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Cardinal Allen Catholic High School



School Newsletter

Have a lovely Summer break!



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We say thank you, goodbye, and good luck to:



Mrs Alison Chorley

Joined Cardinal Allen as a Receptionist and Administration Assistant in September 2004 – having been a pupil here a while earlier! After five years in the front office, Alison moved to take on the role of Registration Officer and she will no doubt have listened to several thousand voicemails over the years with one excuse or another. We wish Alison all the best in her retirement.

Mr Martin Davis

After completing 28 years, Martin has decided it is time to retire. Martin joined Cardinal Allen as Teacher of Physics in 1995 and soon established himself as an effective practitioner. Over the following years Martin enjoyed time as Assistant Head of Year and Head of Year, before being promoted to Assistant Headteacher in 2007. Martin's principal responsibility has been assessment and reporting, and his spreadsheets are legendary. We wish him a long and happy retirement—during which I am certain he will be spending a little time coaching and watching cricket.



Mr Andy Harding

Mr Harding was appointed as Teacher of Physics and Maths in 1985 and, over his 38 years at Cardinal Allen, he has held a number of responsibilities, including Lead Teacher for Science, Head of Year 7 and, more recently as Community Coordinator.

I know from the number of families that I show around the school, the fond memories that so many hold of their days either in his class or, more often, when working with him on any number of out of school visits.

There simply is not enough space here to record the vast range of activities that he has supported pupils with over the years, but, more recently, his work on our Eco School status, as an International School, and the amazing work on our very successful Duke of Edinburgh programme have all served our children well. We wish Andy a long and happy retirement—we understand that there may still be a few racecourses as yet unvisited!

Antibullying

At Cardinal Allen, we are a part of the Diana Award – this is a charity that was set up in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, and her belief that young people can change the world. This is a scheme which helps prevent bullying by raising awareness of bullying behaviour and how to tackle it. A handful of pupils from Upper School have been trained to be Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. These ambassadors have each been partnered up with a Year 7 form group to help with the transition and make them feel more comfortable. Some of the ambassadors have also undertaken visits to primary schools to talk to some younger pupils about the effects of bullying and how to stop it. In addition to this, every half term the ambassadors have a meeting to talk about what they have been doing and what they could do in the future. The ambassadors work to achieve different badges for devoting time and effort to improving the community.

Design Technology



Last month, the Design and Technology team went to St Teresa's Primary School in Cleeveleys to support their Arty Party day. Mrs Neave and Mr Robinson made and decorated Pop Cakes with the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. They had a great day making a mess and tasting the pop cakes.



Mr Horvath introduced the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes to Architecture by sharing his knowledge and experience of his time spent as a practicing architect before his career as a Design and Technology teacher. The pupils loved this activity (I'm not sure the school cleaners did though). They all made Styrofoam models of buildings that they designed, with 3D printed trophies for the best and most creative design.



MFL



In April, we were lucky enough to welcome two Spanish actors into school to perform a play about 'personality'. It was a fantastic play with lots of laughs and action! Some of the students got involved with the performance too!



We were lucky enough to have our second play of the year in school on Thursday 29th June – this time in French! The students were enthralled and captivated throughout the play and two of our Year 8s, Tobias and Kelsey helped to solve the mystery of the Haunted House!

Geography

Our Year 10 GCSE Geography pupils all completed a day of fieldwork at the end of June. The day involved two studies: investigating coastal processes at Rossall Point during which the pupils got to grips with a range of specialist fieldwork equipment, and a study of different urban areas within Fleetwood. The pupils gained incredibly worthwhile experiences from the visits - understanding exactly what fieldwork involves and getting hands-on experience of a range of methods. The pupils conducted themselves impeccably and it was only the weather which let us down as the glorious sun at the start of June did not stay with us for our fieldwork days at the end of month!



Art & Photography



A selection of students from GCSE Art & Design and GCSE Photography took part in two workshops at Blackpool & Fylde College. Students created a range of amazing light drawings, as well as experimenting with Jelli printing techniques.



Drama



Well done to everyone to took part in Matilda! I am so proud of each and everyone of you. It was wonderful to showcase what talented children we have. A special thank you to Ms Ronson and Ms Marsden for their continuous support in the show. Another fantastic show, memories that will truly last a life time! Thank you to everyone who supported and helped in some way. A sell out show out every night!!!! Here's to the next one - Miss Roberts



Catering



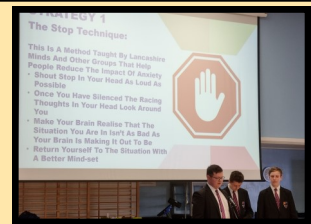
Our fabulous catering team put together a stunning display to celebrate the King's Coronation. The children enjoyed a 'celebrity' lunch served by our very own King Charles and Queen Camilla!



