

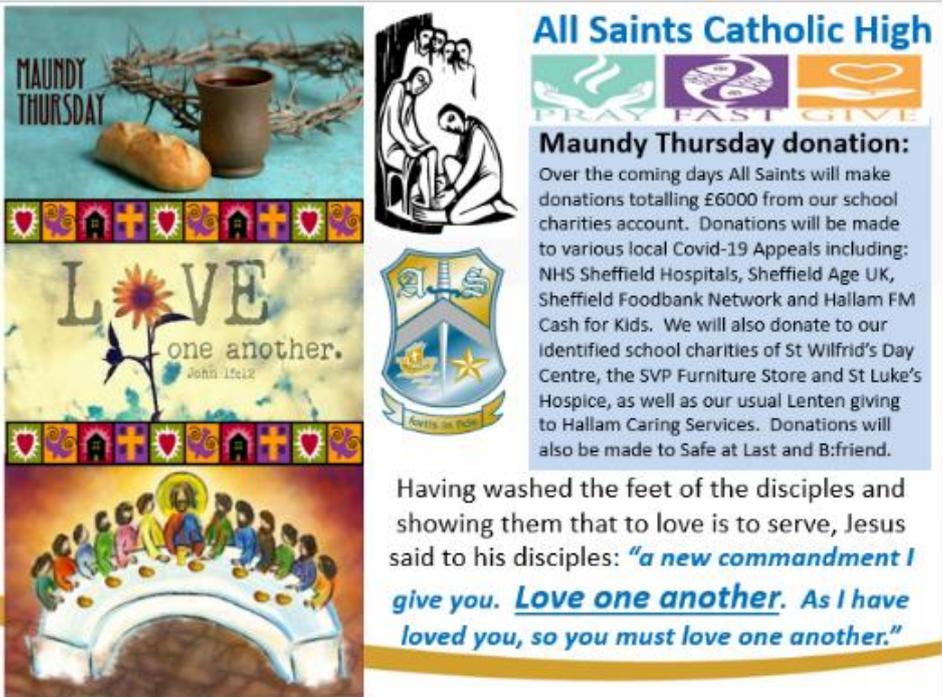
Parent / Carer Newsletter 3 – Holy Week

Welcome to our third Parent/Carer newsletter and as we look forward to Easter Sunday, may we wish you a Happy Easter.

We hope that you have managed to enjoy some of the good weather this week – it is nice to see the signs of Spring from our windows.

Our group of students in school have worked well this week and we are grateful to the volunteer staff who are providing continual cover over the Easter Holidays so that our key worker parents and carers can continue to work at this critical time.

This week we have donated all of our PPE equipment from the science department in school to the NHS locally. Our charity giving for this term will also support both local and national charities working to support people through this time. We are donating £6000 to these charities this term, all raised through the fantastic charitable work of the staff and students.



All Saints Catholic High

Maundy Thursday donation:

Over the coming days All Saints will make donations totalling £6000 from our school charities account. Donations will be made to various local Covid-19 Appeals including: NHS Sheffield Hospitals, Sheffield Age UK, Sheffield Foodbank Network and Hallam FM Cash for Kids. We will also donate to our identified school charities of St Wilfrid's Day Centre, the SVP Furniture Store and St Luke's Hospice, as well as our usual Lenten giving to Hallam Caring Services. Donations will also be made to Safe at Last and B:friend.

Having washed the feet of the disciples and showing them that to love is to serve, Jesus said to his disciples: ***"a new commandment I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."***

Working at home:

As we begin the Easter holidays on Friday 10 April, no more work will be set for students until the school term begins again on Monday 27 April. We hope that they will be able to rest and you will be able to spend time together as a family.

As we said last week, we are all gradually getting used to this new way of working and we have asked staff to continue to consider both the amount and complexity of work that is set for after Easter. We have learned that we need to build in time for students to read the instructions, digest the activity and to get started! We have also asked staff who share groups to alternate weeks when they set work. Hopefully this will reduce the number of pieces of work a student needs to access in a week. We want to reiterate that our aim for all of our students is that they complete as much work as they are able to, according to their individual home circumstances. We really do appreciate all that you are doing and please do not worry if you feel you are not managing to cover everything.

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As Y11 and Y13 students will no longer be set GCSE and A level work, we are currently collating a bank of bridging work for each subject that they will be able to access in a few weeks' time. Students will be able to do work for the subjects that they are going to continue with at Sixth Form, College or University and we hope that it will help them to remain academically engaged over the next few months! More information will follow in our next newsletter.

Keeping in touch:

We would like to thank the parents, carers and students who have been in touch with us over the last three weeks. Your encouragement, comments and support have been invaluable. Our video messages to the students have continued on the website and the latest offerings have come from Miss Healy and our House Progress Leaders. Not only is Mr Needham trying to keep us all fit in our homes with his daily workout, but he also shows his singing talent in his video!

News about GCSE / AS / A Level Grades:

Last week, we sent information out to all of our students in Y11 to Y13 and to parents / carers about the latest guidance for the GCSE and A level grades. A reminder that the booklets distributed by the government are also on our website.

For students in Y11 who are hoping to progress into the Sixth Form, we will use the grades you are awarded in the summer to confirm your place in Year 12 for September. We will be sending more information out to you over the next few weeks, so keep an eye on your Sheffield Progress accounts.

Coming up:

The students will be sent a newsletter with a number of optional enrichment activities that you may wish to engage with as a family over the Easter holidays – we do realise that it will be more of a challenge to fill the days without easy access to activities outside of the home. Our staff have also been recommending some books for the students to read.

Just a reminder that whilst we recommend websites and links to students in good faith, it is always worth checking the websites that your child is accessing online.

Sending all of our best wishes. Our thoughts and prayers go out to families who are currently affected by illness or bereavement.

An Easter Prayer

“But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed” (Luke 5:16)

Loving God

When I feel alone, please bring the warmth of relationships into my life

Please cover my thoughts with hope

Please send your love into my heart

I know you are alive in all I experience

May the dawn of spring speak to my soul, may the trees remind me of life.

May those I cherish, respect and learn from, nourish me with your love and goodness.

As I connect with the new world around me, I give thanks for all those who love me and for those who care for me.

Help me to receive your hope and joy in my heart, to embrace your life flowing into mine.

Help me to remember that I live and breathe as part of your family and I dwell safely in you.

I am not alone –

Together, we pray for all who are sick, all who are worried about loved ones and all who are grieving.

Amen

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