

# P&P Update

Summer Edition 2024

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



# A SUMMER message from the Principal

**And just like that, another school year flies by and comes to a close, and we like many of you are looking forward to a few weeks of rest, relaxation and, hopefully, some better weather!**

Our once nervous and excited new year 7s are now confident and keen and ready to take on Year 8, and our Year 11 students are now off taking their next steps into the big wide world, and we couldn't be more pleased for them all.

As all our year groups move up and adopt new responsibilities within our school community, we remain, as ever, so proud of them for their attainment and achievements this year, and especially their support in helping us to boost attendance and compliance with our uniform requirements. With your support and through their actions, we are really seeing a positive difference when it comes to meeting our high standards and expectations and upholding our school values.

We've had a busy final term, chock-a-block with public speaking competitions, residential trips to Kingswood Activity Centre in Colomendy, Year 10 students out on work experience placements, our end of year presentation evenings, an Open Evening, trips to church, colleges, and universities, a musical Summer Soiree and so much more. We also said an emotional goodbye to our amazing Class of 2024, and welcomed Year 6 primary pupils over two transition days too.

There is a real buzz about the school at the moment, and we hope that when we return in September, the enthusiasm, energy and cooperation we are seeing from our students persists and helps to pave the way for a successful and joy filled 24-25 academic year for everyone, where we continue to keep standards and aspirations high.

I hope you all make the most of the summer break, have fun and stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you all back in school at the beginning of September and the start of our 30th anniversary celebrations.

God bless



**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 to support and help our students to achieve more than they thought possible.



## HALF TERM 5

**Name:** Miss Birch  
**Job Title:** Exams Officer  
**Nominated by:** Senior Leadership Team



With quiet dedication, Miss Birch has demonstrated immense professional and personal growth in her short time at P+P, whilst helping to make an enormous contribution to the inner workings of our school for the benefit of our students.

Her tenacity in adapting to her role and commitment to developing her skills is highly commendable.

In a relatively short time, she has progressed quickly, moving from a temporary part time administrative support role to the full-time essential position of Exams Office, taking on the challenge of coordinating vast quantities of information, managing a team of staff, and ensuring the highest standards are met in relation to statutory requirements and regulations.

"Since joining our school, Miss Birch has quietly gone about her work, gradually building her role and her reputation as a reliable, conscientious and diligent member of staff.

She continues to go from strength to strength, and deserves particular recognition for the enormous task she's taken on with a small amount of training and a tight timescale for preparation.

In spite of these potential challenges, she has thrown herself wholeheartedly into creating new systems of organisation, recruiting and building relationships with new exam invigilators, and coordinating the day-to-day operations of not only the Year 10 mock exams but the entire GCSE exam period too, ensuring it all runs smoothly and without a hitch.

It has been a joy to witness her become increasingly assertive and grow in confidence too in this time."

Well done!

## HALF TERM 6

**Name:** Mrs Schorah  
**Job Title:** Special Educational Need and Disabilities Co-ordinator  
**Nominated by:** Multiple nominations



A long-standing and much-loved member of the team, in addition to their greatly valued role as a teacher, Mrs Schorah's contribution to our school community is beyond comparison due to the unique nature of her expertise and the vital support she provides to students, their families and our team.

Thanks to her commitment to building and creating opportunities for positive parental engagement, she has proved time and time again to be a powerful advocate for our students within the school and with external organisations, and is well respected and trusted by the families she works with and beyond.

As our school grows and develops, she too has grown and has selflessly volunteered to take on an important role in sharing her passion for our long-term benefit and has been instrumental in securing funding to make those ambitious visions a reality in future.

Adding a skillset of project management and curriculum planning to her long list of accomplishments, with Mrs Schorah at the centre of these development plans we are certain her knowledge and attention to detail will ensure a level of success that will continue for a long time to come.

Thought of highly by those she works alongside, one nomination read, 'Mrs Schorah gives her all to everyone at all times! Not only is she a fabulous teacher, she also really cares for every child she comes across, providing support to me and the teaching assistant team with everything. No question is too big or too complicated for her to answer. She are an all-round hero.'

Another nomination read, "She is the best! Her professionalism is just perfect, and she is so much more than just our manager. She makes our team a family.'

"She demonstrates every one of our school values every day, especially when showing enormous compassion and respect to the most vulnerable in our school.

