executive producer of Channel 4's Gogglebox, for winning in the Reality and Constructed Factual programme category at this weekend's BAFTA Awards

Student Takes to the Air!

On Thursday 28th April, I had the amazing opportunity to fly with the Royal Air Force (RAF) as an Air Cadet. We flew from RAF Woodvale, near Southport, to Blackpool tower, where I was given control over the two-seat propeller plane, called a Grob Tutor. It was an unforgettable experience that will stay with me for many years to come.

Aidan R



Public Speaking Success

In May, our Year 10 public speaking team were presented with the trophy for winning the District final back in March. As such, they are one of the four best public speaking teams in the north west and have done incredibly well.

They each also received a mini shield for their work, and Evie and Tom also won individual prizes for their contributions.



Sailing — June



Congratulations to Poppy W Year 9 in achieving her Powerboat licence. Poppy regularly sails at Redesmere Sailing club where she has been instruction 8 families from All Hallows who took up the generous offer made by the sailing club to run a sailing course and offer free membership. A particular thanks to Mrs Rachel Ward for organising the course. She shared an email with us last week...

'I just wanted to relay how successful the Community Project has been. We have been bowled over with how engaging and delightful the group of families are. Each week the students and their parents have taken on new challenges'.

Judo

Well done to Jack M in Year 11 who has achieved his adult Yellow belt in Bushido Jujitsu in June. He had continued to work out throughout lockdown at home but was really pleased to get back to the Dojo and continue to move through his belt gradings.

Hockey



Well done to Reuben F who won the U16 Player of the Year award in April at the East Cheshire Academy Centre. He then picked up the Cheshire Young Umpire of the Year at the Cheshire Hockey Association AGM, after impressing while umpiring the North West U14 & U16 girls finals at Lancaster University in the Spring.



Enterprise Club

A small group of Year 7 students joined Enterprise Club where for the last 3 weeks, with Miss Robertson, they have designed and created a chocolate bar. They learnt many aspects of how to run a business by creating a company and logo, completing research as to what types of chocolate people like, how much they would sell their chocolate for and how to advertise it. The students had the opportunity to make the chocolate and thoroughly enjoyed it. Here they are with their certificates after presenting what they had done. Congratulations to all the girls involved and for Miss Robertson for organising the task.

Student Takes to the Air



Jake C is continuing his flying training in Cadets. In May he flew on a Grob Tutor aircraft and experienced a negative G stall with the aircraft climbing vertically and then nose diving! He was lucky enough to control the aircraft. Although the day was long, starting at 06:30 am, Jake had an incredible time.

AH Former Student Physics Success

Abbey Barnard who went from All Hallows to study Physics at Lancaster University has successfully managed to get on an Internship at CERN in Geneva for the summer. She is working on the ATLAS detector and is even being trained to go down to the Beam tunnel itself. We are all very excited about this and proud of the hard work Abbey has put in so far to get to this point. Abbey is one of only 12 students from the UK to be rewarded with this experience so it is an amazing achievement. We can not wait for Abbey to come in to All Hallows next year and share her experiences with students to help inspire the next generation of physicists. She said she was really grateful to the science department for the sixth form trip to CERN which helped motivate her to work there one day.



Cricket Success

Well done to Luke M in Year 8, who made his senior debut for Macclesfield cricket club in June, scoring an impressive 33 runs and bowling 5 overs for only 21 runs.

STEM trip to Stoke-on-Trent College - July

Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 travelled to Stoke for an exciting day of technology, engineering and science based activities.. The students were asked to complete 3 to 4 different tasks that ran for 75 minutes each.

Task 1: Robotics challenge Students had to programme a Mindstorms robot to complete different tasks. Guilherme S F, Ivan T and Jack M won this event!

Task 2: Race car build Students had to build a battery powered Lego race car which they raced against other teams / schools and the winner was the fastest. All Hallows came 2nd & 3rd in this event.

Task 3: Crime investigation Students used facial recognition technology that the UK police force use to try and solve a crime.

Task 4: Medical Diagnostic - Students used medical equipment to try and diagnose patients health conditions.



