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A Welcome From Our Principal



The year began with the news about the Class of 2023 and their excellent set of examination results, and we held our annual Awards evening, to celebrate their tremendous achievements. Our new Year 7 students settled in well, after having their enjoyed 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.

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 raised funds for the India Project.

The term was busy for extra-curricular sport, with successes in Football, Cross-Country, Rugby, Hockey and Netball

The Choir sang at Christ the King (Youth Sunday) Mass at St Alban's, the Tree of Light Service in the Town Hall, around the Crib in Macclesfield Market Place, and at the United Reformed Church.

Could I also thank and congratulate the Sixth Form Leadership Team and everyone involved in the fantastic 'All Hallows Got Talent', which really did showcase some of the wonderful talents that our young people have. We had singing, ballet dancing, and the fantastic Staff Band!

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

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Summer Holiday Staff Get Together

Staff from All Hallows enjoyed a fun evening of water sports, including paddle boarding and canoeing, at Tittesworth Reservoir in the holidays. Mr. Grimshaw, Mr. Mercer and Mrs. Turley fell in on more than a few occasions! The evening was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Mr Grimshaw for organising the activities.



Staff Welcome Mass and Fundraising

Father Martin Coyle celebrated Mass for the staff of All Hallows on Wednesday evening. The readings used at the Mass were those taken from Education Sunday. Staff offered up their hopes for 2023-24, which were many varied including hoping that the leaders of the world would work together and hoping our young people are given the very best opportunities. After Mass staff gathered together to raise money for Macmillan Coffee afternoon with a cake sale.

The total amount raised in College for Macmillan is an amazing £500, from the Language Department 'Bake off', Mrs Turley's cake raffle and our Staff Coffee afternoon

A huge thank you to everyone involved.



Year 7 Service of Welcome

Year 7 students continued on their programme of induction into All Hallows by leading us in liturgy on Thursday evening. They had prepared, with their form tutors and RE teacher, a Service of Welcome. Their presentations were also very creative, focused on the College's Core Values (Respect, Cooperation, Compassion, Stewardship & Honourable Purpose), Ethos (SHINE), and Mission Statement ('Aspire not to have more, but to be more'). They led us in reflection on the core values of the college. Each form led us in reflection using videos, stories, Gospel readings and drama. They did amazingly well speaking in front of so many people. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Open Evening

In early September we welcomed prospective students and their families into our College for an introduction in College life and a taster of the subjects we teach. A group of Year 8 roving reporters compiled, against the clock, a newspaper of all the exciting things that happened in different classrooms over the evening.

All Hallows Gazette



Monday 11th September 2023

Open Evening Fun!

WELCOME FROM MR BEESLEY

Mr Beesley started off the speech with a video showing everyone the subjects they'll be learning the next school year at All Hallows. After the video finished, he greeted the audience with a warm, welcoming smile and began his speech. Mr Beesley opened with how special it was to him to have 40+ primary schools united.

Spanish

When we walked into Spanish, there was lots of action happening, including making certain areas of Spain with playdough, paper cups with Spanish numbers on, and lots more. IT looked very fun.

PE

In PE there was a large range of sport options to play : table tennis, trampolines, basketball, netball. All with the help of GCSE PE students. Mr Ives said "You miss every shot you don't take"



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 **Isaac Houghton, Aston Bingham, Nell Wilson, Layla Beirne, Evie Dickinson, Nadine Abby, Ruby White**



Food Tech

Gorgeous smells of all kinds greeted us as we walked into the food tech room. Sandwiches and sausage rolls, chocolate cupcakes and scones. If they taste as good as they look, I can guarantee that they'll be gone in seconds! Credits to our wonderful bakers.

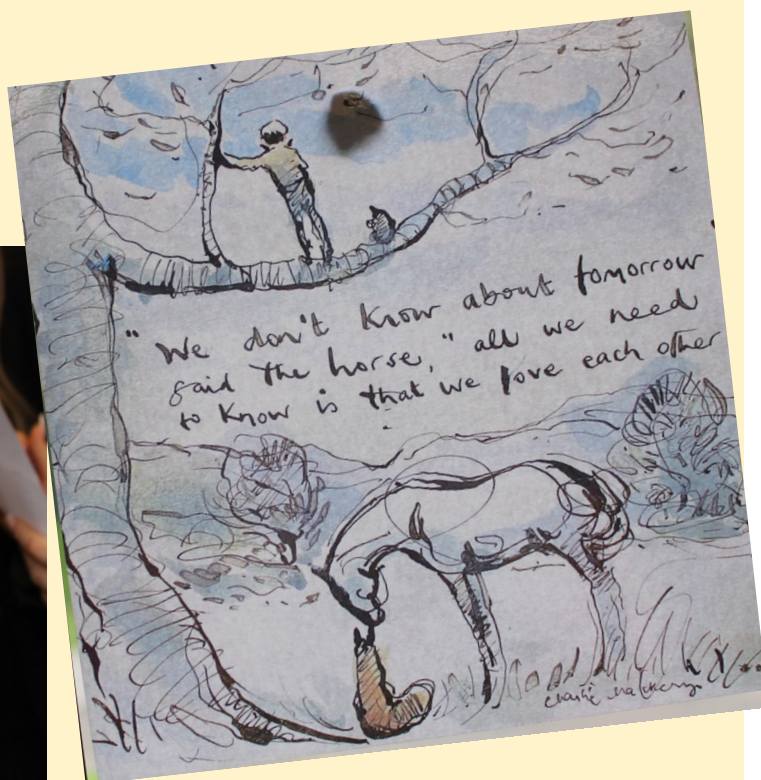
History

When we walked into the History room, everyone was busy with activities. There was a 'guess the world war' are and a colouring area. Everyone looked as if they were having the best time but wait until the actual lessons!

Year 12 Retreat

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team worked with Year 12 students in late September to deliver a morning of reflection as the students begin another chapter of their lives. The morning focused on their role as leaders in a Catholic College. The students focused on the talents they had been given and they were encouraged to focus on their skills and abilities. After lunch a large group of Year 12s worked in the Chapel with SYMT, Mrs Livesey and Year 9 Chaplaincy team to develop a retreat day for Year 4 students. They were full of amazing ideas and worked brilliantly together.

Tabitha said of the experience, 'On Wednesday, a group from the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team gave Year 12 students a talk surrounding life and doing the most with your college life by: taking opportunities, volunteering and getting involved. A group of students then volunteered themselves to help Miss Livesey by organising a retreat to the college for year 4 students by planning fun activities for them to participate in, which will revolve around faith life and stewardship in action



October - Month of the Rosary

Year 8 forms have joined Mrs Livesey in the Chapel with their RE teachers during October. October is the month dedicated to the Rosary. Students were reminded about what the Rosary is and why it is such a wonderful way to pray. They completed an activity in which they sorted picture cards into the 4 Mysteries of the Rosary.



Diocesan Chaplains Meeting

On Wednesday 27th October All Hallows hosted the termly diocesan meeting of the school and college chaplains, COAST. The event was hosted by Sandy Fairley (Director of Youth Ministry Shrewsbury Diocese) and Richard Woods (Deputy Director of Education for Shrewsbury Diocese).

Julia and Colette from St Vincent de Paul led sessions about the SVP as well as concluding with Adoration in the chapel. Ideas were shared which will help develop the Youth SVP we already have at All Hallows.



