All Saints Catholic College

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Principal: Karen Colligan



NEWSLETTER 2024.2025 HALF TERM 2

Principal's Message

Dear Families

Christmas is nearly upon us and we have enjoyed all the attendant activities which include: Advent services, Christmas concert, carols at the care homes, fundraising, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner, Year 7 Christmas disco and parent craft event. It has been really rather wonderful.

The Year 11 mocks are well behind us now and we are very much travelling with our Year 11 as they work towards this milestone in their academic careers. Casting our minds back to last year's cohort, it was marvellous to see so many attending our Year 11 Leaver Celebration evening this term. I have since seen a few of these former students during a recent visit to Greenhead College. It was heart-warming to see them comfortable in their new setting.

Students are looking forward to the first rewards shop in January, and I am 🗟 very hopeful that the student consultation will mean that the items available to be purchased meet with our youngsters' approval. The information shared regarding end-of-year trips and Year 11 prom was met also with eager anticipation. Please note payment deadlines for these events.

Please do browse this newsletter as there are plenty of news and updates from departments as well as wider information relating to what we have been up to over the last half term.

I wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas and all the very best for 2025!

God bless,

Karen Colligan



Drawing by Vicky W



Please visit

https://mynewterm.com/school/All-Saints-Catholic-College/107782 to check out our current job vacancies.

Important dates:

Monday, 6th January 2025 - return to school Thursday, 16th January - Year 11 Parents Evening Thursday, 6th February - Year 8 Parents Evening Thursday, 13th February - Last day of half term 3

Important - Consultation

We are currently in a period of consultation for our Admissions Policy 2026-2027.

For more information, please visit:

All Saints Admissions Policy Consultation

Our Motto Our Mission

Love • Serve • Learn

Our mission is to put Christ at the centre of our community.

In loving and serving God and one another, we encourage everyone to flourish through learning.

Our Focus Virtues

Virtues are qualities that we practise in order to help us become the best version of ourselves.











Term Dates 2024/2025

First Day	Half Term	Last Day		
Autumn Term 2024/2025				
Monday 2nd September*	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	Friday 20 th December		
Spring Term 2025				
Monday 6 th January	Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February	Friday 4 th April		
Summer Term 2025				
Tuesday 22 nd April	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May	Tuesday 22 nd July*		

*School closed to students on the following dates:

- Inset day 1 Monday 2nd September 2024
- Inset day 2 Friday 14th February 2025
- Easter Monday Monday 21st April 2025
- Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025
- Inset day 3 Friday 27th June 2025
- Disaggregated day 1 Monday 21st July 2025
- Disaggregated day 2- Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Term Dates 2025/2026

Click here to visit: All Saints Term Dates

Chaplaincy Update



Fr John has been a frequent visitor to school to say Mass and to lead services.

Thanks to the hard work of the ICT Team, many of Fr John's services have been live streamed to greater numbers of students around the school, with classes tuning in via Teams.

During Advent, we held our half-termly Adoration in the Chapel with Fr John leading the whole school community in Benediction, followed by a blessing of our new Lectionaries. It was a great occasion in school to celebrate the start of using the Holy Books that have not been updated by the church since 1981.

Fr John recently offered the sacrament of confession to students following a service of Reconciliation; that too was live streamed to all classes.

We welcomed families in school to celebrate the Advent season with us in a service followed by the annual Christmas concert. The choir and band provide the musical accompaniment during the service.

All Saints once again took part in Revelation at Hinsley Hall, joining other schools in the Diocese for friendship and faith-based activities.

Upcoming Events

6th Jan - Epiphany Service
Weds P3 - Class Masses
16th Jan - Revelation





Remembrance









Staff and students marked Remembrance Day with a service for the whole school, including readings by Year 11 students. Representatives from each form joined Ms Colligan outside to place crosses of Remembrance and the wreath. The silence was marked with the Last Post played by music teacher Mrs Sidwell. Paper poppies were carefully created by art students and formed a beautiful tribute to the fallen.