We share our utmost appreciation for everything she's done for our school as she leaves her role as SENDCO to take up a new role in our ASD Resource Base from September. Thank you Mrs Schorah.

## 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 said a sad goodbye to our Class of 2024 students at the end of their exams in June, but quickly invited them back to join us for reflection and celebration of their time at our school as part of our Feast day.

## LEAVERS MASS

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

**"WE PRAY THAT THE STRENGTH, DETERMINATION AND FAITH OF OUR PATRONS, ST PETER AND PAUL, BE WITH YOU AND IN TODAY AND ALWAYS"**

## 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 Love Island
- Most likely to be Prime Minister
- Biggest diva
- Couple of the year
- Baby face
- Best hair
- Sports personality
- and many more...

### 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 an extra special 'One Night Only' performance of Neil Diamond's 'Sweet Caroline' by Year 11 Progress Leader Mr Mullarkey, leading a chorus line of teachers on the stage, who were joined in a sing-along and standing ovation from our esteemed Class of 2024 guests.





# CLASS OF 2024 *Prom*

**After the excitement of the day's celebrations, our former Year 11 students then whisked themselves away to get ready for the night ahead.**

Meeting at school, our prom goers arrived looking spectacular in beautiful gowns and tailored suits, ready for the short coach journey to their top secret prom destination ...the exclusive Nunsmere Hall in the heart of the Cheshire countryside.

Looking like stars on a red carpet, our students were delighted to pose for pictures and wander the grounds, before sitting down in the black and gold themed hall to enjoy a delicious meal, lots of conversation, and a few more selfies.

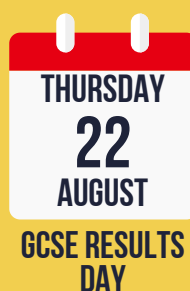
Once the final desserts were polished off, all that was left was to hit the dance floor and then dance the night away with our special guest DJ and teaching staff.

Year 11 progress leader Mr Mullarkey said, "It's been great to see so many of our Year 11s here, and look at how well they all scrub up. They all look fantastic and it was brilliant for us to stand back and watch them all have such a good time after the stress and worry of sitting their exams. They were an absolute credit to our school and their parents, and we hope they remember this special night for a long time to come"

## 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.





# HELLO YEAR 6

Smiles, new friends, and the noisiest silent disco in history were the order of the week when our new Year 7 students paid us a visit from their primary schools.

From making new friends to meeting their formation tutors, a great time was had by all. The students spent time with their new formation groups in our Year 7 zone, took part in quizzes, sampled our school dinners in the canteen, and found their way around school meeting students from other year groups along the way.

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 22nd – 26th July.

**VISIT**  
[saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk/welcomeyear6](http://saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk/welcomeyear6)  
**FOR ALL YOUR TRANSITION INFO & TIPS!**





# YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2024

**Our annual Young Musician of the Year Competition returned once again for 2024.**

We had students from across all year groups audition during June, and the finalists were selected to perform on the 20th June

Mrs Saunders and Miss Ryan were treated to a range of musical performances both instrumental and vocal during the final including 'Somewhere Only We Know' by Keane and 'A Million Dreams' from The Greatest Showman.

Head of Music Mrs Saunders said, "The standard this year has just blown us away, as has the commitment from all of the students involved, they are all valued members of our department. It was a challenge this year to choose the winners, so much so myself and Miss Ryan had to take the weekend to decide and there was much heated debate. In the end, we finally came to a decision and what deserving winners they are. We can't imagine what it will be like to judge next year at this rate. Just amazing!"

## THE FINALISTS



## OUR 2024 YMOTY WINNERS ARE....

### 1st Place

Matthew D (Year 7, Electric Guitar)

### 2nd Place

Archie R (Year 7, Alto Saxophone)

### 3rd Place

Iyla J (Year 8, Vocals)



This term also saw us host our first ever Summer Soirée. A genre-spanning musical event to showcase the hard work of students from Years 7 to 10 who have peripatetic music lessons across a wide range of instruments.

A huge thank you to Mr Lewis (woodwind tutor) and Mr Ormesher (guitar tutor) who also came to perform with our students.

Head of Music Miss Saunders said, "Myself and Miss Ryan are so incredibly proud of the talent and resilience displayed by our musicians and we look forward to doing it all again next year."

It was incredibly well attended by parents, so much so we had to get more chairs, and we'd also like to thank all of the families who joined us for the evening and continue to support the music department."