Faith in Action - India immersion Trip

Mrs Garvey reflects on the recent half term visit to India:

Travelling to India with such a lovely group of students who genuinely want to make a difference is always a privilege. While the immersion program is 'full on', seeing the energy, vitality and excitement of the students makes all those sleepless hours of travel, worthwhile. The journey itself started 9 months ago when students submitted an application to take part in the immersion program. Once selected they committed to raising awareness and money to fund the program. Students were as creative in this as they were in their dance moves! Many taking on extra paid work to achieve their financial goal. After months of planning students felt ready to take on India! In reality knowing that it is virtually impossible to prepare students for the sensory onslaught, the heat, the sights, the smells and the constant sound of the car horns all came as a bit of a shock. But the students supported each other through the challenges and grew stronger as a group. The long flights and overnight train journeys were filled with laughter and a rather eclectic choice of music including Dolly Parton! It was great to see the students take on challenges which took them out of their comfort zone, teaching, learning new sports, haggling in the markets and eating curry for breakfast! The most notable impact was seen when our students met with the villagers and children who benefit from the clinic we have built and continue to support financially in Varasanadu. Students were visually moved when they started to realise the difference that we as a College make to the lives of hundreds of people. While they came back exhausted, I know that this experience will remain with them and that one day some may return to further the great work they started there.

To read about the trip in more detail, there is a special India Aspire magazine in the Aspire section of our College website.



All Saints & All Souls Day

We celebrated our College feast day of All Saints on November 1st with Mass for all Year 7's. Father Martin and Father Peter joined us to celebrate Mass. It was a lovely opportunity for some Year 7s to have their first experience of Mass. We hope they will join us at our monthly voluntary Masses. The next one is on Friday 24th November at 9am in the Chapel. The choir sang with Year 7s to allow us to use our voices to praise God.

On Thursday 2nd November we held our live-stream prayer liturgy from the Chapel to all form rooms. This occurred on this date as it was the day the Catholic Church commemorates the faithful departed, the day we especially pray for the Holy Souls. We also remembered all those who have died in wars and conflicts. Students watched the British Legion video promoting the purchase of poppies and a video about the Korean War- the "Forgotten War" which ended 70 years ago. They also heard fellow students read a poem in various languages as well as a Gospel reading and prayers. The choir led us in song, singing "I vow to thee my country". As always the choir were fantastic and those who read at both the Mass and the Holy Souls liturgy did so beautifully.

There Will Come Soft Rains by Sara Teasdale

Es wird sanfter Regen kommen, und der Duft des Bodens,
Und Schwalben, die da kreisen mit ihren zwitschernden
Lauten,

Y ranas cantando de noche en las charcas
y ciruelos salvajes de trémulo blanco.

Los petirrojos vestirán su fuego emplumado,
silbando sus fantasías sobre el alambre de las cercas.

Et personne ne saura rien de la guerre qui fait rage,
Nul ne s'inquiètera quand en viendra la fin.

花(huā) 鸟(niǎo) 草(cǎo) 木(mù), 皆(jiē) 不(bù) 在(zài) 意(yì)。

人(rén) 类(lèi) 消(xiāo) 失(shī), 世(shì) 界(jiè) 继(jì) 续(xù)。

Und der Frühling selbst, wenn er erwachte im Morgenrot,
Würde kaum erfahren, dass wir gegangen sind.

There will come soft rains and the smell of the
ground,

And swallows circling with their shimmering
sound;

And frogs in the pools singing at night,

And wild plum trees in tremulous white,

Robins will wear their feathery fire

Whistling their whims on a low fence-wire;

And not one will know of the war, not one

Will care at last when it is done.

Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree

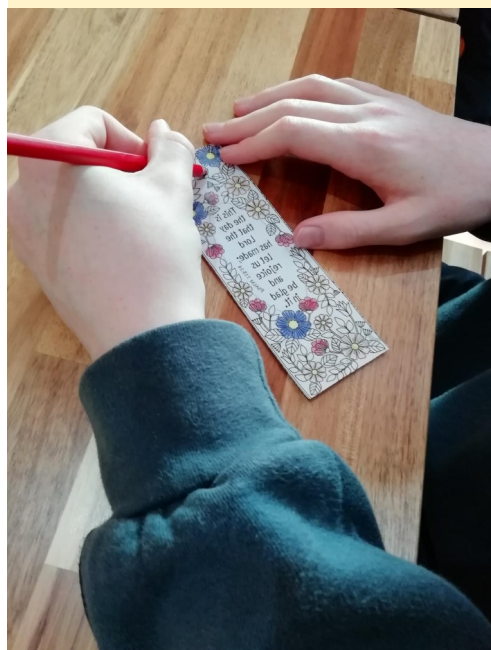
If mankind perished utterly;

And Spring herself, when she woke at dawn,

Would scarcely know that we were gone.



Year 10 Retreat to Soli House in November



In early November, 25 of our Year 10 students had a wonderful retreat experience at Soli House.

The theme was “Strong Towers”, allowing students time and space to build their own strong towers in their relationships with each other and with God. The retreat began with ice breakers and after a lovely dinner we moved on to a variety of games and activities which helped the three small groups come together as a team. The evening ended with a time of prayer. Students commented how much they had enjoyed the time of prayer. Thursday began with a good breakfast before morning prayer. There was time to learn new hymns in readiness for evening Mass. Then, we headed out on a rather muddy walk, giving us time to chat to each other and appreciate the sunshine. In the afternoon we walked the short walk to Alton Castle to use the low rope activity. The three groups were just brilliant, working together and encouraging one another to achieve the challenges set. Evening Mass in the Pugin chapel at the castle was beautiful, students joining in well with the new hymns we had learnt. We had more games after dinner with the staff becoming slightly competitive!

Friday morning was packing up and tidying up time. The Soli Team set up a thoughtful series of prayer stations around the house to give students options of how they could pray in the future. This followed by a most interesting exercise “the Secret Church” in which the students had a small taste of what it must be like to be unable to worship freely and openly.



Year 7 Alton Castle Retreat—November

'Rooted'



In November I had the opportunity to share 3 days with 45 of our Year 7 students at Alton Castle retreat centre in Staffordshire. It was great to see the students throw themselves into a programme of activities that gave them the opportunity to step outside of their comfort zone, as well as challenge themselves with a variety of physical challenges such as a 'night walk', low ropes assault course, survival and mountain biking. The students threw themselves, quite literally into muddy puddles and hurtled headfirst down grass banks, building new and strengthening old friendships.

Throughout the Retreat our students had opportunities to explore and strengthen their faith, engaging in prayer, meditation, adoration and celebrating Mass together. The highlight for me was hearing them singing 'House of the Lord' at the top of their voices! This definitely made 2 days with very little sleep worthwhile! A big thank you for our Lay Chaplain, Mrs Livesey for organising the retreat, and, to Mr Glendining, Miss Feely and Mrs Sutton for sacrificing the comfort of their own beds to support the retreat.

Mrs Garvey





Faith in Action - Harvest Hampers

A big thank you to all our students and families who have donated to this years Harvest appeal. These hampers will be delivered to members of our College community, St Benedict's SVP and Silk Life Food Bank in Macclesfield.



CAFOD Hunger Lunch

In November, Year 7 and 8 students supported the Hunger Lunch we held in College. They bought soup and a bread roll and donated the money to CAFOD. In total, £45 was raised. As always we are very grateful to our catering staff for helping us make this happen.