Scholars



As usual, the Scholars have been very busy. We have had two visits from Andy Griffith; the Year 8 & 9s have continued their work on time management and motivation. The Year 10s have been putting the final touches to their presentations. Our two student teachers from Edge Hill University have delivered



sessions on studying Law and Sports Science to the Year 8 & 9s. Our very own Mr Henderson has coached the Year 9 Scholars in the skills of code breaking. The Year 9 & 10s were able to complete an Elite training day with the Army, where they learnt invaluable team working and problem solving skills.

On our final presentation night, the Year 10 Scholars shared with staff and parents, as well as the younger Scholars, all that they have learnt during their Scholar's journey. We are all very impressed with their presentation skills and confidence. I hope that they now have the tools that will help them to excel in their GCSEs next year and all their studies beyond Cardinal Allen.

Our final two experiences happened in July. Firstly, the Year 8s visited Manchester Metropolitan University to learn more about life at a large city centre university. We then spent a fascinating afternoon at the Science Museum.

On 12th July, all the scholars visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, where we were able to wander freely among the gigantic, beautiful and thought provoking sculptures and statues.

That concludes another busy year for our Scholars!



Sports News



Cardy Sports Stars – Poppy and Tom

Poppy and Tom have recently taken up Brazilian Jujitsu and have shown a lot of early promise. They both won Gold at the Allstars BJJ Blackpool Pro in May and are competing in the World Championships in Wolverhampton in July. Congratulations from everyone at Cardinal Allen Catholic High School.



Fleetwood Town JFC – Chairperson's Award

Poppy in Y10 has been recognised for her outstanding contribution to the club. Poppy plays for the U16 girls' team as well as coaches the U8 Blues and the girls' development teams. Poppy gives up a lot of her time for the club and is an incredible role model for the next generation of Footballers. Well done Poppy. Cardinal Allen Catholic High School are very proud of your achievements.

Rugby

Our Y7 Girls Rugby team were invited to Sale Sharks training ground for a Touch Rugby tournament. Once they got into their stride they had a fantastic day and their confidence and skills flourished. The girls have a local tournament coming up, I have no doubt they will continue where they left off.



Football—Y11 – Winners of the Wyre and Fylde Cup

Well done to our Y11 Football team who finished their school football careers with a Cup Final win against Hodgson in May. They did incredibly well to make it to the final and beat a very good Hodgson side. Well done.

Y7 Rotary 7 a side Football

We entered two teams into the Rotary 7 a side football tournament at UCLAN. Our Girls made it through to the quarter finals and our Boys made it all the way to the semi-finals. Both teams played some amazing Football and did Cardinal Allen Catholic High proud.



Rounders

The Rounders teams have had a great summer and enjoyed playing against a range of schools from the Fylde Coast. Our students in Y7 through to Y9 competed with an excellent attitude and team spirit. Well done!

Athletics

Our Athletics teams played a major part in both the Fylde Coast Athletics Events at Stanley Park this summer. There were some amazing individual performances. A special mention to our Y8 Boys who finished 3rd out of 13 schools and the Y7 Girls relay team who broke the school record!

Young Leaders

Lots of our PE students have been amazing ambassadors for our school during a range of Primary School sports events. Students in Y9 and Y10 have been honing their leadership skills during multi skills, striking and fielding and Athletics events. We have had so many messages from schools to tell us how amazing our young leaders are. One school emailed Mr Cadwallader to tell him "they did a fantastic job encouraging and supporting the students!"



Lancashire School Games

7 of our students were selected to take part in the Lancashire School Games this summer at Stanley Park. The students had a great day filled with fun and outdoor and adventurous activities. They loved the orienteering and the high ropes course and were a credit to our school.

Y11 – The Last Classicod!

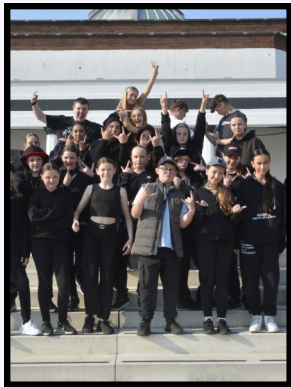
Our Y11 leavers played their final ever 'Classicod' against Fleetwood High this half term. It was a great game and a lovely way to finish their time at Cardinal Allen Catholic High School.



Congratulations

Cardinal Allen Catholic High School made HISTORY at Wyre Beat's first competition WINNING 1st place!!!