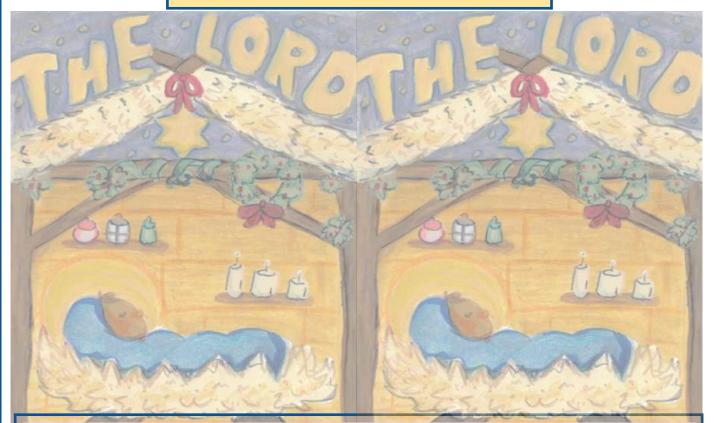








Christmas 2024



On Christmas Eve this year, the Pope will open a sealed door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome to start the Jubilee year for 2025. A Jubilee happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church and it is a time to put faith in action and to recommit to the church. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope where we are encouraged to open doors of welcome to give hope to others. We are encouraged to think about whom we might give welcome to - those who are in need of welcome. Just as the Holy family was in need of a door of hope, we know there are other people today looking for refuge and shelter, love and hope.

As we welcome those that we know and love into our homes this Christmas, in thankful celebration of all our blessings, may we look to the coming year in recognition that Jesus came to give all of us hope, and that we may too be a Pilgrim of Hope in the name of Jesus in the coming year. Vatican Media Live - English



Y7 Disco and Christmas Crafting





The annual Christmas Disco and Crafting Event was a sparkling affair, with glamour and glitz, tunes, dancing and creativity. Needless to say it was also an evening of contrasts with the music and lights pulsing in the hall, attended by a host of Year 7 students ready to mingle and make as much noise as possible. For parents and carers who wished to stay, there was an alternative venue set up in the dining hall, with a much quieter selection of Christmas tunes and the opportunity to create some Christmas crafts. We made candle jars, button trees and felt ornaments. We crafted and chatted over mince pies and hot chocolate, meeting familiar faces and sharing Christmas plans. There were younger siblings of Year 7 students, who felt very much welcomed into school and also enjoyed the crafting.





This year, we visited two care homes with singers from across the year groups to bring Christmas cheer to the residents of Beechwood and the Sycamore Care homes. Mrs Sidwell has been working hard to prepare the performances that are greatly received by the residents. It was lovely to see the students interacting with everyone and sharing stories of times gone by, and talking about the students' school life. With a variety of carols and modern Christmas songs, there was something for everyone to join in with.

The two care homes are keen to make our visits an annual event and, having visited Beechwood last year, it was with fondness that the students reconnected with the residents. We are already planning on returning in 2025.



Advent Collections



During Advent, we have supported the work of Catholic Care by collecting items for new mums and babies.

Yet again the All Saints Community demonstrated their commitment to helping others and gave generously to this appeal.

Families, students and staff in our community added to their shopping lists during advent, to donate much needed food items to the local food bank.

Many individual students were keen to contribute to our collection and showed real understanding of the needs of others.



For more information about Gianna services, contact

0113 388 5400

or email info@catholic-care.org.uk
This is a confidential service.



The Luce room has been a hive of crafting activity as the Chaplaincy and Youth SVP students have spent their breaks and lunchtimes creating 200 Christmas cards for the adult branch of the SVP.

