



All Saints Catholic High School

Summer Newsletter 2026

Introduction from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of this academic year I wanted to send you a final communication to highlight the abundance of enrichment and joyous activity that has been happening here at All Saints throughout this summer term. This highlights the strength of collaboration between pupils and staff beyond the classroom resulting in such a wonderful range of activities and opportunities as well as a number of reward and celebration events recognising the brilliance of our pupils and the immense contribution they make to the life of our school. For me, it is yet another reminder of what a privilege it is to be Head teacher at All Saints and part of such an amazing school community. For our Year 11 and Year 13 students this term has been dominated by their final examinations and they all remain in our thoughts and prayers as they await their examination results in August. The level of commitment and discipline demonstrated throughout the examination period by our students was exemplary.

Today, our final day of the academic year, we are preparing to celebrate and give thanks together as a whole school community through our End of school Celebration Liturgy. It is always a special occasion where we can all gather together in our large Sports Hall to reflect on our year and celebrate the strengths, gifts and talents of the All Saints School community.

So, I hope you enjoy a flavour of what has been happening this summer term.....



Curriculum Activities

Academic Excellence Awards Evening



On Monday 13th July, we were delighted to celebrate our Academic Excellence Awards with around 100 students, their parents, and special guests.

Students were selected by teachers and subject leaders in recognition of their consistently high standards and outstanding achievement across their subjects. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and commitment shown by so many of our students throughout the year.

A special highlight of the evening was our Gallery of Excellence, which showcased some of the very best academic work from students across all year groups. Guests enjoyed seeing the incredible quality and variety of work on display.

The evening was made even more memorable by performances from our talented musicians and singers, whose contributions created a fantastic atmosphere throughout the event.

It was a special evening and a fitting celebration of the achievements, talents, and academic success of our students.

Celebrating PSHE This Term



We were delighted to welcome South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue to school to deliver an engaging and informative session for our Year 8 students on road, rail and water safety. The presentation highlighted the importance of making safe choices and understanding everyday risks, and was extremely well received by both students and staff.

Across all year groups, students have also developed their knowledge of basic First Aid, learning essential life-saving skills and gaining confidence in how to respond appropriately in an emergency. These lessons have provided students with a strong foundation in recognising emergencies, knowing when to seek help and understanding simple actions that could make a real difference.

In our final PSHE lessons of the academic year, all students will take part in our Summer Safety programme. These lessons are designed to help young people enjoy a safe, healthy and happy summer holiday by exploring topics including:

- Water safety
- Sun safety and skin cancer awareness
- Staying safe in parks and at outdoor events and festivals
- Online safety during the holidays

We are proud of the maturity and enthusiasm our students continue to show in PSHE, and we hope the knowledge and skills they have developed this term will help them make informed, responsible choices both now and in the future.

UK Chemistry Olympiads!

The Olympiad is a written Chemistry exam set by the Royal Society of Chemistry, it goes above and beyond the A level curriculum to really stretch students.

Rafal achieved a bronze certificate and Neil achieved gold and his score put him in the top 8% of students nationally.

Drama



Midnite Youth Theatre from Australia performed their new show *The Dunes* for our Drama students on Tuesday 7 July.

This group are aged around 15 years old and were slick and professional in performance which has totally inspired our Drama students to be as good as them.

The performance was attended by Y8s who had opted for Drama next year, current Y9s, Y10s and Y12s. Midnite Youth Theatre thanked us for our warm welcome and have also asked to come back on their next tour in 2028!

All Saints Sporting Achievements

Sheffield Schools Athletics



A wonderful summer term of athletics for the students of All Saints. The most pleasing aspect of the athletics season has been the number of students participating in a combination of the extra-curricular after-school club and the school team competing at inter-school events. In total, 75 students from Year 7-10 were involved in athletics, some of whom also achieved competitive success. This led to a group of 27 students making the City

Finals at Herringthorpe Stadium, many of whom finished on the podium and some became City Champions, as you can see below:

We took 6 teams of boys and girls in KS3 to Chaucer school to compete in the Sheffield Schools Athletics Competition.

A few golds, a couple silvers and plenty of smiles! They were brilliant and so positive. A real RUAH effort!

