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Michaelmas and Christmas 2024



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A Welcome from our Principal



Welcome to the Aspire Magazine, reviewing the Winter term 2024. It has been a long, busy term with plenty of opportunities for our young people to shine.

The year began with the news about the Class of 2024 and their excellent set of examination results. Our new Year 7 students settled in well, after having enjoyed their Liverpool Hope University experience in July. We celebrated their Service of Welcome and students from all Year groups participated in our Open Evening. We have had Geography field-trips, Art, History & English trips, visits to Theatres & Museums, and Retreats...and, of course, we had our very successful Ofsted inspection, earlier this half-term.

Yet again our students, parents and staff have been generous with their time and money, raising much needed funds for charity, and working with our partners in the community. The Christmas Caritas appeal raised over £1,500 that has been used to buy a huge selection of Christmas gifts from Argos. We have collected food hampers for the SVP and Silk Life Foodbank, and the Sixth Form Fancy dress day & All Hallows Has Talent raised funds for the India Project.

The term has been busy for extra-curricular sport, with successes in Football, Cross-Country, Rugby, Hockey and Netball. The Choir has sung at St Barnabas' Church, Christies, and around the Crib in Macclesfield.

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

God bless,
Tim Beesley
Principal

‘The school's programme to support personal development is extraordinary.’

Ofsted, November 2024

All Hallows was inspected by Ofsted on 19th & 20th November 2024, and we are incredibly proud of our students, staff, governors and other stakeholders who have worked so hard to secure such a positive report.

We are particularly pleased with the opening line of the report:

· ‘Pupils, including students in the sixth form, thrive at All Hallows Catholic College’.

Enabling our young people to 'shine' is very clearly our vision at All Hallows, and it is lovely to have this recognised. We have the fantastic job of developing our youngsters into successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens, and it is evident from the report, and the quote at the top of the page, that this is a real strength of the College.

Among the many other positive comments in the report, Inspectors found that:

- The school's mission for pupils to 'aspire not to have more, but to be more' underpins every aspect of school life'
- The school has high aspirations for all pupils
- Pupils behave well in lessons and around school
- Pupils feel safe and well cared for in school
- Pupils show respect and compassion for others
- They have warm relationships with staff
- The school has created a calm and orderly environment
- The school provides a broad and ambitious curriculum
- Pupils are grateful for all the opportunities that the school provides for them to develop their confidence, skills and talents
- The school has made reading an important part of school life
- Pupils are expected to achieve well, and most do
- Teachers use their strong subject knowledge to present new ideas clearly
- The school identifies students with SEND accurately and provides detailed information about their additional needs to teachers
- In the sixth-form, teaching is skilfully adapted to meet the needs of all students
- Sixth-form students act as exemplary role models
- Trust and school leaders have a strong, shared understanding of the values and ethos of this school

Since September 2024, Ofsted no longer provides an overall effectiveness judgement for schools, but it does still grade the individual key areas of 'quality of education', 'behaviour & attitudes', 'personal development', and 'leadership & management', as well as any additional provision, like 'sixth form'. We were very pleased to be recognised as 'outstanding' for both personal development and sixth form provision, and whilst the other three areas were graded as 'good', the Lead Inspector commented in her final feedback, that if she could have used the words 'very good', she would have.

During this final feedback, to senior leaders, governors, directors & diocese, the Lead Inspector also explained how much more rigorous and exacting the current Ofsted framework is, compared to when the College was last inspected in 2014. Inspectors agreed that the College has made strong progress, in all areas, since that last inspection,

Quite rightly, inspectors always look to see if there is anything that a school could be doing, to improve further, and they have given us just one area for improvement, concerning 'adaptive teaching'. This is something that we had already identified through our own self-evaluation, and we already have strategies in place to address it. It is also covered in the College's three priorities, under 'Participation' - making sure that all students are 'ready to learn by actively participating in class'.

In conclusion, the inspection, along with this fantastic report, is something that everyone associated with All Hallows should be really proud of.

Staff Welcome Mass and Macmillan Afternoon Tea

On the first Tuesday in September, **teachers** and support staff marked the start of the Academic Year with a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Father Martin, during which Heads of Department offered the work of their Departments as examples of how they overtly support Catholic Social Teaching. After Mass, staff gathered together to raise money for Macmillan Cancer with a afternoon tea, where many of the bakes were homemade.



Mo Bros 2024

Thank you to Mr Aspinall for once organising the annual Movember moustache challenge at All Hallows. This year, the group (Mr Aspinall, Mr Benbow, Mr Quinn, Mr Evans and Mr Clarke) raised an amazing £1,202 - more than last year's total. Fantastic work!



Open Evening

On a Monday evening in early September, we welcomed prospective students for September 2025 and their families into our College for our annual open evening. Our visitors were taken on a tour by 6th form guides and were introduced to the College with a talk delivered by Mr Beesley. There was a real buzz around the College as our staff and their student helpers showcased the range of subjects we offer, giving demonstrations and displays in their classrooms. It has also become a tradition that students create a 'newspaper' reporting on the evening and sell to parents, with all proceeds going to our India Clinic.

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Open Evening Fun!

WELCOME FROM MR BEESLEY

After video about everything the subjects they will learn at All Hallows, Mr Beesley greeted everyone with a warm welcome to All Hallows and more. He showed many people how many primary schools have come to All Hallows over the years. He shared with everyone the varieties of choices and paths to take at All Hallows.

Spanish

In Spanish they were listening to Spanish merengue songs and making animals out of clay. Our favourite was guessing the flavour of the Chupa Chups lollypops! And for the people who like a challenge, you need to order the Spanish numbers.

French

In French (one of the best in our opinion) you get to see what the teachers use to teach us and the workbooks. You even get to play some French games.



NEWSROOM

Our brave crew of Year 8 journalists started this evening's Newsroom session by planning their reporting, organising themselves into teams and venturing around the college to investigate activities taking place in each department, interview teachers, take photographs and chat to parents. It was then back to the newsroom to collate notes and write up stories. Mr Megson and Miss Hughes are helping with editing and publication. Tonight's reporters are **Heidi P, Prisha P, Erin M, Maxyne D, Ava B, Scarlett R and Angelika P.**



PE

In PE you could do anything from basketball, netball, gymnastics, boxing or even use the treadmills.

