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Dear Parent/Carer

Summer Term Newsletter

Well, here we are again, another academic year comes to a close and as students and staff prepare for a well earned summer break I have the opportunity in this final newsletter of the year, to highlight the range of enrichment and achievements that have been happening in the life of our school beyond the classroom.

Firstly, a couple of pieces of information for you in preparation for the beginning of the new academic year.



NEW PE Kit Information

There will be a newly designed PE kit next year as a result of student voice undertaken this year. We have rebranded and modernised our look which now also allows for optional extras for those colder, wintery lessons. The old PE kit will still be acceptable, but cannot be replaced so when it comes to purchasing new kit, please visit www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/allsaints and take a look around the options available.

My Ed Parent App

It is our intention that this will be the primary form of communication between school and home and we therefore need as many parents as possible to engage with the App. The App is available to download now from the Apple or Play Stores free of charge. At the point of writing this letter we have the majority of our parents who have downloaded the app. If you haven't done so already I urge you to download it in time for the start of the Autumn term.



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Student Achievement Awards

This academic year has been the second year of our House Points reward system and students in Years 7 - 11 have been working hard in lessons in order to contribute House Points to their own House. This year, Belief House achieved the most points and, along with students who gained a Gold Award for their academic achievement and those who achieved 100% attendance, they had a fantastic celebration day at Alton Towers. We are proud of the achievement of all of our students and it has been particularly pleasing to see that the number of Gold Award winners has more than doubled this year – a fantastic effort!

Examinations

For our Year 11 and Year 13 students, the priority for this term has been their final examinations and they all remain in our thoughts and prayers as they await their examination results in August. Their commitment and discipline demonstrated throughout the examination period was exemplary. It has also been a busy term for our Year 12 and Year 10 students who sat mock examinations in preparation for their final examinations in less than a year's time.

Sixth Form

Year 12 has had a busy year and have continued to make a fantastic contribution to the wider school community. This term, the Year 6 mentoring project culminated in a celebration event at Sheffield Hallam University and students delivered presentations to a large audience with their Year 6 'buddies'. Many students have also helped in lessons across the school and they supported our sports day and challenge activities with lower school students at the end of this term. Year 12 have also participated in their own Sports Day where 12KG were victorious. The students had great fun engaging in a range of sports, from dodgeball to 'crash mat relays', and the afternoon ended with a brilliant tug of war event.



In the Sixth Form, the Year 12 students have just celebrated their academic achievement with an awards ceremony. Students were awarded certificates for their endeavour and achievement in each subject area.

Reading

Reading has been a central theme of the year, both inside and outside the classroom. Reading for inference (understanding the meaning), reading for knowledge and reading just for pleasure. We have just finished re-testing all students in all year groups and can see significant improvements in every cohort. Parents will receive the most recent reading ages in September; look out for the reading section of the new parent app. Well done to all students for focusing on reading at home and in school. On Friday morning we will be awarding Kindles to the most improved boy and girl reader in each year group to celebrate their efforts. Don't forget reading ages can be improved with twenty minutes of reading a day so use the summer to sit back relax and enjoy a good read!



Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage

In June/July some of our Year 10 – Year 13 students joined as part of 200 young pilgrims from across the Diocesan secondary schools on the Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage ministering to others in the Diocese as well as experiencing their own pilgrimage and journeying in faith with one another. The young people became 'Hallam Youth' and experienced the sacraments and services of the church including the Anointing of the Sick, Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight Processions, Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes as well as International Mass with 15,000 other faithful. The photo shows the whole pilgrimage of 450+ pilgrims. An opportunity to participate from All Saints on the Lourdes pilgrimage in 2020 will be launched on our return to school in new academic year, before the October half-term and is open to Year 10 – Year 13 students.



One Sheffield Many Cultures

June saw the annual One Sheffield Many Cultures festival held in Sheffield City centre and, once again, All Saints was represented by both our choir, All Saints Voices, as well as our World Champion Irish dancer, Joseph Howarth, who performed to the crowds on the day. The standard of performance in both singing and dancing was tremendous and we were awarded a prize in the form of a cheque for £50 and certificate in recognition of the quality of performance. Father Shaun Smith, one of the founders of the festival, came in to school to thank our participants and present them with the prizes.



Year 10 Careers Day



Early in July we held our Year 10 Careers Day and it was lovely to see our students turn out in professional dress for the day. Students attended a workshop delivered by external speakers on the benefits of higher education. This was supported by additional workshops on how to write a CV and personal statement in preparation for applying for further education next year.

Year 11 Celebrations

The Year 11 students helped to create a Yearbook to celebrate their time at All Saints. This included photos of each student, photos of events and comments from staff and students.

During the examination period the Year 11 students worked extremely hard and remained focussed throughout the four week period. I am sure that their hard work will be rewarded with some fantastic results!

