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Dear Parent/Carer

Summer Term Newsletter

As I begin to write my third end of term letter to you I cannot quite believe we are in the final week of the academic year. I only need to glance through the past two headteacher letters to remind myself why the year flies by so quickly. It is because our school community packs so much into our academic year and the pace and range of activity at All Saints certainly showed no signs of slowing down in the summer term. For the final time this year I would like to highlight the life of the school and, with this being the end of the academic year, I have included an appendices of information for parents ready for the start of the new academic year in September.

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. I would also include both our Year 12 and Year 10 students who sat mock examinations as valuable preparation for their final examinations in less than a year's time. For the Year 10 students in particular, who have no previous experience of examination conditions, this was a challenging but extremely useful exercise and, again, their behaviour and attitude towards the examinations was most impressive.

I would like to give mention once again to all our student community for their positive contribution to what has been a successful school year. In April we had our Ofsted inspection and the positive behaviour and attitude of our students was commended by the inspection team. We were delighted with the feedback we received in our Ofsted Report, which is on our school website, and it provides us with a strong platform to build upon our strengths as we continue on our journey to excellence in all aspects of school life.

Sixth Form

I would like to highlight the contribution to school that our sixth form students make and this term they have been as busy as ever. Our Year 12 students are already underway with Post 18 applications to University and apprenticeships. We have also had our Year 6 Mentoring Project celebration at Sheffield University to acknowledge our Year 12 students involved in supporting Year 6 students out in primary schools. In addition we have had numerous sixth form students engaged in a variety of summer schools and work experience opportunities this term.

Sports Achievement Award Evening



Excellence was on show in abundance during our annual Sports Achievement Award 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 'A Journey to Excellence' captured the many pathways currently being undertaken by our students. We were treated to a solo street dance performance by

our very own Martha Clarke (Year 7) and there were also interviews with two returning students, Keenan Ferguson and Akeem Hinds, who gave us an insight into their journeys and routines having both just signed professional football contracts with local clubs.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

The summer term has been a busy one for the participants undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh award. There were over 70 pupils doing either their bronze, silver or gold expeditions. This involves each group planning every aspect of their expedition; organising where they will start and finish their walks, the route they will take and also which bus or train to catch. All this year's expeditions had the extra difficulty of being done during the recent spell of hot weather. The bronze and silver groups were out in the Peak District whilst the gold expedition took place in the wilds of the Yorkshire Dales. I am pleased to report that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves even though some were very tired by the end.



Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage

In June/July some of our Year 10 and Year 12 students joined 150 young people 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 our current students alongside other ex-students of All Saints who now work in vocational jobs and volunteer with the running of the pilgrimage.



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 as they prepared for interviews and were given the opportunity to hone their interview skills and techniques in preparation for life beyond school, whether that be interviewing for higher education, apprenticeships or employment. Staff and Year 12 students were involved in interviewing the Year 10 students during the afternoon.

Student Achievement Awards

We introduced additional rewards to celebrate student achievement this year and the competitive spirit between our five Houses was taken to another level as each House aimed to take the coveted prize of House winners for 2017-18. This prize was awarded to the House who accumulated the most House Points given to students for a range of achievements and contributions to school life. This year the prize went to Fortitude House and, in addition to the House trophy, all students in Fortitude House, along with a number of our Gold award winners, were rewarded with a day out at Alton Towers. Back in school students were allowed to wear non uniform and the catering team provided a 'fast food' diner experience to reward and celebrate the achievements of all our students. Miss Moody, Head of Fortitude House, sums up their achievements below :



The Fortitude Journey

Though we are many we are one body. Our journey started with an assembly about teamwork. The students were encouraged to pull together and work as one team. Form Tutors worked alongside students and students worked with teachers, which ultimately helped Fortitude to achieve their goal. It changed mind-sets, it strengthened self-beliefs and encouraged a 'can do attitude'. Fortis in Fide – Strength in Faith. In this instance, "Team Work" made the "Dream Work".

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair consists of all Vertical Tutor Groups and Year 12 forms developing a range of stalls and activities organised through the house system. This year the theme was 'Countries of the World' and students were encouraged to make products/services that are closely related to the theme. The Fair took place on Wednesday 18 July between 12:00 – 14:00. As in previous years, our primary feeder schools also ran their own stall/activity using their imagination and creativity. There were around 60 stalls offering food, crafts, games and competitions.



The summer fair places great emphasis on enterprise and financial capability where students develop skills in leadership, teamwork, problem solving and decision making as well as financial planning.

To generate competition there are two prizes:

'The All Saints Theme Award', awarded to the stall that sells products or services, using only the £10 start-up budget, that are innovative, imaginative and creative, and are closely related to the theme of 'Countries of the World'.

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.

After the event students evaluate their contribution by looking at the skills developed and what to focus on in the future. It was a wonderful occasion and with a large amount 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 £2076.70, which will go to a range of our nominated charities.