Well done to you all, your confidence and talent continue to inspire us all!





# SAMBA BAND AWARD

**This half term, our Samba band musicians achieved silver grading in the UK Schools' Music Festival.**

The school's eighteen student strong samba band, featuring musicians from all year groups, competed against ensembles and solo performances from other schools and students around the country via video submission.

The UK Schools' Music Festival is a competition dedicated to promoting music education and inspiring young musicians throughout the UK, and our talented students will now be required to attend an in-person event for live grading at the next competition.

Mrs Saunders, Head of Music, said, "Our school samba band's popularity within our school and local community is already well known, but I am immensely delighted and proud of our musicians for receiving such outstanding recognition on a national scale and we will definitely be celebrating this award with all our students, in the hope of inspiring others to use music as a positive outlet for learning new skills and developing confidence."

Principal Mrs Scott said, "The students, tutors, and music faculty all work extremely hard throughout the year to create such strong arrangements and performances for our Samba band, and I would like to offer my congratulations to them all on this tremendous achievement and for being such inspirational role models and ambassadors for our school. Well done to them all."

Well done to you all!



## HALTON HEALTHY SCHOOLS

**Year 7 student leaders representatives attended the Halton Borough Council Halton Healthy Schools awards event this term at the Halton DCBL Stadium, to celebrate our school's commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of our community for 2023 and 2024.**

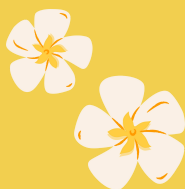


Personal Development and Mission Leader Mrs Edwards said, "It was a fantastic event, and wonderful to celebrate with other schools in the borough. Erin and Luke were delighted to accept our 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' and 'Healthy Schools' award on behalf of everyone at P+P. It was a really inspiring day, listening to lots of stories about how we can continue to support and improve the health of our students, staff and the wider community. We are so excited to bring even more ideas to life in the next academic year.'





# PRESENTATION EVENING



In June, we also celebrated our extraordinary students across years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who have had an extraordinary year in terms of attainment, achievement, and commitment to our community standards and expectations.

Spanning two nights, our Presentations Evenings enable us to award the most dedicated students from each year group across a range of categories.

Mrs Scott said, "We have had a truly tremendous year of positive behaviour and student success, making this year's awards criteria and judging tighter and more difficult than ever before. It was wonderful to gather together with our team of staff and student families, to recognise and show our appreciation to so many of our talented and hardworking young people who act as excellent role models every day in our school community. We are so so proud of them all."

## WELL DONE TO OUR PRINCIPAL'S AND PROGRESS LEADER AWARD WINNERS....

	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD		PROGRESS LEADER'S AWARD	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
<b>YEAR 7</b>	LUKE B	JAYA W	ISAAC P	ISLA B
<b>YEAR 8</b>	TOM C	LAYLA F	ZACH D	MAISIE F
<b>YEAR 9</b>	EVIE O'N	DANIEL C	SALIM G	SAVANNAH Y
<b>YEAR 10</b>	ANOTIDA T	BETHANY P	LEE M	ISABELLA S



## P&P PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Our finest Year 7 orators attended the The Archdiocese of Liverpool East Cluster Public Speaking Competition at St John Rigby College in Wigan this month.

Teacher Mr Hardy said, "Our students represented the school superbly and delivered some excellent speeches, with Aliyah speaking on "public transport should be free" and Luke addressing the issue of "to save the planet we must stop eating meat".

The field was very tough and some incredible speeches by other schools won the day. Our Year 7s did us really proud as always. Well done for your efforts as you grow into incredibly charismatic public speakers!"



## CONGRATULATIONS

On 24th June, we hosted the London College of Music vocal examinations.

This was our first time hosting as a centre, and eight of our students took graded examinations from grade 1 up to grade 6.

Head of Music, Mrs Saunders said, "We are very proud to say every one of our students has successfully passed, and today they received their mark sheets and certificates, with results ranging from strong passes to high distinctions. We would like to thank our peripatetic voice tutor Miss Smith, for her tireless work with the students, always going above and beyond to support them through this process and providing them with the opportunity to take the examinations."