November

The moustaches are now distant memories but the monies have been counted... The total is over £1,000 with donations still to come in! This is the biggest amount ever raised and Mr Aspinall, our chief Mo Bro who has been organising All Hallows participation for several years and made it an annual College tradition, said he was 'amazed and extremely pleased that as a college community we could contribute such a significant amount to an important cause. To round off Movember, Mr Aspinall agreed to pose for a 'before and after', hoping it will inspire even more Mo Bros to join the campaign next year.



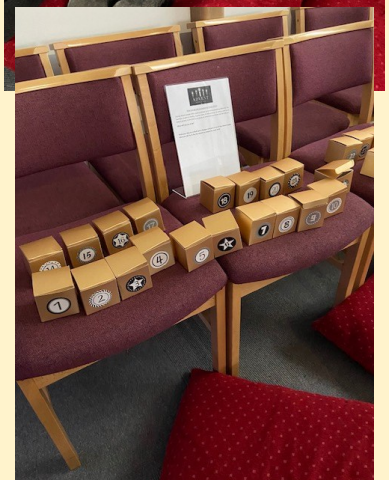
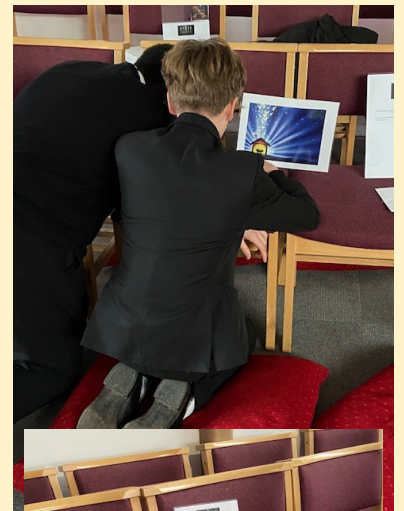
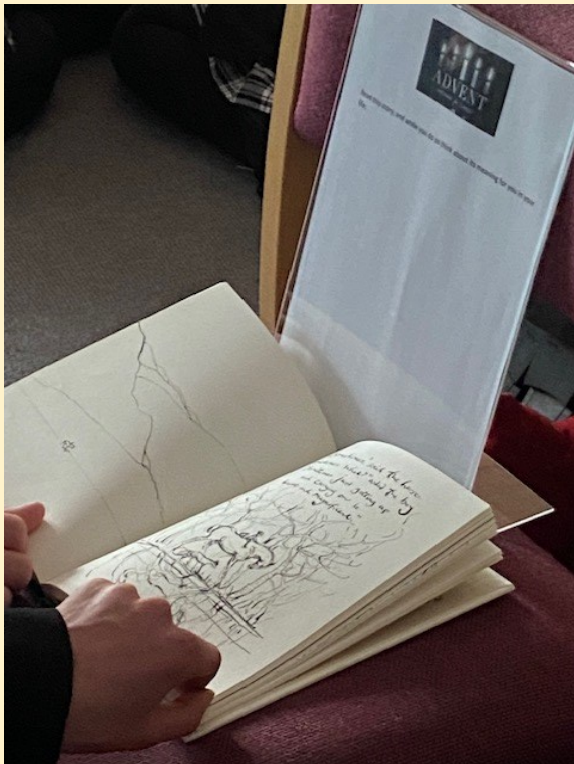
Posada

In early December, each year group has been given a Posada statue. One form cares for the Posada each day and passes it to the next form. Students pass the Posada on to and pray with the form they are passing it on to. We are grateful to Mrs Remfry for making the Posadas. This is a Mexican/ Spanish tradition which helps us focus on the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. We reflect on our own journeys to Christ's birth.



Advent Prayer Stations

Year 9 and 10 students are following Advent Prayer Stations in the Chapel. The reflections allow some quiet time in the busy lives we all lead, especially at the end of term. Students spend time individually praying and thinking about their own preparations during the hopeful season of Advent. We have two voluntary Masses for students during Advent on 8th and 15th December. We are very grateful to Father Peter and Father Martin for all their support.



Annual Awards Evening

On Wednesday 20th December students from our previous Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts met together with their parents and College staff to receive their exam certificates and special awards. As well as celebrating the success in GCSE and A Level exams, there were 'special' awards for academic achievement, progress, contribution to the Catholic life of the College and endeavour. Our guests were entertained with performances from our liturgical choir who sang, 'Let it Be' and two piano recitals, by Charlotte W in Year 8 and Clo T in Year 11. The girls played, 'I giorni by Ludovico Einaudi and 'Liebestraum No 3' by Franz Liszt. There was also a group performance of, 'If I ain't got you' by Raven G, Emily B and Sam G. As well as a musical interlude, Adelaide S performance a dance to 'See Amid the Winter Snow'. After the performances and presentations students, their families and staff enjoyed refreshments and a chance to catch up.

GCSE

Animal Care

SHINE Academic Achievement - Annabel D

SHINE Academic Progress - Annabel S

Art, Design and Technology

SHINE Academic Achievement - Edward N

SHINE Academic Progress - Annabel D

Biology

SHINE Academic Achievement - Kathryn A

SHINE Academic Progress - Annabel D

Business

SHINE Academic Achievement - James H

SHINE Academic Progress - Galina V

Enterprise

SHINE Academic Achievement - Harvey B

SHINE Academic Progress - Casie S

Chemistry

SHINE Academic Achievement - Kathryn A

SHINE Academic Progress - William C

Child Development

SHINE Academic Achievement - Teagan S

SHINE Academic Progress - Courtney K

Computer Science

SHINE Academic Achievement - William C

SHINE Academic Progress - Leila M

Tech IT Award

SHINE Academic Achievement - Krzysztof K

SHINE Academic Progress - Josh Q

Drama

SHINE Academic Achievement - Matilda G

SHINE Academic Progress - Conall J

English Language

SHINE Academic Achievement - Sam G

SHINE Academic Progress - Leila M

English Literature

SHINE Academic Achievement - Tabitha E

SHINE Academic Progress - Karthik B

Geography

SHINE Academic Achievement - Evangeline A

SHINE Academic Progress - Adam H

History

SHINE Academic Achievement - Tabitha E

SHINE Academic Progress - Conall J

Hospitality & Catering

SHINE Academic Achievement - Bethany H

SHINE Academic Progress - George P

Languages - French

SHINE Academic Achievement - Tabitha E

SHINE Academic Progress - Ethan W

Languages - German

SHINE Academic Achievement - Aryaman S

SHINE Academic Progress - Samantha P

Languages - Mandarin

SHINE Academic Achievement - Evangeline A

SHINE Academic Progress - Mikayla D

Languages - Spanish

SHINE Academic Achievement - Sam G

SHINE Academic Progress - Bethany H

Maths

SHINE Academic Achievement - Kathryn A

SHINE Academic Progress - Andreas V

PE

SHINE Academic Achievement - Freya B

SHINE Academic Progress - Daniela S

Dance

SHINE Academic Achievement - Keira T-B

SHINE Academic Progress - Isobel J

Music

SHINE Academic Achievement - Sam G

SHINE Academic Progress - Ella W

Physics

SHINE Academic Achievement - Kathryn A
SHINE Academic Progress - Alex E

Religious Studies

SHINE Academic Achievement - Leila M
SHINE Academic Progress - Orla B

Science Double Award

SHINE Academic Achievement - Ella W
SHINE Academic Progress - Envere H

Sport(CNAT)