Sports Day

Another highly competitive Sports Day was experienced by all again this year with all students and staff getting involved with banners, t-shirts, ribbons and bands to support their respective house. Miss Percival and her Endeavour House were keen to retain the title they won twelve months ago but knew it would be even more difficult this year with the added pressure on their shoulders. Over four hours of sports were played by our amazing students, all in good spirit and sportsmanship, culminating in the final tug of war competition for the entire school to watch.

After a long hard day of battling it was Mr Needham's Belief House who came out on top pipping Miss Percival's Endeavour House into second and Miss Farnell's Courage House into third. So now the mantle and the added pressure is handed over to Belief and in twelve months' time will have the same task Endeavour had this year. The question is, can they go one better...?

Challenge Activities

This year, alongside our Sports day events we also held a range of Challenge activities in form groups where our students engaged in a variety of activities that tested their cognitive skills, building upon knowledge and skills developed through their curriculum subjects whilst having a great deal of fun in the mean time. It was a delight to walk around the school this day and witness the level of engagement and enthusiasm of our students in both their Sporting events and Challenge activities.

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 will look back on my first year of headship with so many magical moments created by our students. 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

S P Pender
Headteacher



Appendix of Information

The new term will begin as set out in the table below. Please note the start times and arrangements for different year groups.

Year Group	Date	Start Time
Y7 & 12	Tuesday 4 September	8.30 am
Y8, 9, 10, 11 & 13	Wednesday 5 September	8.30 am

Start-up Expectations

Being properly equipped and attending school regularly makes a major contribution to being a successful learner. I therefore respectfully remind you of the standards that are expected at All Saints with regard to uniform, equipment, attendance and punctuality.

Attendance and Punctuality

Full attendance at school is a major factor in the success of young people. Even occasional absences can accumulate to have a detrimental impact on achievement. The current guidance is that leave from school during term time for holidays cannot be authorised. Lessons begin at 8.30 am promptly each morning. Students should aim to arrive before this time in order to ensure they are in their classroom prepared for the lesson by 8.30 am.

Uniform

All the information you require about our uniform is available on the school website. I would ask that you pay particular attention to shoes. It is likely that many students will be obtaining new shoes following the summer break. Please do not allow your child to convince you that they can wear variations from the school policy. Shoes are defined as leather and black with no markings. Canvas shoes, pumps, open toed shoes or trainers are not permitted. If you are in any doubt about this please do not hesitate to contact a Head of House or any member of the Leadership Team. When we return in September uniform reverts back to shirt and tie rather than a polo shirt which is only allowed in the summer term.

Nail varnish, painted tips or nail extensions are not allowed. Please be aware that if students have such items put on for a wedding or birthday at the weekend it must be after school on Friday and they will be expected to have them removed for Monday morning.

There is no change to the policy on jewellery. Only one small pair of stud earrings is permitted. Any other form of piercing is not allowed. Students are not allowed to wear makeup; this includes the use of false eyelashes. It is accepted that some students use a small amount of foundation to cover blemishes and increase their confidence. This will be at the discretion of the Head of House. Tattoos are not permitted.

Equipment and Library

Students are expected to attend every day with a school bag and a pencil case containing pens, pencils, a ruler and a calculator. Students are also required to have a reading book with them every day and they will be given a new planner in September which they should use every day to record important information.

On Line Safety

As parents/carers you will be aware of the increasing use of mobile technology and social networking by young people. Whilst there are benefits associated with this, the misuse of Facebook, texting, Twitter etc can cause great distress to others. In order to keep your child safe, All Saints has a very clear policy regarding the use of the internet and mobile phones. This policy is available on the school's website. If you would like a hard copy of the policy please contact us. I should be grateful if you would ensure that you and your child fully understand this policy and the implications of using technology to bully or cause distress to others.

Cashless Catering

All Saints has a cashless catering system which has been successful in reducing queuing at lunchtime, allowing more time for students to eat and socialise together. Please ensure that students' accounts are topped up or they bring cash to add to their account for the first day back in school after the holiday.

Change to the Structure of the School Day

In September 2018 we have made a change to the timetable that will affect Year 11 students. In recent years Year 11 timetables have had three offset days (late start and late finish); this will not be the case from September. The new Year 11 students will have lessons from 8.30 am to 2.50 pm each day; the additional Triple Science lesson will be on a Wednesday from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Other days may have intervention lessons during Period 5.

Student Safety Through Traffic Management on Site

A recent Health & Safety audit highlighted some issues with traffic management on site particularly at the start and end of the school day. To improve site safety for our students we request that you make alternative arrangements so that you do not bring a vehicle onto the school site at these times, unless you or a passenger have mobility issues. If you do need to drive onto the school site please be aware that over the summer break we will be implementing a one way system around the car park which site users must adhere to at all times. In particular the area from the Sports Halls to the Granville Road entrance will be one way only. We will continue to close the barrier between 8.00 am and 8.30 am to protect students arriving at school, which means there will be no exit to Granville Road at this time.