Congratulations to our successful singers:

**Grade 3 Popular Vocals |**  
Ruby J, Indianna B, Callie R and Katie W

**Grade 4 Musical Theatre |**  
Sophia C and Isabella Mc

**Grade 4 Popular Vocals |**  
Iyla J

**Grade 6 Popular Vocals |**  
Benji H





# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

## KINGSWOOD COLOMENDY

**A splashing time was had by all who attended our annual residential trip to Colomendy...**

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 gym 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 2024 was a huge success and we cannot wait to go again next year!







# YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE



Congratulations to over 180 of our Year 10 pupils who took part in a work experience week this July!

Leaving the classroom behind to work in a wide range of locations, including veterinary clinics, gyms, salons, hospitals and large scale global organisations, our students completed the week with an abundance of positive feedback and offers of future employment.

Thank you to your families, friends, neighbours who supported our Year 10 students and helped to secure high quality placements for them.

Here are just some of the amazing comments made by employers...

**"Amy has been great, she has been a model student and a great representation of herself. She has asked great questions to support discussion and has enjoyed the week."**

**"They showed skills in listening and following instructions, worked well alone and with the team and were proactive with asking for new tasks. They were very confident when talking with everyone and will have a very bright future."**

**"I have no doubt that Ella will achieve great success in her future career pursuits. Her dedication, professionalism, and exceptional skills make her a standout individual. It has been a pleasure to work with Ella, and I am confident that she will excel in any path she chooses to follow."**

**"The girls have been outstanding, we have offered them a little summer job because of how valuable they have been to the team!"**

**"Always focused and really good work ethic – absolute pleasure to have at work!"**

## GOOD BYE & GOOD LUCK

The end of term has also meant saying goodbye to some amazing members of our team.

At our staff leavers' celebration, Father Thomas Clarke of St Wilfred's Parish and our Governors' gave thanks to...

- Miss Cain
- Mr Campbell
- Miss Sheerin
- Mr Smith
- Miss Smith
- Miss Swiderska

*We will miss you*

...who are moving on to new communities and opportunities.

We also said a huge thank you to our retiree, Colette Naylor who will be leaving us after many years of loyal and skilled service.

We wish you all the very best of luck for the future.

**JOIN OUR  
YEAR 11  
MOCK  
INTERVIEW  
PANEL**



We're re-introducing Year 11 mock interviews this October to help our year 11 students prepare for college, employment and university interviews in the future.

**If you are interested in being on a panel, please email**

**[communications@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk](mailto:communications@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk)**





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.



## Halton Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) Summer 2024

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)

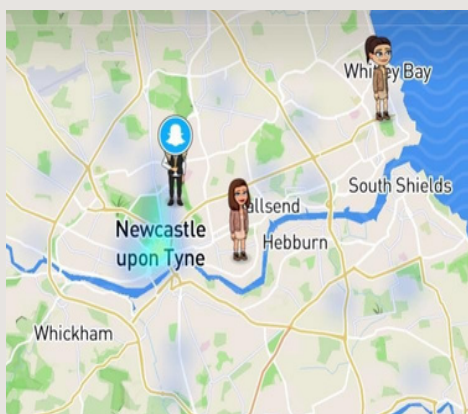




CHECK  
THEIR  
SNAPCHAT

For more info click here

## MERSEYSIDE POLICE CYBER DEPENDANT CRIME UNIT



**Snapmaps** is a feature on Snapchat, which allows Snapchat users to see **exactly** where they are - it is extremely accurate.

Unless you change your privacy settings, anyone can see you **and** any posts you submit to Snapmaps.

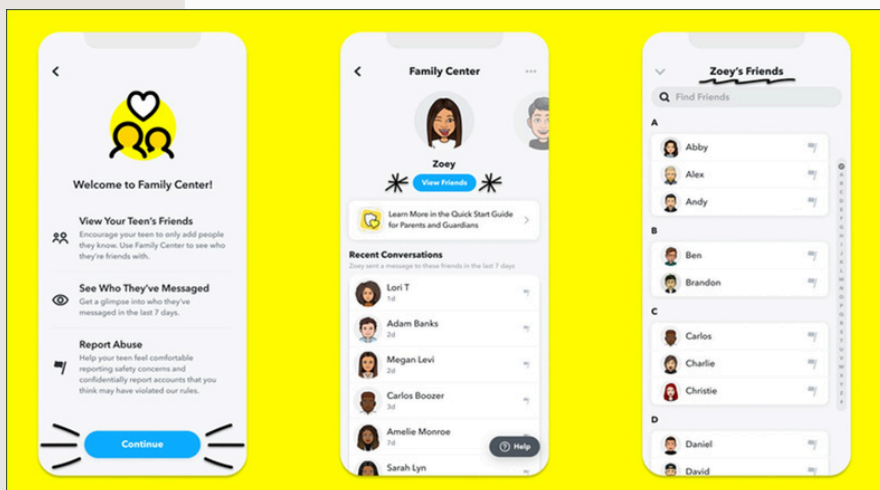
Be sure to check your children's privacy settings and make sure they are not publically visible.

