

**Dear Parents/Carers**

June has been a roller coaster month for me. Sadly, my father passed away mid-month but last Friday my elder son graduated from Cambridge University with a degree in Economics. My father was a great believer in education transforming lives, and so it seems poignant that the celebration of this happy news has helped us through some sad times.

As we leave the pressures of June and the examination period behind we look forward with hope to the examination results in August. The students have made the staff at the Academy very proud through their dedicated and diligent approach to their studies and we trust that they will be rewarded when they open their results envelope!

This next week sees end of year celebrations with Activities Week, where students will have a whole week of enrichment events to ensure they have fun and relax after an intense year of study. Our new Year 7 students (150 of them!) also arrive on site for a couple of days to begin their transition from Primary schools. We welcome them and their families as they begin their All Saints journey.

The final two weeks of term will see our 'Roll Forward' where the September timetable for 2018-2019 comes into action. We do this to ensure any glitches are sorted before the summer holidays and to minimise the worry that students may have not knowing which groups they are in and which teachers they will have.

Enjoy the hot weather!

**Liz Furber**  
Executive Principal

**Dear Parents/Carers**

Catching a bit of the World Cup, I heard one fan say that England used to have a great squad full of outstanding individuals (the Beckham years) but now it is a genuine team, with everyone playing their part. It amuses me slightly that these teams seem to 'work' for just 90 minutes and then need a rest of a few days to recover!

At All Saints Academy, we have a superb team that works hard all day, every day. As we draw to the end of the year, I know that all staff will be looking forward to a well-earned break, although even holiday periods still involve a good deal of preparation for next year. Thank you to all staff at the Academy for being an outstanding team.

I want to commend all those students who have just finished their public examinations. They have put in a lot of hard work, supported by their teachers and other staff, to achieve the best possible outcomes. I am sure they will be amply rewarded when the results come out in August.

Final thanks must go to you, parents and carers, for your continuing support for the Academy. You too are a vital part of the team that supports the learning process.

Best wishes

**David Fraser**  
Chair of Governors

**~ DATE FOR YOUR DIARY ~**

School finishes for all students on Friday 20th July 2018 at 12.30pm

### **Year 13 Leavers' Day**

On Friday 22nd June, we said a fond farewell to our Year 13 Leavers. After a light buffet and a farewell speech from Mrs Furber, students were treated to a trip down memory lane as they relived some of the best moments from the year.



Awards, voted on by the students themselves, were presented and the afternoon closed with a montage of the students as their younger selves.

### **Year 11 Prom 2018**

On a fabulously hot evening, Year 11 students and their staff gathered at the Woburn Safari Lodge to celebrate the end of Year 11. As you can see below, students were impeccably turned out and were a real credit to themselves and the Academy. The evening started with a tour of the lake in the famous "Swan Boats" followed by a buffet supper and then some very energetic dancing.

Head of Year, Martin Conway, made a speech praising the efforts and attitudes of the year group, before crowning Mihai Argent as Prom King and Ellie Miles as Prom Queen.

Thank you to the Year 11 team for making this a real night to remember.

## **Congratulations to Year 11**



### **Introducing New Technology**

You will have heard from your son/daughter that we are introducing iPads for all students in Year 7-11 from September 2018 at absolutely no cost to families. This wonderful technology will transform aspects of our teaching and learning and will provide fantastic support for our students.

We will be sending out information packs for parents/carers shortly so that you can see how the scheme will work and what the expectations of students will be.

The devices will be issued at the start of the new term and we will then have a period of training the students to get the maximum benefit from their new digital pencil case!

**Alex Hide**

Deputy Assistant Principal: Key Stage 3

### **Welcome to our New Year 7**

On Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July, we welcome our new Year 7 students to All Saints Academy. We have a record 150 students in our new Year 7 which means that the year group is full and we are operating a waiting list! We have done lots of work with our feeder schools in the run up to our two transition days and we feel we already know the students very well. We hope they enjoy their busy programme with us and start their summer break excited about the challenges and adventures that lie ahead.

Students in Year 7 start their Autumn Term at the Academy on Tuesday 4th September at 8.30am. We will be taking school photographs and issuing iPads on that day for these students.

### **Roll Forward 2018**

For the past three years, All Saints has taken the step of starting the Academic year before the summer break. When students return to normal lessons on Monday 9th July, they will have been "promoted" to their new year group.

