



All Hallows RC High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

As we near the end of the first term, I write to provide you with information regarding events and activities held in school since September and staffing changes. You will also have received a letter via your child last week detailing the Christmas activities planned for the final week of the term.

School of Sanctuary

I am very proud to announce that All Hallows is now a School of Sanctuary. We are one of two high schools in Salford to have received this award and it really is a wonderful achievement. At All Hallows we pride ourselves on being a safe and welcoming place for all existing students and staff and those new to our school and/or the wider community.

Open Evening 2019

In October, we held our Open Evening for prospective parents and their feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Visitors commented upon the excellent facilities and our pupil guides who, as usual, were a real credit to the school family. All Hallows is heavily oversubscribed for September 2020 and we are delighted that so many parents are entrusting their children to us.

Presentation Evening and 2019 Leavers' Ceremony

Once again the Annual Presentation Evening was a highlight of the school calendar with over 100 pupils receiving awards in recognition of their academic success. The atmosphere was vibrant and it was a wonderful opportunity for staff, pupils and parents to share in such an evening of celebration. We were delighted to welcome Naomi Ogbeta, former All Hallows pupil and current British athlete (Triple Jump Champion) as our inspirational guest speaker.

On 21st November, we held a separate event to celebrate the exam success of our 2019 Leavers. This is an evening that staff really look forward to as it is a chance to catch up with our previous year 11 pupils, present them with their exam certificates and hear how they are getting on with life post All Hallows. We are very proud of our past pupils and wish them success and happiness for the future.

Staff Farewell

Sadly we say goodbye to both Mr Burns (DT teacher) and Cedric Mukuna (Finance Officer), who will be leaving All Hallows at the end of term. Mr Burns is taking up a promotion at another school. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the pupils of All Hallows; they will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.



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Contacting School

We are always happy to speak with parents regarding your child's education and welfare and we would like to remind you that your first point of contact with school should be your child's **form tutor**. The form tutor knows your child well and should be able to assist you with most enquiries. The next point of contact would be your child's Pupil Progress Leader. Please also ensure that we have up to date phone numbers for you and other contacts as this is essential for emergencies and general communications. Please also note that teaching staff will endeavour to return all calls as soon as is reasonably possible, and certainly within 48 hours, and that they fit these around a full timetable of teaching and other commitments.

When contacting the school, the vast majority of parents / carers keep calm and respect our staff. They understand that the teachers, receptionists and all other staff are doing the best they can to support pupils and their parents / carers and that we are here to help. The staff should be able to do their jobs without being verbally abused, shouted at or threatened. Most people respect this – thank you! In the rare cases where this respect is missing, please be aware that staff reserve the right to refuse to communicate with any person who is abusive or aggressive.

Student Services Email- Parents can also contact school via our new email address studentservices@allhallowsrc.co.uk. This is checked daily and emails are forwarded to the most appropriate person for response.

Pupil Registration Forms

Please be advised that you will be receiving pupil registration forms regarding your child. Please can you check that all the details are correct, make any necessary amendments and return to school. Please note it is imperative that school hold at least two points of contact and that their mobile numbers are correct.

Attendance

Thank you to all parents for your support in maintaining high school attendance.

An unusually high number of children were hit by illness just after October half-term (which was common across Salford), and this impacted on individual and whole school attendance. Fortunately, we are over the worst and things have returned to normal. We aim for high attendance over the next two terms in order to achieve our target of over 96% attendance overall. There are a number of incentives and rewards operating to encourage excellent attendance as this leads to high rates of progress for your children. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child is in school every day and on time.

If your child is unable to attend school, please telephone reception on **0161 921 1900** from 8.00 am. Please continue to keep all absences to a minimum for the benefit of your child's education. (Also, please note the policy regarding absences either side of a holiday.)



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Uniform Expectations

Thank you to all parents for supporting our high expectations of uniform; the pupils have looked very smart this term. Please be reminded shoes must be plain, black school shoes (no Vans, canvas or sports shoes) – we apply this rule rigidly, providing footwear to be borrowed in cases where pupils are unable to comply. As a reminder, please do not allow your child to have any piercings, bizarre haircuts or irreversible beauty treatments over the holiday. Any acrylics or nail varnish should be removed before returning to school. **Jewellery** must be limited to a watch and a pair of small plain studs or hoops in the lower ear. These are the **only** piercings which are allowed.

