### Living Well Together with

# NEWSLETTER ALL SAINTS

Dignity, Faith and Hope

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#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

It has been very pleasing to see how our students have responded this term to our focus on Equalities. Every week since our return in January the Academy has been discussing a protected characteristic as listed in the 2010 Equality Act. These are: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, and marriage and civil partnership. At the end of March the Governing Body will participate in training on eliminating unconscious bias and also undertake a learning walk to ascertain the progress evident around the Academy. In this way we hope that from the classroom to the Governing Body we will become an institution that embraces differences, with our young people becoming accepting citizens in the future of what will be a complex world.

Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students have their second set of mocks next week. They have revision timetables and we know you will be supporting them at home as we approach this crucial time of year when students will be feeling anxious. I have been working with the RS team of teachers and our Year 11 students who already know one of my favourite verses from the Bible is also highly relevant to the equalities programme we are running:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Let's look forward to the lighter nights and warmer weather; it has felt like an extremely long winter!

> **Liz Furber Executive Principal**

### **Looking Ahead**

10th March **Careers Day** 

13th-24th March Y11/Y12/Y13 Mocks

21st March **Y9 Silverstone Trip** 

28th March Y11/Y12/Y13 Parents' Evening (face to face)

29th March Y11/Y12/Y13 Parents' Evening (virtual)

> 30th March Last Day of Term

> > 31st March **INSET Day**

3rd-14th April Easter Holidays

17th April First Day of Term

18th April Y9/Y11 Vaccinations

#### **Free School Meals**

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call Central Beds Council on 0300 300 8306. You will need to have the following information ready:

National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner; dates of birth for your children; if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number.

> More information can be found at Free school meals | Central Bedfordshire Council.

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### From the Chaplain

Focus verse:

Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life Galatians 6 v.5

I wonder what word stands out for you in this verse; responsibility, creative, best, own, life? There are, of course, no right or wrong answers but the point is that each of us will take something slightly different away from this, along with other Bible verses - indeed any other sources of information. As such it would be a bit crass to insist that there is only one interpretation or meaning. Taken altogether, however, it reminds us of the importance doing



all you possibly can to exceed and be a success in life. Again though, this will look differently for all of us depending on our backgrounds, skills, experiences and expectations. There is no one-size-fits-all approach that will work well for everyone when it comes to the finer details in life.

Therefore, looking at this in general terms, it reminds me of the quote on the wall in orange wing here at All Saints that says that, if we never fail we will never experience anything new, - and how sad that would be.



During Lent, we reflect on times when we get things wrong but again we have to be careful. Failure seems such a negative word and yet failure can be endearing. For example, during the Covid pandemic many of us muddled along using Zoom calls often with people being unable to enter the "room" or being on mute and not knowing how to unmute yourself, or maybe someone interrupting, or the cat walking in front of the camera! Silly examples, maybe, but things that remind us that we are all vulnerable which can be comforting; failure that brings people together. Clearly there are other examples when failure has far more

serious consequences so there is a balance to be made.

Perhaps you feel like you are not very creative? Or maybe not good at taking responsibility? But the idea is that we need to be prepared to try; not to settle for the status quo but explore new possibilities for by doing that we will learn and grow. It is why extra-curricular activities, ongoing education, seeing/experiencing new things and adult learning courses are so important as they enable us to explore different things.

Maybe there is something that you are always wanted to do but have been unable to for fear of failure? Maybe now might be a good time to re-look at it and see if that can be fitted into your schedule, or if your diary can be shifted to make way for something else; or, as in a good Lenten tradition, to give something up to make room for something positive.

### **Prayer**

Dear Creator God,

Thank You for Your creativity in bringing this world and all the intricate ecosystems and cycles together. As we are all made in Your image help us to unlock those creative juices in us; to be willing to explore and try new things. Help us to be sorry for when things do not go according to plan and hurt others, but show us how to laugh at ourselves and see the funny side, along with the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.



Revd. Tim Davis; School Chaplain

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### All Saints Academy Dunstable Exam Invigilator Vacancy (Casual)



We are looking for enthusiastic, hard-working and reliable colleagues to join our existing team of invigilators. As an Exam Invigilator you will supervise students taking examinations according to regulations determined by the Academy and Examination Boards, this will include supervising the arrival and seating of candidates, handing out exam papers with the support of the person in charge and continually monitoring students during examinations, reporting any irregularities, such as communication between students, as necessary.

This is a casual role and previous experience is not essential as training will be given. As well as public exams, invigilators are called upon to support at other times of the year during periods of mock and end of year exams.

#### Salary

£9.50 per hour (plus holiday accrual) paid for hours worked only and these will be at specific times in the academic year, in line with examination timetables.

#### How to apply

Please see our website <u>www.allsaintsacademydunstable.org</u> or visit <u>www.mynewterm.com</u> for additional details on this vacancy and how to apply. CVs will not be accepted.

All Saints Academy is an equal opportunities employer. The Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers, prohibition order check and the Disclosure & Barring Service.





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