SHINE Academic Achievement - Ella E
SHINE Academic Progress - Matthew T

Study Skills Level 2 HPQ

SHINE Academic Achievement - Evangeline A
SHINE Academic Progress - Annabell D

Year 13 A Level/BTEC

Art, Design and Technology

SHINE Academic Achievement - Sebastian M
SHINE Academic Progress - Ben C

Biology

SHINE Academic Achievement - Sam B
SHINE Academic Progress - Florence N

Business Studies BTEC

SHINE Academic Achievement - Abigail D
SHINE Academic Progress - Katie S

Chemistry

SHINE Academic Achievement - Joe R
SHINE Academic Progress - Harry W

Computing/Information Technology

SHINE Academic Achievement - Leo T
SHINE Academic Progress - Harvey W

Criminology

SHINE Academic Achievement - Jack B
SHINE Academic Progress - Izzy S

Economics

SHINE Academic Achievement - Jasper P
SHINE Academic Progress - Jack B

English Language

SHINE Academic Achievement - Molly McD
SHINE Academic Progress - Jack H

English Literature

SHINE Academic Achievement - Chloe L
SHINE Academic Progress - Evie B

Geography

SHINE Academic Achievement - Daniel F
SHINE Academic Progress - Lidia T

Health & Social Care BTEC

SHINE Academic Achievement - Rebecca N
SHINE Academic Progress - Lauren B

History

SHINE Academic Achievement - Izzy A
SHINE Academic Progress - Jessica S

ALB Level 3

SHINE Academic Achievement - Ben C

Languages (Spanish)

SHINE Academic Achievement - Lidia T
SHINE Academic Progress - Sophie W

Maths/Further Maths

SHINE Academic Achievement - Daniel T
SHINE Academic Progress - Patrick J

Physics

SHINE Academic Achievement - Joseph R
SHINE Academic Progress - Olivia D

Psychology

SHINE Academic Achievement - Eve W
SHINE Academic Progress - Patrick J

Religious Studies

SHINE Academic Achievement - Emma W
SHINE Academic Progress - Patrick J

Sociology

SHINE Academic Achievement - Evie B
SHINE Academic Progress - Rebecca N

Sport and Exercise Science

SHINE Academic Achievement - Matthew F
SHINE Academic Progress - Nathaniel A

Theatre Studies

SHINE Academic Achievement - Holly P
SHINE Academic Progress - Joe C

EPQ

SHINE Academic Achievement - Lidia T

SHINE Academic Progress - Samuel J

Special Awards

Sports Person - Erin M O'F

SHINE Award for Academic Achievement GCSE - Evangeline A

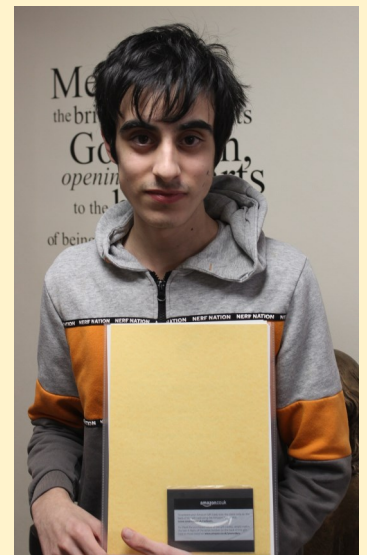
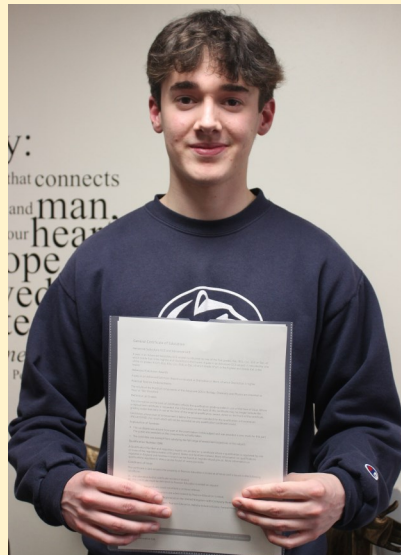
SHINE Award for Academic Achievement A Level - Josepy R

ASPIRE Awards for Academic Progress GCSE - Elif G

ASPIRE Awards for Academic Progress A Level - Patrick J

Ann-Marie Connor Award for Contribution to the Catholic Life of the College -
Izzy A

Endeavor Award - Paul E and Charlie K



Christmas Celebrations in College

Santa Dash

We are once again supporting East Cheshire Hospice via the Santa Dash. This will be done in Year 7 and 8 core PE lessons in December. We will have an online Just Giving Page to sponsor students and there will also be paper sponsorship forms available. Students are required to bring in £3 on the day of their run to cover the cost of the Santa hats.



Christmas Dinner

In the last week of term students and staff enjoyed a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings cooked by Mike and his team of elves!



Christmas Jumpers

On the last day of term our students (and staff) got into the Christmas spirit by swapping some of their uniform for more festive items!



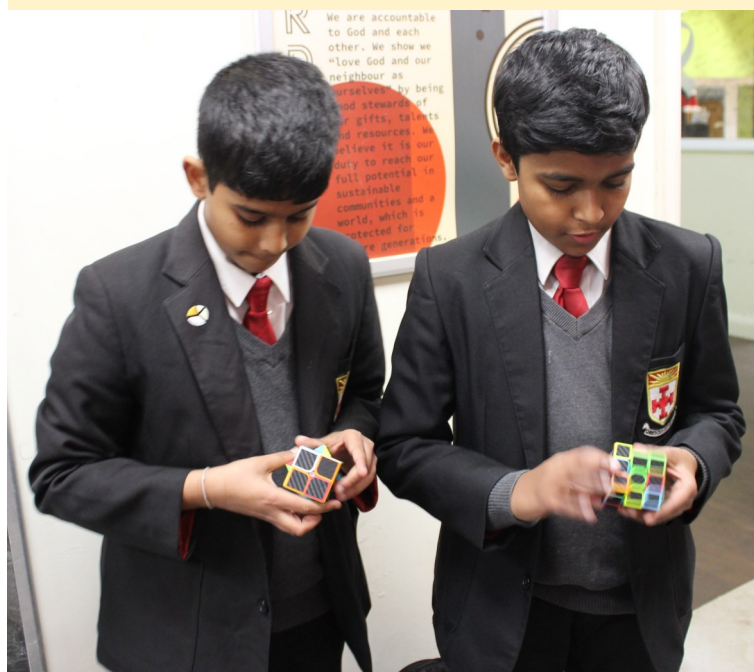


All Hallows Has Talent

This annual event organised by our 6th form leadership team sees our students, either individually or in a group perform to audience of their peers, showcasing their unique talents. This year we watched a variety of musical acts including, the 6th form band, students singing solo and students playing the piano. There were



also dance performances from students, a magic act, some yoyoing and students showing their Rubik Cube skills. The final act in each session was the always the ever popular staff band. Each year group were able to come down to watch the show and buy some sweets making a donation to the India Clinic. A great time was had by all and we really saw the best of what our students can do. All Hallows definitely has talent in bucket loads!



End of Term 'Sing Off'!

Another annual tradition at All Hallows is for staff to wave students off at the end of a term. This year was slightly different as Mr Aspinall, our resident crooner, coordinated a whole staff singalong to 'Do They Know It's Christmas' to serenade the students as they left College to enjoy their Christmas break. We hope they enjoyed it!

Faith in Action - Christmas Caritas Appeal

A massive thank you and well done to all students for their efforts with the Caritas fundraising. This is a wonderful example of our students putting their faith into action and following our core value of compassion.

