

# P&P Update

Summer Edition 2023

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



# HELLO SUMMER! from the Principal



**The weather might need a reminder, but summer has well and truly arrived and with it comes the end of our 2022/23 academic year. And what a year it has been!**

How the time flies! It doesn't seem like two minutes ago since I was welcoming our current year 7 intake and our returning students back to school, but what a fantastic difference we can see in them all in just a few months, and it has been wonderful to celebrate the progress and achievements of our hardest working and highest attaining students this week at our annual presentation evenings. Congratulations to all of our deserving winners!

This past term has been busier than ever as we saw the return of our highly anticipated residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre in Colomendy for our Key Stage 3 students, and our year 10 students recently embarked on their work experience with resoundingly positive feedback from a range of local employers. We also said an emotional goodbye to our amazing Class of 2023, and said hello to our new Year 7 students when they paid us a visit on their transition days.

It's simply a joy and a privilege to be surrounded by so many ambitious and hopeful young people, as they take their first steps towards success. And so much of that success is down to you as parents and carers, for instilling the right messages about working hard and respecting others from an early age, so that we in school can step in to help you shape the future leaders, caregivers, artists, athletes and thinkers of tomorrow.

When we return in September, we will continue to focus on enhancing standards within our school, and we thank you in advance for your continued support in ensuring our students attend with the correct uniform, shoes, equipment and mindset when the holidays are over.

Until then, stay safe and make sure to rest, relax, and have lots of fun over the next six weeks and I look forward to seeing you all back in school ready to start the new academic year on a positive note on the 5th of September for years 7 and 11, and 6th September for years 8,9 and 10.



**Mrs Danielle Scott**

Principal, Sts Peter & Paul Catholic High School



# HALF TERM HERO

Our Half Term Hero award recognises and celebrates the extraordinary members of the P + P team who help to drive positive change, raise standards, find new and better ways of working support, and help our students to achieve more than they thought possible.



## HALF TERM 5

**Name:** Mrs O'Connor  
**Job Title:** Reprographics Technician  
**Nominated by:** Multiple nominations



Constantly meeting the printing and copying demands of staff and students every day, Mrs O'Connor carries out her duties with a calm compassion and a meticulous attention to detail and quality. She has also somehow found the time to earn the title 'duck whisperer' too, extending her kindness to helping to care for our resident family of ducks.

Receiving multiple nominations from colleagues all over the school, Mrs O'Connor has been described as a 'legend', 'approachable' and an 'unsung hero' for her vital work in supporting students, teaching staff, the admin team, and school communications with large volume printing jobs and last minute copying requests.

One nomination read, 'Mrs O'Connor is something of a 'hidden hero' in our school, quietly working away to meet the tightest of deadlines with a 'no job is too big' attitude. Not only is she brilliant at her job, she is always there for others too, with a positive smile and the sincerest concern for the wellbeing of other members of the team. Reprographics might not be the first job that comes to mind when you think of a school, but without her we would be lost!'

Congratulations!

## HALF TERM 6

**Name:** Mrs Jones  
**Job Title:** Trainee Business Manager  
**Nominated by:** Multiple nominations



Always there for our school, Mrs Jones places staff wellbeing above all else in her every day work, being there for colleagues when they need support for students, as well as organising events for co-workers to enjoy too.

She is a 'go to' person in our administration team and no matter the request Mrs Jones 'makes it happen', exceeds all expectations, and makes it look effortless in the process (although we really know just how much brain power and physical energy it takes to pull off some of our most extraordinary requests!).

In recent weeks, Mrs Jones has worked tirelessly to organise and coordinate a series of events and activities taking place during one of the busiest times of our school year, in addition to her everyday duties as Trainee Business Manager.

These events, including school residentials, open evenings, and our inset day celebrations, have been an enormous success with visitors to our school who have commented positively on the level of organisation, and with our staff who enjoyed celebrating our Ofsted result and end of term with a game or two of bingo.

One nomination read, "Mrs Jones is a wonderful person and colleague. She is so helpful, resourceful, calm and professional in every single aspect of her role. I have worked really closely with her this year in order to organise our first residential trips in over three years. She has been an absolute star; nothing is ever too much trouble for her and she is always willing to go the extra mile in order to ensure everything is running smoothly. She is an absolute pleasure to work with."

Well done!

## NOMINATE YOUR HALF TERM HERO

**Our nomination form is open every day of the school year.**

Every member of our team can be nominated, as each and every one of them plays an important role in the delivery of quality teaching and support, whether or not their role involves direct contact with students or parents.

**Scan here to nominate**



If you've received exceptional support, care, or service from a member of our staff, you can nominate them as a Half Term Hero by visiting our school website or scanning here.



# FAREWELL YEAR 11

We were sad to say goodbye to our Class of 2023 students at the end of their exams in June, but before they disappear off to college and work we made sure to give them the best send off yet!