The Year 11 students finished the examination period with the Year 11 Prom at The Crown Plaza Hotel. This was a fantastic evening which was very well attended by Year 11 students and staff. The evening included a three course meal, awards and a disco which was a great way to finish a fantastic year!



Sports Achievement Evening

Excellence was on show in abundance during our annual Sports Achievement Awards evening. Once again the PE Department put on a fantastic evening of celebration, highlighting the talents and dedication that our students demonstrate within sport. This year's theme of 'Attitude to Success' captured the many pathways currently being undertaken by our students. We were treated to a solo dance performance by our very own Lewis O'Dell (Year 11) and a duet performance by Jessica Reeves and Eva Cadet (Year 9). There were also interviews with a Year 13 student Charlie Brown who gave us an insight in to his journey as a GB swimmer and a special guest interview with an ex student, Tommy Frank, Super Flyweight Boxer, Commonwealth Champion.





Extra-Curricular Success

The Year 8 boys' football team has created history this year by winning the treble which consisted of the Premier Division title, the Sheffield Cup and the South Yorkshire Cup. The Year 10 team

narrowly missed out on duplicating the historic achievements with sudden death penalties in the final of the South Yorkshire Cup.

Sports Leadership

Another successful year has come and gone with the Sports Leaders group where they have been involved in the planning and delivery of many sports across the city to primary school students. The group are a credit to themselves, to All Saints and we look forward to another successful year in 2019/20.



Barcelona Trip

In May half term the PE Department took 75 students (6 teams) on a football tour to Barcelona where each played 3 matches against international opposition. Outside of the competitive elements of the trip, the students took part in training sessions, mini golf, a tour of the Nou Camp and also visited one of Spain's biggest water parks.

Academic Achievements

Our Year 12 and 13 BTEC Sport students worked with Sheffield Steeldogs Ice Hockey Club conducting off-ice fitness tests as part of their course. The students also worked alongside the team's analytical support staff conducting raw data collection as part of their technology in sport unit of work alongside practical sessions on sports massage with the team's head of sports massage and rehabilitation.



Summer Fair

This year's Summer Fair took place on Wednesday 17 July and once again it was a huge success and consisted of all Vertical Tutor Groups and Year 12 forms developing a range of stalls and activities organised through the house system. Also taking part were our seven feeder schools that were as excited as ever and bringing with them their own entrepreneurial ideas. The theme this year was 'One School Many Cultures'. This was the idea of four Year 9 students who thought it would be a good idea to celebrate cultural diversity within school. The four students had the idea of splitting the school house system and Year



12 students into six continents. Each continent would then be split into eight countries which were allocated to each VTG/Year 12 form. Students were then encouraged to make products/services that are closely related to the culture of their chosen country. For the first time this year, again the idea of the Year 9 students, we introduced a parade. This brought another exciting dimension as each continent marched through the Summer Fair displaying their flags and dressing in national costumes.

To generate competition were three prizes:

- 'The All Saints Theme Award', awarded to the stall that sells products or services, using only the £15 start-up budget, that are innovative, imaginative and creative, and are closely related to the theme of 'one school many cultures'.
- The 'Best Non Profit Award', awarded to the stall that raises the most money on the day of the fair to be donated to charities.
- The 'Best Parade Award', awarded to the VTG that best embraces the theme of their culture on the parade.

After the event students evaluated their contribution by looking at the skills developed. It was a wonderful occasion and with a large number of families attending certainly had the feel of a true whole school community event. Furthermore, through the hard work and strong marketing skills of our students, we raised a grand total of £2103.14, which will go to a range of our nominated charities.

Sports Day



Competition was as fierce as ever throughout our annual Sports day and it was great to see how enthusiastically students and staff embraced the occasion with a vast array of banners, flags, face paints, ribbons and hair colours championing the respective Houses. A range of sporting activities culminated in the traditional tug of war

competition with all year groups coming together for this grand finale.

The big question was, of course, whether Belief House could retain their title from last year's competition. The answer will be revealed during our whole school Liturgy so be sure to ask your child who the winner was. Depending on whether or not they were in the winning House may determine whether or not they tell you!

Whole School Liturgy

The final event to highlight is our whole school liturgy which is about to take place as I close off my final letter of the year. This is a wondrous way in which to close our academic year with the whole school community gathering together in our Sports Hall to reflect upon and give thanks for all our achievements throughout this academic year, say goodbye and thank you to those staff leaving us and, through a mixture of music, prayer and reflection remind ourselves what a joy it is to be part of such a vibrant, caring and spiritual school community that is All Saints.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the help and support you have given to the school this year. I feel extremely privileged to be Headteacher of such a wonderful school community and, as we have focused on the principles of RUAH (Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour) I can reflect on so many occasions where our students have demonstrated these principles. They are a credit to you and to the school. I wish each of them and each of you a wonderful and relaxing summer break.

God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S P Pender". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

S P Pender
Headteacher

