

October 2021

Cardinal Allen Catholic High School



# School Newsletter



**Year 11 enjoy  
Castlerigg Manor!**



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# WELCOME TO...

The new academic year welcomes some new members of staff.

We would like to wish our new colleagues all the very best with the work that they do with our pupils



**Miss N Ferguson**  
Teacher of Science



**Miss A Marsden**  
Teacher of English



**Miss L Roberts**  
Curriculum Leader of Drama



**Miss Laura Saltariche**  
Assistant Headteacher & Teacher of English



**Mr J Winstanley**  
Curriculum Leader of MFL

# Admissions 2022

Whichever High School you are applying to for admission in September 2022 please remember that the deadline for applications is

**Sunday 31st October 2021!**



For further details of how to apply click on this link: [Cardinal Allen](#)



# Chaplaincy News



60 Year 11s spent the 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> September on retreat at Castlerigg Manor in Keswick. The weather was fantastic – glorious sunshine every day! Our pupils were excellent and enjoyed their time there. Taking this time out is a wonderful way to start their final year with us.



This November, the UK will be hosting COP 26, the United Nations Climate Conference, to try to reach an agreement to speed up action globally to address the climate emergency. CAFOD have launched their campaign; “The Eyes of the World” to remind the world leaders that we are all watching their decision making. We will be supporting this campaign across school, and Year 7 began our efforts last week by marching through the streets of Fleetwood to raise awareness of the conference.

Our Year 7's are settling well into our community and are learning all about the Catholic Life of our school. Each Year 7 Form have celebrated a Mass in our Chapel with Fr. Alf from St. Wulstan & St. Edmund's. We are looking forward to gathering as a year group for the Year 7 Welcome Mass on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.



Our Chaplaincy Social Media pages share almost daily – do check them out!  
Instagram: @cardinalallenchaplaincy  
Twitter: @CACHSChaplaincy  
We follow a theme of prayer each week in school, and a reflection can be found on our school website.

Mass is celebrated in the Chapel every Friday morning at 8.15am and is offered for a different intention each week.



# Foodbank Friday!



On Friday 8th October, many of our staff and pupils took part in "Foodbank Friday" collecting food and toiletries for families in our local community. The donations will be taken to our local foodbank service "The Pantry" in Fleetwood. There has been an overwhelming response towards this worthwhile cause, and we are so proud of our pupils and their families for their kindness and generosity.

**A huge thank you to all involved!**



# Scholars Programme

After a successful launch event with parents and pupils, the Scholars Programme is off to a great start. The Scholars were treated to a two hour motivational session with Andy Griffiths. They were given their own copy of 'The Humans' by Matt Haig; Mrs Hammill's book club is ensuring they are getting the most out of their gift.

Team building trips have begun. The Year 8s visited Beacon Fell on a rather wet and windy day. Getting to know each other, learning about orienteering and some excellent den building ensured a fun day was had by all.

Next term we will welcome back Andy Griffiths and a visit to Lancaster University is planned.





# Geography Fieldtrip

In October, all Year 11 Geography students have completed fieldwork. This is a really important part of Geography, and we were delighted to have the pupils back out of the classroom after we were unable to go last year due to Covid restrictions.

We stayed local for our fieldwork this year, walking to Rossall Point and surrounding residential areas. The pupils viewed familiar landscapes in a whole new way.

The photos below show the pupils carrying out a range of techniques on the beach as they got to grips with many different pieces of fieldwork equipment. We carried out beach profiling, sediment analysis, groyne height measurements and bi-polar evaluations of the different sea defences.

We had two fantastic days and it was just brilliant to see the pupils learning and experiencing out of the classroom again!





# Brilliant Book Talk

This year sees an exciting new project take shape at Cardinal Allen. The Communication Project aims to target the reading, writing and oracy skills of our pupils to allow them to compete successfully in a world driven by words.



Communication: At the Root of All We Do

## Reading Matters

Did you know that your engagement with your child's **reading** can lead to gains of +3 months over the course of a year. Aside from language development and academic success, reading has a tremendous power to offer us pleasure and comfort in what are immensely challenging times.



