



Message from the Headteacher

As you all know, All Saints Catholic College had its second monitoring visit from Ofsted 8th and 9th March 2017. The extremely positive letter from this visit is now available from our website. The report is extremely encouraging and details the superb progress we are making towards the removal of special measures. A summary of key points is listed below:

- Leaders and managers are taking effective action towards the removal of special measures
- Leaders have quickly stabilised the turbulence in the school's staffing.
- The new senior leadership team is fully established and highly effective.
- The headteacher, ably supported by the executive headteacher, leads with honesty, integrity and moral purpose. The entire community embraces her clear vision and unquestionable commitment to securing the best possible education for her pupils.
- Several pupils described the headteacher as an inspiration to them.
- The headteacher is relentless in her pursuit of opportunities to embed excellent leadership at all levels.
- The headteacher and governors are adamant

that leadership will be both sustainable and transformational.

- The governing body goes from strength to strength. They are ambitious for the school's pupils.
- Senior and middle leaders are passionate, committed and extremely capable of continuing the journey of improvement.
- The effect of the drive to improve leadership can now be seen across the school, particularly in the core subject areas of mathematics, English and science
- Pupils know there is a high expectation of behaviour across the school.
- Teachers feel empowered, supported and valued by leaders, including governors. Consequently, staff morale is very high.
- Teachers say that they can see more and more pupils engage in a culture of learning; pupils now want to make progress and succeed.
- Leaders and teachers believe in their pupils.
- Governors continue to support leaders to strengthen the provision for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. This aspect of leaders' work is now good.
- The proportion of parents who are positive about the school, evidenced

through ongoing surveys, has increased.

- There are numerous strategies to help pupils to catch up, for example, evening and weekend revision and catch-up sessions. This is just one example of how staff go the extra mile for their pupils.
- Teachers are in the process of rediscovering the joy of teaching and pupils have embarked on a journey to develop a love of learning.
- In English pupils produce good quality work which is appropriate to their needs and teaching is effective.
- The quality of teaching in mathematics continues to improve at a pace.
- There is rapid improvement in pupils' attendance and punctuality. Attendance is much higher than last year and is now close to the national average.
- Leaders provide an increasing number of opportunities to raise pupils' aspirations through high-quality careers information, advice and guidance.
- Pupils' behaviour continues to improve rapidly. Pupils know how they must conduct themselves in lessons and around the site; they both value and welcome the changes made.
- Pupils wear their uniform with pride.

- Incidents of bullying are dealt with effectively.
- Pupils are proud to be part of All Saints Catholic College.

The staff and pupils believe this report shows that we are firmly on the right path to becoming the outstanding school that the community of Dukinfield deserves. We are now focused on sustaining the rapid improvements that we have made. We have our Section 48 inspection for the religious life of the school next week and we are looking forward to welcoming inspectors from Shrewsbury Diocese to our school. We look forward to sharing the findings from this inspection with you all, and we are also looking forward to working together as a family of pupils, staff and parents in order to continue the transformation of our school. On behalf of the directors, governors, staff and pupils I would like to thank you all again for the support you have given us.

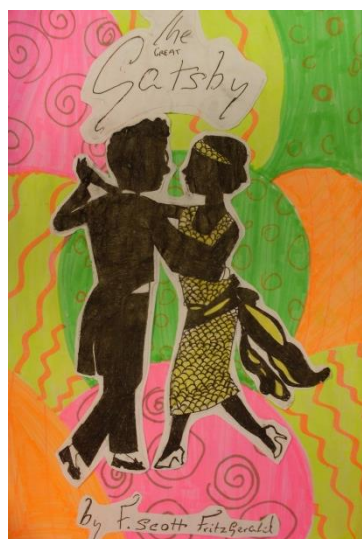
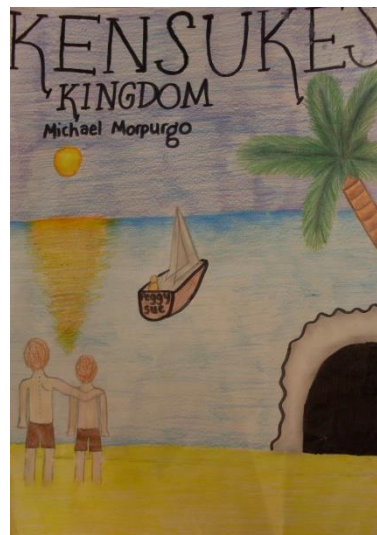
Mrs Emmett.

World Book Day Competition

Congratulations to Nicole Ordon, Charlotte Clarke-Smith and Faye Jakeman, the winners of our annual 'design a book cover' competition to celebrate World Book Day. The brief was to design an original cover for an existing book in any medium and the three winners were stunning. Nicole, the overall winner, won the judges over with her striking silhouette of 'Apache' – the main character of the book of the same name by Tanya Landman.



Faye and Charlotte came a very close second with their creative, eye-catching designs for *Kensuke's Kingdom* and *The Great Gatsby*.



Thanks to Miss Consterdine and Mr Cassell who had the really difficult job of judging the competition and to all the Year 7 & 8 pupils who took part.

Easter Egg Collection

A reminder to pupils to support less advantaged members of the local community by donating Easter eggs which will be passed on to local food banks.

For every egg donated, pupils will receive a raffle ticket and the chance to win a giant Easter egg for themselves! Pupils are encouraged to bring eggs, (however big or small but definitely made of chocolate), to the chapel anytime until March 27.



Linguists of the Week

Taya Davies is a natural linguist and her flare for French is fantastic to see! Keep up the excellent work, Taya!



Amy Leigh has greatly improved in French recently and tries really hard in lessons. She is a budding linguist. Keep it up, Amy!



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4 April, 4pm

Parents in Partnership meeting. *Note new date*
Everyone welcome to help plan the Family Fun Day in July!

Monday 27– Thursday 30 March, 7pm

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Tickets are now on sale from Mrs Millington: £4 adults; £2.50 children

Saturday July 8 2017

All Saints' Family Fun Day

Gardening Club



Members of the gardening club have been delighted to see the plants and flowers they have been carefully tending burst into bloom. This week a flower called Mary and Joseph has appeared with its red and blue petals representing Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph.

All pupils are welcome to come and help our volunteer gardener, Alex, in the garden behind the library every Friday at break and lunchtime.

Accelerated Reader of the Week

Dania Mussa is an enthusiastic reader and has been reading and quizzing during her break and lunchtimes. Congratulations to Dania, our latest Accelerated Reader of the Week.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017



If you shop at Sainsbury's, please collect the Active Kids vouchers and send them in to the pastoral team, thanks!

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