

IMPORTANT DATES

Please find below some important dates for this academic year which we hope you will find useful.

Year 7	Wednesday 19 th October 2016	Settling In Parents' Evening
	Thursday 27 th April 2017	Parents' Evening
	Wednesday 5 th July 2017	Careers Day (subject to change)
Year 8	Thursday 13 th October 2016	HPV Immunisations
	Thursday 9 th February 2017	Parents' Evening
	Thursday 23 rd February 2017	Options Evening
	Thursday 25 th May 2017	HPV Immunisations
Year 9	Tuesday 21 st March 2017	Careers Day
	Wednesday 22 nd March 2017	Parents' Evening
Year 10	Friday 18 th November 2016	Visit to The Skills Show
	Tuesday 24 th January 2017	Parents' Evening
	Tuesday 7 th February 2017	Immunisations
	Thursday 15 th June 2017	Careers Fayre
Year 11	Wednesday 14 th September 2016	Parents' Information Evening
	30/9/16 – 2/10/16	Geography Residential
	07/11/16 – 11/11/16	Mocks Week
	Thursday 24 th November 2016	Parents' Evening
	Wednesday 7 th December 2016	Options Evening
	Tuesday 28 th February 2017	Parents' Evening
	Friday 30 th June 2017	Leavers' Day & Celebration Assembly
	Friday 7 th July 2017	Prom
Year 12	Wednesday 14 th September 2016	'Meet with Sixth Form Team' Evening
	Thursday 6 th October 2016	Parents' Evening
	Friday 4 th November 2016	Careers Day
	Thursday 2 nd February 2017	Parents' Evening
Year 13	Friday 4 th November 2016	Careers Day
	Thursday 2 nd February 2017	Parents' Evening
	Friday 7 th July 2017	Leavers' Day & Social

Whole School Events

Friday 21 st October 2016	Enrichment Day (All Saints All Souls)
Thursday 15 th December 2016	Creating & Designing Winter Concert
Friday 16 th December 2016	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 25 th January 2017	Enrichment Day (Burns' Night)
Monday 30 th January 2017	Production (Matinee Performance)
Tuesday 31 st January 2017	Production (Evening Performance 1)
Wednesday 1 st February 2017	Production (Evening Performance 2)
Thursday 2 nd March 2017	World Book Day
Monday 15 th May 2017	Public examination season starts
Thursday 29 th June 2017	Public examination season ends
Thursday 29 th June 2017	Creating & Designing Showcase Evening
Monday 3 rd July 2017	Activities Week
Monday 10 th July 2017	Roll forward Week 1
Thursday 13 th July 2017	Annual Awards Evening
Monday 17 th July 2017	Roll forward Week 2

INSET Days

Thursday 31 st October 2016	INSET Day
Thursday 5 th January 2017	INSET Day
Monday 24 th April 2017	INSET Day

ALL SAINTS' NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

This summer holiday has been an emotional roller-coaster for students, staff and parents. On the one hand, we have experienced the devastation of the awful car accident that tragically took Joshua and Ethan Houghton from our Academy community; and, on the other hand, we have experienced front-page headlines celebrating our much improved 'A' Level and GCSE results.

In his message to you in this newsletter, David Fraser, Chair of Governors, goes on to talk more about the tragic events of the summer and how the Academy is seeking to come to terms with the loss and how we will remember the two boys.

Whilst we must not lose sight of the sad deaths that have impacted on so many people, it is absolutely right that I should mention and celebrate some of our highest achievers this summer. At 'A' Level Chandler Russell achieved A*, A and B and goes to Southampton University to study Maths, whilst Laurina Haynes achieved two Distinction grade BTECs and a B and C at 'A' Level, gaining a scholarship to the University of Gloucester.

At GCSE we saw unprecedented results as twenty students achieved 10 or more GCSE A*-C grades. Top performers, whom you may have seen on the Dunstable today website, were Joshua McGee, who achieved 13 GCSEs (including 1A* and 9As), and Danny Fraser, who also achieved 13 GCSEs (including 6As and 5Bs).

Gabriella Cawley achieved 12 GCSEs (A*-C). A further 10 students achieved 11 A*-C grades: Amber Allen, Aidan Callaghan, Holly Hipwell, Hannah Leah Morgan, Melville Nyatondo, Caitlin Planson, Jaime Snow, Rose Songa, Jade Windley and Caitlin Horton-Samuels. There were 7 more students who achieved 10 GCSEs (A*-C).

These are truly amazing results for these students and all of Year 11 deserves praise for the hard work they put in during the exam period. The amount of progress that was made by the Year 11 students was more than last year's cohort and we have every expectation that the next Ofsted Monitoring Inspection will recognise that our student outcomes are improving rapidly.

I would like to thank the Academy staff who have worked so hard in the last 12 months and have taken on board the recommendations of the new Senior Leadership Team. Many departments have seen huge improvements in their examination results and should feel proud of the changes they have put in place. We welcome some new staff to the Academy including Martin Serrao – Vice Principal, (Teaching & Learning). I will write to you again at the end of September but finish by thanking you for your support at these difficult times.

Liz Furber

Principal

A Message from the Chair of Governors

Nothing prepares anyone for the scale of the tragedy that unfolded after the terrible events of 10th August this year, when Tracy, Ethan and Josh Houghton, and Aimee Goldsmith lost their lives in a car accident; I will always remember the occasion because it happened on my birthday. Apart from the devastating impact on family and friends, the events of that day have also deeply affected the four schools with which the families were linked. We think especially of Jake Goldsmith at this time as he prepares for Upper School and the support that he will need there.