## How you can help ...

**T**ake turns to make plans and predictions before reading.

*'I wonder if...what do you think?' 'You think... Oh, I thought...'*

**R**ecap to check ideas and understanding as your child is reading.

*'So, you think ...' 'Did you expect...to happen?' 'Why do you think that happened?'*

**U**se encouragement and praise to keep children engaged in reading.

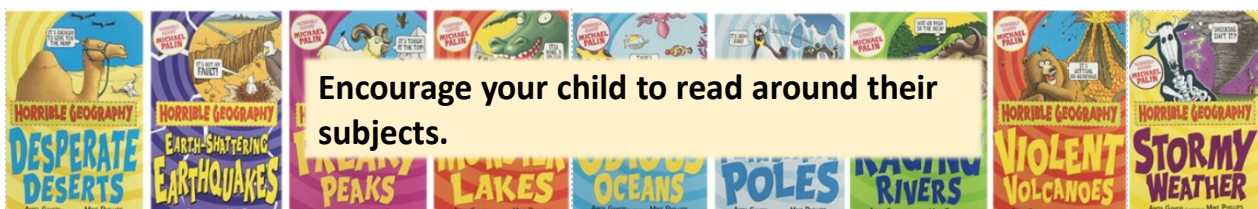
*'What brilliant ideas...let's see what happens.' 'You thought so carefully about...'*

**S**hare prior knowledge and past experiences that link to what is being read.

*'Have you learnt about...?' 'Remember when we watched...and found out about...'*

**T**une-in and listen to your child – be curious about their interest

*'I didn't know you knew so much about...' 'I love reading stories about...with you.'*



Encourage your child to read around their subjects.





## Cardinal Allen Debate Club - why join us?

1. Have A Fun And Rewarding Experience.
  2. Bolster Your College Applications.
  3. Gain Valuable Skills For Your Career.
  4. Learn To Be An Engaged Citizen.
- Join us weekly. If you haven't signed up yet, see Mrs Swift in room 7.**

### Ways a Parent Can Help with READING

- 1** Let your child see you reading!  
Have magazines and books in your home.
- 2** Help your child find appropriate word & reading games on the computer.  
Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words they read or hear.
- 3** Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.
- 4** Movie version coming out?  
Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.
- 5** Set aside a time and place for your child to read -  
like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place
- 6** Visit your public library regularly.  
Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.
- 7** Encourage your child to write -  
letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life
- 8** Ask your child questions about what he or she is reading, such as:  
- What is the story about?  
- Who are the important characters in the story?  
- Where does the story take place?  
- Why do you think the character made that choice?  
- Why did that happen?  
- How did you know about...?  
- Would you recommend this book to your friends?
- 9** Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.  
Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own

Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same

## Root of the Week

Week beginning 18th October

**Dem: people** (Greek word root)



- **Demograph** the study of statistics such as births, deaths, income, or the incidence of disease, which illustrate the changing structure of human populations.
- **Democracy** a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives.
- **Epidemic** a widespread occurrence of an infectious disease in a community at a particular time.

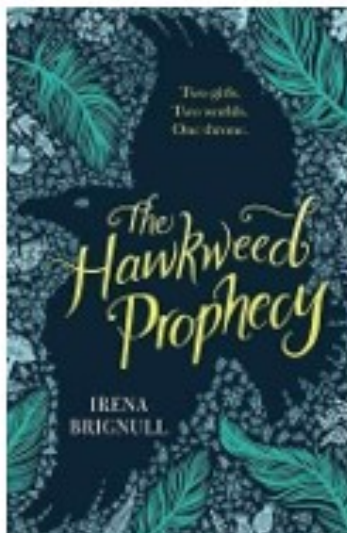
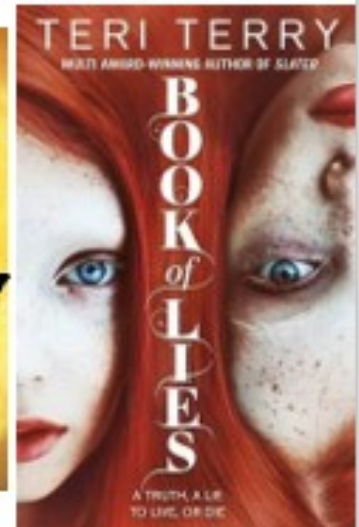
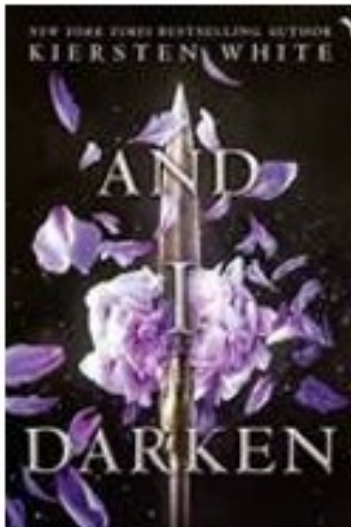
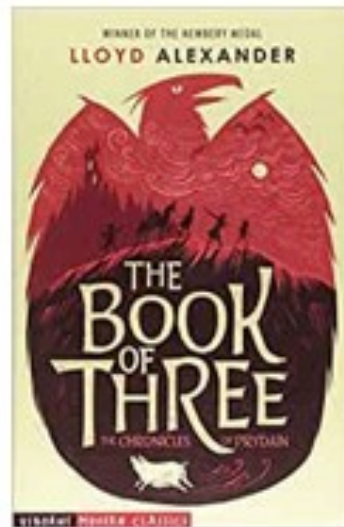
Reminder:  
Use each word in a sentence