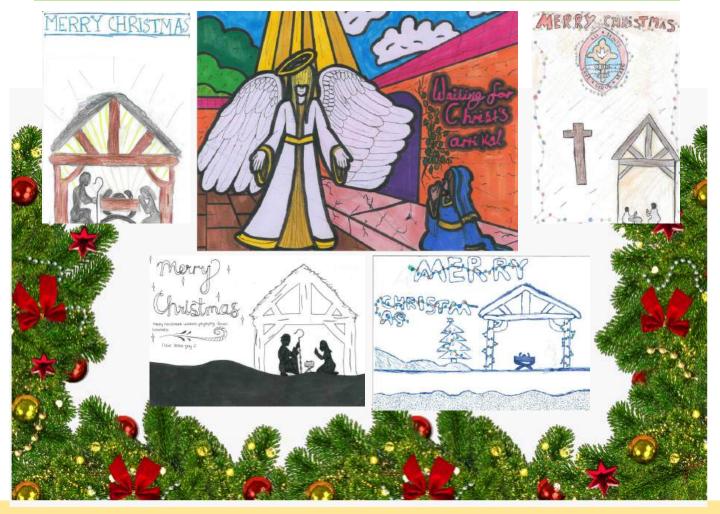
The cards are given to the adults and families that the SVP visit and support. They contain prayers and a reminder that Jesus is the reason for Christmas.







For the Christmas card competition, students were asked to create a religious image suitable for the Principal to send with Christmas wishes from All Saints. There were a variety of entries depicting baby Jesus, camels and Christmas trees. The winning card by Alexandra in 11S, is a mixed media image of the manger holding the baby Jesus in the glow of candlelight. Alexandra received an acrylic painting set as her prize and her design as the official All Saints Christmas card. Here are a selection of other entries for this year's competition. The winning card is also featured on the school website.



Help for Families

Cost of Living Vouchers

Kirklees Council will be funding one-off Cost of Living vouchers for families of children in receipt of means-tested Free School Meals. Kirklees Council will be using government funding to pay schools for the vouchers. The value of the voucher is £45 per eligible child and will be issued through our preferred supplier Evouchers, on Friday, 20th December.

If you need support in accessing your voucher or further information, please visit: I'm a recipient – Evouchers

How to claim your voucher – Evouchers



Other Financial Support

Kirklees Council offers a range of support to anyone who is struggling, not just families with children.

Visit Local Welfare Provision | Kirklees Council for more information.

Holiday Support for Families

For some families, the holiday period can be a difficult time, from juggling childcare to coping with the cost-of-living crisis and searching for affordable ways to celebrate the festive period. Family Action are there to support families through the school holidays and all year long.

FamilyLine is a free helpline that offers emotional support and practical guidance via telephone, text, email and live chat for all family members over the age of 18.

Families can access the service Monday to Friday, 9am to 9pm (9am to 5pm on the 24th, 27th and 31st December) using the following contact details:

Telephone: 0808 802 6666 Text message: 07537 404 282

Email: familyline@family-action.org.uk

Please note: FamilyLine will be closed on the 25th and 26th December 2024 and 1st January 2025. The helpline will be covered by Shout, their text crisis line outside these hours including weekends and bank holidays. To find out more, visit https://www.family-action.org.uk/familyline



Contacting us out of hours

Our helpline opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 9pm. Outside these hours, text **FAMILYACTION to 85258**, to access our free 24/7 crisis support service delivered in partnership with Shout. This is also available on weekends and bank holidays.

Please note: over Christmas we will operate reduced hours:

24th December - 9am-5pm

25th December - CLOSED

26th December - CLOSED

27th December - 9am - 5pm

30th December - 9am - 9pm

31st December – 9am –5pm

1st January - CLOSED

Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies on our Governing Body for Parent and Foundation Governors.

The following skills and experience are sought from potential applicants:

- Professional experience within Education
- Risk and financial management
- Data analysis and insight
- Strategic planning and evaluation

Information regarding parent governor elections will be shared with parents/carers in January.

For more information regarding the Foundation Governor positions, please visit the following website:

www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education and search 'Becoming a Governor' or call the Diocese of Leeds on 0113 261 8040

Please note, nominations for our Foundation Governor vacancies should only be from practising Catholics.

All governors must complete safeguarding checks.