## There was a 25% rise in child abuse image offences recorded by UK police in 2022/23

Snapchat was involved in almost half (44%) of instances where the online platform was identified by police.

*NSPCC Rise in child sexual abuse image offences report 01/03/2024*

## THE FAMILY CENTER



The **Family Center** was introduced by Snapchat in August 2022 to enhance Snapchats safeguarding element when it comes to teen accounts.

Snapchat states that their users must be over the age of 13 years, but we know that this does not necessarily mean that the users are over 13.

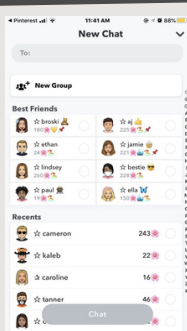
The family center allows a teen user account and a parental user account to be linked. This allows the parental account to view their teens friends, see who they are messaging (you cannot see content of those messages).

Visit [snapchat.com](https://snapchat.com) and SEARCH 'Family Centre'

Do you know who your children are **speaking to** on Snapchat?

Their "best friends" will be who they speak to the most. But any of their contacts can see their "stories" and message them.

Make sure they only add or accept people **they know**.

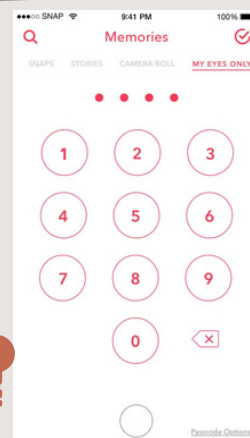


"My Eyes Only" is a section of Snapchat where you can save stories or images which are **locked by a passcode** set by the user.

These images are only visible when the passcode is entered, the passcode cannot be recovered by Snapchat.

Investgations have highlighted this is the section where children are saving and storing indecent images of themselves, or other children.

It is **illegal** to take, possess or share indecent images' of anyone under age of 18 - Including yourself





# FAITH GUIDES US

I HAVE COME  
THAT THEY  
MAY HAVE LIFE,  
AND HAVE IT  
TO THE FULL

JOHN 10:10

SCHOOL | HOME | CHURCH | PLAYGROUND

## LET US PRAY

Heavenly Father,  
As we conclude  
this school year,  
we ask for your  
divine protection  
and well-being for  
all students.

Watch over us as  
we embark on our  
summer  
adventures,  
keeping us safe  
from harm.  
Grant us good  
health, resilience,  
and the ability to  
make responsible  
choices.

Help us to find joy  
and purpose in  
each day of our  
break, and guide  
us back to the  
path of learning  
when the time  
comes.

We are grateful for  
the gift of  
education and the  
opportunities it  
provides.  
Amen.



## CATHOLIC LIFE

### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of Bishop Thomas Neylon last week. And thank you to our choir for their beautiful arrangement of hymns to accompany the service.



### YEAR 7 MASS

Year 7 students attended a special Mass celebration for the year group at St Bede's church led by Fr Thomas, with our choir and Year 7 servers in attendance.



Vice Principal Mrs Forber said, "From their walk down to the church to their conduct in a sacred space, we cannot thank our Year 7 students enough for the outstanding behaviour on display and for joining us in prayer and reflection"

### GOVERNORS' MASS

As we enter our thirtieth year as a school and bring the current school year to a close, we gathered for our annual Governors' Mass to reflect on the year behind us and to inspire us for the year ahead, and to celebrate those staff who are leaving us for pastures new and fondly remember colleagues and loved ones we have lost.



## OUR MISSION TEAM

Mission Week takes place in the last week of June, to incorporate the feast day of our patron saints, St Peter and St Paul on 29th June.

Each year we come together for a week-long celebration of our Catholic ethos, and this year's theme was Peace, based on the gospel message 'my peace I leave you, my peace I give you'.

Our students gathered in Collective Worship this Mission Week to combine their peace puzzle pieces to create a dove of peace mural for display in our school.

Beautiful work everyone!