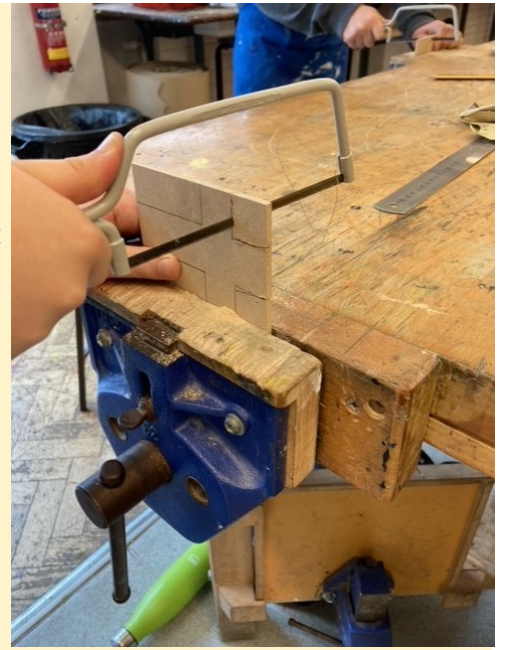
A special shout out to 7C (Miss Elliott), 7M (Ms Sutton), 8N (Mr Mc Swity), 9A (Ms Parry), 10F (Mr Bailey), 11N (Miss Devlin) and 12/13 C (Mr Hill). **All Forms** were reward for their efforts. The final total £1457.08 raised!

On the last Monday of Christmas half term our Chaplaincy group and Year 12 students loaded the presents that our form groups had bought through fundraising into the cars of two Caritas volunteers. They were then taken away to be distributed.



ADT

A great lesson with 7yAd4 for their first practical lesson with Miss Wood. Students are learning how to use a junior hacksaw, safely in the workshop. All students were engaged, followed health and safety rules they had learnt in the previous lesson to produce the starting of their cross. Well done to all!



Year 11 Art Trip to the Tate Liverpool

This week, Year 11 Art students enjoyed a trip to the Tate Liverpool to explore the gallery's permanent collection and current exhibitions in support of their knowledge, understanding and creativity, in preparation for their GCSE exam.





ADT Bug Hotel Project

Miss Wood wanted to share the superb response to the Bug Hotel project completed by students from her class. 'They are very creative and inventive outcomes that will provide a future home to many bugs and insects!' she said.

Year 10 Animal Care

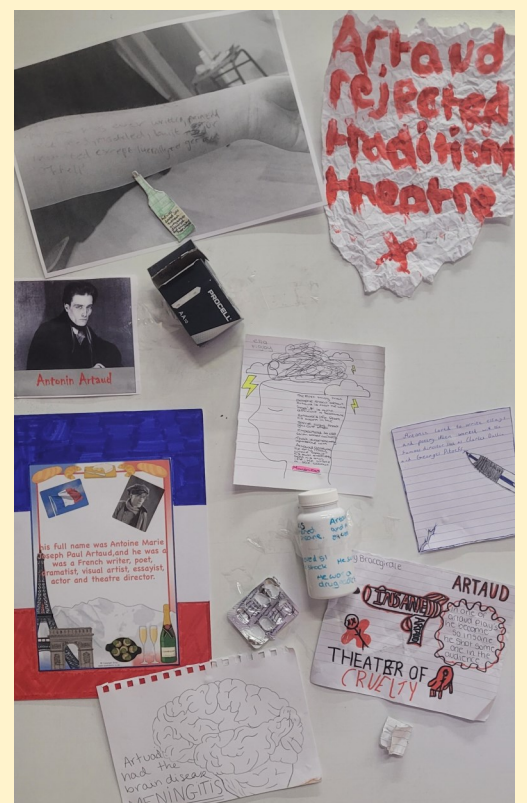
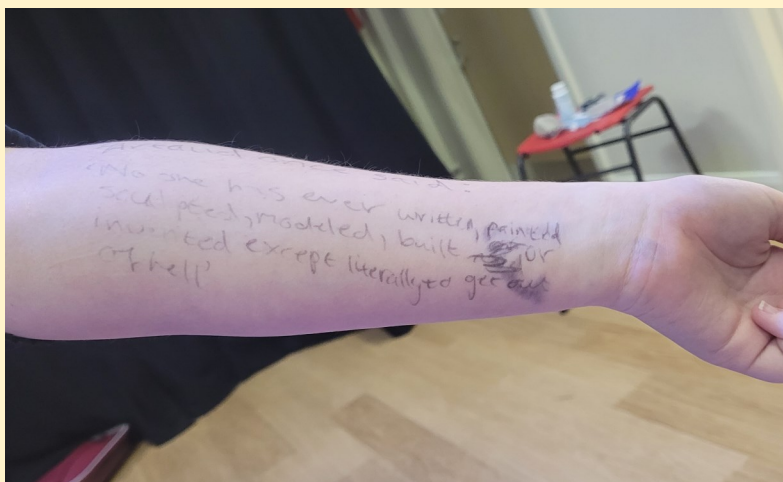
During a lesson in October animal care lessons, Year 10 students have been learning how to complete health checks. Health checking is an important aspect of animal care it helps students improve confidence in handling animals, learning different handling techniques, how to weigh different animals as well as look for patterns in previous records to identify if there are underlying issues.

Well done, Year 10 you were all very caring and responsible during the lesson.

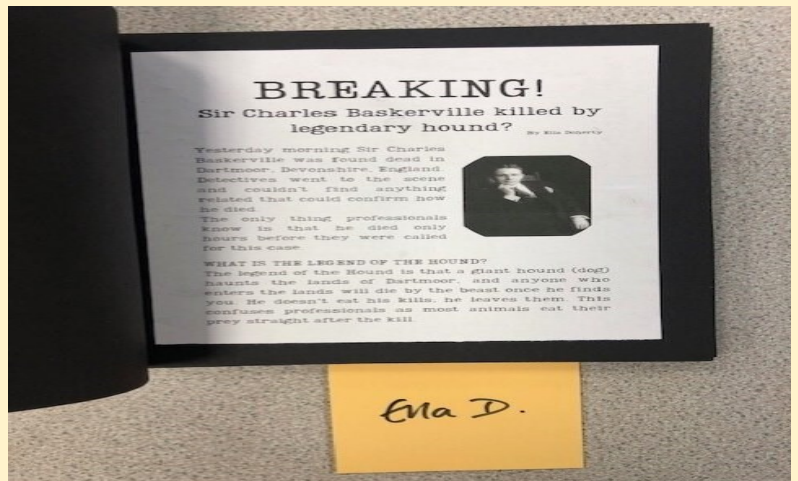


Drama

The GCSE Drama students submitted some pretty creative Homework in early September. They are currently studying the work of Dramatist, Antonin Artaud and were asked to bring in some new learning about the style 'Theatre of Cruelty'. They were challenged to present their ideas in a different or creative format. Some examples of the excellent work can be seen here. My favourites include a home made battery pack to represent Artaud's time receiving EST, a quote drawn on a student's arm to echo Artaud's obsession with body art, medicine bottles with information about the practitioner on and even a painted rock! Well done, Year 10. Smashed it!