## LEAVERS MASS

Our year 11 students returned to school for a special leavers' mass, coordinated by the Year 11 team who each took turns to deliver readings, prayers, and blessings to the entire year group.

Throughout the emotional celebration, the audience was treated to two beautifully moving vocal performances, 'Notion' by Oscar L-J and 'Rise Up' by Freya O.

Well done you talented pair!



## END OF YEAR AWARDS

Year 11 had some time to sign shirts and year books and say their good byes to each other, before returning to the hall for an awards ceremony...with a difference!

Voted by their peers, the top three students were awarded certificates in the following categories:

- Most fanciable student
- Most likely to be on reality TV
- Most likely to be Prime Minister
- Biggest diva
- Biggest gossip
- Couple of the year
- Baby face
- Best hair
- Sports personality
- You've been Tango-ed

### YEAR BOOKS & HOODIES

Our Year 11 students had the option to purchase leavers' hoodies and year books as keepsakes of their time at P+P

The ceremony was rounded off with a performance by the Year 11 house band who entertained the audience with 'Something' by the Beatles, and lively renditions of 'Folsom Prison Blues' by Johnny Cash and 'Don't Look Back in Anger' by Oasis, which brought the audience to their feet for a standing ovation!! The perfect end to a perfect assembly!





# CLASS OF 2023 Prom

## And then it was off to get ready for the big event...PROM!!

Our students arrived at school looking their absolute best with stunning dresses, gorgeous hair and make up, and the sharpest suits, waiting for the coach to whisk them away to the top secret prom location...the exclusive Delamere Manor in the heart of leafy Cheshire and the former home of Take That legend Gary Barlow.

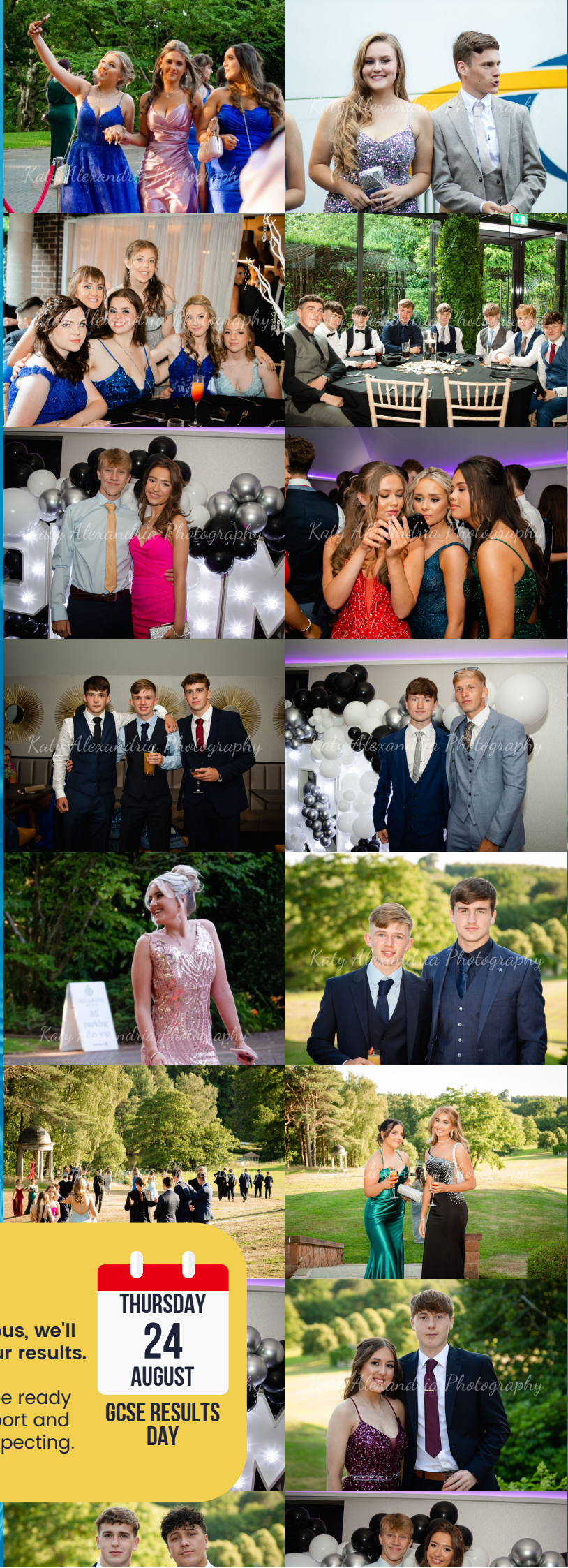
Stepping out into the grounds of the prestigious venue, our glamorous students could have easily been mistaken for celebrities (although they've always been VIPs to us!), exploring the gardens with their fresh fruit juice mocktails, posing for photographs, and taking in the striking monochrome and metallic decor and decorations, before sitting down to a delicious meal and then dancing the night away with our special guest DJ.