Food Tech

Many people love the food in food tech and love the cooking that they got involved in. There were varieties of foods such as cupcakes, pizza and many more.

History

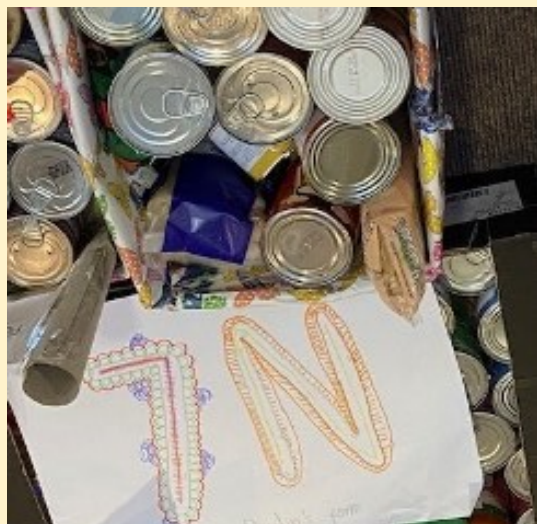
In History, you can test your knowledge by trying to identify the artifacts. You can also explore more ancient history by colouring in coats of arms, or labelling the parts of a castle - do you know your portcullis from your motte and bailey?

Form Altars

Our forms groups and their tutors were working hard at the beginning of term to develop their form prayer altars.



Harvest Hampers—October



During Harvest , we asked for donations of non perishable food items to be made into food hampers to be distributed either directly to families associated with All Hallows or through the Silk Life Food Bank in Macclesfield. The response from our college community was amazing.

Thank you to all who contributed items showing kindness and compassion.



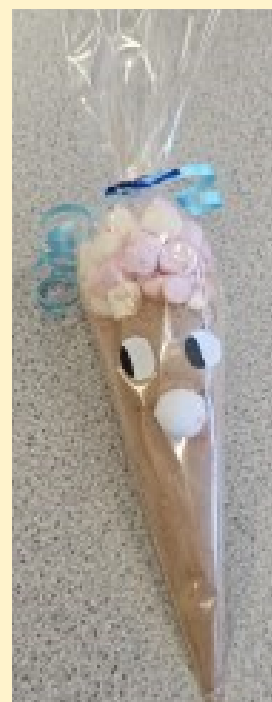
Caritas Gift Appeal—December



At the beginning of December we launched our annual Caritas Gift Appeal. Our forms chose gifts they want to buy for children in specific age groups and worked out how they would raise the money needed. Our forms started fund raising very quickly. For example, 8N sold hot chocolate reindeers for £1 each. Mrs Heaton's 9M sold ice creams, for those who could brave the chill! 8N put a hamper together for the Caritas appeal which was raffled. This hamper included chocolates, biscuits, hot chocolate, marshmallows, a Christmas cup, Stitch coaster, fluffy socks and more!

In total, our students have raised over £1,503.06. Many thanks to our amazing student and form teachers for their efforts in fundraising and showing real commitment to our core values of Compassion, Co operation and Honourable Purpose.

In the last week of term, the Catholic charity Caritas, collected the gifts our students had donated through our Advent Appeal. These were donated to children across our diocese, many of whom are refugees, in time for Christmas.



Hunger Lunch

In early October, our students supported the Hunger Lunch we held in College. They bought soup and a bread roll and donated the money to CAFOD. As always we are very grateful to our catering staff for helping us make this happen. The lunch raised over £100 which is excellent! Thanks to all involved and who supported it.



Year 8 Chapel Prayer Experience

In early October, Year 8 students started their chapel experience lesson by visiting the chapel with their RE teacher to explore the Catholic practice of praying the Rosary. After reflecting on the Mysteries of the Rosary students had an opportunity to say part of the Rosary together. Then, students were provided with a set of Rosary beads which they were welcome to keep. Our appreciation goes to the Catenians for providing us with Rosary beads for gifting to our Year 8 students.



Year 10 Retreat at Soli

We had a great three days at the Soli Retreat Centre in October. Despite the rain, we spent time on the low ropes, raft building and guiding each other on the night walk. Indoors, we explored who God was for us and how we need God to anchor us. We spent time in our small groups sharing our thoughts and hopes for our futures. We were reminded how special we are. Some of us even found our voices! Mrs Garvey said she's sending our names to Mr Thompson to enrol us in the Liturgical choir! Here are some of the things we really enjoyed: the food, playing chess, small group reflections, singing hymns in Mass, getting really muddy, mountain biking, beating the boys at archery, the balance slide and low ropes.

Thank you to the Soli Team and to Mrs Garvey, Miss Ball and Mr G. A very tired group of Year 10 students



Youth Sunday

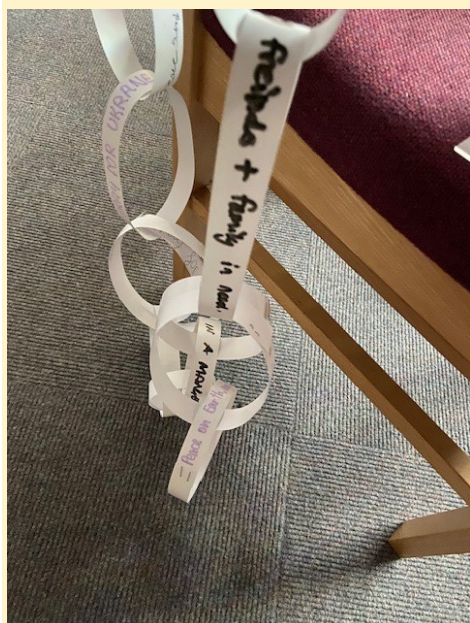
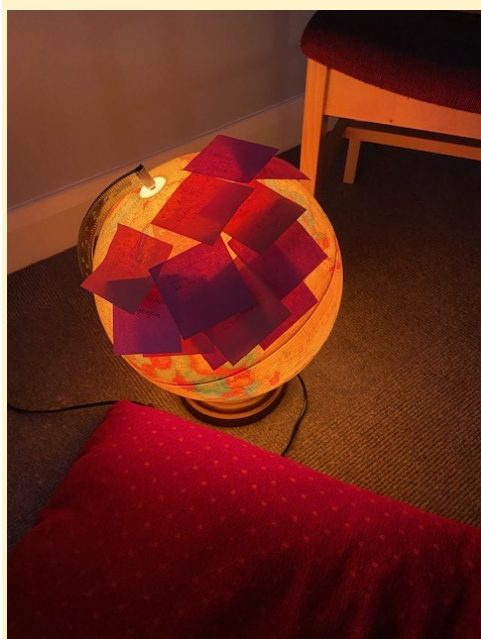
This Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church's year. All Hallows Staff and students joined the 11am Mass at St Alban's RC Church, Macclesfield when our choir sang along with musicians and singers from St Alban's parish.

