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Well Done

Last half term, Year 7 showed big improvements in many areas. They were taking more pride in their work and their role in the school community. They were also showing more maturity in their interactions and taking ownership for their actions in ways I have not seen since becoming their Head of Year in January.

I would like to thank parents/carers for their support as uniform is at a high standard for Year 7 last half term and students are bringing in their iPads charged and ready for lessons. I would like to especially thank you for your support with regard to attendance as, after a challenging couple of months, attendance is now much better across the form groups.

House points have also increased which reflects the students' progress. Below you can see the top students for House points in the year group who deserve a huge congratulations!

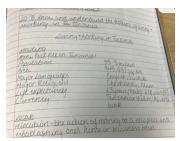
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Samuel McDade 672

John Acquah Head of Year 7

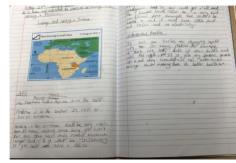
Outstanding Work

Year 7 students have been working hard in class and below are some examples of the excellent work they have produced.









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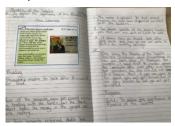


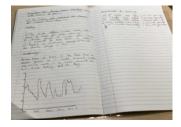
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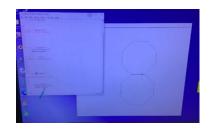
Well Done

Recently, in Year 8, we have had a big push on attainment in lesson and respect for each other. To encourage students to complete their work to the best of their ability, we have created a Showbie group so students can 'show off' their work to the rest of the year group. Students are encouraged to feedback and congratulate others on their work. The feedback from students about their peers' work has been fantastic, including comments like "excellent work everyone, keep it up", "well done", "wow you are fantastic at art". Students are engaging in this and taking pride in the work they post.

Some examples of the work are below:











Year 8's House points across the year group has risen dramatically week on week. Each week in assembly, I congratulate the year group on their hard work and effort. This shows the willingness and enjoyment in their learning and the desire a number of the students have to be successful. Below you can see the top four students for House points in the year group, well done to these students!

Helen Mota Wilk—627 Ciaran O'Donnell—622 Annabelle Salciuc—580 Lily Comb – 564

> **Rob Gould** Head of Year 8

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Well Done

Last half term, Year 9 were working on some key life skills as part of their careers development, which is vitally important at this stage of their academic journey. It is key that the year group start to focus on what they want to achieve at All Saints Academy, particularly as they begin to transition into studying for their GCSE subjects. It is important that students now begin to increase their knowledge in all subjects, to ensure that they can make the best possible start to Year 10 and achieve good outcomes.

I have witnessed around the Academy that the year group are beginning to mature into fine, young adults. The vast majority of the year group are showing that they are keen to work hard and be inquisitive in regards to their studies and I am proud to be overseeing a year group with these traits.

The House points across the year group has risen, with the amount of behaviour points accumulated declining. This shows the willingness to learn and be successful that the year group have. Below you can see the top four students for House points in the year group, so a huge congratulations to these students!

Ebby Collatin—491 Keira Patterson—436 Libby Harrison—402

Torin McSharry—390

Just a reminder regarding the school uniform policy, especially with regards to footwear. Students should not be

wearing trainers, but if there is a need for your child to be wearing something other than their school shoes, please send in a note or email explaining why. Alternatively, you can phone in and speak to myself or Miss Waters. Blazers should also be worn around the Academy at all times, with skirts sitting at the knee and not

above.

Furthermore, there should not be any nose piercings in school and students will be asked to remove these as they enter the Academy site. This will allow students to make a strong start to the day and be ready to learn. It will also minimise the number of behaviour points that the year group are accumulating.

Tom Smith Head of Year 9

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Year 10

Mrs Manning and Mr Oyemade have been pleased to see recent reductions in the overall accumulated behaviour points across the year group. They are working with small groups of students to praise improvements in behaviour and to look at incentives for further improvement as students prepare to transition into Year 11. They will be looking at punctuality in the final weeks of term, particularly important as Year 10 prepare to undertake work experience at the start of July.

