

# P&P Update

Winter Edition 2022

A CHRISTMAS  
MESSAGE FROM  
*the Principal*

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WHAT'S ON IN  
**2023**

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# A Christmas MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**As we near the end of another incredibly busy term, I want to thank each and every member of our team, for their continued hard work in school, and our parents, for your ongoing support from home.**

Throughout Advent, excitement has been building in school as we look forward to Christmas, but we have also had opportunity to pause and reflect on the beginnings of this school year.

We were delighted to retain our 'Good' Ofsted status following an inspection in July, which praised how we 'value what pupils tell them' and our ability to 'put in place a broad and ambitious curriculum offer, that matches the needs and interests of all pupils, including those with SEND'. Thank you so much to our wonderful team who continue to work tirelessly, surpassing the high standards we set for ourselves time and time again and ensuring this is recognised by our inspectors.

In September, we welcomed our brand-new Year 7 students, and what a fantastic start they've had. We are delighted with how you have settled in, well and truly becoming part of the P&P family. Well done to all of you for your exemplary behaviour and attendance.

We were so pleased to see so many of our year 11 students and their families in joining our teaching staff in October for an information evening, outlining what to expect over the coming months as they start their GCSE journey in earnest. We will be with you every step of the way!

November saw student leaders from all year groups represent our school at the war memorial in Victoria Park, as we paid our respects on Remembrance Sunday. And later in the month, we said our final goodbyes and presented our Class of 2022 students with their end of year awards, wishing them all the very best of luck as they pursue the brightest of bright futures ahead of them.

We enter December with our year 9 and 10 students working and revising hard as they take part in Aspire fortnight, and Advent celebrations taking place throughout the school and our local community for the rest of the month.

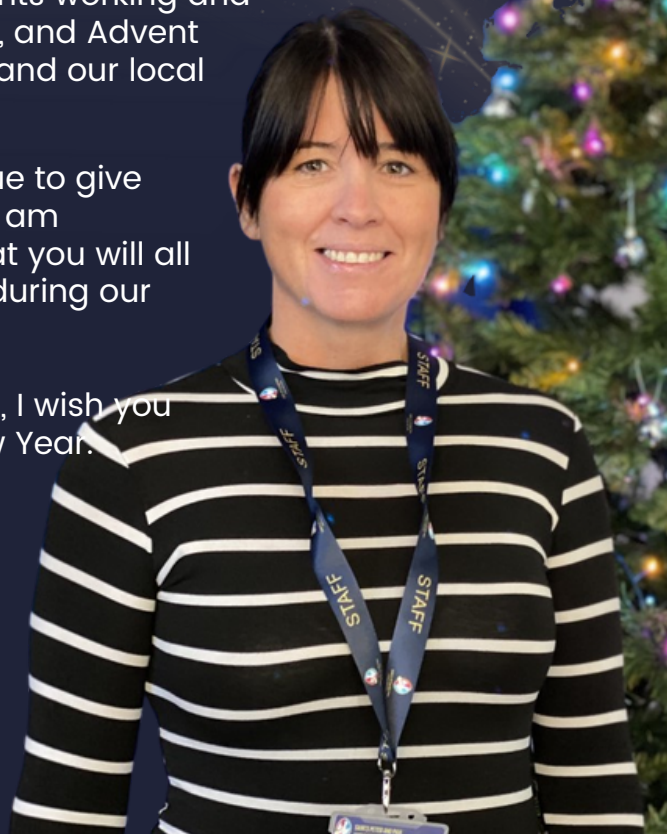
When we return in January, I know we will continue to give our all, pull together and look after one another. I am extremely proud of our P&P family, and I hope that you will all be able to take some time to rest and recharge during our Christmas break.

On behalf of the school and the Governing Board, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.



**Mrs Danielle Scott**

Principal, Sts Peter & Paul Catholic High School



# CELEBRATING OUR STAFF

**At Saints Peter and Paul, we know we have exceptional members of staff throughout our school.**

From supporting our students to go further than they imagined to finding new and better ways of working, we're celebrating those extraordinary members of staff who truly make a difference to the lives of our students, their families, their colleagues and the wider community.