Year 11 progress leader Charlotte Reynolds said, "The students had an absolutely wonderful evening, and it was great for us to see them letting their hair down after the stress of exam time. They all looked perfect and I'm sure they've all made memories to last a lifetime. Once again, they were an absolute credit to our school and their parents and we are so so proud of them. I really hope they all enjoyed the evening, as they truly deserved such a special night for themselves."

## GCSE RESULTS DAY

Whether you're excited or feeling a little nervous, we'll be right there at your side when you open your results.

Join us from 10am in the school hall where we'll be ready to celebrate with you and be on hand with support and advice if your grades aren't quite what you're expecting.





Our new students were all fantastic ambassadors for their schools and we can't wait to see you again for even more fun at our summer school on the 24th - 27th July.

## OUR PARENTS EVENING LEGO LOGO WINNER





# 2023 YOUNG MUSICIAN of the year COMPETITION

## THE FINALISTS

OUR 2023 YMOTY  
WINNERS ARE....



2023 has seen the return of our Young Musician of the Year Competition.

We had students from across the key stages audition during June, and the finalists were selected to perform on Tuesday evening.

Mrs Saunders and Miss Ryan were treated to a plethora of musical styles during the final including the Wallace and Gromit theme tune, 'Holiday' by Greenday, and 'Burn' from the musical Hamilton.

Head of Music Mrs Saunders said, "Every single student demonstrated the development of their musical skills in their performances and made choosing the winners a very difficult task. So much so, that both music teachers took all day to make the decision. We are proud beyond measure of the students who showed our school values by performing in the final and cannot wait to see where their musical talents take them next year."



**1st Place**  
Benji Hidiyat, voice & piano (8Gibson),  
Creep by Radiohead



**2nd Place**  
Mia B, piano & Isabella S,  
electric guitar, (9Daltrey)  
performing Bohemian  
Rhapsody by Queen.



**Joint 3rd Place**  
Harry W (10Bayliss) drums  
Layla F & Isabella O  
(7Nassif) clarinet duet.



**Two P+P students have earned top spots in a highly prestigious and competitive apprenticeship programme.**

Year 11 students Molly H and Alex G started the TTE Engineering Apprenticeship Selection Process back in January

The process has involved:

- Written tests in English, Mathematics and Physics.
- Online Interview
- Face-to face Interview with any companies that invited them in.
- Face-to-face Interviews involved group tasks, hands-on tasks and individual panel interviews.

Molly and Alex have both been successful after completing the process above coming up against over 1000 applicants from all over the northwest. They will both be starting an Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering - Level 3 in September, at the TTE College in Ellesmere Port, employed by two global companies.

Molly will be employed by Urenco, an international supplier of enrichment services and fuel cycle products for the civil nuclear industry. Alex has managed to secure employment by Inovyn who manufacture a wide range of chemicals that are used in almost every industrial process.

What you have achieved is amazing! Well done and good luck to you both!

## AMAZING APPRENTICES





# *In Loving Memory of Jon Hall*

**It is with great sadness we announced the passing of our beloved former colleague Jon Hall on the morning of Monday 10th July 2023.**

Jon joined our school community in 1992, at St Joseph's High School, and became part of the Ss Peter and Paul family at the beginning of the amalgamation in 1994, spending almost thirty years with us until his early retirement in December 2021.

In his time at our school, Jon was not only a tremendous Geography teacher, but he was an active contributor to school life too, wholly dedicated to the academic development and personal growth of his students both in and outside of the classroom.



He embraced the responsibility of becoming Head of Taize, under the old House system, and Head of Year from 2008, guiding and supporting hundreds of students over the years.

He also frequently accompanied the Geography department on school trips and overnight residential stays, becoming a regular fixture on many many school ski trips, which made him an extremely popular member of the P+P team with colleagues and students alike.

A larger than life character around school and at social events, his involvement with teams and projects in the wider community earned him enormous respect and admiration from the people of his hometown too, but it is as a big hearted family man that he will be remembered most fondly.

We will miss Jon deeply, and are grateful that we were part of his journey.

Farewell dear friend.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

## KINGSWOOD COLOMENDY

**Our residential trips returned for the first time since the pandemic, and our students had the best time!**

Visiting Kingswood Activity Centre in Colomendy, North Wales students from years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a range of outdoor activities including den building, rock climbing, and learning survival skills before staying over night to enjoy even more fun and team building tasks in the morning.

We are so proud of you all for your exemplary behaviour while you were away and we're looking forward to the next trip!



## THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

**We held our annual Feast Fest on the 29th June, to celebrate the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul, our school namesakes.**

Students from all year groups came to school in PE kit to take part in a variety of high energy and fun-filled sessions throughout the day.

