

Dear Parents and Carers

What an exciting weekend we have ahead of us as we celebrate King Charles's coronation! It doesn't seem possible that eight months have passed since the Queen died. It is a reminder to us all how quickly time passes and the Year 11 and Year 13 students know this better than most as the GCSE and A Level exams are just one week away.

Sometimes though, time can drag and it is now approaching six months since we had our Ofsted inspection – a dreadful amount of time to keep us all in limbo! You will no doubt have seen lots of stories in the media as schools threaten to take Ofsted to court for judgements that cannot be substantiated. This may well be where All Saints is heading if our complaint to Ofsted is not taken seriously.

I do hope you have a wonderful long weekend with your families. On Friday, students will enjoy a few lessons focused on the coronation and they are asked to dress in red, white and blue. School will finish at 1.10pm to add to the celebrations.

Long live the King!

Liz Furber
Executive Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

This weekend will see King Charles crowned at Westminster Abbey. As things stand in the line of succession, most of us will never see another female monarch, even though the law now allows for a first-born female to accede to the throne. Depending on how you view the roles of Empress Matilda and Lady Jane Grey, King Charles III will be the 42nd monarch since 1066. Of these (excluding Matilda and Lady Jane Grey), just six have been women. However, even though they have accounted for only 14% of all the monarchs, they reigned for 21% of the total time, with three of them (two Elizabeths and Victoria) representing 19%.

Of other significant post holders who will be at the coronation, there has never been a female Archbishop of Canterbury, and there have only ever been three female Prime Ministers, and just one PM from an ethnic background.

When I first started working in the Local Education Authority, there were just two female Headteachers of (what were then all) 18 Upper Schools. Of those same schools, some of which are now secondary schools, eight now have female Heads, so approaching 50%.

Society is slowly changing to reflect the demographic of its population, although there are some groups that still remain highly under-represented. Our young people who are about to sit their external exams have grown up in a society that is very different from the one experienced by people who lived their lives under at least 40 of our monarchs. When they eventually leave the Academy to pursue life in further education or the work place, they will hopefully be able to live in a society that is becoming more tolerant and accepting of people of all backgrounds, which recognises their abilities above anything else.

Education is a key component to how they will succeed in life, and these forthcoming exams play a crucial role in what lies ahead. I know the vast majority of our Year 11 and 13 students have high aspirations for their future and are working hard in preparing for these crucial exams. Can I ask you, as parents and carers, to continue supporting them through these coming weeks so that they are as well-prepared and equipped as possible for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead ... for all of them.

Best wishes

David Fraser
Chair of Governors

Early Finish for Students on Friday 5th May

In recognition of the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort, students will be dismissed at 1.10pm on Friday 5th May.

As students are leaving at 1.10pm, there will be no food available in the canteen at lunchtime but they have been asked to ensure that there is additional food available at break time.

Please be reminded that Monday 8th May is a Bank Holiday and that the Academy will be closed to staff and students.

Updating Your Contact Details

There are several ways to update your contact details. You can:

- Use the update contacts icon in Edulink
- Email the Academy from the email address we hold on our system for you
- Telephone the Academy
- Let us know in person when you are visiting

If you would like to add additional emergency contacts for your children, you can make the request via email, telephone or in person. As part of our safeguarding practices, we are required to hold two emergency contacts for all of our students.

Keeping your information up to date means that we are able to contact you quickly if there is an emergency. It also means that you will not miss out on important information we share through our communications with parents/carers.

Looking Ahead

9th May
SEND Day

17th May
Y10 Parents' Evening

29th May
Half Term

7th June
Y6 into Y7 Welcome Evening

8th June
SEND Coffee Morning

14th June
Y9 Parents' Evening

28th June
Y8 Parents' Evening

5th July
Y7 Parents' Evening

Lost Property

All lost property is kept at Student Reception and anything that is named is returned to students.