Our Half Term Hero award recognises those members of the P and P team who continuously raise standards and go that extra mile to help us achieve excellence in all we do.

## How does it work?

Any member of Team P&P can be nominated for an award, as each and every member of our staff plays an important role in the delivery of quality teaching and support, whether or not their role involves direct contact with students or parents.

Parents, colleagues, leaders or other professionals who have received exceptional support, care, or service from a staff member can nominate their Half Term Hero to receive an award at the end of each half term.



**NOMINATE YOUR  
HALF TERM HERO  
VIA THE SCHOOL  
WEBSITE OR  
EDULINK**



## OUR FIRST EVER HALF TERM HERO

**Thank you for the amazing response to our request for nominations. We received so many wonderful suggestions, which made it all the more difficult in selecting our hero for this half-term.**

We are delighted to announce that Angela Downey, Year 10 Mentor, was presented with the Half Term Hero award for December 2022.

Angela received multiple nominations from colleagues, who wrote, 'Angela's compassion and empathy towards our students is seemingly endless. More recently, she has taken on extra responsibilities within school, doing so with pride and a quiet determination to find the best possible resolution to situations despite any barriers she may face. Her commitment to her role is admirable'.

On receiving her award, Angela said, 'I am very honoured to receive this award and I am grateful to everyone who nominated me. I am very proud to work with such dedicated and hardworking people, and I can't thank them all enough.'

# IT'S CHRRRISTMAAAS AT P&P

## Advent 2. CHALLENGE



### 1. Make a donation of food/household items

During Advent, each form group is decorating a hamper to be filled with non-perishable food items and household goods donated by our students, their families and our staff.

The Advent Challenge hampers will be distributed amongst the families most in need in our community in time for Christmas from the 19th December 2022.



### Donate £1

You can also make a £1 donation via Parent Pay to help us raise money to buy a selection of Cafod World Gifts to help people in need across the globe.



### or try the Advent Action Challenge instead



If you're unable to make a gift or ParentPay donation during Advent, you can still make a difference to others at no extra cost to yourself.

Use positive actions to spread hope, peace, joy and love this Christmas. You could....

- Try not to argue with family or friends
- Help around the house
- Help a friend with homework
- Make a gift or treat to surprise a family member or friend
- Make someone smile
- Pay someone a compliment

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### Advent Challenge

Monday 28th November – Friday 16th December

### Staff Advent Service

Wednesday 14th December

### Christmas service & celebration assembly (P3,4&5)

Tuesday 20th December

### Christmas service & celebration assembly (P1&2)

Wednesday 21st December



# DECEMBER 2022



## *Dashing through Liverpool*

A huge congratulations to Louie in Year 10 and Ruby in Year 8 who ran Liverpool's 5k Santa Dash and smashed their £150 fundraising target, raising over £200 for the NSPCC (so far!) Great work!



## *Christmas stars*

Staff from departments and teams all around school have been busy preparing a festive surprise over the past couple of weeks.

Stay tuned to our socials this December for the big reveal!



## *Spreading cheer for all to hear!*

Members of the music department orchestra and choir returned to Widnes Fellowship Centre for their annual Christmas concert.



With lots of Christmas hits and carol singing, a fun evening was had by all! Thank you to all year groups for taking part, and for being the true school ambassadors you always are! It's Christmaaaaaaas!!!

## *Christmas Jumper Day 2022*



# INSPIRED TO ASPIRE



During years 7, 8 & 9, your child will take part in ASPIRE fortnight twice a year.

This is a checkpoint in their education, helping to ensure they stay on track to meet their learning targets for each subject all they way up to GCSE level.

The outcomes of each ASPIRE fortnight enable us to put the right support in place at the right time to help your child fulfil their academic potential.

To help our younger students prepare for Aspire fortnight, some of our our recent Year 11 leavers came back to school to share their positive experiences of the Aspire programme.

Electrical engineering apprentice, Sam Daintith said 'Aspire gave me something to focus on when I was studying, and in the end I actually did better than I thought I would. I knew my teachers only wanted the best for me, and with support in lessons and from my mum, I'm now doing a course and job I love.'