The benefits of this system are clear:

1. Students begin their new courses and no learning time is wasted.
2. There is pace and challenge at a time when other schools may be "winding down".
3. Students can meet the majority of their new teaching staff before the break.
4. Staff can meet their new teaching groups, assess their learning needs and have time to plan for them.
5. Additional work and research can be set for the summer break, enhancing learning in the Autumn Term.

We wish all of our students well as they begin their new year of learning.

### **Work Experience**

We wish all of our Year 10 students well as they start their work experience week. There are a wide range of placements with students undertaking a real breadth in their work roles.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to find out what they like, what they are good at and what challenges may lie ahead as they pursue their chosen careers. Once our Year 10 move to Year 11, there will be a programme of Careers Education and Guidance to support them in their pathways.

### **Preparing for September**

We know that many families will take advantage of the “back to school” sales to equip their children for September—these seem to start earlier and earlier, sometimes before our term has ended! To pre-empt any questions or worries, we would like to give the following guidance to avoid issues in September:

1. Our uniform is purchased or collected from Best Look on the High Street in Dunstable.
2. Skirts must be knee length and not tied up at the waist.
3. Kickers are permitted but we would prefer the shoe style as opposed to the boot style.
4. Socks and tights must be black—students will be asked to remove other colours.
5. Facial piercings are not permitted and only one stud may be worn in each ear-lobe. Any additional piercings should be carried out as soon as the holidays start so that they are removed for the start of term.
6. Hair must be a natural colour so any braids or fun colours need to be removed or washed out before our return.
7. Hoodies may not be worn in the Academy building at any time so a sensible coat will be necessary for winter.
8. In response to student requests, we are happy for students to wear a plain black V-Neck jumper under their blazer. This must not carry any logos or other colours.
9. Finally, and most importantly, all students need a school bag suitable for carrying A4 materials and they need a pencil case with the required equipment.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back in September smart and ready to learn.

### **Communication**

During the Summer break, the Academy will be open on Thursday 16th August for the collection of A Level results and on Thursday 23rd August for the collection of GCSE results. At other times, the Academy will be closed to parents/carers. We do acknowledge, however, that you sometimes have a query or concern and we don't want these worries to build up. Please use our central email address for queries which is **[parentcontact@allsaintsacademydunstable.org](mailto:parentcontact@allsaintsacademydunstable.org)** and we will respond to you as quickly as possible, although there may be a slightly longer response time than normal due to the holiday period.

Please contact Mrs Pullen on 01582 619700 or [anitapullen@allsaintsacademydunstable.org](mailto:anitapullen@allsaintsacademydunstable.org) if you need support with uniform, foodbank vouchers or to see if the Academy can support you in any way. A list of useful numbers for the holidays can be found on the back page of the newsletter.

**Anita Pullen**

Welfare & Safeguarding Officer

### **Attendance Matters**

We finish our year with a 0.6% improvement in our attendance. This may sound like a small figure but represents a huge effort on behalf of our students and their families so we thank them for every day of improved attendance. Our Attendance Lottery has been very popular with our winners receiving £5, £10 or even £15 depending on the number of rollovers.

We will have our traditional end of term £50 raffle prize with students needing to be in attendance on every day between **16th and 20th July to qualify.**

### **Pink and Proud**

We've all seen increasing reports about "period poverty" highlighting the fact that some young women in British schools are unable to attend when they have their period due to a lack of sanitary supplies. Reports show that children as young as 10 are choosing to stay at home to avoid the embarrassment of visible bleeding because they aren't adequately protected.



On 16<sup>th</sup> April, we launched our Pink and Proud carrier bags which contain a month's supply of tampons, sanitary towels, night towels and panty liners. Students can have all four products each month, or can hand back the products that they don't need. The bags are available to collect from our Student Reception and students can confidentially request a pink bag from our friendly reception staff. To date, 50 bags have been collected with the products being accessed by students in all year groups. There has been an increase in girls' attendance this term in every year group and, while the pink bags won't be the only reason, we'd like to think they've made a positive contribution to the well-being and dignity of our students.

### **Cycling Success**

Congratulations to all our cycling students! All Saints has been placed 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally in the Big Pedal One Day Challenge. We will receive our trophy shortly and will be continuing our focus on safe cycling in the new Academic year.