Advent in RE

Our Year 9 and 10 students started their Advent journey at the beginning of December, by visiting the Chapel to engage in a series of prayer station reflections.

In Form time, our students have been using the CAFOD Advent prayer calendar to pray for the work of CAFOD and develop an understanding of some of the projects they are currently supporting.

In the meantime, each Form has a Posada with which they will reflect on the journey of Mary and Joseph towards Bethlehem. As the Posada journeys between Forms, our Form reps are praying for their peers.



Harry Lyon Performs

In early December, our Year 7 and 9 students attended a performance and talk by musician Harry Lyons in our College Hall. Harry was born in Sheffield and has recently studied music production in Manchester. Our students were treated to a mini gig with Harry playing several of his own songs (Lessons, Extraordinary and Porcelain) and a cover of Sam Fender's, 17, Going Under.

Harry then gave the audience his back story. When he was in Year 10 at school his band was signed to Sony/RCA which resulted with him touring and performing at festivals until that all came to an abrupt end several years later. Harry talked openly about how this affected his mental health and the difficulties he had dealing with the sudden change in his life. He described how he got himself together to carry on as the solo artist he is now, releasing music regularly on social media platforms, Spotify and YouTube. Harry also talked about the very relevant topic of internet safety and cyber bullying to the students, asking students to share suggestions and advice with each other.

There was also time for a Q & A and students asked Harry about his favourite song, Dire Strait's Romeo and Juliet, football team, Liverpool and his inspirations, relationships and difficulties he has experienced in life.

At the end of the event, students were able to get a signed poster from Harry. All enjoyed the performance, with several students describing it as 'informative' and 'very chilled'!



Student Success

Student Fundraising

Lily T in Year 10 spent several weeks fundraising for the Little Princess Trust starting by donating her hair! Lily and her family have raised over £1,600, £200 of which she has raised on her own.

Music Success



Charlotte C successfully competed in the Hazel Grove Musical Festival this Autumn. In the Piano section, in class Piano Forte Solo, grade V and VI, she got 3rd place. In the afternoon section, in Wind Instrument Performance Classes, Charlotte won twice. She got first in Recorder Solo, 14 years and under, as well as first in Recorder Solo, 16 years and under.

Driving Success

Congratulations to Theo B who competed in his first rally on Sunday 1st December. He was a competitor in the co-driving seat alongside his dad who was driving. He was very calm and collected for the entire day and was praised for his sportsmanship and skill. It wasn't an easy day for the team as they faced a number of challenges but they finished 24/90 overall and 7th in their class. Theo has also been featured in an edition of Motorsport News.

At the motor club Christmas meal Theo won the Spirit of the Club Award for all his hard work he has done within rallying. He marshalled on 8 events from in Wales to the Lake District, helped at the club event setting up at Cadwell Park that involved moving lots of lorry tyres (about 130) as well as other bits. The trophy was a club members vote, so to be recognised by his peers is even more special.

Great work, Theo!



Paper, Scissors, Glue:

An Exhibition of Art Using Everyday Materials

In December, parents and students were invited to an exhibition of Art and Design which showcases the work of students from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. The theme of our exhibition was link artistic outcomes in all year groups by the shared mediums of paper, scissors and glue.

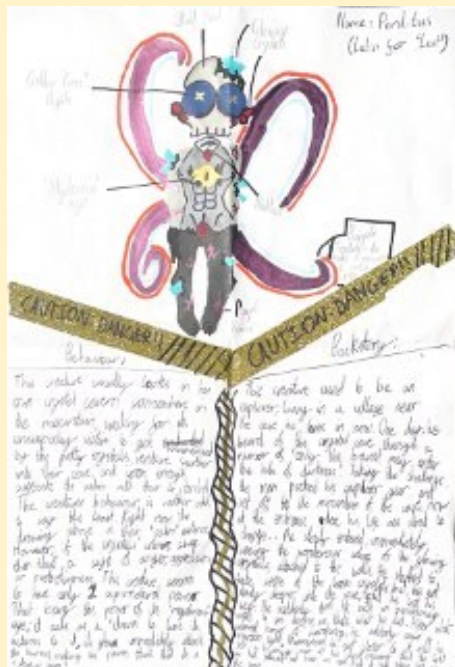
Year 12 put together transparent drawings of natural forms with glue. Year 10 made collage self portraits using photos, newspapers and magazines. There are also a selection of Memphis inspired clocks from Product Design. Year 9 created collaged 'Fantastic Beasts' inspired by surrealist art and creatures from mythology. Along side this, there was also a series of political collages exploring the theme of protest art. Year 8 crafted collage versions of favourite foods including burgers, ice cream and lollies, inspired by Pop art. Year 7 produced observational drawings using different types of paper.

All students in Key stage 3 have contributed a paper snowflake to a Christmas themed installation which forms the centre piece of our exhibition.



Excellent English Work

A collage-style book cover for 'Lane Cyre'. The title is written in a large, white, cursive font on a brown, torn-paper background. The cover is decorated with various elements: a purple flower at the top, a green leaf, a yellow flower, a pink flower, a red flower, and several butterflies. There are also pieces of old, yellowed paper with faint text and a small, dark, rectangular object on the right side. The book is bound with a black and white striped cover visible on the left.