Year 10 Work Experience

Our students took part in a week long work experience recently, they were able to take up placements in a wide variety of workplaces. They took on roles in the following workplaces: Graphic Design, an Equestrian Centre, Construction, Hairdressers, Nurseries, Architects and Restaurants, learning what day to day working life is like in the associated professions. A group of students took part in an army residential where they were very much thrown out of their comfort zone, crawling through fields and sleeping under shelters that they had made. There were also some students who took part in a virtual, online work experience that was run by Changing Education where they were set tasks each day.

This is what some of our students said of their week at work:

'I learnt how to be more confident around people''

'I learnt how work isn't easy as it seems and you have to work hard.'

'I will be taking away from my experience not to give up easily and to just try my best.'

'I enjoyed talking to clients and the team as they were all super nice and helpful with giving me lots of information.'

'I really enjoyed interacting with younger children and helping them learn.'

'I learnt that little kids can be quite clingy!'

'Work is really tiring!'

Well done Year 10 for organising your placements and throwing yourselves into it!

Miss Wood, Year 10 Learning Leader



Gurdwara and Synagogue Model Competition in RE

To help bring their learning in RE to life, Year 7 and 8 students have been set the task to create a model of a Synagogue (Y7) and a Gurdwara (Y8). Within lessons students have looked at the features of these places of worship and explored why they are important to Jews and Sikhs.

The RE department had a hard job deciding the winners of the Year 7 and Year 8 Places of Worship model competition. We were so impressed with the creativity and hard work our students put into this task. They really excelled themselves with this challenge. We saw such a range of entries from cakes to entries made out of wood and even a Synagogue model with a working eternal light! A big well done and thank you to all students who entered.

The winners are as follows:

Y7: Synagogue

1st - Tyler D

2nd - Hannah G

3rd - Duru B/Caoimhe S

Y8: Gurdwara

1st - Joseph B

2nd - Cesca Y S

3rd - Anca C



Year 10 Geography Trip to the Goyt Valley

This trip was to conduct fieldwork on river systems as part of the Geography GCSE curriculum. The students were briefed before the trip and worked with moorland visitor centre education staff throughout the day. In total the students visited three sites to observe and conduct measurements in the river. The students set off from the Errwood Car Park to Deep Clough which was about a 30 minute walk. At the Deep Clough site students walked further upstream and finally moved then back downstream, to a deeper part of the river for further investigation.



Year 7 History Trip to Beeston Castle

Our Year 7 students have been able to explore both the prehistoric and medieval life within Beeston castle on this trip. They took part in two work shops led by English Heritage. The first was called Stone Keep castles, where students learnt about life in the castle, Medieval weaponry and warfare, as well as how the castle was attacked



and defended. This involved a tour around the keep including enjoying the views from the top of the castle where you could see as far as Snowdon and Liverpool. The second workshop was about the prehistoric settlers at Beeston and what the site was used for in the Stone and Bronze Ages. Students got to spend some time in the prehistoric round house and handle various different artefacts including Stone Age tools and having a go at grinding wheat on different grindstones through the ages.



MEP Intensive Study Event at Sheffield University

Our Year 10 Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP) students took part in a 4-day Intensive Study event: the MEP Tourism Project. Students first followed an online course in school for 3 days last week, and then attended a face-to-face day at the University of Sheffield this Thursday. Over the online courses, students worked together in small groups to create a marketing campaign to attract Chinese tourists to Macclesfield, including making posters and creating videos.

During the day at the University of Sheffield our students had a campus tour with East Asian Studies students. The lead lecturer of the Chinese Department then gave an exciting lecture about the modern city of Shanghai. Our students really enjoyed the trip, especially the video presentations from several MEP schools about 'introducing the place you live' as the perfect ending.

In this project, students enjoyed the great opportunity to enrich their Chinese vocabulary about tourism and get creative to show off their hometowns.

Year 7 Mandarin Activity Day

On 23rd June Thursday, our Year 7 Mandarin students attended a Chinese Activity Day at Edge Hill University hosted by the Confucius Institute.