Lots of placings with notable ones being

Toochi 1st 100m /2nd 200m

Will 2nd 200m

Oxley 2nd 100m

Adonis 2nd 100m

Gabriel 2nd 200m

Sheffield Schools Athletics Finals

Y7: Oscar - 2nd high jump, 3rd long jump, Ollie - 2nd 600m

Y8: Harry - 2nd high jump

Y9: Esther - 1st 100m (City Champion), Micheal - 1st long jump (City champion), 2nd triple jump, 3rd shot put, 2nd 4x100 relay, Isabella - 1st 800m (City Champion), Siji - 3rd 100m, Daniel , Daniel , Kaiden - 2nd in 4x100 relay, Tanisha - 2nd 300m

Y10: Joshua - 3rd 200m, Giovanni - 3rd javelin throw

Micheal in Y9 competed in the South Yorkshire Athletics Championships in Doncaster.

A superb jump of 4.85m in the U14boys long jump got him a silver medal!

A great example of a student who is consistently showing aspiration, competing on a Saturday.

Football

Ethan and Oliver play for and represent Sheffield Schoolboys at football.

They have both been offered **two year contracts** at Sheffield Wednesday

Summer Sports Day

The end of term Sports Day was full of fun and action throughout, from rowing challenges and assault courses to more traditional athletic running, jumping and throwing events. The real success of this year's event was that teams competed in their Houses all day and every single student participated in the same events. The House spirit was on show with face paints and colored ribbons commonplace. The day finished with some vertical year group relays and even some staff leadership races! As is customary, the winner will be revealed at the end of year liturgy, I wonder if perseverance will retain the trophy or if we'll see another new winner!?



SuperOne Championship

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Jacob in Y7 competes in the SuperOne Championship which is a national championship in nearly 200 racers which all 5 current British F1 drivers have raced in.

He races an electric kart at speeds up to 70mph and is currently 5th in the championship out of 11 drivers. His best finish is 2nd and has so far claimed top rookie 4 times.

He also races locally at Wombwell with 3 x 1st places and a lap record holder.

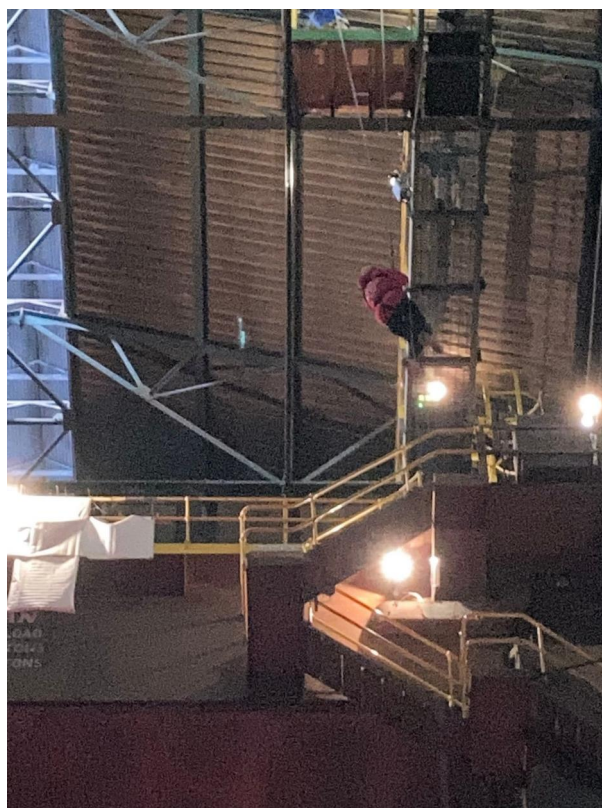


Sports Achievement Evening



On Wednesday 8th May we hosted our annual Sports Achievement Awards, celebrating our students endeavour and skill from PE and sport over the past academic year. From Legends in PE, extra-curricular champions and sporting excellence there were awards for variety of qualities and characteristics within curricular PE and sporting enrichment both in and out of school. This year we also introduced a new award named after Vince Green, who has a long relationship with All Saints and is retiring as a governor after years of service to the All Saints community. The first winner of this award for Sporting Excellence went to Milly, the current Under 18 Great Britain Ice Hockey captain. Once again we congratulate all of this year's winners and encourage all of our students to enjoy a healthy and active summer break ready for another fun filled school year of PE and school sport.

All Saints Students Fundraising



Mencap Sheffield and Gateway

Miss Staniland, Miss Healy and Mr Weir took 7 Year 12 students who have led on fundraising for Mencap Sheffield and Gateway to their service for a visit to see the work that All Saints fundraising goes to.