Computer Science

CyberFirst Girls Competition

This November, two Year 8 teams from All Hallows—Lottie D, Anna K, Sophie W, Connie M, Nandila K and Angelina J—took part in the CyberFirst Girls Competition. They showcased their outstanding problem-solving skills, tackling various computer science puzzles and challenges with great determination. Although they didn't place in the top 10 schools in the North West region, both teams performed exceptionally well and made All Hallows proud. Well done, girls!

Computer Science Computational Thinking Success

In December, our Year 10 Computer Science students have taken part in the Bebras Challenge where they have to tackle a series of interactive tasks, designed to encourage logical thinking and problem-solving skills. Over 40,000 students took part in the challenge delivered in partnership with the University of Oxford. This year our very talented Year 10 class were only 0.5% away from being the best in the country - well done!

Year 8 Girls - Hackastron

Lottie D, Angelina J, Nandila K, Connie M, Sophie W, Alexandra S, Amrusha H, Maisie H, Jessica ST took part in a fun and interactive day in December to explore the world of tech at Jodrell Bank.

The girls tackled a digital advent calendar of tasks covering cyber security, code breaking, digital forensics and much more competing against the clock.

As well as taking part in the activities, the girls watched a stunning multimedia experience detailing the Apollo space missions and gained valuable insights into potential jobs in programming and coding that they could do when older.

The girl's behaviour was excellent, and Mr Barron and Miss Taylor were extremely impressed with how well they all worked together as a team throughout the day.

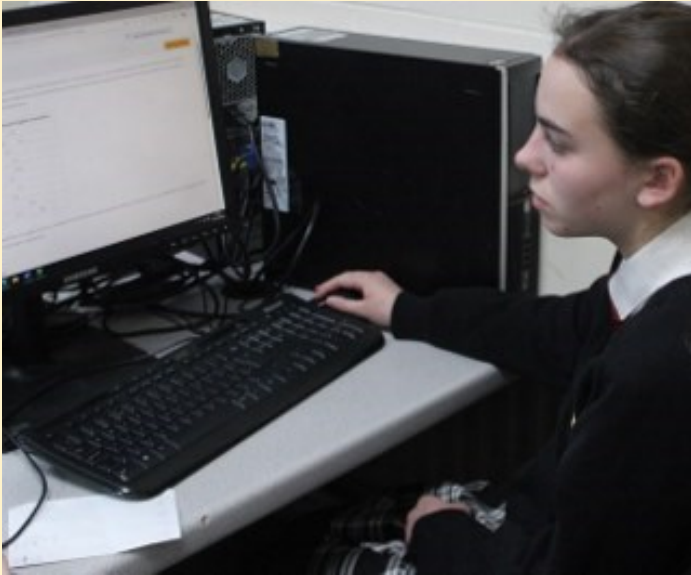


Modern Foreign Languages

National Language Challenge - Year 9

In late November, a group of our Year 9 students took part in the GCHQ's annual National Language Challenge. They used their language skills to figure out codes and gained points for every task they completed.

The languages used ranged from what is taught at All Hallows (French, German, Spanish and Mandarin) to imaginary languages. Chris S and Nabeel E said it was a fun experience and Brita C described the activities as a good challenge for the brain!



Fantastic Food Technology

In October, our Year 9 students worked on making Charcuterie boards in their Food Technology lesson with Mrs Remfry. Well done to all students for producing well presented and delicious looking dishes.



RE Lessons

Mrs Sutton praised the sensible students in Year 10 who have been learning about Imago Dei, Sanctity of Life, and abortion. Photos show they are learning from one another to help them to tackle the ethical question of Abortion. They took on different roles, ranging from God to the Doctor, trying to consider what their questions and views may be; which were then debated as a class. They approached this maturely and enthusiastically. Well done, 10G1a.

In Mrs Sutton's 10Y class, Henry B was showing us his mirror reflecting God building on St Catherine's analogy for Imago Dei. Well done Henry!



Year 11 students were recognising the importance of items Jews wear in their worship during their RE lesson. Alex C took the lead in supporting Toby and Tyler to prepare for the Amidah. Well done all who participated so fully.

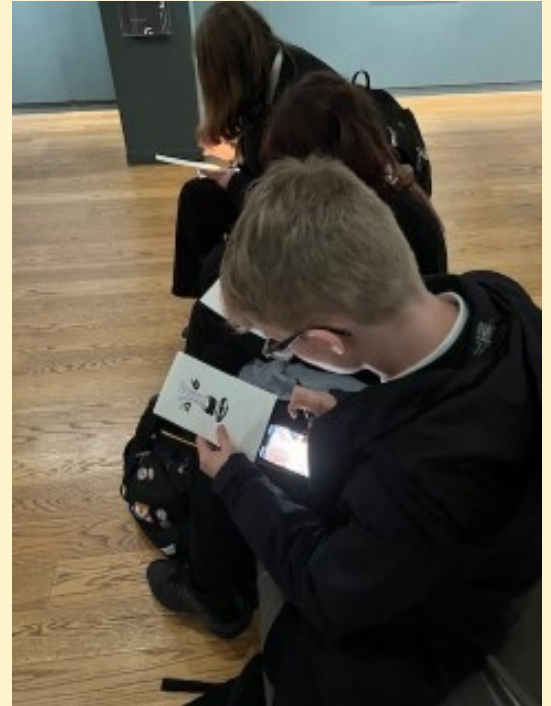


Enrichment Visits

Year 11 Art Trip

In October, students who are studying fine art, Art craft & Design and 3D:Product design, visited Manchester Art gallery. Students are currently developing their GCSE portfolio by relating their ideas to the work of other artists and designers. Over the coming weeks they will be using the information gathered to help them to plan and produce a major outcome for their GCSE coursework.

It was fantastic to see the students engaging with the works of Art & Design with such confidence and it will be exciting to see how the information enriches their studies.



Sixth Form Visit to London

In October, our 6th form Art & Design students travelled to London and viewed the Art work on display at Tate Modern. The gallery is situated on the south bank of the Thames, in a former power station, and houses the United Kingdom's collection of international modern and contemporary art. Year 13 students were researching art which relates to the theme of their personal investigation project. Year 12 collected information on art relating to their initial project, Natural forms: Life & death. It was inspirational to see art work in so many forms in this iconic venue.