This video explains the difference between an epidemic and a pandemic:  
<https://www.technologynetworks.com/immunology/articles/epidemic-vs-pandemic-323471>



# Recommended Reads

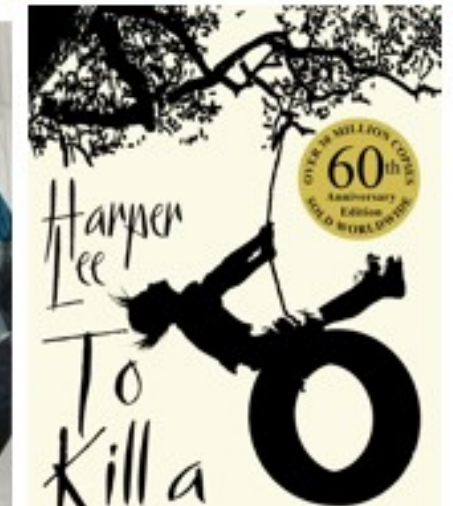
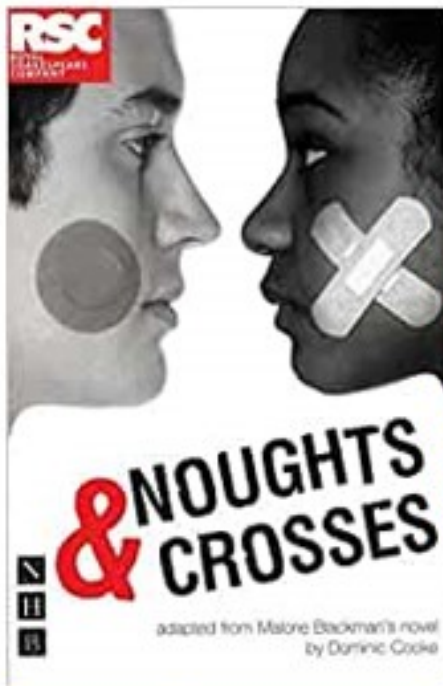
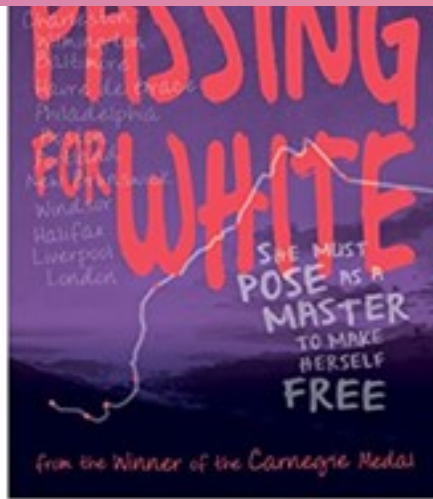
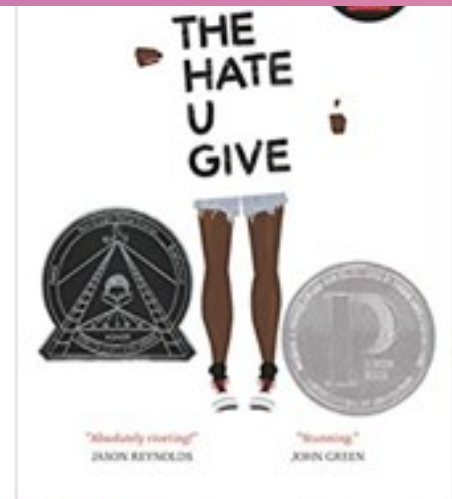
## Spooky Stories