A huge well done to all the pupils performing at Marine Hall, Fleetwood against local high schools to win the



£500 prize and the first ever Wyre Beat title! Pupils were asked to create a performing arts piece around the issue of 'anti-social behaviour' in and around Fleetwood. As promised (if you won), the pupils enjoyed a special Domino's treat in the sunshine reflecting on our win! I am so proud of you and the time spent on this project. You are all stars - Miss Roberts.



Another congratulations and well done to our Year 10 pupils who WON the Excellence Conference at Blackpool Sixth representing both the History Department and the School—Benjamin, Leon and Jean-Luc. This was a chance for students to improve their research, teamwork, public speaking / oracy skills by engaging in debates and interviewing a veteran.

The program was as follows:

Week 1: Ethical debates surrounding conflict

Week 2: Introduction to conflict in the 20th and 21st centuries - Afghanistan

Week 3: Interviewing a survivor and veteran of Afghanistan - Rick Clement

Week 4: Debate competition between schools

In the debate the boys achieved 104/120 and won the conference overall beating competition from many local schools.

They asked insightful questions of the veteran, demonstrated their awareness of current events and gave a good account of themselves with a difficult debate topic 'The Invasion of Afghanistan 2001 - 2021 was not a complete failure'.

Overall, the boys represented the school, the History Department and themselves admirably.



Recommended Reads for this Summer...

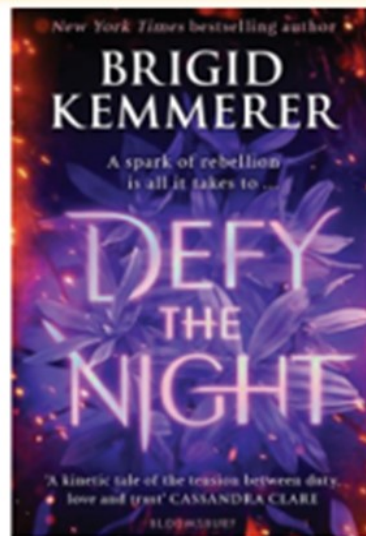


What is the Summer Slide?

Summer Slide refers to the loss of learning that takes place over the summer holidays. "Learning loss" is the general umbrella term and it can attach itself to any discipline, for example, reading loss. The statistics are pretty frightening. Research indicates that **2 months** of reading skills are lost over a single summer. But do not fear! Having direct access to books can significantly help pupils to beat summer slide, and retain information from the school year.



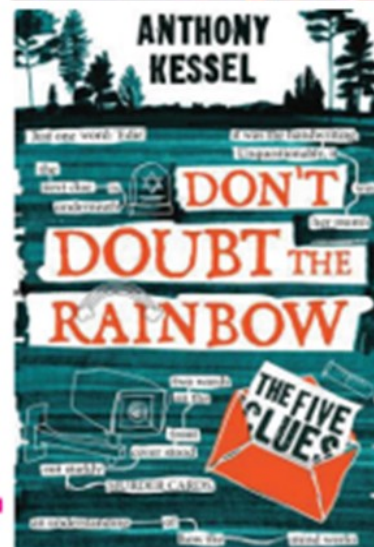
Joe hasn't seen his brother for ten years, and it's for the most brutal of reasons. Ed is on death row. But now Ed's execution date has been set.
MYSTERY



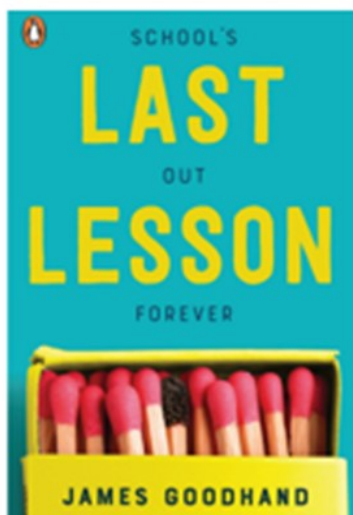
A blockbuster fantasy saga about a corrupt kingdom, a star-crossed romance and a girl who will do anything for justice.
FANTASY



Every summer, Rose goes with her mum and dad to a lake house in Awago Beach. It's their getaway, their refuge.
GRAPHIC NOVEL



A murder-mystery and family drama, combining a race against time with a heart-rending story about a teenager learning to live with loss.
MYSTERY



Today - the last day of the school year - Ollie's brought the bullies a gift. A homemade pipe bomb. Can anyone stop him?
EMPATHY



Seven students. One plane crash. No rules. When heat, hunger and thirst start to bite everyone's true colours will be revealed.
THRILLER



Vocabulary Building



Summer Themed Idioms

One swallow does not make a summer

Just because one good thing happens, it doesn't mean more good things will follow. Just one sign doesn't mean that a situation will improve.