Located at Norfolk Lodge within 500m of our school. Mencap supports more than 500 people with learning disabilities, autism and their families. Established 75 years ago by parents who wanted a better life for their children with learning disabilities and a vision that all feel valued, included and respected and be provided with the support to reach their full potential and making lives better for their members.

St Wilfrid's Big Summer Sleep Out Fundraiser

St Wilfrid's Centre is a unique community where homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded people can find understanding, practical assistance, a sense of belonging and the support to regain self esteem. We aim to provide people with opportunities to improve their quality of life.

Each year we help and support over 500 people from our day-centre based in the heart of Sheffield. Annually we need to raise over £450,000 to be able to provide the services and activities to meet our clients' needs. Your support really does make a difference.

Staff and students slept on the Sports field and raised over **£996**

Hero of Health

Miss Healy braved an **abseil** at Magna Science Adventure Centre and raised over **£1590.** for Hero of Health, an NHS-referred Neighbourhood Health Network, built to prevent and reverse disease and tackle loneliness.

All Saints Mock Election

In June we held our annual All Saints Mock Election. The Year 12 Politics students created their own political parties and campaigned for a cause of their choosing. All students were given the opportunity to vote for one of the parties: End Period Poverty campaigning for Hey Girls; Steel City Animal Rights campaigning for RSPCA Sheffield; Unmasked campaigning for Door 43 and our winning party Together Combat Poverty. Congratulations to TPC, £500 will be donated to FareShare Yorkshire. We will also donate £150 to the three other charities.

Spirit Week



Our Sixth Form Prefects organised a fantastic Spirit Week, bringing the sixth form community together through a range of fun activities designed to promote wellbeing, raise money, and celebrate creativity.

From themed dress-up days and lunchtime quizzes to the popular "Bring Anything But a Bag" Day, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Students embraced each challenge with enthusiasm, helping to create a fun and positive atmosphere throughout the week.

Once again, our Sixth Form students demonstrated outstanding leadership, creativity, and community spirit. Their hard work and organisation made Spirit Week a great success and an enjoyable experience for students and staff alike.

Dancing with All Saints



Workshop with Phoenix Dance Academy

35 students taking part in a Dance workshop with a professional dancer from Phoenix Dance Academy. Some of our students were selected to audition for their gifted and talented scheme which is a great achievement. All students performed exceptionally well in the workshop and were a credit to school.

MoveFest 2026

Y7, Y8 and Y12 performed at The Crucible Theatre with a number of other schools in the annual Movefest.

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition



Congratulations to our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils who successfully completed their Bronze Expedition. Camping in Edale, having taken the train from school, we enjoyed an evening walk up Mam Tor and then completed their walk the next day back to Hope train station.

With some wrong turns along the way but the reward of ice cream after the June heat, all students returned to school, tired but happy. Students are now finishing their skills, volunteering and physical sections to successfully receive their Bronze award.

Trips and Visits

Y7 trip to the Sir Harry Kroto Buckyball event

A group of Y7's went to the Sir Harry Kroto Buckyball event at the University of Sheffield. The students built their own version of the Buckyball, before going for a tour of the University campus followed by going into the University science labs and running experiments with bubbles to see who could make the largest bubble without it bursting. They then got to see different things happen with bubbles, for example what happens when a bubble lands on liquid nitrogen.

Y7 trip to the National Space Centre.



Y7 students had the opportunity to spend the day in the National Space Centre in Leicester when we returned after the Easter break. Students were able to see space suits worn by actual astronauts, a rocket housed in their rocket tower, and touch some actual moon rocks. Students also had a session in the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, where they sat back and watched a full 360° full dome show about life on the International Space Station and the work that astronauts do.

Y7 and Y8 trip to Padley Gorge



In May a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students visited Padley, which also brought together students from schools across the Diocese for a day of faith, reflection and community.

This was the second year that our students have participated in this special diocesan event, and once again it proved to be a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved. The day provided pupils with the opportunity to learn more about the story of the Padley Martyrs, deepen their understanding of our Catholic heritage, and celebrate their faith alongside young people from other diocesan schools.

We look forward to continuing our involvement in this annual pilgrimage and providing further opportunities for our students to grow in faith and fellowship.

Y8 trip to The Deep



Y8 students spent the day in The Deep Aquarium in Hull when we returned after the Easter break, where they had a workshop session with local conservationists about the changing coast life of the UK. They also explored the whole aquarium and got to see a scuba diver feeding the sharks and sea turtles!