Make a difference

Governors make an essential difference

Drawing on their diverse life and caree<mark>r experience, governors help make schools more resilient and responsive to children's needs.</mark>

Governors make a valuable and appreciated contribution to their community, and the change that governors can help create makes it a particularly worthwhile volunteering opportunity for people looking to make a difference where they're really needed.

It goes without saying that being a governor is good for you as well. Governors can learn new skills, or use skills learned from their career or life in a new context, helping children and young people.

All sorts of people make great governors - whilst specific skills are appreciated, the only requirement is commitment to helping a school.

Praise the Positivity



Our students have been working hard all autumn term gaining lots of praise stamps across all lessons, and behind the scenes for having 100% attendance and doing so well in the first data collection of ATLs.

Please see below our students of the week during half term 2, who received the highest amount of praise stamps.

Key Stage 3

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Week 1	Oscar F	Triumphant A P	Irina B
Week 2	Jazmin D	Elliot C	Irina B
Week 3	Oscar F	Alessandro D	Ranveer M
Week 4	Phoebe D	Pandora J	Noah S
Week 5	Oscar F	Lily F	Joseph W

Key Stage 4

	Year 10	Year 11
Week 1	Skye M and Emily S	Munaza S and Wojceich D
Week 2	Skye M and Sulyana S	Wojceich D and Munaza S
Week 3	Skye M and Lola B	Wojceich D and Munaza S
Week 4	Skye M and Jennifer M	Rahel M and Wojceich D
Week 5	Sulyana S and Lola B	Wojceich D and Munaza S



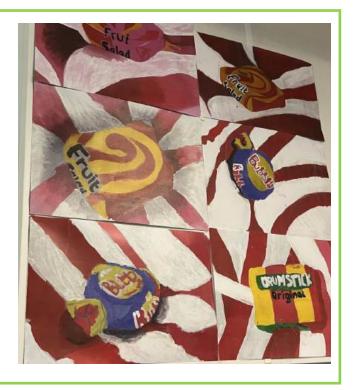
Art

This term, Year 9 students have been working on their painting skills in the style of Sarah Graham.

Sarah Graham is a British painter who works mostly in oil on canvas.

She painted the album cover for the Kaiser Chief's 2012 singles collection 'Souvenir', and in 2015, featured in the GCSE art exam paper.

We think this artwork showcases our superstar artists of the future!



Crochet Club

Our Key Stage 3 students have been busy this term in Miss Banham's crochet club making these wonderful snowmen!

Students have enjoyed their time learning new skills.

Crochet club runs on a Thursday after school and is bookable via EduLink.



Community Visit

Our Year 11 Community Group visited the Catholic Care "Friday Friends" group at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, on 6th December, along with PC Sally Baines.

The students were absolutely exemplary and got stuck in with activities. They sat with the Friday Friends group and were chatting away. They also helped out with bingo.

The group members loved the student visit and asked if they could come again the following week for their Christmas lunch!

Students have been making Christmas decorations with PC Sally over the last few weeks, and the decorations have been handed out to the Friday Friends group.

This was a really lovely and positive community visit.

The students are welcome back any time, especially as the Year 11s took bingo as seriously as the group members!!











PE

Year 10 Sport Studies Trip to Little Deer Wood

Our Year 10 Sport Studies students went to Little Deer Wood this half term, to take part in some outdoor adventurous activities that are linked to their coursework unit.

It was a really successful and rewarding trip. The students will be attending the second trip very soon to Bradley Woods, where their assessment will take place.

Good luck to all students!



Basketball

The basketball season kicked off this half term. We have had a variety of fixtures and tournaments for different year groups.

Our Year 8 basketball team played in the Year 8 basketball tournament at Salendine Nook. They were unbeaten on the night winning 4 matches and drawing 1 match!

This puts them in a good position for the second night of the tournament that is after Christmas.

Our Year 11 basketball team remain unbeaten playing against Royds Hall and Holmfirth and are in a strong position in the league.

