

All Saints Catholic College

A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another busy term, we would like to take this opportunity to just bring to your attention some of the many wonderful things that have been happening in our community.

Our wonderful students continue to enjoy numerous events and activities that take them outside of the classroom. We have welcomed an amazing Year 7 cohort into our school who have settled exceptionally well and look set to be a high performing group as they grow with us. Our Duke of Edinburgh group continues to grow and they did the school proud when they represented us at the Dukinfield war memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Year 8 students have been to the Museum of Science and Industry as we try to offer as many opportunities for them to access activities in relation to science, technology, engineering and maths. They also enjoyed a live screening of a stage production of Romeo and Juliet. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have all accessed a full day of careers input and Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education work to support them in their choices after the age of 16. This included a fantastic careers fair with representatives from local colleges and industry showcasing the latest learning technologies.

As ever, our community has rallied round and supported our charity work and we have made impressive deliveries to local food banks at the Moravian Church and St John's Church, Dukinfield. Throughout Advent we have been raising funds for CAFOD World Gifts. On Friday 21st December we will have a non-uniform/Christmas jumper day in support of two charities - 'Save the Children' and 'Zoe's Place'. Donations can be made via ParentPay. In a bid to spur the children on with their fundraising, both Mr Diamond and Mrs Emmett commit, once again, to wearing Christmas outfits. As ever, our community's generosity means that we are serving those who are so less fortunate than the majority of us both here in our locality and overseas as well. Our children live up to the teaching of Christ to 'Love thy Neighbour', and as usual with our children they do this with generosity and enthusiasm.

Our school continues to develop its reputation in the local community and nationwide. In December we have hosted the national conference for the teacher training organisation, Teach First. Mrs Emmett also went to Parliament to meet with the Education Select Committee to discuss the challenges facing schools at present. We are also proud to say that members of our staff will work closely with other schools in the Shrewsbury Diocese to support them, as we were supported, as they improve the quality of Catholic education that young people receive from across the Diocese.

As a final reminder, we will close for Christmas on Friday 21st December at 12.00pm. **Please note, however, that there will be no school buses this afternoon (morning buses will run as normal).** We will reopen on Monday 7th January at 9.00am. Please make sure that your child returns to school fully equipped and in full uniform and with no additional piercings, false nails or unnatural hair colourings!

All that remains is to wish all of our All Saints family a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Emmett
Headteacher

Mr G Diamond
Deputy Headteacher