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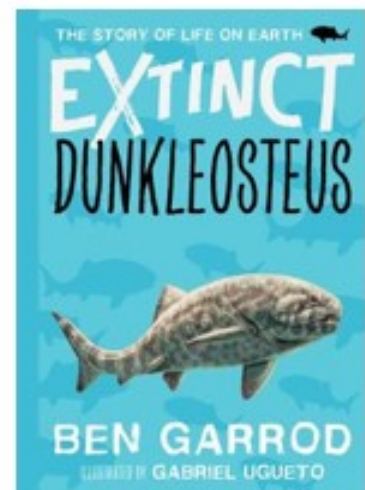
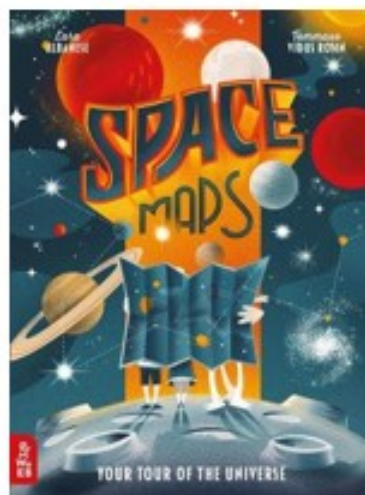
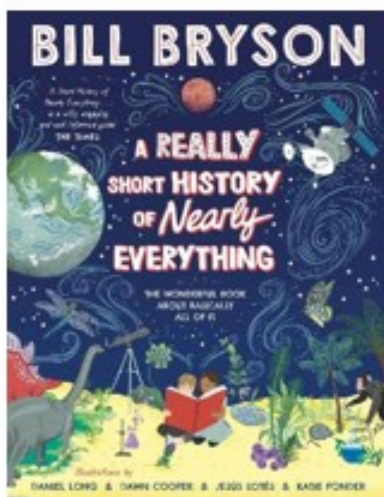
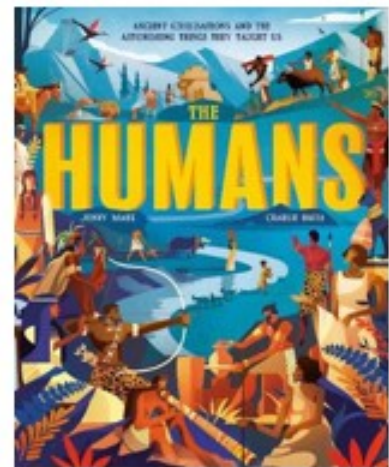
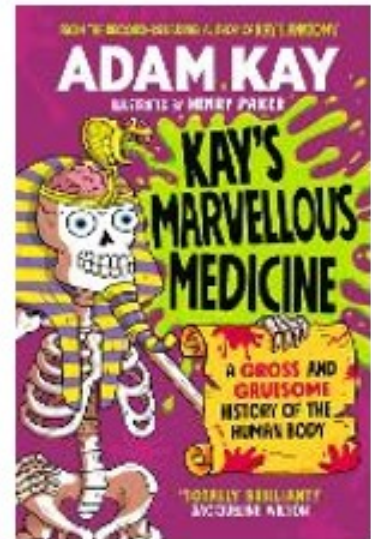
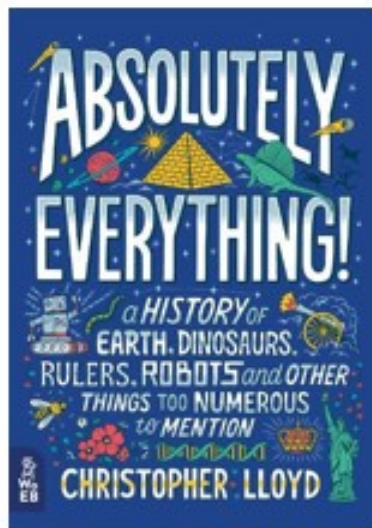
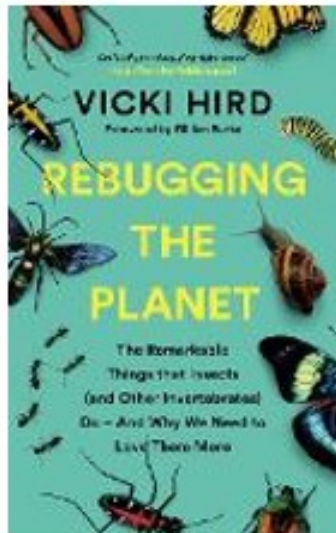
## Black History Month





