

# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

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**ALL SAINTS**  
ACADEMY

## Dear Parents and Carers

Since September we have continued to build upon the work we have done to make our personal development offer outstanding and we are extremely proud of how the Academy helps our students to build their confidence, resilience and develop their interests. For example, we continue to offer an extensive range of clubs and activities for students through our extra-curricular ('Elective') provision. These provide them with competitive and non-competitive opportunities which not only allow them to deepen their engagement with academic subjects but help them develop their talents. Elective offers include song writing, chess, knitting and STEM club and these are very well received and attended by our students.

One of the things we are developing this year is our House system. Sixth Form students have been working hard, delivering assemblies and selecting various charities that our students will be helping at various times throughout the year to help promote the values and ethos of the Academy.

**Caroline Doolan**

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## Musical Lessons

We are delighted to offer individual music lessons to all students at All Saints Academy through Inspiring Music. Last week saw the students who registered for piano tuition have their first lesson and we will soon be starting drums, guitar and singing.

The lessons are fully funded by the Academy and take place during the school day. If your child is interested in lessons for piano, drums, guitar or singing, it is still not too late to sign up. Please collect a letter from Student Reception or contact me for more information.



**Ian McCarthy**

Assistant Principal

### Character Education

Our students continue to have Character Education lessons on a Friday afternoon that aim to develop their knowledge and understanding of topics outside of the taught curriculum. Topics so far in Years 7, 8 and 9 have included healthy lifestyles, self-awareness and family life. In Year 10 the students have studied the importance of online safety and digital footprints whilst Year 11 students have focussed on study skills and careers.

**Andrew Minns**  
Assistant Principal

### Collective Worship

The theme of our collective worship this half-term has been the topic of Harvest. Throughout the half-term each year group will be attending an assembly led by Reverend Tim and in doing so it gives the students an opportunity to understand Harvest and its impact across the world.

**Ian McCarthy**  
Assistant Principal

### Careers

We are very proud of our Careers programme at All Saints Academy. Every student during their time here will benefit from numerous activities designed to provide them with up to date and relevant information on careers so they can make informed choices. This Autumn term the focus will be on:

- Encounters with employers and employees
- Experience of workplaces

Upper School students will continue to receive 1:1 Careers guidance from an external provider throughout the year.

### Student Parliament

The Student Parliament is an elected group that act as the voice for all students. This week we are holding elections for form reps and students who will represent their year groups. They will promote political awareness and a sense of social responsibility and equality, and will play an important role in the continued improvement of your experience as a student at All Saints Academy.

They will be involved in making important decisions (rewards trips etc) and will play a vital role in making your time as a student here as rewarding and fulfilling as it can be.

### Unifrog

The Academy continues to invest in the online platform Unifrog which caters to students' individual career needs. Each student has a unique login to Unifrog where they can assess their personality types, research job qualifications and independently explore different career options. We actively encourage students to log on at least once per week and would ask that parents/carers support us in this.



### Duke of Edinburgh

This week Mr McCarthy will be delivering an assembly to Year 9 regarding the application process to participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Students will also receive a letter detailing the components of the Bronze Award that culminates in their expedition at Town Farm, Ivinghoe in the summer term.

Following the success of our current Year 10 cohort, who took part in the Bronze Award last year, we recognise the importance of giving students valuable opportunities to participate in programmes in which they can excel. The 24 Year 10 students are currently going through the final verification process which will be finalised this term.