COMPASSION | RESPECT | ASPIRATION

DO FOR OTHERS WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO DO FOR YOU



# CHARITY & SERVICE

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Our Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award students have been busy completing practice walks around Delamere and Helsby this term.

Battling through rain and shine at times, they've got to grips with using equipment, maps to navigate their way along trails and towards meeting points, whilst putting their skills to the test.

Supporting staff member Mr Lorne said, "The students have demonstrated a wealth of talents and skills, including leadership skills, team work, independence and orienteering. They have impressed us all so much, and even when the weather has been absolutely miserable they kept their heads up and their outlook positive. We can't ask for much more than that!"

Well done to you all

**COMPASSION | RESPECT | ASPIRATION**

**PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU**



# CATHOLIC LIFE

## CHARITY & SERVICE



DURING FEAST FEST  
YOU HELPED US RAISE

**£525**



THIS HALF TERM  
WE'VE DONATED

**168KG**  
OF FOOD



# FORMATION & ENRICHMENT

## FAITH IN ACTION

A huge congratulations to our Catholic Youth Ministry Federation Faith in Action group who completed their six week long project to highlight ways of caring for our community, environment, and each other, by working in partnership with pupils from St. Bedes Catholic Infant School who are also taking part in the CAFOD Live Simply initiative.

Teacher Mr Lorne said, "We've had a fantastic time with the pupils from St Bedes who have been so eager to learn from our Key Stage three students, but who have taught us so much too in return. It's been so interesting to watch their relationships grow so quickly over the past few weeks, and see how much both schools have got out of the project as they work towards a common goal and produce such wonderful and impactful artwork at the end of it all."

In further recognition of all their amazing work, the students also attended a special event in June, attended by the archbishop, to receive their Bronze Faith in Action awards before celebrating in style with go karts and water pistols in a Faith in Action fun day. Congratulations to you all.

**COMPASSION | RESPECT | ASPIRATION**

**WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE**





# Attendance ARE YOU IN? MATTERS

WORKING TOGETHER  
MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE  
IN BOOSTING YOUR CHILD'S  
ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL.  
DON'T GO IT ALONE.

## ATTENDANCE

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable full-time education.

School is one of the best ways to access that education, and we're here to support you in helping your child attend as much school as possible.

To help us help you, you can:

- Promote positive and healthy attendance patterns with your child and set good bedtime and morning routines.
- Ensure your child arrives at school every day, on time and equipped and ready to learn.
- Ensure we have at least three up-to-date addresses and telephone numbers so we can contact you quickly when required.
- Report absence via Class Charts before 8:30am each day until your child returns to school.
- Ensure medical appointments are made outside of school time.
- Avoid making holiday requests during term time.
- Contact school if you are experiencing difficulty getting your child to attend school.
- Work with the school and any other agencies of support to resolve any difficulties which may affect regular school attendance.

For children and families with medical & clinical conditions attendance at school can often be a source of worry.

If you haven't already, please contact your child's progress leader to discuss how we can best support their education and learning.

### WE'LL WORK WITH YOU TO PROMOTE POSITIVE MESSAGES ABOUT ATTENDING SCHOOL, AND WILL HELP BY:

- Celebrating of excellent student attendance and punctuality on a weekly and termly basis in assemblies and on social media with a variety of rewards and recognition, including retail vouchers and school trips.
- Providing an onsite Attendance Team dedicated to working with students, families and staff to improve attendance each and every day.
- Giving students a year group Progress Mentor to carry out pastoral work with students in raising their attainment and achieving their full potential.

## Attendance Top Tip

If your child is struggling to attend because of an issue in school or at home, has a long term illness, special educational needs or a disability, or is too anxious to attend, please talk to us.

You can contact your child's formation tutor, progress leader (Head of Year), or their progress mentor either by telephone on 0151 424 2139 or email, or you can arrange a face-to-face conversation if you prefer.

**WIN** A £25 VOUCHER FOR  
**WITH OUR** **WIDNES**  
**AMAZING ATTENDANCE AWARD** **EATS**

All students who have been on time and in school with 100% attendance from Monday to Friday in a single week will be entered into a draw to win a £25 Widnes Eats voucher to celebrate with with their family over a takeaway at the weekend and 'support local'.