# Recommended Reads

## Non-Fiction November





# Duke of Edinburgh



Congratulations to our students who despite all the obstacles due to Covid, successfully completed their Silver and Bronze DofE awards following expeditions to Silverdale, Ribblesdale and The Yorkshire Dales. Our Silver group are currently running at 77% success rate which is well above national levels. This year we are enrolling 70 students onto the award across Years 9,10 and 11. Our candidates are starting their award by

developing their navigation skills on night hikes in the Bowland fells.



# International



Our Bee group have been working with international partners to develop a Bee Hive Temperature Monitoring System using BBC Microbits. The results can be seen on the groups website [www.cardyhoney.com](http://www.cardyhoney.com) This website showcases the great work our students are doing working with students in 3 continents around the world. A special mention to Jacob in Year 11 whose coding skills are attracting much interest from IT companies. Our Bee club are looking forward to comparing our Cardy Honey

with Galaxy Honey from Nepal in the near future.



Cardy Honey is currently on sale at £7 per jar and is selling fast!



# ECO



Our Eco group have been working hard this term in the Memorial garden, the allotment and woodland areas of our school, ensuring our grounds are a haven for the wildlife of Fleetwood. We have also been involved in a Bee Project with Blackpool and Fylde College, investigating favoured nesting sites for Mason Bees.





# Careers News

What a busy and exciting half term we have had in the Careers Department. Its been so good getting back to normal and being able to host events and guest speakers in school. Our first Careers Evening in two years was a great event - open to Year 10 and 11 pupils along with their families. Over twenty different providers came along to speak to our pupils and give them information and advice on the range of opportunities they have for school leavers. A huge thank you to all the organisations who supported this event and to everyone who came along as a guest – we hope you enjoyed it and found it useful.



Year 11 assemblies have been busy with guest speakers. We have been fortunate to host several organisations over the last half term to ensure our pupils have the latest information from local providers. A huge THANK YOU to Fleetwood Town Community Trust, Army Youth Outreach Team and Lancaster University for giving their time to talk to us about their organisations and what is on offer to pupils.

We have lots more planned for the next half term..... Including the YEAR 11 CAREERS DAY – a full day of activities all related to preparing for the future, including interview skills workshops, team building activities, mental resilience, an introduction into HE and preparing for interview and apprenticeship assessments.....watch this space.

If you have any queries or concerns relating to careers, do not hesitate to contact me -

[j.sumner@cardinalallen.co.uk](mailto:j.sumner@cardinalallen.co.uk) - thank you – Mrs Jo Sumner

## Careers Guidance

I have started the Year 11 one to one careers guidance interviews, this is where the pupils get to sit down and talk about themselves and their hopes for the future. For some pupils the process is straightforward, they feel confident about what they want to do and where they want to progress on to. For others, the prospect of leaving school is a little more daunting – I am there every step of the way to offer information, advice and guidance on career choices. Each Year 11 pupil will receive at least one appointment with me to discuss their school leaver options, this might include further education options, apprenticeships, higher education or even studying overseas. I hope to help make the decision making process a positive experience for our pupils

## Taster Sessions

Blackpool & The Fylde College and Blackpool Sixth Form have been holding sessions in school during Maths and English lessons for our Year 11 pupils. These sessions give our pupils all the latest information on what the colleges have to offer, including the range of subjects and qualifications on offer, how to apply, details on open events and a chance to speak directly to representatives and ask questions. Its never too early to apply – if you know what course you want to do, don't wait around, apply online on the college website, this will keep you in the loop of any taster sessions or information directly related to the course you are interested in.