## *Class of 2022 Presentation Evening*

**After receiving a record breaking set of exam results in August, our Class of 2022 celebrated in style at their presentation evening this November.**

Attended by over 150 students and their guests, Principal Danielle Scott opened the evening's proceedings with a speech thanking our former year 11s for their exemplary conduct and contribution to our school during their time with us.

Year 11 Progress Leader Miss Reynolds then took to the stage to express her admiration and appreciation for her former year group, before introducing the first student awards of the night.

The evening was filled with surprises and celebration, and for the first time ever, the highly coveted Student of the Year award was presented to two students, Charlotte and Bethany Glover, for their outstanding achievement in all areas.



# What we've been up to....

Our students never fail to amaze us with the excellent work they do in school, their sporting achievements, and the help they provide around the community. Here are just a few highlights of what they've been up to since September....

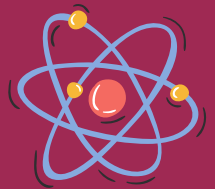


## SCIENTISTS IN THE MAKING

Inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers, five of our Year 9 students recently attended a Research and Development Showcase hosted by All About STEM and Unilever.

They had fun making formulations and designing packaging for an environmentally friendly product they created all by themselves.

Our top team now have to pitch their project to a panel of scientists in March 2023 - Good luck!



## KICKING OFF THE SEASON IN STYLE

Our newly formed Year 7 football team won their first match in the Halton League. The P&P team stayed strong, defeating opponents Helsby High School 2-1.

Congratulations to such a hard working group of students, and what a great start to the league season!



## PHENOMENAL FREYA

A huge congratulations to Year 11 student Freya Ofoame, who was recognised for her hard work, compassion, and selflessness at Sam's Diamonds Cancer Support Hero Awards.

Freya was the proud recipient of the Young Person of the Year award!

Well done Freya - you are amazing!

# GET CONNECTED WITH

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Hundreds of our parents are already signed up with EduLink, our fantastic new online platform that makes keeping up to date with student progress and what's going on at school easier than ever before.

Once you're logged in you can stay on top of things like home study and revision, your child's achievements and their behaviour, year group calendars, our virtual school noticeboard, and so much more. All in just a few clicks!

## Don't miss out! Start using EduLink today

If you're not already using EduLink to stay in touch with school, there's still time to register. Here's how you can get started...

### Step 1.

You can access EduLink on your computer or via the smartphone app. Visit [www.edulinkone.com](http://www.edulinkone.com) or download the EduLink One app from your preferred app store.

### Step 2.

Open the website or app and enter the school's postcode 'WA87DW' and your log in details when prompted.

### Step 1.

You're in and ready to get clicking or tapping.  
Go on, take a look around!

At the start of the school year, we emailed your log-in details to you. If you can't find them please email [admin@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk](mailto:admin@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk)



# INVESTING. INNOVATING.

Walking around our school at the moment, you may have noticed a few changes and some building work taking place.

From a brand-new boiler and new seating in the hall to state-of-the-art science labs and a refurbished staff room, our £1,000,000 investment into improving our school facilities is off to a fantastic start.

Take a look at the progress so far...





# Winter wellbeing

## SUPPORT & ADVICE THIS CHRISTMAS

We know that a lot of families are finding things hard at the moment, and that Christmas can be a time of additional stress and expense.

From financial advice to mental wellbeing services, if you, or someone you know, is struggling, the wellbeing page on our school website has lots of information to help you find support



## FREE activities & food over the Christmas break

Halton Borough Council are funding FREE activities & food during the Christmas holiday period to school aged children from Reception to Year 11, who receive benefits-related to free school meals.

From dance and drama to football and sports clubs, the Halton Borough Council website has a full list of activities on offer, and details on how to register.