Y9 and Y10 visit to Water Bear Music

In May, students in Y9 and Y10 GCSE music visited Water Bear Music College in Sheffield city centre. They had a tour of the facilities and worked with an artist and producer to create their own track.

Y10 trip to Sheffield Hallam University

During the visit, students participated in mathematics sessions delivered by university lecturers and took part in a maths quiz alongside other schools. I am delighted to share that our students achieved excellent results, securing 2nd and 3rd place among a total of 10 competing teams.

The trip provided students with a valuable opportunity to experience university-level learning, broaden their understanding of mathematics, and develop their confidence in an academic environment. They represented the school exceptionally well throughout the event, and we are extremely proud of their achievements.

Y12 trip to Northern General Hospital



Our Y12 Applied Science students were given an excellent opportunity to attend the Radiology department at Northern General Hospital. During the visit, students got to see the medical equipment used in diagnosis of patients, as well as have a Q+A with radiology staff at every level.

Y12 trip to Sheffield Crown Court



Y12s had the opportunity to visit Sheffield Crown Court. The visit was a valuable opportunity to support understanding of two topics: Occupation and Gender studied as part of the English Language A' level. The real-life experience has assisted in preparing for formal assessments as it means personal experiences can be used alongside theories.

Y12 Field Trip to Boggle Hole



Y12 students spent 3 days at Boggle Hole doing some field work as part of their A level Biology studies. It involved rock pooling to look at species diversity, making pitfall traps for insects overnight, and sampling limpet size to compare the effect of biotic vs abiotic factors. Students also spent the day in Robin Hood's Bay having ice cream and exploring the history of the area, as well as fun activities like football on the beach, fish and chips on the hill, and late evening walks to watch the sunset.

Y13 Trip to Lille



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This past term, we had the incredible opportunity to travel to Lille, in the North of France, for an educational, immersive experience in French language and culture. Some highlights of the four days we spent there included visiting the Palais des Beaux Arts and La Piscine de Roubaix, which was a museum in a beautiful, old swimming pool. We loved exploring the centre of Lille and we even went on a guided tour in French, which explained the history of Lille and challenged our listening skills. We also tried some typical French cuisine such as snails, mussels, croque monsieur, and even a slice of horse. Of course, our favourite foods were the pastries, chocolat chaud and jus de pomme. Moving on to the main focus of the trip, which unfortunately was not food, we had the chance to visit a French sixth form and have a conversation in French with the students. It was very interesting to visit this sixth form, which shared many of the same values and ethos, such as the Don Bosco way, in a completely different country. This trip made it possible for us to practice our French in real life, and it was amazing how much our confidence grew in four days. We are so grateful we were able to go on this extraordinary trip and we had so much fun!

Y12 Trip to Parliament



On Wednesday 8th July 2026, our A Level Politics students went to London on a day trip. We started the day visiting the Imperial War Museum, where we got to see a piece of the Berlin Wall. We then walked across to Parliament where we got a tour of the building and the

students took part in a planned workshop, where they got to create their own political parties and policies. The students made us proud with their thoughtful and engaging ideas, as well as some excellent speeches! We then went to look around the Supreme Court, before heading to see Downing Street. It was a long, but brilliant, jam-packed day, which our Y12 engaged brilliantly with and made the most of!

Faith in Action



At the end of our Faith in Action programme we organised our very first retreat to Savio House, bringing together students from our schools.

The retreat was a truly special occasion, providing young people with the opportunity to deepen their faith, reflect on their personal journeys, and build meaningful connections with each other. Throughout the day, students participated in prayer, reflection, team-building activities, and discussions that encouraged them to put their faith into action in their daily lives.

One of the highlights of the retreat was seeing students from different schools come together with such enthusiasm, respect, and a shared commitment to living out Gospel values. The atmosphere was one of friendship, reflection, and joy, with students embracing every opportunity to learn from one another and grow in faith.

The Faith in Action programme continues to inspire our young people to serve others, demonstrate compassion, and make a positive difference in their communities. The retreat at Savio House was a wonderful example of these values in practice and marks the beginning of what we hope will become a cherished annual event.

Good Shepherd

A group of pupils from our school recently joined children from across St Clare's Trust, and our wider family of schools, for a special Pentecost Fellowship Day in Sheffield.