# WELL DONE TO OUR AMAZING ATTENDERS FOR THIS TERM



FAO Parent/Carers in Halton

Dear Parents and Carers in Halton,

The guidance issued by the Department for Education in 2022 in relation to School Attendance ([Working Together to Improve School Attendance](#)) has now been updated and becomes statutory from 19th August 2024.

The guidance outlines the responsibilities and expectations of schools (including governing bodies), and Local Authorities in relation to school attendance as well as reminding parents of their responsibilities.

In supporting all of our schools to improve their attendance we would like to highlight the expectations on parents in relation to school attendance within the new DfE guidance and encourage you to work with your child's school if there should be any concerns or issues impacting on attendance.

Information on the school's procedures and who to contact regarding attendance will be available on your child's school website over the coming weeks as they prepare for the guidance becoming statutory in August 2024.

The expectations on parents are:

- That you will ensure that your child attends school regularly (as defined by the Supreme Court in 2017 as every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies) and that you notify the school as soon as possible when your child has to be unexpectedly absent
- That you only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and that you do so in advance (it is the Headteacher's decision on what is deemed 'exceptional' as the priority is for your child to attend school every day but generally, the DfE does not consider a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.
- That where possible you book medical appointments around the school day but when this cannot be avoided and your child has an appointment in school time you notify the school in advance (and if your child attends the appointment in uniform, they can return to school afterwards)
- That you work with your child's school and the Local Authority to help with the understanding of any barriers to your child attending school regularly. (Please contact your schools attendance team in the first instance, who will

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**WE ENCOURAGE ALL FAMILIES WITH CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT ATTENDANCE TO CONTACT OUR SCHOOL TO DISCUSS YOUR NEEDS AND TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU.**

**WE ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION IN HELPING TO ENSURE A STRONG CONNECTION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME.**

# ATTENDANCE

**Guidance for school attendance set by the Department for Education will become statutory from the 19th August.**

**This letter from Halton Borough Council explains what this will mean for our families and students:**



be happy to help and offer any advice or support with barriers you may be facing.)

- That you engage with support offered, such as through our [Family Hubs](#) or attending meetings to prevent the need for more formal support.

In addition to outlining the expectations on parents, schools and Local Authorities, the Department for Education has also made changes to penalty notices: The cost of each penalty notice will increase for any offences committed after 19th August to £160 (£80 if paid within 21 days) for the first offence.

One of the changes introduced from 19th August is that where a parent takes the child out of school and commits a second offence within a rolling three year period the penalty notice amount will automatically be set at the £160 (with no reduction for early payment). For any third offence in the rolling three year period there will be no penalty notice but there will be a prosecution.

Penalty notices are issued per parent, per child.

These changes do not take away the possibility of the Local Authority going straight to prosecution for a second offence where a penalty notice has been issued previously and not paid, resulting in a prosecution. Halton Local Authority will continue to work closely with school leaders, families and support services across the borough to ensure that every child has the best opportunity to achieve their potential.

On behalf of school leaders and our school attendance support services, I want to thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation as the new guidance is implemented to support the best school attendance for every child in Halton.

Yours sincerely,



Benjamin Holmes  
Acting Director of Education  
Children's Services  
Halton Borough Council





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# OPEN EVENING

**THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**4:00 - 7:00PM**

**WELCOMING ALL  
SEPTEMBER 2025 & 2026 ADMISSIONS**

**'FAST TRACK' VISITS FOR STUDENTS WITH  
SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS & DISABILITIES  
AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

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# P&P PARENTS & CARERS



## GET IN TOUCH ABOUT STAYING IN TOUCH

DO YOU WANT TO HEAR MORE FROM US? OR DO YOU HEAR TOO MUCH FROM US?

If you've got something to say about how we keep you up to date with life at P&P, we want to **hear from you**



WE'RE ALL EARS!



SCAN HERE TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS



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DO FOR OTHERS WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO DO FOR YOU

## DONATE YOUR PRELOVED UNIFORM & PE KIT

IF YOU'VE GOT ITEMS OF P&P SCHOOL UNIFORM OR PE KIT THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED, PLEASE DONATE THEM AT OUR SCHOOL GATES OR IN THE DONATION BOX AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Pop them in your diary

**22nd - 26th July** New Year 7 summer school

**Thursday 22nd August** GCSE RESULTS DAY

**Monday 2nd September** INSET DAY

**Tuesday 3rd September** Years 7 & 11 return to school

**Wednesday 4th September** All years in school

## NEXT EDITION *Back to School 2024*

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