Dropping off / Picking up Pupils

Please do not drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick your child up from school. This area at the front of school is becoming dangerously congested and is causing access difficulties for our disabled visitors and pupils. The overwhelming majority of our pupils are fit and well and therefore could easily meet you on Weaste Lane if parking in the area is an issue. For events such as Parents Evenings, we do make use of the rear yard and therefore parking is available on site after 3.40 pm.

There is a particular issue in the mornings when parents are blocking the driveway by dropping off and then driving out at a time when there are a large number of staff driving in to the school grounds. Please drop off safely at the roadside, not on site.

Early birds- Please do not drop your child off at school before 7:30am. We will not be able to let them enter the building as there are no supervisory staff available prior to this time. We are happy to receive children after 7.30 – which is an hour before school officially starts.

Site Security and Personal Property

There have been two occasions this term when a determined thief has entered the school grounds at the end of the school day to steal bikes. Obviously these isolated events were upsetting for the pupils and families concerned.

There will be even greater staff presence at 3pm, and extra security put in place for bikes stored before 8:30am, and we ask that all bikes are locked with a strong bike lock. In addition, however, we must advise you that all bikes are left at their owners risk – school cannot take responsibility for them.

Activities

It has been a busy term, packed full of transition, sporting, charity, enrichment and enterprise activities. Listed below are just a small sample of these activities.

On 4th December, Year 6 pupils enjoyed a transition visit to All Hallows taking part in a range of Christmas crafts throughout the day.



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Our Year 7 pupils have settled into school life at All Hallows extremely well and have enjoyed a variety of exciting transition and enterprise activities this term. These include a PGL residential trip and the 'Ten Pieces' initiative which opened up the world of classical music to the pupils in the form of film of an orchestra playing, dance, performance poetry, art and media.

We are very proud of our students who took part in the Dance-a-thon on November 26th, over £800 was raised plus a further £400 through the Bake Sale and further donations for Mission Christmas!

We were invited to take part in the 'Churches Together' Remembrance Service again this year at Peel Green Cemetery. Together with 17 other local schools, our pupil chaplains laid poppies and gave readings at the service.

On Thursday 5th December, we held our community Senior Citizens' Christmas party with entertainment provided by pupils, staff and the school choir. The event was well-attended again this year and enjoyed by all.

A Christmas Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk took place in school on 12th December for all Y7 & Y8 pupils. Other pupils, parents and members of the local community were then able to join us for an evening performance.

The school choir sang at St Ann's Hospice again this year on 10th December and were well received.

The students and staff have had the opportunity to light a candle and pray for peace and their families as part of 'Light Fever'.

There have been a series of University visits, which are a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to raise aspirations and to gain an understanding of student life.

Careers Provision

All Hallows RC High School currently holds the CEIAG Gold Award for all of the exceptional careers and employability opportunities offered to our pupils and this term has been no exception.

Pupils in year 8-11 took part in our annual careers fair in November, attended by over 30 employers and post-16 providers. This event provides our pupils with vital information enabling them to make informed choices about their future careers and GCSE options.

We continue to work with DWF on the 5 STAR Futures Programme with a group of 20 year 10 pupils who have now completed two of the six workshops based on confidence building, raising aspirations and developing employability skills.

All Hallows have also continued with the Inspire Project in school over the last term supported by business volunteers from local Salford business, Thermatic. Pupils from years 8 and 9 have now completed the six workshops in school focusing on various employability skills and look forward to the site-visit which will take place in January.



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Sporting Achievements

Sporting Success September - December 2019

Year 11 - Last 16 of English School's football

Year 8 girls - EFL Utilita Football Cup winners

Cole Green Year 11 Salford Trampolining Champion 2019

Year 9 Netball team - Currently 2nd in Salford Netball League

All Hallows Hosted - Salford SEND Inclusive Sport Event

Reward Trips and Activities

Many reward trips and activities have taken place in the last few weeks. These were detailed in the separate letter sent home to parents/carers with pupils, but included Christmas Caroloke, cinema trips, ice skating and the school disco.

Twitter

For all the latest news and updates you can follow All Hallows on Twitter @allhallows.

Newsletter

A newsletter with photos and more stories about events and activities can be found on our website, please see link: <https://www.allhallowssalford.com/>

Finally, I wish you all a peaceful, happy and spiritual Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and enjoy the giving and receiving of presents.

Please note that pupils will finish school from 1.35pm on Friday 20th December.

I look forward to welcoming all the pupils safely back to school on **Monday 6th January 2020.**

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Cavanagh
Headteacher