Solomon Theartre

On 3rd May, Year 10 watched a performance by the Solomon Theatre Group called 'Skin Deep'. Audiences witness as Denny begins carrying a knife for protection, leading to a life changing event for Denny and those close to her. Based on true events, this hard-hitting show immediately connects with students through compelling dialogue and rap music. It was a privilege to welcome Solomon Theatre to All Saints Academy, who have continued to bring to life serious issues to young people through the use of great drama since 2003.

Danielle Manning Assistant Principal

Employability Workshop

On Friday 19th May, Year 10 took part in an Employability Workshop led by IGD. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to speak with industry professionals, including some from Waitrose who were scheduled to join the session.

We look forward to Year 10 taking part and hope it will give them some valuable insights ahead of their work experience week commencing 3rd July, with chances to ask questions and reflect on their own upcoming experience. IGD are a trusted partner with unrivalled insight and foresight across the food and consumer goods industry.

Danielle Manning Assistant Principal

Uniform

Students are expected to wear correct uniform every day, but if there is a valid reason that your child cannot wear an item of uniform, such as an injury, then please email a member of the Year Team to arrange a uniform pass.

Justine Warren

Head of Year (Non Teaching)

Work Experience

Year 10 will be starting their week of Work Experience on 3rd July.

We hope that the students are looking forward to experiencing the world of work at their chosen placement and are sure that they will enjoy learning new skills.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

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Intervention

In the lead up to the Year 11 exams, a great deal of intervention programmes were put in place to support them in the final push to achieve success. It is encouraging to see so many engaged and focussed on preparing themselves for what will be a challenging time ahead. The huge amount of students receiving their 'Gain a Grade' rewards suggests that this intervention has made the required impact.

We wish the Year 11s luck as they continue with their exams! A gentle reminder that students need to be punctual to all exams and ensure they are checking their timetable carefully for the start time of each exam. An excellent standard of behaviour during the exams is expected and students must be dressed in full school uniform.

Prom

The Year 11 Prom arrangements are taking place and a focus on behaviour and the acceptable standards required to attend, what will hopefully be a wonderful evening are in place. The Prom will be a memorable occasion for all and I encourage students to focus on getting through this stressful time with that goal in mind.

Leavers' Assembly (revised date)

Wednesday 21st June

Exams

We are now two weeks into the exam season and are very proud of the attitude and behaviour in the exam hall, with all students working to the best of their abilities.

As we approach half term, it is time to think of ways to relax whilst continuing revision and completing any outstanding coursework.

Some things you could try are: -

- Find a comfortable space without distractions such as televisions and phones
- Revise for an hour then go for a walk. (Even a short burst of 10 minutes of brisk walking increases our mental alertness, energy and positive mood.)
- If struggling to revise on your own, ask a friend or family member to test you with cue cards
- Keep to a routine, set a revision timetable. Go to bed at a reasonable time and get up and stick to your timetable.
- Spend time outside, the weather is due to be good and natural daylight is good for your mood and wellbeing.

Holli Isherwood-Crook

Head of Year 11 (Non Teaching)

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Exams

As Year 13 begin their final A Level exams, I would like to wish them luck. They have been studying hard and I am very proud of their dedication and commitment to their studies. Having picked their next destination, whether that be University, work or an apprenticeship, I am sure they will be a success.

Study Leave

Year 13 students will be given study leave from Monday 5th June, please remember on the days of exams that punctuality is vital.

A Level Psychology

A level psychology students learnt the role of the nervous system in a creative way by making cakes and brain jelly, bringing psychology to life in the classroom!





Sixth Form Leadership

The handover of leadership from Year 13 to Year 12 for House Leaders has taken place, and Year 12 have taken this in their stride, proving that they will be excellent additions of leadership to The Academy.

Fundraising

Congratulations to our heads of Inspiration who organised events such as a movie night to secure £343.00 for OLLIE charity. Inspiration is working closely with OLLIE (One Life Lost Is Enough) and looking to train Year 12 students to be Mental Health Ambassadors. Well done Inspiration! Another fantastic charity day was held on 26th May 2023 by Courage. Courage House will be supporting the fantastic charity; Mind.



Work Experience

A reminder that Year 12 will be undertaking work experience from 3rd to 7th July. Forms have been supplied to all Year 12 students and it is vital that they secure their own placement for this time. The forms are due to be returned, completed, on 5th June.

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