## Forthcoming Open Events

Blackpool Sixth—13th November 10.30am-2.30pm

Myserscough College—6th November 9.45am 12.30pm

Blackpool & the Fylde College—10th November 4.30pm-7pm



# The Curriculum

<https://www.cardinalallen.co.uk/school-curriculum/>

Did you know that you can find out what your child will be learning each half term on our website?

There is lots of information, including:

- Details about each topic
- Key vocabulary
- Online resources
- Enrichment ideas you could try at home

Subject	Autumn		Spring	
	Half-term 1	Half-term 2	Half-term 3	Half-term 4
Art	Mexican Folk Art	Mexican Folk Art	Insect Drawings	Insect Drawings
Computer Science	Control Systems with Flowol	Control Systems with Flowol	Programming a micro:bit	Devising 'P Co'
Drama (Students study Music and Drama for half a year each)	Text – 'The Exam'	Musical Theatre – 'Our Day Out'	World War Across the Ages	Poetry and Original Writing
English	World War Across the Ages Author Study and Original Writing	World War Across the Ages Poetry and Original Writing	Me & my world: Ça c'est mon truc	Activ B
French (BBE/BCO/BDG)				

Year 9 - Topic 3 – America between the wars	
<b>Prior Learning</b>	We have looked at the settlement of America in our unit in year 8 on exploration and discovery. We have also looked at Slavery and the impact that it had, including up to emancipation after the American Civil War. Our unit of WWI has explained the difficulties of the early years of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century and the role of America in the Peace Talks in 1919.
<b>What will I learn?</b>	We will look at the role of America in the post WWI world, including their role in international relations in the 1920s, including the League of Nations. We will then focus on the consumer boom of the 1920s, the rise in new entertainment including talking pictures and the role of women. We will then look at the darker side – organised crime, prohibition, race and inequality and the KKK.
<b>Next Steps</b>	This unit is built up in our study of WWII and the years afterwards, looking at America in the 1950s-1960s, with a focus on Civil Rights. An understanding of America in the 1920s will also link to our study of Germany at GCSE.
<b>Personal Development</b>	We will look at concepts such as race, inequality, racism, sexism, use of alcohol and social history that is still relevant today.
<b>Key vocabulary (AWL highlighted)</b>	Analyse, factor, period, research, individual, source, role, interpret, assess, significant, evaluate, primary, site, category, feature.
<b>How and when will I be assessed?</b>	Prohibition, consumer, credit, crash, civil rights, mass production
<b>Resources to use</b>	You will complete an end of unit assessment, looking at source analysis and the concept change over time.
<b>Enrichment opportunities</b>	History MOODLE has the lessons for this unit. Bitesize has good resources on America in the 1920s: <a href="https://youtu.be/4qs_Ca_aaNk">https://youtu.be/4qs_Ca_aaNk</a> - BBC documentary on the Wall Street Crash <a href="https://youtu.be/gvgPIXSSo8c">https://youtu.be/gvgPIXSSo8c</a> - America in the 1920s Films such as 'The Untouchables' and 'Singin' in the Rain' are based around this time, as is 'Chicago'.





### **Autumn Term 2021**

Staff Inset 1	Thursday 2 September 2021
Staff Inset 2	Friday 3 September 2021
Re-open for pupils on	Monday 6 September 2021
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day	Friday 22 October 2021
Mid Term Closure	Monday 25 October- Friday 29 October 2021
Closure after school	Friday 17 December 2021

### **Spring Term 2022**

Re-open on	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Mid Term Closure	Monday 14 Feb - Monday 21 Feb 2022
Staff Inset 3	Monday 21 February 2022
Closure after school	Thursday 31 March 2022 (15 April Good Friday)
Staff Inset 4	Friday 1 April 2022

### **Summer Term 2022**

Re-open on	Tuesday 19 April 2022
May Day Closure	Monday 2 May 2022
Mid Term Closure	Monday 30 May- Friday 3 June 2020
Closure after school	Friday 22 July 2022



# SAFEGUARDING

at Cardinal Allen Catholic High School



**Mr S Doherty**  
**Chair of Governors**  
**Safeguarding Lead**



**Miss L Saltariche**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
**(DSL)**



**Mr D Sutcliffe**  
**Deputy DSL**



**Miss C Smith**  
**Deputy DSL**

**We are your Designated Safeguarding Team**

**However, do speak to ANY member of staff in school if you have a concern**