Students were led by Mrs Denby, Miss Chen and Mr Bradshaw. They were welcomed by Confucius Institute staff on their arrival and then had a brief tour of campus. During the day, they had cultural workshops of paper cutting, the Chinese New Year Festival, Calligraphy and Dragon dancing. The workshops brought students closer to Chinese culture, in addition to their Mandarin language lessons at school and will help foster their understanding of Chinese customs and local life.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and appreciated this great opportunity to shine at Mandarin. All Hallows and University staff were very pleased with students' achievement throughout the day's activities and hoped for further similar opportunities in the future.



Year 8 Art Trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Our Year 8 students visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park to observe the variety and composition of sculptures on display around the grounds.



Year 7 Geography Field Trip to Castleton

Students travelled the short distance to the Peak District to explore the limestone formations in Speedwell Cavern, as well as walk the Broken Road.



Year 10 History Trip to Belgium

In July, 42 Year 10 GCSE History students visited the World War One battlefields and cemeteries in Belgium. The itinerary included Essex Farm Cemetery, where the poet John McCrae wrote the famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'. Here we also viewed the grave of Valentine Strudwick, who lied about his age to get into the army and died at 15 years old. Students then visited Tyne Cot cemetery where thousands of Commonwealth soldiers were laid to rest. Even to this day, bodies of WW1 soldiers are still being found on the Ypres salient. Only last week, six soldiers were unearthed. One student, Samuel Howard, was able to locate the name of his Great Grandfather on a memorial panel. The sheer scale of the number of casualties hit home to the students. Students also visited the German cemetery at Langemark. Langemark cemetery is one of only four First World War German cemeteries in the Flanders region. Almost 25,000 soldiers are buried in a mass grave. The Germans remember their war dead not by the Poppy but by the Forget Me Not flower.

In the evening students attended the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. On the Tuesday, students visited the Belgian chocolate shop in Ypres square and had some free time. On the final day, students visited Hill 60, the Caterpillar Crater, Passchendaele Museum, and the location of the Christmas Truce in 1914. Soldiers from both sides, ceased hostilities on Christmas Day, exchanged memorabilia and may have had a game of football between both sides with a tin can. Students were able to have their own game of football.



All Hallows Festival of Sports - July 7th

A great day was had by all out on the field and in the sports hall on the annual AH sports day. Students in Years 7 - 10 took part in their two choices from a comprehensive list of sports including football, tag rugby, basketball, netball, volleyball, tennis, boccia, curling and cricket. At the end of each session there was a 4 x 100 meter relay race pitting forms against each other. Year 12 students helped to umpire and organise the matches/games, as well as provide the refreshments and music. When not competing students worked with their form tutors to learn basic first aid and life saving. They also took part in a sports themed quiz. Well done to all students who took part in the day.

Winners from each year group:

Year 7 - Siena

Year 8 - Newman

Year 9 - Fisher

Year 10 - Clitherow



Reading Success in Year 7 and 8

All students in Year 7 and 8 use the Accelerated Reader programme in their Library lessons. It has been another successful year, as you can see in the statistics below.

Year 7

Words read since September: 24,286,057

Word millionaires in the Year 7: Nevin B, Harry L, Leila McKenna, Arthur Salmon and Isabel S J (a double word millionaire).

Quizzes taken and passed: 1,131

The best quizzing form: 7 Barlow

Year 8

Words read since September: 16,559,798

Word millionaires in Year 8: Charlotte H, Jemima Gibson (a double word millionaire), Louisa W, Sophia J and Rebecca S.

Quizzes taken and passed: 671

The best quizzing form: 8 Newman

Book Buying Trip to Waterstones

On Friday 8th July, Ms Sinclair took students from Year 7,8,9 and 10 to Waterstones in Macclesfield to choose new books for the AH library. The students worked in pairs with a set budget and carefully chose a wide range of fiction and non fiction for the shelves. A great time was had by all and we hope to run a similar trip for students in the new term. We look forward to showing you the new books in September!



Prayer

Loving God,

Grant me your hope, that I may know the value of living.

Grant me your strength, that I may have the courage whatever happens.