Together, the schools prayed, reflected on scripture, explored the Fruits of the Spirit and worked collaboratively to create a Celebration of the Word. During the day, each school was given a mission: to return to their own communities and share what they had experienced, just as the disciples were sent out at Pentecost.

Called To Action



Called to Action was a year-long collaboration between the SVP, Pax Christi England and Wales, and the Columbans in Britain aimed at supporting and empowering young people in Years 9 and 10 to live out their faith through fundraising, advocacy and social action.

Across three terms students were brought together to explore the three core themes – fundraising, advocacy, and social action – each term learning about a different theme. Each theme was led by one of the partner organisations, giving young people a chance to learn, reflect, and take action on a range of different Catholic Social Teaching issues.

Visitation of Our Lady of Guadalupe



On 5th June, our pupils visited Mother of God Church to attend the Visitation of the relic of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The day began with Mass at 10.00am, providing a wonderful opportunity for prayer and reflection.

Following Mass, Fr Michael led everyone in the Marian Consecration Prayer, helping pupils to deepen their understanding of and devotion to Our Blessed Lady. The programme was then led by the Guardians of the Relic, who delivered an engaging and informative talk about the significance of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

All of our pupils are to be highly commended for their exceptional conduct throughout the visit. They demonstrated excellent behaviour, reverence and respect while in Mother of God Church. The pupils also showed outstanding engagement and participation during the presentation, listening attentively and contributing thoughtfully to discussions.

It was a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved, and we are proud of the way our pupils represented the school.

All Saints Culture Day



On Friday 10th July, we celebrated Culture Day with an afternoon of fun, music, dancing, and cultural stalls. Students enjoyed learning about different cultures from around the world and sharing their own traditions with friends.

Many students came dressed in traditional clothing, adding lots of colour and excitement to the day. A real highlight was the Culture Day Parade, where students proudly celebrated the diverse backgrounds that make up our school community.

As always, Culture Day was a fantastic event enjoyed by everyone and a wonderful celebration of the cultural diversity that makes All Saints Catholic High School such a special place.

All Saints Fest

On Monday, more than 220 students from Years 7-10 took part in All Saints Fest - a well deserved reward for consistently demonstrating The All Saints Way throughout the whole school year.

These students have shown our core values of Pride, Excellence, Aspiration, Respect and Responsibility every week, and we were delighted to celebrate their achievements.

The afternoon was filled with fun, with students enjoying inflatable activities, jewellery making, delicious treats, and making the most of the gorgeous sunshine. It was fantastic to see everyone celebrating together and recognising the hard work and positive attitudes that have made this achievement possible.

A huge congratulations to all of our All Saints Fest participants- we are incredibly proud of you!

Careers at All Saints

Y8 - Y10 Careers Fair

There was a careers fair in school where students in Y8 - Y10 attended as part of their lessons and Y12 students could drop in to, in order to speak to different businesses, universities and training providers, regarding their companies, apprenticeship opportunities, or grades & subjects required for university.

Y8 & Y9 Engineering Development Trust day



The Engineering Development Trust (EDT) came in and delivered a session to some students in Y8 & Y9 about sustainability and tackling climate change.

Y10 1:1 mock interviews

Year 10 students had 1:1 mock interviews with people coming into school from a variety of different businesses. The students all received feedback on how their interview went and what they could do to improve for future interviews

Y12 Women into Finance at Sheffield Hallam



A group of Y12 students went to Sheffield Hallam University for a Women into Finance day. On this day they met a variety of women who work in the finance sector and learnt how they got into Finance, but also got to understand about finance roles they had no idea even existed.

SCITT (School-Centred Initial Teacher Training)



As a school, we are proud to welcome trainee teachers from across the city. We are especially pleased to be part of the SCITT (School-Centred Initial Teacher Training) programme, which has successfully awarded 45 trainee teachers with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) this year.

Our students have enjoyed welcoming new faces into the classroom, experiencing different teaching approaches, and playing a part in the trainees' professional journey. As an added bonus, we are delighted to welcome two of these trainees back to our school as full-time members of staff in September.

Final thoughts..



Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our parents and carers as well as our Governing Body for providing such valued support throughout the year. Our school will only ever be as successful as the partnership we have with our families as we work together in the best interests of the young people we have the privilege to serve. I wish you all a relaxing summer and hope that our pupils come back refreshed, revitalised and ready to strive for continued success in the coming academic year.

God Bless

Sean Pender