The English department were incredibly impressed with the Year 10 summer homework projects - we just had to share them! The students were tasked with reading an extract from a classic Victorian novel: Jane Eyre, The Hound of the Baskervilles or Great Expectations. They then had to produce a creative response to the text, exploring the writer, context, plot, characters and settings. Some of the work the students produced was incredible, especially those by Louisa W, Izzy K, Cesca S, Kyle L, Ines V, Matilda J, Poppy H, Ella C, Anca C, Maisie C, Jemima G, Ella D, Ella B, India B, Sophia J, Ruby D, Charlotte H, Emily C, Rebecca S, and Junior B.



On Wednesday 6th December the English department took 40 year 11 students to watch a production of Macbeth at Macclesfield Amateur Dramatic Society (MADS). It was a riveting performance that the students unanimously enjoyed; there was fake blood and gore aplenty to keep them on the edge of their seats! Some stand out scenes in particular were the murder of Banquo and the final fight between Macbeth and Macduff (spoiler alert: Macduff returns on stage holding Macbeth's decapitated head!) The relatively low production values meant that the performance was true to how it would have been staged hundreds of years ago, with staging using trap doors and smoke for the witches' cauldron...everyone jumped when hands appeared up out of the hole in the floor to grab Macbeth! We all agreed that Lady Macbeth's sleepwalking scene was performed spectacularly. It was also a pleasant surprise to see ex-All Hallows student Ruth H on stage as Lady Macbeth's nurse!



Year 9 History Trip to the Imperial War Museum



In December, Year 9 history students had the opportunity to visit the Imperial War Museum in Manchester. This was to supplement their in class study of both WW1 and WW2, as well as the Holocaust. Students had the opportunity to explore the exhibitions and took part in a artefact handling session where they curated their own exhibitions on life in Nazi Germany.



Year 9 Geography Trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium

This week many of our Year 9 students travelled to Ellesmere Port to study sea creatures and their living conditions in the world's oceans.



IT News

The CyberFirst Girls Competition aims to inspire girls interested in technology to pursue a career in cyber security. It is run by the Government's National Cyber Security Centre. This year we had 11 Year 8 girls who entered the competition: Annabel R, Imogen F, Rihannon P, Olivia J, Ananya P, Eva R, Sagrika H, Nauvoo B, Caitlin E, Emma B and Emily R.

They worked together in teams, solving challenges and, most importantly, having fun delving into the world of cyber. They have performed extremely well and competed with hundreds of other girls across England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We are awaiting the final results to see if they have won an award where we be invited to a celebratory event early next year!



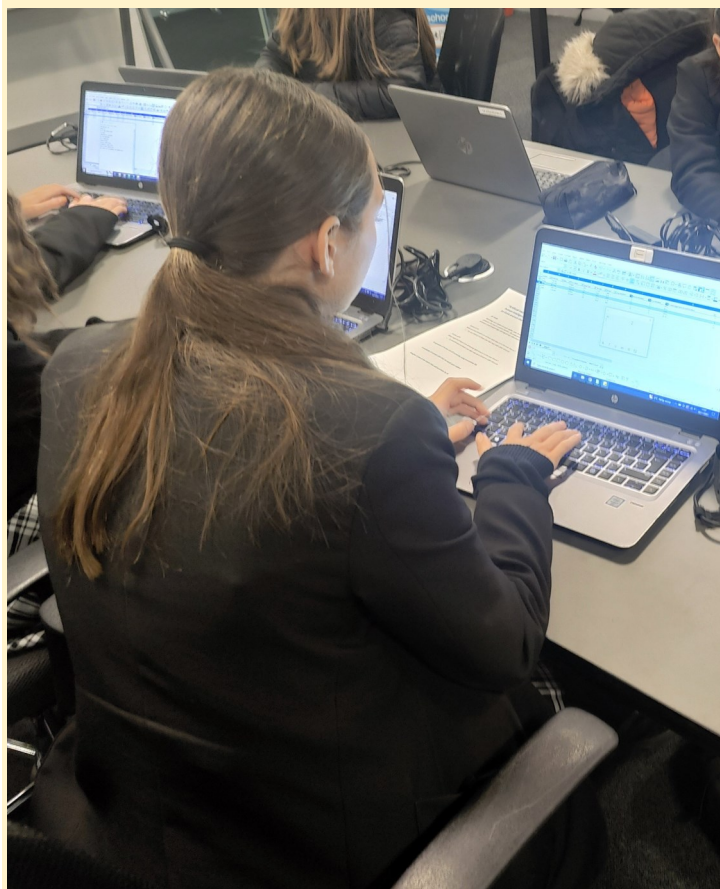
Year 9 Girls visit to HOST at Media City

In December, Mr Barron and Miss Robertson took a group of 30 girls on a trip for an exciting day at HOST (Home of Skills and Technology) in the heart of Media City in Manchester. After a whistle-stop tour of the building to take in the Augmented Reality room, the professional e-sports tournament arena, and green screen vlogging studio they settled down for a deep dive into career paths open to women in computer science.

Groups were given time to work in groups to work out the pros and cons of Artificial intelligence and to present back to everybody which the hosts commented was very professionally done. After a quick game of Kahoot, the girls launched into an activity to investigate an outbreak of a disease and proceeded to track 'Patient Zero' down through clues obtained from medical records. In no time at all the patient's home address was found and the girls then used Google Maps to view his home address and found where he lived and that he was breaking lockdown rules as he was washing his car!

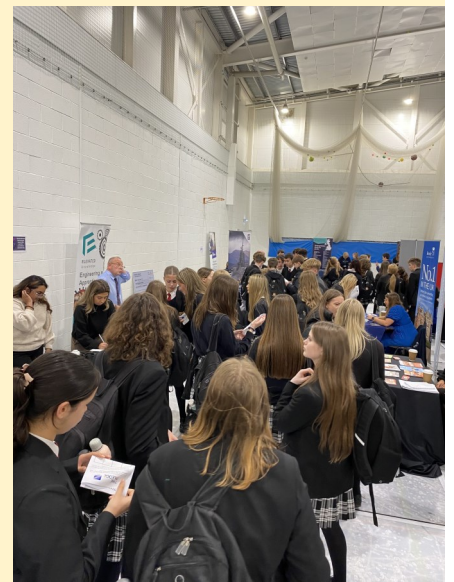
After doing some code-breaking, Geoguessr was next on the agenda and after a spot of lunch, the girls got the chance to get hands-on with the professional esports equipment. While some donned the headsets and tackled Rocket League and Fall Guys others crashed on the bean bags and dropped from the battle bus into a few games of Fortnite, and a little while later as the storm cloud shrunk to end gameplay the trip reluctantly came to an end too.

Mr Barron said, 'As women in technology are underrepresented, the trip was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 9 girls to explore careers in this sector as well as have fun completing the various challenges. The timing of the trip couldn't have been better as all Year 9 classes are enjoying working through the new Artificial Intelligence unit at the moment too.'



Macclesfield Pledge Careers Fair

In November, our Year 10 students had the chance to talk to over 50 employers, colleges and universities at the Macclesfield Pledge Careers Fair in November. They were a real credit to themselves and our College.



Anti-Bullying Ambassador Update

This term a select few students from Year 8 to Year 11 are keen to build on the good work of previous Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABAs), and what a fantastic group we've got! All Hallows has been working with the Diana Award Anti-Bullying Programme since 2021, which raises awareness of bullying behaviour and supports schools and young people to tackle it across the UK and beyond.

We currently have 9 fully trained ABAs and 10 Associate ABAs, who we hope to have fully trained by the end of this academic year. The ABAs meet with Mrs Lewis once a fortnight to discuss issues and work to raise awareness of issues within college.