Year 11 History Trip to Hardwick Hall

In October, our Year 11 Historians and their History teachers, travelled to Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire to tour the hall and grounds, including the old hall which is under renovation, for their Elizabethan England topic. They were focussing on the historic environment and learn about what an Elizabethan manor house shows about society at the time. There was a chance to look at the Italian style gardens that Bess of Hardwick had created, the important collection of tapestries the Hall holds, as well as the Old Hall, the original building on the site, which is under going some restoration. Students were engaged throughout the visit and a credit to themselves and our College.



GCSE and A Level Music Trip to the Bridgewater Hall

In October, our students in KS4 and 5 travelled to Manchester to the concert venue, the Bridgewater Hall, to see various performances of exam set pieces played by the Halle Orchestra.

Year 7 Geography Field Trip to Manchester Airport

Our Year 7 students travelled to Manchester Airport with Geography and Science staff to look at several themes. The first part of the visit was spent in the cabin of the DC10 aircraft or the Avro Suite. Then using a variety of visual aids, students looked at flight and different types of aircraft. There was also an opportunity to visit the flight deck and learn about the flight controls. After this, students explored some of the jobs done at the airport. The second part was spent outside at the Visitor Park. Some of the various airfield operations, aircraft movements were explained to the students and they visited some of the other static exhibits on site. There was also an Environment theme to this tour. Students looked at many of the environmental issues that airports must consider. They examined how people get to the airport, the building of Manchester Airport's second runway and the effects on the local flora and fauna. Also discussed was noise pollution and how this problem is managed, as well as issues such as recycling and bird control. There was some time for students to try to spot the Bird Control team on the airfield, as well as watching some of the aircraft flying in and out of Manchester Airport. Many thanks to the staff at the airport for their time and work with our students.



Year 9 Geography Trip to The Blue Planet

Our Year 9 students travelled with Geography staff to the Blue Planet. While there they watched a show in the Aquarium learning about the different species held in there, as well as touring all the tanks. Blue Planet staff were on hand to help students with questions about the fish and their environments.



Year 9-13 Careers Fair at Macclesfield College

In October, our Year 10 students visited the Macclesfield Pledge Careers Fair held in the sports hall at Macclesfield College. This event gave students the chance to speak to over 50 employers and colleges and gather useful information for their own careers' education. Over the day hundreds of local students from schools in Macclesfield and beyond visited the fair. Our students behaved extremely well going to and from the venue and also during the event, with many picking up leaflets (and free pens) from the stalls. Year 10 must now focus on their work experience which will be between 3—7 February 2025 with the details being logged in Unifrog.



Eco Council News

This term the Eco Council gathered as a whole and we launched the Stop! Think! Act Project to help protect the Orangutans and other endangered species from the Palm Oil industry. If you are interested, please do download the app and find out what products contain Palm Oil and see if you can make more sustainable choices. More to follow on the project later.



Colour Run 2024

As part of our Anti-bullying work in All Hallows, the Anti-bullying Ambassadors (ABAs) have been doing certain activities to work towards our Inclusion/respect badge. Part of this involves actively raising awareness, starting conversations and celebrating the diversity of our school.

On Wednesday afternoon, a group of around 70 students, ABAs and Sixth Formers took part and helped run our Inclusion and Diversity Colour Run. Although the weather wasn't on our side, we still had a great time throwing paint powder over each other and running around the field.

It was very successful and we hope to make it an annual event getting more students involved each year!



All Hallows Winter Wonderland—November

The winning snowman in the PE Department's building competition on the first snowy day of the year!



ABA (Anti Bullying Ambassador) News

Congratulations to the ABAs and Mrs Lewis who have collected and collated evidence over the last 6 months to achieve their second Diana Award Badge: Inclusion. Thanks to Mrs Garvey for organising the Colour Run in September, as that was one of 7 actions that helped them achieve it.

Well done to all!

Odd Socks Day

In Anti-Bullying Week, the theme was 'Choose Respect'. We invited students from all year groups, and staff to wear 'odd socks' on Friday 15th November to celebrate this and they did in large numbers!



Farm News

Award for the All Hallows Farm

In the autumn term, Mrs Needham shared the exciting news that our College had won the Co Op Fairer Share Competition, which is a £5,000 prize for the All Hallows Farm. We are very grateful for the Co Op members who chose our College farm for their cause of choice. We are looking to spend the money on some new areas in College such as the garden and new animal enclosures. Students are welcome to pop into the Animal Room and add their suggestions to the mind map of ideas.



Christmas Stockings for Farm Animals

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed treats for the Christmas stockings that we have made for all our farm animals. The animals wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

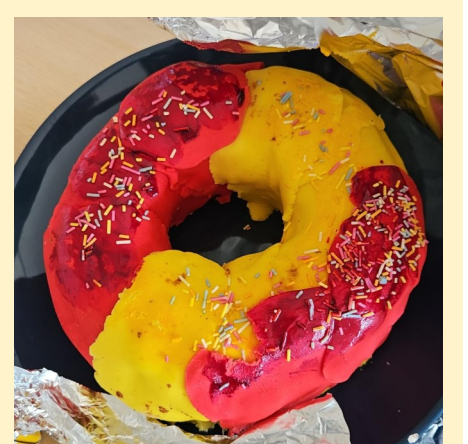


European Day of Languages Bake Off

Well done and thank you to everyone, who baked a cake for the European Day of Languages Bake Off competition but also everyone else, who supported us by coming to buy a cake, students and staff! We have raised over £180, which has been donated to Macmillan. This competition has become a popular annual tradition in the celebration of languages at All Hallows.

Congratulation to our winners! Prizes were handed out to everyone for taking part, with special awards for the winners.