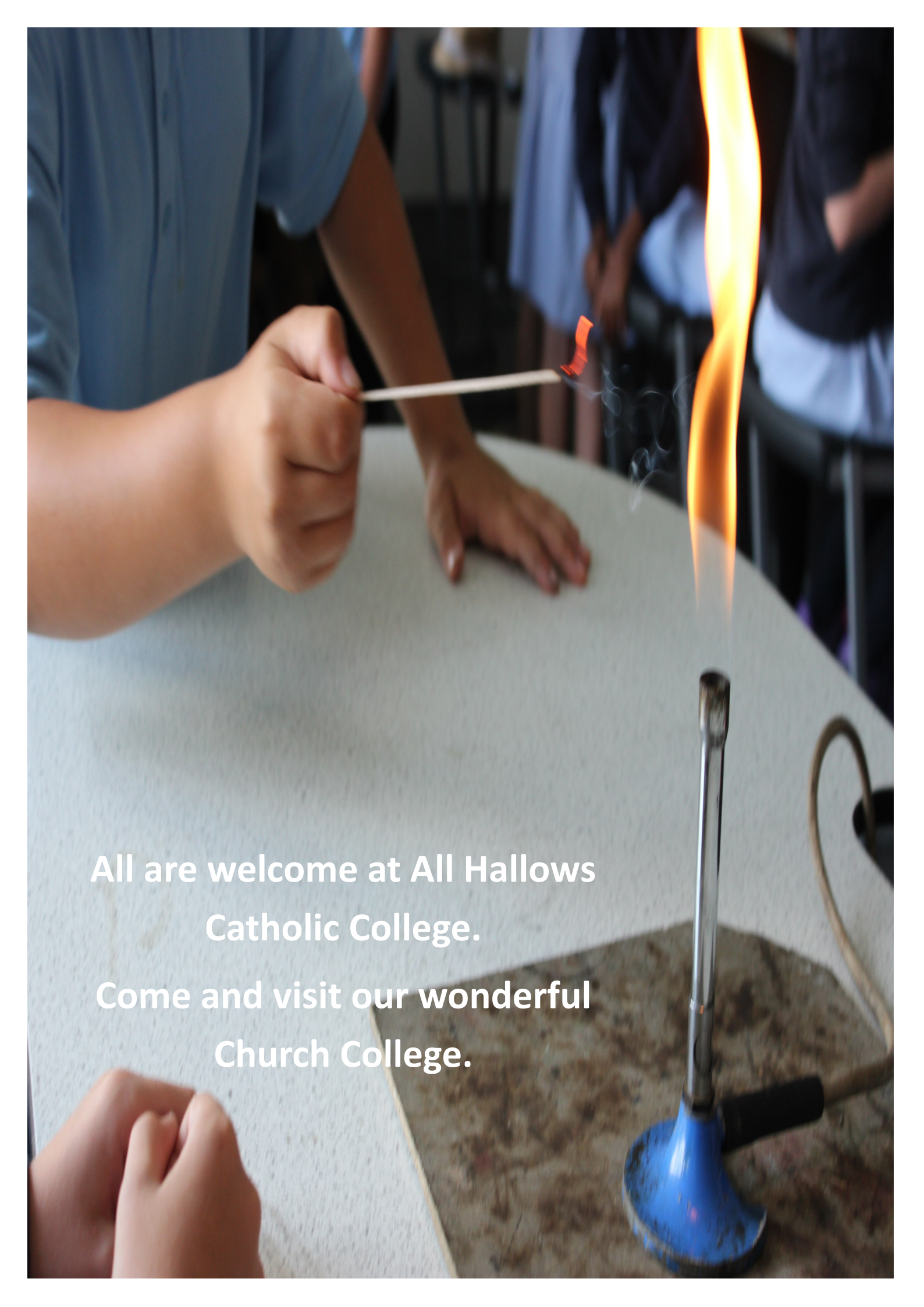
Grant me your patience, that I pause before I judge.

Grant me your peace, that I may become an instrument of reconciliation.

And in all things flood me in your joy that I may keep alight the flame of your love.

Amen



A close-up photograph of a person's hands lighting a candle. The person is holding a lit matchstick and bringing it to the wick of a candle. The candle is in a blue holder and has a large, bright flame. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in a room. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

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