Our Year 9 team have made a mixed start to their season, winning 1 game and losing 1 game. They will be looking forward to the tournament that is taking place before the Christmas break to finish on a high.

Well done as always to all students involved with the basketball fixtures and training. The attendance is superb week in week out.

A big thank you to our coach Eugene for his time and efforts!



Drama

GCSE drama students attended a performance of Blood Brothers this term, to aid them in their learning for their written exam.

Members of the public commented on our students outstanding conduct.

Some students were lucky enough to meet Dominic Gore, who made his debut in the main role of 'Mickey' in our performance.

GCSE drama students also completed their first practical exam to their usual high standard and are now working towards completing their portfolio and second exam which will be performed live to an examiner in March.

Students are currently working hard in rehearsals for our school production of Matilda Jr which is due to be performed on 11th and 12th February 2025 at 6pm, as well as a matinee performance to our partner primary schools.

Tickets will be on sale in the new year priced at £4.



Coding Club

Our students attending Coding Club have been inspired by Mr Slater this half term, with a little festive code for Christmas.

Very impressive!





Music News

This half term has been a busy one for the Music department. Our Year 11 students completed their music mock exams, with all students making good progress in their listening, performing and composition work. After Christmas, Year 11 will be able to stay after school on Thursdays to spend more time on their coursework, by signing up on EduLink.

Our choir and band led the carols in the Annual College Christmas Service and then our steel pans, choir, band and rock band, as well as a number of soloists, entertained a full hall for our Christmas Concert. Well done to all students that took part, it was a highly enjoyable evening.

We then had a small group of students sing carols and Christmas songs at Beechwood Care Home and Sycamore Care Home. Both the residents and our students enjoyed and benefited from the experience. Our students were exceptional in representing the school in the wider community.

We are also very busy rehearsing for our school production 'Matilda' which will be performed in February. Tickets will be available on ParentPay nearer the time. In January rehearsals will be after school on Mondays and Fridays. Please make sure students are signed up for this on EduLink as this starts the first day back after the holidays.

We finished the year with the Musica Kirklees Orchestra performing for all our Year 7s, the school band and the GCSE Music students. It was an enjoyable and educational experience and a great way to finish 2024.

If anyone is interested in learning an instrument or having singing lessons please fill in the following online application form Online Application Form - Musica Kirklees

For anyone that would like to join a music extra curricular group, the rehearsals are:

- Rock Band Tuesday form time
- All Saints Band Thursday form time
- Choir Friday form time



Christmas at All Saints

Over the last few weeks, we have been really busy celebrating Christmas in different ways throughout the school ...

Festive treats in Food & Nutrition lessons





Christmas Jumper/Item Day







Christmas dinner and festive bakes







Carols at the Care Homes



Mr Daniel's Advent Book Swap



Admissions Consultation



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Admission Policy Consultation - 2026-2027

The Governing Body of All Saints Catholic College are consulting on their Admission Policy for 2026-2027.

No changes have been made to the oversubscription criteria and they remain as follows.

Current Admissions Oversubscription Criteria

- 1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children (see notes 2 & 3).
- Catholic children with a sibling who attends All Saints Catholic College (see note 6).
- Catholic children who live in the primary school defined areas of St Patrick's Birkby, Our Lady of Lourdes
 Bradley, St Joseph's Dalton, St Joseph's Brighouse and St Patrick's Elland, St Mary's Halifax, Sacred
 Heart Sowerby Bridge, St Malachy's Halifax, St Joseph's Halifax and go to the Catholic primary schools
 serving those areas (see note 4).
- Catholic children who live in the above-named defined areas (see note 4).
- Catholic children who currently attend one of the Catholic primary schools (listed in 3 above) but do not live in the defined area.
- 6. Other Catholic children (see note 3).
- Other looked after and previously looked after children with a sibling who attends All Saints Catholic College (see note 2 & 6).
- Other looked after and previously looked after children (see note 2).
- Members of an Eastern Christian Church (see note 5).
- 10. Other children with a sibling who attends All Saints Catholic College (see note 6).
- Other children who currently attend one of the following Catholic feeder primary schools: St Patrick's Birkby, Our Lady of Lourdes Bradley, St Joseph's Dalton, St Joseph's Brighouse and St Patrick's Elland, St Mary's Halifax, Sacred Heart Sowerby Bridge, St Malachy's Halifax, St Joseph's Halifax.
- 12. Any other children.