They are currently working towards earning their 'Respect' badge which involves them completing a number of tasks, raising awareness across the whole school and engendering a respectful and inclusive community.

They have lots of ideas in the pipeline to offer more support to students, so watch out for updates in the newsletter.



Grimm Tales

Congratulations to all the students involved with Grimm Tales on a fantastic Production. The audience feedback has been absolutely brilliant. Luckily we avoided the rain and the outdoor scenes went without a hitch. Here are some highlights...



Student Success

Former Student's Driving Award

Congratulations to former student, Joe Loake who has just been crowned 2023 Aston Martin Autosport BRDC Young Driver of the Year Award. Joseph is also now going to test the Aston Martin Aramco Cognizant Formula One Team car at Silverstone.



The Wizard of Oz



We know he isn't an All Hallows student anymore, but congratulations to Tom C (from last year's Year 11), who is performed as the Scarecrow in the Wizard of Oz, at the Storyhouse, Chester in October. By all accounts, he was amazing!

Go Karting



Congratulations to Theo B, qualified for the local finals in the British Indoor Karting Championships in October. He has worked incredibly hard all summer to improve his times, and he has also set up a business to help fund his racing. We wish Theo lots of luck in the future.

More Driving Success!

In October, Chloë L competed in the last off-road 4x4 driving competition of the year, which turned out to be extremely muddy and rainy. The awful conditions aside, she not only came first in her class (under 16s) but first overall, including adult drivers. Now, Chloë is awaiting this year's overall results from all of the events, but having won all 6 out of 10 events she has entered, she should have the junior overall win for the year!



Ballet Success

Congratulations to Darcy A in 8F on passing her ballet exam with a high merit.



Sailing Success

Sophie W competed at the North West Junior and Youth Traveller event in her 'RS Tera Sport' Sailing Dinghy, at Killington Reservoir in the Lake District. The Royal Yachting Association (RYA). Her coach commented on how much she has improved since the last event that she attended and gave suggestions for how she could improve further.



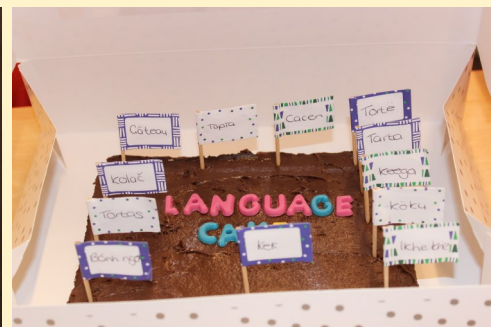
Dancing Success

Caitlyn B attended the 'Rockstars Dance Festival' at Flamingoland representing "Dance Addicts" Dance School. The competition was very high as expected at the festival. Caitlyn danced beautifully in her individual, pairs and team sections. She walked away with a trophy for pairs and a medal, together with a trophy for the teams section, having put on outstanding display to take the win!



European Day of Languages Bake Off Competition

What has now become a much anticipated event at All Hallows, the Modern Foreign Languages Department received a bumper set of entries for their annual bake off competition. These are just a selection of the amazing entries baked by our student star bakers.



Sixth Form News

New Sixth Form Leadership Team

Head Student

Matilda Rozman

Deputy Head Students

Emily Beaumont

Emily Kotas

Cathal O'Kearney-McMullan

Our student leadership team will be attending a Leadership conference with other local schools on Wednesday next week. They will look at different leadership styles, conflict resolution and mental health.



Year 12 Q & A with Sixth Form Leadership Team

Our 'new' Year 12 students were invited to the Common Room to meet with the student leadership team. It was a really nice vibe and a good chance for those students joining the sixth form from other schools to ask questions and just to have someone to talk to.

Apprenticeships and Employment Readiness

We were joined by James from Macclesfield Pledge in early September. James had his NCS hat on first to launch the new NCS scheme that will run this year. The students were hugely engaged and the initial sign up was really positive. The course involves a wide variety of opportunities, some academic, some to do with employment and work on a Social Action project.

James was back in the afternoon to deliver our employment readiness programme as part of the Pledge. James was joined by one of his apprentices Ella and former student Matt came in from Barclays. Matt did a great Q and A session giving a real insight into his career progression. It is always nice to have our former students return, but it is really noticeable how much those who have gone on to apprenticeships grow in confidence so quickly. The students had a really productive afternoon and are already preparing for the next session on CV writing.

Student Leadership Conference

Our Leadership team attended a conference at The King's School in September. The students got to work with the leadership teams from a number of schools across Cheshire. They have come back with lots of ideas on how to develop their role and we look forward to working with them to leave a 'legacy' behind.

Aleysha M described the experience: 'On Wednesday, our student leadership team was fortunate enough to be invited to The King's School for a conference, where we gained vital information about the important attributes required to be successful in a leadership role. This experience was very insightful, not only did we retain a lot of information about resilience, compassion and working within a team but this was done in an expressive and exciting way that helped us hold new perspectives about leadership.'

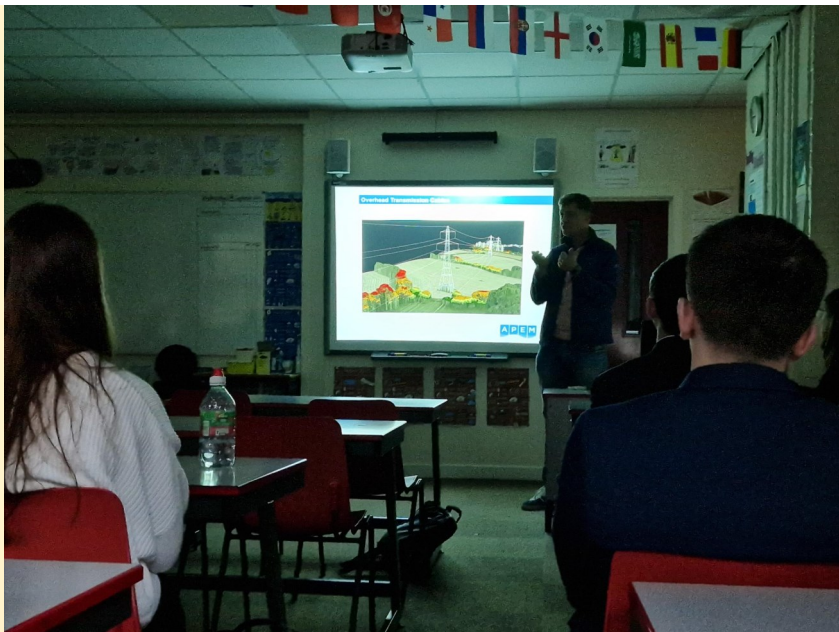
Stewardship Session

As we come to a close of the Season of Creation, our Year 13s were learning about being good Stewards and protesting peacefully; learning about Laudato Si and the work of Extinction Rebellion. We ended the day by carrying out a litter pick in our College grounds and frequently used paths nearby. We discovered that the majority of the litter on site involved single use plastic bottles, caps, tin foil and sandwich bags. Our message would be "don't be bitter; bin your litter" from Kieran N. Ben J profoundly pointed out that "our actions today determine our future". As Pope Francis has pointed out, it is ALL of our responsibilities to Care for our Common Home.



Year 13 Geography Talks

In early October, we had two guest speakers in to speak to Year 13 Geographers from here and Kings about how they got into their current roles. They talked about how they went from Geography A-Level to Geography based careers as environmental consultants , David Campbell from APEM and Rebecca Franklin.