### **Waste Not, Want Not**

Welcome to our new Aspens' chef, Mark Olney, who joined us this term. Mark has already worked with us on a number of projects, including our fantastic buffet to welcome our new Year 7 students. One of Mark's projects is to reduce food waste and each day a tray of in-date, leftover food is brought to Student Reception where it can be accessed by students who might need an extra snack or whose family might require extra support. Thank you to Mark for this brilliant idea which supports our vision and our students.



### **Year 7 and 8 Reward Day**

Each term, we set our students the challenge of getting fewer than 5 behaviour points and then we reward everyone who meets this challenge. This term's reward for Year 7 and 8 was a fantastic day of inflatable fun with the Giant All Saints' Picnic as its centrepiece. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents/carer for a fabulous day!





Expedition season for this year is now over and I am pleased to announce another **five** of our students have successfully completed their Bronze Award. This group should be extremely proud of what they have achieved, hiking for two days completely self sufficient, navigating themselves and carrying food and tents with them.



Thankfully the weather was kind and all had a good, if tiring, time.



We have also had it confirmed we have yet another Bronze award completed, this one goes to Minthaki Jayakody, and Yassmina Popescu is just awaiting a correction on an assessor report and she will have competed her Silver award.

With the end of the academic year approaching I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the staff who volunteer their weekends each year to help enable us to offer this award to our youngsters, your assistance is invaluable and the awards couldn't operate without you.

Finally, recruitment for next year's cohort of Year 9 and 10s will be in October. If you have any questions about the award please do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Watt.

### **Lands End to John O'Groats**

The most south west point of Mainland Britain to the most north East point, a distance of 984 miles.

This summer, myself, along with two other family members are planning to cycle this iconic route, taking 12 days and averaging 84 miles a day.

Why do it, is the question asked by many and for me, because it is a challenge. It is a great way to see so much of this island we live on and to raise money for a fantastic charity, Shelter Box.

Should you wish to see how we get on, or help me meet my sponsorship target of £984 (a pound a mile) then check out our blog on [www.end2end.org.uk](http://www.end2end.org.uk).



**Michelle Watt**  
Head of Character Education

### **Lost Property**

Please be aware that all unclaimed items of lost property that do not have names in will be disposed of over the Summer holiday.

Lost Property is located outside the Head of Year Office for students to check.

## All Saints Academy Useful Numbers

Samaritans (free)	01582 720666 or 116123
Salvation Army	01582 606031
Beehive Childrens' Centre*	01582 699092
Tithe Farm N'Hood Centre*	01582 86769
Childline	0800 1111
NSPCC	0808 8005000
Domestic Violence	0808 2000 247
Mind Mental Health	0300 123 393 Text 86463
NHS	111
Noah Enterprise (Homeless)	01582 728416 (141 Park Road Luton LU1 3HG open 8.15-3.45 weekdays 10-3 weekends and 7pm every evening)

\*Foodbank vouchers available

The above numbers are put together to try and cover every eventuality although we hope you all have a stress free and enjoyable summer break.

**Anita Pullen**  
Welfare & Safeguarding Officer



**DUNSTABLE YOUTH CENTRE**

**JULY 2018**

**Downside Community Centre, Suffolk Road, Dunstable**

- 2 July Club quiz night with mocktails
- 9 July Tie dye art
- 16 July Pizza making & recycle arts and crafts
- 23 July YOUTH CLUB CLOSED
- 30 July 5-a-side football out on the pitch and tasty cookie making

6pm - 8pm

For ages 12-18

Free, fun activities!

**Grove Corner youth centre, 76A High Street, Dunstable**

16 July Grove house gardens BBQ in the park with music - 5pm-7pm

For more information, contact Stephen Swain, Lead Youth Worker, on 07736 132294 or [stephen.swain@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:stephen.swain@groundwork.org.uk)  
Aquarius, Brook and other trusted organisations might attend some of our sessions. Normal youth club activities and resources are available at every session.

[www.groundwork.org.uk/east](http://www.groundwork.org.uk/east)  DunstableYC  @groundworkeast

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## Looking Ahead to September

The start of term in September will look different to previous years and has been developed to give students the best start possible to the new Academy year.

The new year starts on Tuesday 4th September 2018 when Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12 students will attend a full induction day, while Year 8, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13 students will take part in Target Setting meetings. More details will be provided shortly.