Make hay while the sun shines

You should take advantage of a good situation while you can because it might not last.

Soak up the sun

To sit or lie in the sun and enjoy it as much as possible.



Kids read more

when we



Turn on

the Subtitles

Turn on the Subtitles this Summer!

Based on an academic study of 2,350 children, 34% became good readers with schooling alone. But when exposed to 30 minutes a week of subtitled film songs, that proportion more than doubled to 70%. There are lots of studies about the benefits of subtitles. This is just one!

Oracy Outdoors!

Spending time outside can help your students develop a better understanding of the environment, enhancing their engagement with learning and supporting their physical and mental health. Outdoor learning also presents opportunities for developing students' oracy skills, providing meaningful contexts for talk and authentic reasons to collaborate.



Holly's Garden



Holly was one of Cardinal Allen's environmentally driven and caring students.



On her arrival at Cardinal Allen, Holly was an ever present member of our Eco Group, representing the work of its members at School Council and driving International projects with schools around the world. Holly worked tirelessly developing our school grounds and it was her vision to save her bit of the world through introducing bees into our school. Holly's commitment to our school was also demonstrated when on hearing that her beloved woodland was under threat set up a petition to save it.

Holly was proud of our school. Her interview for the TES was a delight to witness as she proudly talked about her achievements in taking our school to become one of the top Eco Schools in the country.

Holly cared for elder members of our community. I remember with affection her working on many projects with members of our IT community group, comparing changing experiences over time.

Holly's commitment to the environment was unwavering by spending many hours developing our memorial garden and putting the world to rights. Her natural confidence in front of a camera can be seen on our Cardy Honey website.

Holly developed a passion and concern for mental health issues, proudly developing a 'Happy wall', a mental health information board with jokes to cheer our students up.

Holly's schooling at Cardinal Allen finished as she had begun, at one with nature and keeping spirits up on her Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. I remember fondly Holly on her guitar in the evenings getting the group singing to help them forget their aches and the persistent rain they were enduring.

This memorial area has been carefully planned with Holly's twin sister Abi to reflect Holly's love of the environment, her love of peaceful reflection and her passion of talking issues through. The garden is based on a Japanese theme, including sculptures, a Koi pool and water features. The garden also includes a hyperdome - a frameless pod that is being used for mentoring and a safe space for those struggling during the day. The garden also includes a memorial stained window reflecting her life's passions.

RIP Holly you are sadly missed.





WYRE SUMMER YOUTH FEST 2023

12-19YRS (UP TO 25 S.E.N.D)

FREE EVENT!

1 PM-4 PM!

**TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST-MILTON STREET MUGGA
SPECIAL GUEST NATHAN PARKER**

TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST-MEMORIAL PARK

TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST-HAWTHORNE PARK

FOOD, ARTS, INFLATABLES, TUG-OF-WAR

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

**TUESDAY, 22ND AUGUST -MEMORIAL PARK
IT'S A KNOCK OUT
2 PM-6 PM**

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Key dates for next year:

2023

Tuesday 5th September—school reopens for pupils

Friday 29th September—Year 7 Welcome Mass and Freshers' Fair

Thursday 5th October—Year 7 Parents' Information Meeting at 6pm

Wednesday 11th October—Year 10 Parents' Information Meeting at 6pm

Thursday 19th October—school closes for pupils for half-term (Inset for staff Friday 20th October)

Monday 30th October—school reopens for pupils

Tuesday 7th November—Year 11 Progress Evening 1

Friday 22nd December—Christmas Mass and pupils finish at 12.30pm

2024

Monday 8th January—school reopens and Year 11 Mock Exams commence

Thursday 8th February—Year 11 Mock Results, Careers Event and Progress Evening 2

Friday 9th February—school closes for half term

Monday 19th February—school reopens

Thursday 29th February—Year 10 Progress Evening

Wednesday 13th March—Year 9 Progress Evening

Monday 18th March—Year 10 Exams commence

Thursday 21st March—Year 9 KS4 Courses Evening at 6pm

Wednesday 27th March—School closes for pupils for Easter

Monday 15th April—school reopens

Thursday 18th April—Year 8 Progress Evening

Thursday 2nd May—Year 7 Progress Evening

Thursday 27th June—Prefect Prom

Friday 19th July—End of Year Mass and pupils finish at 12.30pm



And finally . . . just to say many thanks to you all for your continued support throughout the past year. These newsletters are a celebration of all the outstanding work that takes place both in and beyond school and showcase the outstanding talent that our pupils possess.

It just remains for me to wish you all a restful, well earned and enjoyable summer break.

Mr Cafferkey