- 1 Sophie W.
 - 2 Francesca J.
 - 3 Alice W.
 - 4 Leon G.
 - 5 Ethan C.
- Mrs Flood



Awards Evening 2024

On the Thursday night before we finished for Christmas, we held our annual Awards Evening in celebration of the achievements of our students in Year 11 and 13 in their summer exams. They were presented with their certificates and our audience was entertained by our choir and student performances. The All Hallows Liturgical Choir sang 'In my Father's House', Adelaide S danced 'The Awakening of Flora', Evie A played Chopin – Nocturne in E-Flat Major, Op.9, No.2 on the flute and Charlotte C played Chopin – Nocturne in B-Flat Minor, Op.9, No.2 on the piano. Mr Beesley, our Principal then introduced our Guest of Honour, ex student, William Truefitt. William, who is now a scriptwriter, spoke about the opportunities that failure can provide us with if we have determination and resilience to learn from our mistakes. The evening closed with a vote of thanks from 6th formers, Orla and Sam before everyone sung our College hymn and then enjoyed some festive refreshments and a chance to catch up with old friends and teachers.

Award Winners - GCSE

The top name under each subject was awarded the Student SHINE Academic Achievement Award and the second name was for the Student ASPIRE Academic Progress Award.

Animal Care

Klaudia S
Katie F

Art & Design Fine Art

Olivia K
Charlotte S

Art & Design Textiles

Evie W
Francesca R

Art & Design 3D Design

Evelyn B
Daisy I

Biology

Michael S
Marianna O

Business

Abu B F
Farrah S

Enterprise BTEC

Francesca R
Jenny L

Chemistry

Marianna O
Leo A

Child Development CNAT

Parisa K
Isabella H

Computer Science/IT

Blaire V
Ivan T

Dance

Bethany G
Tabitha N

Drama

Tabitha N
Grace T

English Language

Mary E
Francesca R

English Literature

Harriet J
Ciara O'C

Geography

Biatrics S
Isaac R

History

Mary E
Jack R

Hospitality & Catering WJEC Level 2

Tabitha N
Isaac R

Languages - French

Emmeline McM
Marianna O

Languages - German

Biatrics S
Cormac P

Languages - Mandarin

Evie W
Elizabeth H

Languages- Spanish

Sofia G
Alysa C

Maths

Michael S
Heath A
Jimi M

Music

Ying Ching Cloris T
Raven G

PE

Jake R
Natalia N

Physics

Biatrics S
Marianna O

Religious Studies

Sofia G
Emmeline McM

Science Double Award

Dik Man S
Corbin D

Sport (CNAT)

Luke C
Cormac P

Study Skills Level 2

Isabella McD
Alexander H

Tech Award IT

Leo A



Year 13 A Level and BTEC

The top name under each subject is for the Student Achievement Award and the second name is for the Student Academic Progress Award in that academic area.

Art Design Technology

Laila H
Rinoa H

Biology

Holly H
Sofia W

Business Studies BTEC

Ciaran B
Lance K

Chemistry

Holly H
Emilia K

Computing/IT

Andrew L
Daniel B

BTEC IT

John R
Rion J

Criminology

Poppy I
Finn O'B

Economics

Andrew L
Kieran N

English Language

Zara K
Jessica M

English Literature

Elizabeth H
Rinoa H

Geography

Eve F
Shay D

Health & Social Care BTEC

Ralf B
Lea B

History

Elizabeth H
Rinoa H

Languages (Spanish)

Zara K
Amelie M

Maths inc Further Maths

Andrew L
Michael V O

Physics

Holly H
Dylan Trevor S

Psychology

Sofia W
Poppy I

Religious Studies

Molly N
Emily B

Sociology

Melek G
Luke B

Sport & Exercise Science

Sofia W
Dillon N

EPQ

Lea B
Ciaran B

Special Awards

Sports Person

Jake R

SHINE Award for Academic Achievement GCSE

Biatrics S

SHINE Award for Academic Achievement A Level

Holly H

ASPIRE Award for Progress GCSE

Marianna O

ASPIRE Award for Progress Level A Level

Daniel B

Ann-Marie Connor Award for contribution to the Catholic Life & Mission of the College

Matilda R

ASPIRE Award for Endeavour

Alyesha M

Congratulations to all the students!



College Christmas Celebrations

Reindeer Rush

At the beginning of December, our Year 7 have been informed about the annual Reindeer Run in aid of East Cheshire Hospice. This event took place in their Core PE lessons on Wednesday 18th December and students were asked to get sponsorship for their efforts.



Our Choir Sung...

In the week before Christmas, our liturgical choir performed at the Christmas party at St Barnabas church. On the Saturday before we broke up, the choir, along with members of staff, sung carols around the crib in Macclesfield town centre. Mr Beesley and Monty were in especially fine voice! Our fantastic choir also sang at The Christie in Macclesfield in the last week of term.



Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday of the last week of term, students and staff enjoyed a festive feast prepared by our fantastic kitchen crew. They all got in the spirit as well. Fairy Nikki decorated the staff table.

All Hallows Has Talent

In what is now a much anticipated All Hallows annual end of Christmas term tradition, our talented students put on a show for the rest of the College cohort on the last day of term. The wide variety of performances this year included:

Gilda K - Dancing
Nikola P - Singing
Jessica A - Singing
Angelika P - Singing
Jamie B - Singing & Dancing
Logan H - Singing
Eden N & Grace L - Singing
Daniel M - YoYo display
Caitlin B & Bonnie S - Comedy Duet
Henry B & Mr Glendining & Mr Aspinall - Sketch
Beckie H N - Singing
Ms Richardson - Dancing

There were also performances from the student band and the staff band performed two songs as the finale at each performance.

This was once again, a fantastic way to end the term, raising almost £1000 for our India clinic.

Christmas Jumpers



End of Term 'Sing Off'!

Another of our annual end of Christmas term traditions is the staff 'sing off'. As with every other end of term, staff wave our students off on their holidays as they leave. However, at Christmas the students are serenaded by their teachers as well. Mr Aspinall, our resident crooner, organises this event and this year he chose the Christmas classics, Walking in a Winter Wonderland and Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

Sixth Form News

Year 12 Retreat

As part of their induction to the Sixth Form, Year 12 joined a Morning of Reflection lead by the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team. Students were given the opportunity to put aside their studies for the morning and spend time getting to know each other this was also a time for personal reflection and development, an opportunity reflect on their own purpose and how they can contribute to both our College community and the wider community through demonstrating the Faith in Action.