Our school hub was transformed into a bingo hall, with P+Ps finest DJs acting as caller for a round or two of Bonkers Bingo.

Heading over to the gym, our students were let loose on an inflatable obstacle course, racing each other down the slide before challenging staff to a Just Dance dance-off in the dance studio and having a makeover with our festival glitter makeup.

Always a source of excitement, our hall became home to the silent disco with students singing along to medley of tracks all at once!!

Still finding glitter behind our ears, Feast Fest 2023 was a huge success and we cannot wait to go again next year!





## A collage of eight images showing students in various work environments: a pilot in a cockpit, a race car driver, a woman with cows, a construction worker, a woman with a truck tire, a Northcorder employee, a bartender, and a person in a control room.

The collage consists of eight photographs arranged in a 3x3 grid, with the bottom-right cell empty. The photos depict various activities from the awards dinner and church service:

- Top Left:** Three female students in pink blazers holding large bouquets of flowers and award certificates.
- Top Right:** A group of students in school uniforms performing on stage, holding sheet music and singing into microphones.
- Middle Left:** A student in a patterned dress playing a flute on stage, with another student seated at a piano.
- Middle Right:** A church service in progress, with a priest in white and green vestments standing at an altar, and a congregation seated in pews.
- Bottom Left:** A church service, showing a priest at the altar and a student in a patterned dress standing near the front of the church.
- Bottom Middle:** A church service, showing a priest at the altar and a student in a patterned dress standing near the front of the church.
- Bottom Right:** A church service, showing a priest at the altar and a student in a patterned dress standing near the front of the church.

The background of the collage features a large banner with the text "AN INVOLU... OF EXCELLENCE A..." in blue and yellow letters.



The weather might not feel very summery at the moment, but if temperatures rise again over the school holidays please remember to stay safe. Here are some tips and advice on staying safe away from school.

## Summer WATER SAFETY

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

ENTER SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY

STAY WITHIN REACH

ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED

In an emergency...

CALL 999

IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP

## Halton Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) Summer 2023

Halton Borough Council enables local providers to offer FREE activities during the summer holiday period to school aged children from Reception to Year 11, who receive benefits-related to free school meals and vulnerable groups of children and young people, such as SEND, Young Carers, NEET.

Visit [www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/hit/start/haf.aspx](http://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/hit/start/haf.aspx) to find your local providers

## TIPS TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

There are lots of things you can do to keep yourself safe online.

### Think before you post

Don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want your parents, carers, teachers or future employers seeing. Once you post something, you lose control of it, especially if someone else screenshots or shares it.

### Don't share personal details

Keep things like your address, phone number, full name, school and date of birth private, and check what people can see in your privacy settings. Remember that people can use small clues like a school logo in a photo to find out a lot about you.

### Watch out for phishing and scams

Phishing is when someone tries to trick you into giving them information, like your password. Someone might also try to trick you by saying they can make you famous or that they're from a talent agency. Never click links from emails or messages that ask you to log in or share your details, even if you think they might be genuine. If you're asked to log into a website, go to the app or site directly instead.

### Think about who you're talking to

There are lots of ways that people try to trick you into trusting them online. Even if you like and trust someone you've met online, never share personal information with them like your address, full name, or where you go to school. Find out more about grooming.

### Keep your device secure

Make sure that you're keeping your information and device secure.

Never give out your password

You should never give out your password or log-in information. Make sure you pick strong, easy to remember passwords.

### Cover your webcam

Some viruses will let someone access your webcam without you knowing, so make sure you cover your webcam whenever you're not using it.

## How to enjoy the sun safely



### Find shade

Take a break under trees, umbrellas or head indoors



### Cover up

Wear a loose, long-sleeved top with a hat and sunglasses



### Use sunscreen

On bits that aren't covered up. Use plenty with at least SPF 15 and a 4 or 5 star rating

Together we will beat cancer



## VISIT THE WELLBEING PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE

[http://](http://www.saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk/wellbeing)



If you or a family member are finding things difficult over the summer break, our website has lots of information about the different types of support available in the local area.

[www.saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk/wellbeing](http://www.saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk/wellbeing)

From cost of living advice to mental health support, take a look at the services in Halton and the UK who can help.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Safeguarding Officers by emailing [safeguarding@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk)





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## DATES TO REMEMBER

24th - 27th July | New Year 7 summer school

Thursday 24th August | GCSE RESULTS DAY

Monday 4th September | INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th September | Years 7 & 11 return to school

Wednesday 6th September | Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school



**OPEN EVENING**  
WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER  
4:00 - 7:00PM

TAKE A LOOK.  
BE INSPIRED.  
**BE P&P.**



**NEXT EDITION**  
*Autumn 2023*

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