Changes have been made to the notes section of the policy which form part of the oversubscription criteria.

The previous notes stated:

- An Education, Health and Care Plan is a plan made by the local authority under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014, specifying the special educational provision required for a child.
- A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means
 any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in
 the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making an
 application to the school.
 - A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 'Catholic' means a member of a church in communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic church, or a















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certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church, alternatively a letter from a parish priest confirming membership of a church in communion with the See of Rome.

- Defined area is a geographical area for the purposes of this policy as determined by the Diocese of Leeds. Please see school website https://www.aschc.com/admissions/ for defined area maps.
- 'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches, and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.
- 6. Sibling(s) 'brother or sister' includes:
 - (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
 - (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same home address as the child who is the subject of the application.
- A 'parent' means all natural parents, any person who is not a parent but has parental responsibility for a child, and any person who has care of a child.
- 8. A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent or carer, and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives for part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.
- 9. Straight line distance in all categories, when decisions have to be made between children satisfying the same criterion, children living nearest to the school, using a straight-line measure, have priority. Measurements are calculated using six-figure National Grid Co-ordinates taken from the National Land and Property Gazetteer. This grid reference refers to a point that falls within the permanent building structure corresponding to the address. The boundary of the building structure for the address is derived from Ordnance Survey's MasterMap.
- 10. Random allocation this is only to be used when the last place to be offered would fall into one of the two categories above i.e. children living in a block of flats or children who live equidistant from the school using straight line distance criterion. An independent person will be used to make the random selection.

The notes have now been amended as follows:

Point 6 now states:

6. Sibling(s) (brother or sister) includes:

- children with a brother or sister (including siblings, step-siblings, adoptive siblings and foster siblings) of statutory school age, living at the same address, in attendance at the same school on the date of admission.
- (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same home address as the child who is the subject of the application.

Point 9 'Straight line distance' has been removed.

The full draft Admissions Policy for 2026-2027 can be found on our website.

The consultation will commence on 9th December 2024 until 19th January 2025, lasting 6 weeks.















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Please submit any comments you may have in writing to admissions@aschc.com.

Responses should be received no later than Sunday, 19th January 2025.

If you have any queries relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact school, asking for Mr Carragher or Mrs Sadler.

At the end of the consultation period, the Governing Body will consider any responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on the school website as soon as possible following a decision being reached by the Governors.