Sixth Form Cultural Fair

In what has become an annual event at All Hallows, our Year 12 students put together an exciting 'cultural fair' for our Year 7 students to attend in October. Students set up stalls with information, food samples, music and games related to the country of origin of themselves or their families. Countries represented included, Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Hungary India, Ireland, Italy, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal and South Africa. The common room was busy with excitement as our students enjoyed the amazing range of cultures that are represented in College. The purpose of this fair was to celebrate our Catholicity as a college, which means our universalism and diversity; we are part of a global Church and welcome students from diverse backgrounds. This is also part of our celebration of British values of respect and tolerance. The following week it was the turn of our Year 13 students to put together stalls a different range of stalls focussing on countries that these sixth formers or their families come from. Once again there were maps, information sheets, games and food provided to inform and entertain the Year 7 students that visited. Countries represented included Turkiye, India, Nigeria, Portugal, Albania, Japan, Scotland and Spain. The atmosphere in the common room was lively and there was a real buzz as our students enjoyed the wide range of cultures we have present in our College.





Auschwitz Visit

On October 10th, myself and Sam G had the privilege of visiting the infamous camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau in Krakow, Poland. After participating in the virtual seminar and completing the online course, I felt prepared for the visit. Yet, the experience exceeded my expectations and was definitely not something that I could prepare for. The museum-like layout of Auschwitz was unlike what I expected, yet was extremely successful at highlighting the victims of the Holocaust by acting as a safe space to reflect on the events with photos of individuals and glass cases of belongings, such as suitcases, shoes, and even human hair, lining the halls. The atmosphere of Birkenau is completely different to Auschwitz. Auschwitz is largely enclosed with rooms of artefacts and specific case studies while Birkenau is almost entirely exposed to the elements, enabling you to experience the harsh conditions that the prisoners here would have been exposed to 24/7. Personally, the bleak atmosphere of Birkenau shook me the most, with the gas chamber ruins reinforcing the complete lack of care and remorse that the Nazi's held towards their actions, decimating the chambers just one day before the camp's liberation on January 27, 1945.

Tabitha E

Like Tabitha, I was struck by the complete divorce of the prisoners from their own dignity. Particularly, the strange juxtaposition of free-running deer and oppressed prisoners on the desolate plains of Birkenau. "If there were a blade of grass in the camp, it would have been eaten," one survivor noted. Our biggest collaborative takeaway from the trip will be how dangerous it is to dehumanise not just victims, but perpetrators also. Persecution is a distinctly contemporary reality, particularly in modern conflict zones, and it must be acknowledged that we all have a role to play in remembering the 1 million men, women, and children who died within the gates of Auschwitz Birkenau. The perpetrators were human also; we have a collective responsibility to avoid making their mistakes.

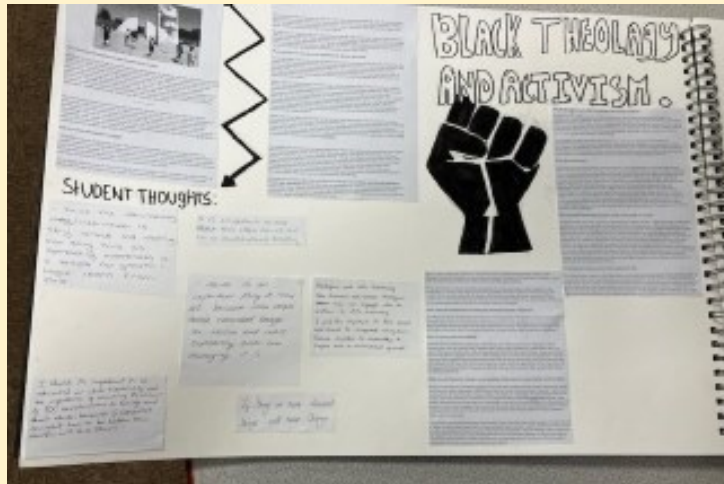
Sam G



Core RE

October - Black History Month

In late October, our Year 12 students looked at Black Theology linking with Black History Month, as part of their Core RE programme. We read and learned about important black theologians, intellectuals and activists such as James Cone and Cornelius West. We also explored some issues surrounding racial tensions in the USA over the last few years.



November - Silk Life Foodbank Visit

In November, as part of their Core RE lesson, the Year 13's and Year 8 chaplaincy group walked (and drove) to the Silk Life Foodbank carrying our college's superb food donations collected during the harvest appeal. We were greeted by Dan Blackman who gave us a presentation about the foodbank, its history, mission and the kinds of work they do. Our Year 13 students were then put to work sorting hundreds and hundreds of cans of tinned food and ambient goods into date order, which Dan informed us saved them about a week's worth of volunteering. The work they do in our community is really powerful and important. They were very appreciative of our help and we are very appreciative of their willingness to have us visit.

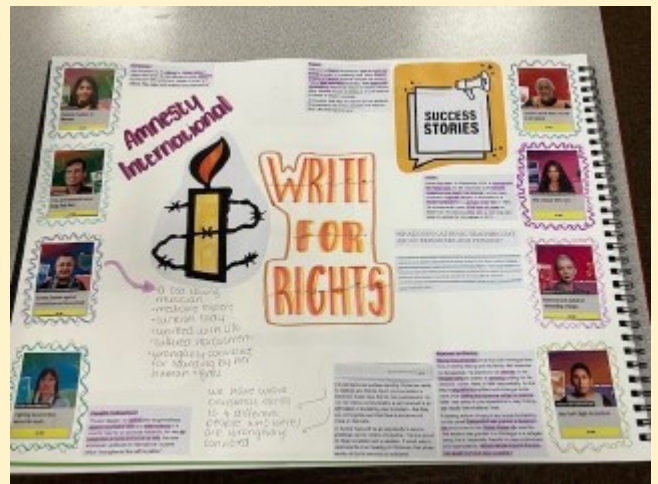


December - Amnesty International

This week saw our Year 13 students discovering more of the work of Amnesty International and the commitment that the Catholic Church has to visiting the prisoners. They also explored Christ's own teaching and example, as well as looking at the rights that inmates are entitled to. The students saw that this was not always the case in some areas. They saw that some people were wrongly imprisoned and left with no voice or contact with the outside world; we especially explored the "Prisoners of Conscience" and saw how they had stood up for what they believed was right - facing imprisonment, torture and "disappearance".