If your child has lost any of their uniform or property, please remind them to check with staff at Student Reception to see if their item has been handed in as all unclaimed lost property is disposed of each half term



Teenage Vaccination Clinics for Secondary Aged pupils Year 9 to Year 11 – May Half Term

The vaccines available at the clinics are:

- HPV
- Meningitis ACWY
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Booster

Appointments available as follows:

Tues 30th May 2023: **Sandy**

Thurs 1st June 2023: **Bedford**

Fri 2nd June 2023 : **Milton Keynes**

If you would like to book an appointment or require further information please call us on **0300 790 0594** (Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm)

Appointments are subject to availability.

Walk-in Clinics

Wed 31st May 2023: **Luton Well-Being Hub, 61-63 The Mall, Luton, LU1 1TF 10am to 3pm**

From the Chaplain

“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; never let your righteousness be shaken” – Psalm 55 v22

Although the main celebration of Easter is over for another year, the season of Easter is still very much with us – you may still have a few chocolate eggs to munch through which may help to remind you! And the point of Easter remains with us always, and we should keep it in our thinking constantly, and to apply it to our daily lives. One of those key themes of Easter is that even in our darkest and most troubling times, we have a God who understands and can empathise with our sorrow, grief, and disappointment; that our hopes and expectations may be dashed but that something positive can come through it.

For the last couple of weeks, in my weekly article I write for the staff bulletin, I have written about doubts and uncertainties and how we might ask God to help us through them. As we launch into exam season this can be a



very relevant theme. We have looked at the story of Doubting Thomas (John 20:24-29) who did not believe that Jesus was resurrected and asked what doubts we might have. We have also looked at Proverbs 3:5&6 which states: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding, in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight*, and asked

what things we can do to relieve some of the pressure and stress of some of the difficult decisions we have to make in life. And that whilst we absolutely should pray about things and offer them to God and ask for His wisdom and guidance; that part of His answer comes through our own research and working out what the solution to a particular concern might be. He has given us brains to use! But sometimes things are not as straightforward and we can be unsure of the consequences of some of our actions. It is especially at these times when we need to cast our cares on to the Lord.

Notice too that there is a second part to this verse. It is not just about casting our cares onto the Lord but it is also about our own righteousness and integrity. Many years ago when I was a bus driver I was accused of something that would have been a sackable offence. But the Union Rep told management that I would never have done such a thing as I was known for my integrity at work and the case was dismissed. I was genuinely innocent of the charge but my point in this being that whilst we can and should offer things, we also have to play our part too!



The encouragement in this verse from the Psalms is to continue to do good to others; to show care, concern, and compassion. Everyone's lives are different; no one is going through exactly what you are going through. Similarly, your life is a model for others, you have an influence and you do not always know who is looking up to you as an example. That is why the Psalmist says that we should continue to be righteous, kind and considerate. Maybe that might be something worth reflecting on.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You that You promise never to abandon us but help us through difficult times. Please help me today with... (name your particular issue). As You understand my feelings and emotions please give me the strength and wisdom to work through this time; to lay aside things that I cannot control and place into Your care the things that worry me. Please help me to be the very best version of me.



Amen

Rev. Tim Davis, School Chaplain

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 www.allsaintsacademydunstable.org or visit www.mynewterm.com 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.

All Saints Academy Dunstable Handyman Vacancy



We are looking for an enthusiastic, hard-working and reliable colleague to join our Site Team. As Handyman, you will support the Site Team with the day to day maintenance of the Academy building, including painting and general repairs. Staff at the Academy work hard to keep the building clean and tidy, and you will be integral to this.

This is a late afternoon/evening role, as some of the tasks to be carried out can only be completed once the students have left for the day to ensure the safety of all at the Academy.

Hours

This is an all year round post.

21 hours per week: 3pm to 7.30pm Monday-Thursday, 3pm to 6pm Friday
(during school holidays hours will be worked between 8am and 4pm)

Salary

Point 5 £21,575 pa FTE (£12,245 pa actual) to Point 6 £21,968 pa FTE (£12,468 pa actual)

How to apply

Please contact Dennis Doyle, Facilities Manager, at ddoyle@asadunstable.org for further information and an application form. CVs will not be accepted.

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