Year 13 Criminology

In early October, our Year 13 Criminology students took their own fingerprint to explore the how to read the images.



Sixth Form Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome so many Year 11 students, both from All Hallows and across the town in October. Students got to hear from our staff and students about our fantastic sixth form; including subject talks and a student life presentation by the student leadership team. Students were able to visit different subject areas to hear from subject specialists about what studying at Key Stage 5 involves. Our own sixth form students offered up their own experience.

We were particularly grateful to Mathilda and Kat who volunteered ahead of their very early flight to India the following morning!

The next major event will be the sixth form taster day in November, following this applications will go live on the website. If anyone was unable to attend, please contact Mr Howells for further information.

Maths Challenge

Earlier this month, 12 students from Year 12 and 13, completed the Senior Maths Challenge (a 90-minute challenge tackled by students across the country). A huge congratulations to all of them for their hard work on this! Two students achieve a gold certificate, five achieved silver and three achieved bronze.

Congratulations to Andrew L (Year 13) and Hugo S (Year 12) who have qualified for the Senior Kangaroo challenge later this month. We wish them both luck!

Student Mental Health Training

This week a group of Year 12 & 13 students attended a two day mental health training course in preparation for their role as peer support on mental health issues.

One of the students involved said this of the course:

Over the 2-day-course, I and 12 other students got the opportunity to participate in a mental health awareness program which aimed to reduce the stigma surrounding mental wellbeing within a school environment. We learnt possible causes, risk factors and helplines for a multitude of different conditions including depression and anxiety which was extremely informative. As a group, we will continue to develop our knowledge on these topics and pass it on to the other students and teachers at All Hallows.

Tabitha, Year 12

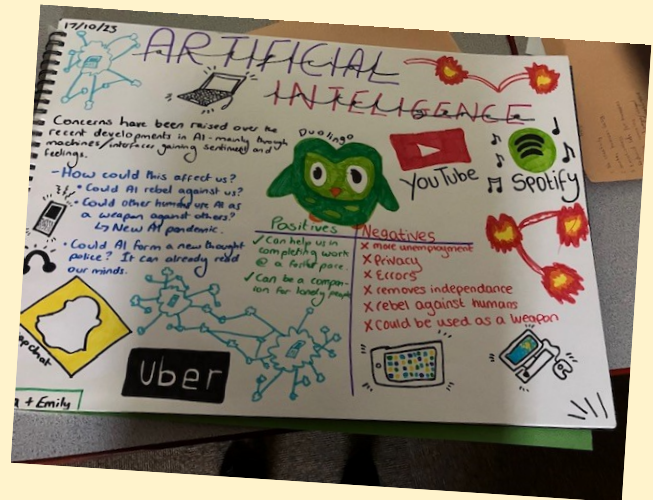
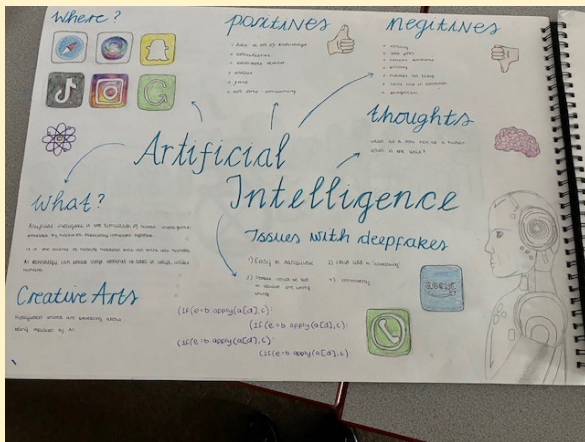
Sixth Form Subject 'Chats' for Year 11

Year 11 students have been invited down to the 6th Form Common Room this week to chat to our current Year 13 students about the subjects on offer at A Level. Year 11 students have been able to ask questions about content, workload and exams, as well as opportunities offered in our 6th Form. Year 11 students found it a useful experience in preparation for the upcoming taster day and applications.



Core RE

Year 13 explored the positives and negatives of Artificial Intelligence in Core RE. They were very engaged throughout and what resulted was a series of good debates, weighing up the overall advantages whilst recognising without safe controls, AI could take us to a place we don't belong. It was a very lively session.



Year 13 Student Visits Auschwitz

Auschwitz was a once in a life time experience that I will not be forgetting soon. It was incredible and depressing to be there and to learn what antisemitism can cause, if left unchecked. The thing that stood out to me the most was just now quiet the whole place was from when you entered the gate labelled "arbeit macht frei" (works set you free) to when you left through the tunnel. We also had the incredible experience to listen to a holocaust survivor who told us of his personal story which was very moving. It was an eye opening experience to say the least and it is my own personal belief that everyone no matter who they are should visit Auschwitz at least once in their life.

Cathal O'K - M



**"THOSE WHO DO NOT REMEMBER THE PAST
ARE CONDEMNED TO REPEAT IT"**
GEORGE SANTAYANA

Btec Business Trip to Macclesfield Football Club

Our Year 12 Btec Business students were invited to Macclesfield FC's Leasing.com stadium where they enjoyed an insightful talk from Mark O'Leary (Head of football) and Bob Trafford (Media and Commercial Manager). The group discussed the structure of the club along with who the key stakeholders are and how they are involved in making the club a success.

The talk was followed by a tour of the club and the class were given the opportunity to watch the first team train under the watchful eye of Robbie Savage and new manager, Alex Bruce.



Sixth Form Taster Day

We were delighted to be joined by our Year 11 students and students from across the town for our Sixth Form Taster Day. Students arrived looking super smart in business dress ready to experience a day in the life of a sixth former. Mr Parke developed a bespoke timetable for the day and students attended a variety of lessons, covering all of the options available at sixth form, delivered by our subject specialists. Some of the subjects students have studied at GCSE, such as English Literature, Maths and computer science, alongside some new subjects like economics and criminology. Students also had access to our Sixth Form common room and cafe.



Dress Up Day

Sixth Form organised a dress up day to raise money for the India clinic. We had Ted Lasso, Rasta Mouse (with homemade crocheted hat), characters from video games and many, many more. In the afternoon, students had a well being event with 'glow in the dark' Dodge Ball and the annual Bingo session. Students raised £284 in total.





NCS News

In early October there was a NCS session was a fantastic experience for all! Following some initial icebreaker exercises, we engaged with a team building activity involving a complex marble run to mirror an apprenticeship recruitment centre. It was both challenging and rewarding, as we learnt exactly how our group work skills would be assessed from an employers perspective. We look forward to our next session to learn more about the world of work and add experiences to our CVs.



NCS Cake Sale

Our Year 12 NCS team organised a fantastic Christmas Fair on Friday. They sold Cake and Sweets making in excess of £369. The students baking skills were up there with anything you'll see on Bake Off, particularly Kathryn's Gingerbread House show-stoppers.



Prayer

A prayer for the Year of Prayer 2024

**God of blessings,
in this year ahead,
give us a spirit of listening,
of openness to your word
and longing for your kingdom.**

**As we journey toward the Jubilee,
a time of new beginnings,
we pray for help and strength,
to heal our relationships with each other
and all creation.**

**Sing your song of love over us,
renewing our faith and courage,
so we may join our voices together,
discovering new harmonies of hope,
new melodies of reconciliation**

**Attentive to the Spirit,
and awake to the needs of the world,
may we seek your life-giving presence,
as we join as one global family,
in a great symphony of prayer and praise.**

**Amen.
(CAFOD)**



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