As part of the work of St Albans' Catholic Church "Cards at Christmas" scheme, the students also saw that their efforts through the years was making a difference and proceeded to offer words of hope to 4 particular prisoners identified by St Albans. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Sara Caldwell for helping us to put our faith into action by providing the necessary resources and help the students support these prisoners at a time the rest of us will be celebrating with our own loved ones.

Well done, Year 13 for taking on this wonderful enterprise so considerably.



Space to Learn Masterclass

Our sixth form Physics students were treated to a day of space mastery by an expert from the Space to Learn programme. The school was very lucky to receive the training for free as normally it would cost over £400 for the day but the programme is sponsored for state schools.

Our students were treated to a fun but taxing day where they applied what they had learnt in class to different space related scenarios. They made a telescope using different strengths of lens and calculated the age of a ballooniverse using knowledge of red shift. Other activities undertaken included, carrying out impactor calculations using equations about energy stores, making a rocket and calculating its velocity using SUVAT equations, plus measuring the mass of our homemade astronauts using our calibration graphs. Blaire even got to try on an astronaut suit!

The students were very tired at the end of the day but they left feeling very satisfied and hopefully inspired to look into physics related careers.



Apprenticeship Fair

This week our Year 12 Core RE group attended our annual Apprenticeship and Career Fair, learning about different career opportunities after 6th Form. Their first presentation was about Degree Apprenticeships from Hannah Acton of MMU. She talked of how opportunities have broadened and also addressed the application process with lots of useful information such as:

- Depending on the company, the application process may vary. Usually, a CV with covering letter and interview will be needed, but there may be specific tests and/or an assessment to do. Be prepared!
- Applying for MMU: register, application, begin and vacancies are provided on UCAS.
- MMU Open Evening 12 February 2025 4.30-7.30.

The second presentation was from a local recruitment agency, Synergy and also gave helpful advice:

- Get a job as this shows the additional skills and experience. This could be temp work too eg in a summer break.
- Register with agencies eg Indeed and Total Jobs.
- Think about the skills you can develop now before leaving school including volunteering.
- Be prepared to research, have some awareness of the company and be prepared for questions on what the qualities the organisation could be looking for.
- Think about how your experience can show you are the right person for the position.



We were also delighted to be joined by a number of organisations for the careers afternoon. The students got lots out of being able to speak directly to and ask lots of questions of the representatives, several of whom were former students, back in the Common Room were Liam, Charlie, Adam, Ollie and Tilly. It was lovely to hear how they are getting on and seeing their successes. We are extremely grateful to all the organisations giving up their time.

The organisations who attended were:

AJ Bell

East Cheshire Chamber of Commerce

Greater Manchester Police

Harts Accountants

Langricks Accountants

Manchester Metropolitan University

NHS Nursing

Santander

SAS Daniels

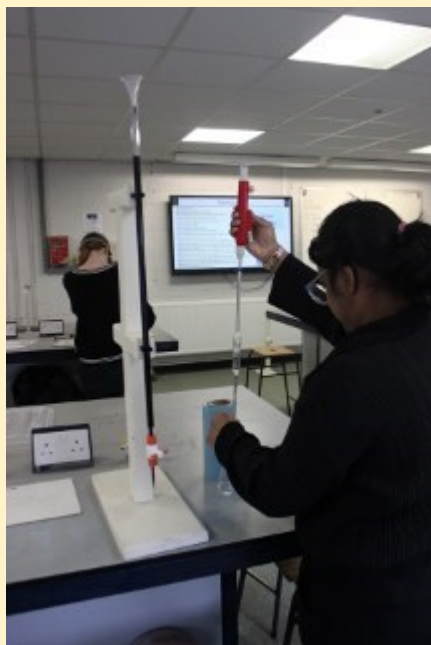
St James's Place Financial Advice

Synergy



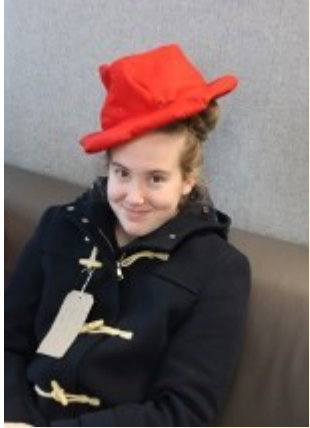
Sixth Form Taster Day

In November, our Year 11 students were able to experience life in the 6th form by spending the day sampling a wide variety of A level subjects and life in the common room. Year 11 had a great day enjoying Sixth Form privileges. Heidi, Year 11, said 'I had a really enjoyable day, it was great having access to the common room'.



Dress Up Day 2024

This week saw our Sixth Form students dress up as wide and colourful range of characters for what is now an anticipated annual tradition in the Christmas term. After lessons in the morning, students were able to take part in a variety of well-being sessions such as table tennis, Just Dance and board game sin the Common Room. The day also raises funds for our India clinic with students donating money and selling baked goods at lunch time. Total raised was **£243.08!**



Geography Field Trip to the Etihad Stadium

Our Year 12 & 13 Geography students completed a day of fieldwork at the Manchester City Etihad stadium. Students attended a seminar led by City staff on the regeneration of the local area following the 2002 Commonwealth Games and future redevelopment plans of the Etihad campus. Students were then taken on a tour of the stadium, walked pitch side and sat in the City changing room and press briefing rooms. Mr Farthing and Mrs Gibbons were very impressed with students' engagement and participation throughout this fieldwork!



University of Sheffield Trip

Our Year 12 and some Year 11 students, travelled to Sheffield University in October for a tour and presentation on student life and applying to university. 'We had a really good day, it was great seeing what university life was like,' - Michael, Year 12.



National Citizenship Service Session

Our Year 12 students were looking at careers in their NCS session in September. Students were researching different companies before making their way to the careers and apprenticeship fair. Students got a lot out of the event, even if they did get caught in a downpour on the way back!

Mental Health First Aid Training

In the autumn term, our 6th form students undertook some training as mental health first aiders.



Prayer

We thank you God, for this term.

For our challenges, our successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends, celebrating the season of your birth.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

KS3 Chaplaincy Team



**Come and visit our wonderful church College.
All are welcome.**