Your sincerely

Mr T Atkinson Chair of Governors





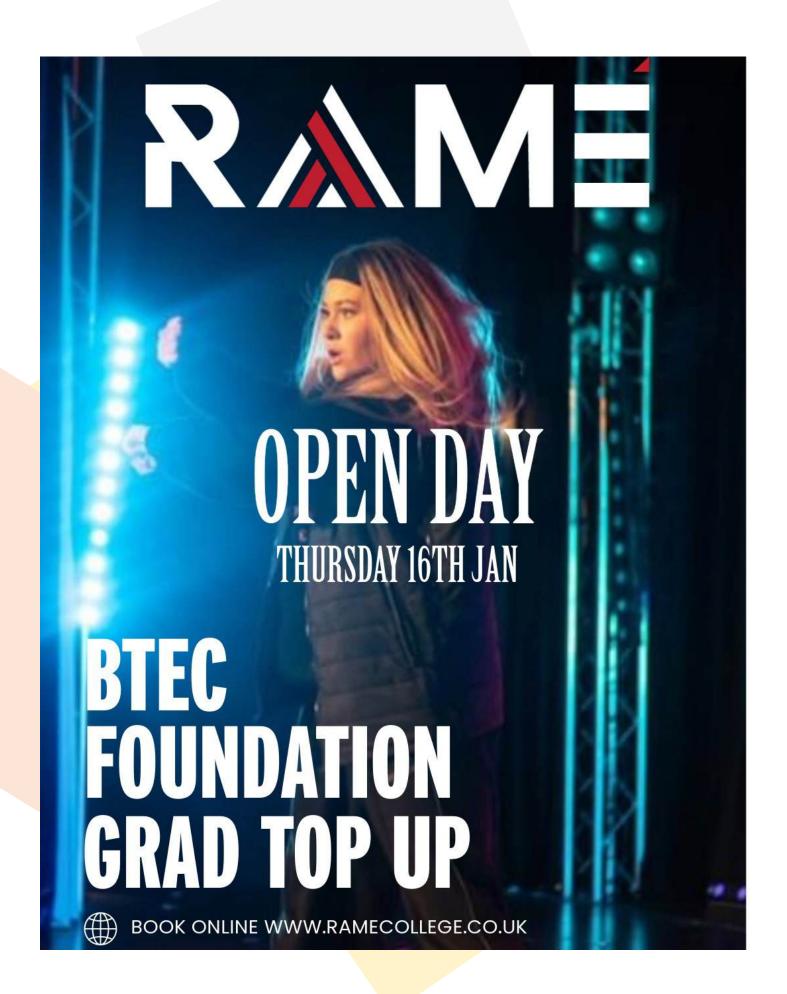












Facility Hire





We wanted to highlight that the school's facilities are available for hire by the local community during evening, weekend and school holiday periods.

To view the spaces or make bookings/enquiries just visit www.actihire.org.uk and click 'Book a Partner School'. Actihire are the schools' lettings management partner and our spaces are available 7 days a week all year round – if you're part of a local club or group why not base your sessions at our school!

Facilities available 7 days a week at All Saints Catholic College – to book visit www.actihire.org.uk, email bookings@actihire.org.uk or text 07401184541.





EduLink One Communication

A polite reminder of our only communication channel between parents/carers and the school. This system allows us to support you in monitoring your child's progress, updating us with contact and medical information, receiving communications from school, booking after-school activities, and most recently, booking appointments for parents' evenings.

The transition to EduLink One has been success although we still have a small number of parents/carers who are yet to activate their account. We encourage you to do this as soon as possible to ensure you are not missing out on important information and opportunities for your children.

Edulink One is free to access on any modern web enabled device, either via www.edulinkone.com on a web browser on PCs, laptops, tablets and mobile devices or, with the dedicated app on Android or iOS.

You are eligible to access EduLink One if you are a parent/carer with parental responsibility for a student at All Saints Catholic College. If you have more than one child at the school, you will only require one account. You will need the following information to log in:

School ID	You can either use ASCC o <mark>r HD22JT</mark>
Username	You will receive an emai <mark>l with your username details.</mark>
Password	You can change your password once you have logged in.

Log in details have been sent to the email address you have already provided to school from edulink@aschc.com. Please check your junk mail if you have not received this.

A Parent Guide for using EduLink, along with links to videos, are available on our website, https://www.aschc.com/edulink-one-parents-guide/.

If you require any support or advice getting EduLink One setup, please email:

edulink@aschc.com.

You can access your child's details, timetable, attendance, behaviour, achievement points, book your parent evening appointments and secure your child's after-school club place(s). All messages, notifications and emails are now sent to parents/carers through EduLink. Please ensure you turn on notifications for the app to ensure you do not miss any messages. Only urgent whole school messages will be sent by text, all other messages will be sent as push notifications through the app - these will appear as pop-ups on your device.

The only other service parents/carers will need to make use of is ParentPay for paying for school lunches, trips and purchasing other items such as ties, calculators and revision materials.

Students can now access this system with their own school log in details, but cannot use this to secure their place for after-school clubs and events. This must be done by a parent/carer using their own log in details.