There is no manual you can pull off the shelf that tells you how to cope with this type of incident; you just have to do what you think is the right thing at the time. At All Saints, we are deeply saddened by the loss of Ethan, who was due to move into Year 9 this year, and also of Josh who had spent a transition week with us at the end of last term prior to starting in Year 7 this week.

I am truly grateful for the way in which staff at the Academy have responded to the news. I don't need to mention them by name because many people have played a part in the past few weeks, some breaking their actual holidays to be around. Simple gestures like: making sure the school gates were always open; ensuring there was a quiet space for youngsters to gather; tending to the many flowers and tributes that have been left; and, preparing the books of condolence for students, parents and staff to sign.

In addition, the Academy has been liaising with the Road Victims Trust, CHUMS and the Local Authority to ensure that there is support in place when students return to school. Liz Furber, Rev. Lynn Money and I have also met with the boys' father, Doug, and their grandmother. By the time you read this newsletter we will have attended Ethan's and Josh's funeral, which I'm sure will be a highly emotional experience.

In terms of our own tributes, you will read elsewhere about the Memorial Service that is taking place on Friday 9th September. We are also in the early stages of considering a Memorial Garden that students can have as a place of peace and tranquillity to remember their friends. I have no doubt that their peers will also have suggestions for other ways of honouring the two boys.

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 12/13 students and Year 11 students have been coming into the Academy to receive their examination results. I couldn't help but contrast the euphoria that many of them were deservedly feeling as a consequence of all their hard work, and the sadness that surrounded the area where Ethan's photograph was placed between the books of condolence.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that, having considered the progress made by the Academy over the past 10 months and the much-improved performance in this year's national examinations, the governors have decided to make Liz Furber and Elaine Boyd, permanent Principal and Vice Principal respectively, with immediate effect. We are confident that we now have a leadership team in place, with the additional new appointment of Martin Serrao, that will continue to drive forward our journey towards being an outstanding Academy.

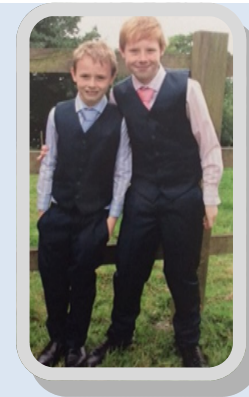
With all best wishes .

David Fraser

Chair of Governors

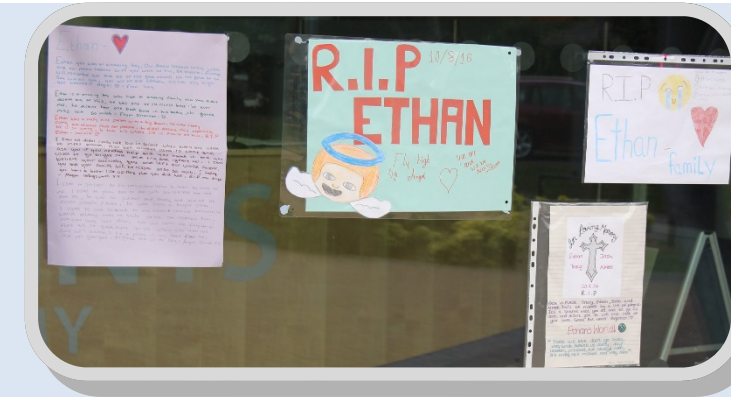


"Deepest condolences to the family. God bless you all."



In Memory of Ethan Houghton

(23/12/2002 - 10/08/2016)



"Rest in peace - you and your family. Fly high, never forgotten."

"You will never be forgotten. You have been lost too soon."

"I can't believe you have actually gone and left our world forever. You and your family will be missed so, so much."

"I knew you from when we first came here and you were by far one of the nicest in our year."

"R.I.P Ethan

You will be missed by everyone"

"To Ethan and Family

You were taken way too soon. I knew you since I started here and you were by far one of the nicest in our year.

Rest in perfect paradise Ethan, Tracy, Aimee and Josh"

"I remember how you were on the same sports team with me and walking home with you and your friends. Heaven has gained another beautiful ginger even though you've been taken from us too soon."

"R.I.P Ethan

We didn't talk much but you always knew how to make me smile"

"R.I.P my beautiful cousins and Aunty Tracy

Gone but never forgotten"

"R.I.P Ginger

You will be missed.

Much love"

"You are a very special young man who will be so very missed. Though it is of small comfort, I truly believe that 'they do not die that live on in the hearts of others' - and you will!"

"Rest in peace Ethan - my heartfelt condolences to your family and friends. "

"It was an absolute pleasure to teach you geography for the last two years. Your smile was a joy and your hard working attitude was so admirable. The world has lost a great soul and I know you will be sorely missed by all your friends and family, Keep smiling and God bless"

Memorial Service

Friday 9th September at 2.15pm

All Saints Academy will be celebrating the lives of Ethan and Josh Houghton in a short service of remembrance on Friday 9th September at 2.15pm. If any members of our community wish to join us for this occasion, please email office@allsaintsacademydunstable.org so that we can ensure that there is enough seating.

Ongoing Support

We are aware that the deaths of Ethan and Josh have touched many in our school community. Ongoing support is available from our CHUMS-trained staff who are Mrs West, Mrs Pullen and Mrs Hutton. We are also grateful for the ongoing support of Rev Lynn Money, who can be contacted on 01582 675422 and that of Frances Bourne, from Road Victim Support Trust, who can be contacted on 01234 843345.