Visit [www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/hit/start/haf.aspx](http://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/hit/start/haf.aspx) to find out more

## Does your child need care this winter?

Urgent Treatment Centre	GP Surgery	Pharmacy
Choose the right service	111.nhs.uk	Call NHS 111

If your child is ill it can be a worrying time, but lots of childhood illnesses can be treated quickly and effectively at home or by accessing the right healthcare service. Here is our handy guide to services available in your area. By choosing the right service you can help your little one feel better, quicker.

### Online symptom checker

Our friends at Alder Hey have created an online symptom checker with lots of useful advice on common symptoms in children. Visit the website: [www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker](http://www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker) You can then decide where best to get the right care for your child.



### When to go to a pharmacy

Your local pharmacy can offer advice and has a wide range of over-the-counter medicines that can help treat common illnesses. Make the pharmacy your first stop to help with;

- Coughs and colds
- Upset tummy
- Minor cuts, bumps and bruises
- Minor stings and bites

### When to go to a doctor

If you are worried about your child's health, then you should speak to your GP first.

Out of hours, you can call 111 who will help to decide whether your child needs to be seen right away or if the issue can wait to be treated the next day by your own family doctor.

Common illnesses that can be treated by your GP are;

- Persistent coughs
- Skin infections
- Eye infections
- Ear pain



### When to go to urgent treatment / walk-in centres

If your GP surgery is closed, or your child's condition is more urgent, but not life-threatening, then your local Urgent Treatment / Walk-in Centre has specialist nurses and doctors that can help.

Many local centres have x ray equipment too, which means you don't always need to attend A&E.

Common conditions that can be treated here include:

- Cuts and scrapes
- Minor burns
- Minor breathing difficulties (asthma / croup / bronchiolitis)
- Suspected fractures
- Uncontrolled fever



### When to go to A&E

Accident and Emergency is for people with life-threatening illness or injury, so if you think your child needs immediate attention, then you should attend A&E.

Conditions that require immediate attention include;

- Shortness of breath or working hard to breathe resulting in drawing in of the chest when breathing or making a grunting noise
- Seizures
- Severe bleeding or burns
- Head or eye injuries
- Allergic reactions causing swelling of the face, lips, eyes or tongue, fainting or trouble breathing
- Serious animal bites
- Infants under 2 months of age with a fever
- Blue or purple lips, skin or fingernails
- Uncontrolled pain



If your child is struggling to breathe or loses consciousness, you should call 999



### Urgent Treatment & Walk-in Centres

Your local centre is closer than you think. Open 365 days a year, including bank holidays, to treat all sorts of urgent illnesses and injuries.

**St Helens Urgent Treatment Centre**  
Monday to Saturday 7am-10pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 9am-10pm

**Runcorn Urgent Treatment Centre**  
Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm

**Widnes Urgent Treatment Centre**  
Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm

**Kirkby NHS Walk-in Centre**  
Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

**Huyton NHS Walk-in Centre**  
Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

**Halewood NHS Walk-in Centre**  
Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm  
Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



## SAFEGUARDING

Good attendance is so important in helping to keep your child safe and building their resilience, not only in lessons, but for life after school. When they aren't in school, we can't look after them and they can't learn.

As a school we set high expectations for attendance, but since the Covid pandemic, many students have found getting back into the routine of school difficult. Here's what we are doing as a school to help:

- Reinforcing the importance of attendance in daily conversations throughout school
- Celebrating students who attend every lesson all week
- Recognising students who maintain or improve their attendance record
- Strictly monitoring the use of toilets during lesson time

When home and school work together, we can get the best results for all our students, and we'd like to thank all parents who support us in helping your child to meet their attendance targets.

If your child is struggling with attendance at the moment, we'll get in touch with you as soon as possible with advice and support in making positive improvements for the rest of the term.

## HAVE YOU GOT A 'PLAN B'?

Getting to and from school can be one of the biggest challenges for our Year 7 students as they navigate high school.

Coming up with a 'Plan B' with your child is a great way to help them prepare for when their usual method of transport is unavailable.

- If they miss the bus, do they know an alternative bus they can take?
- Their regular lift hasn't turned up! Is getting a taxi an option?
- Running late after school. Which number can they call to arrange for someone to collect them?

Please remind your child that if they have no way of getting home safely, they should always approach reception and we will always help them!



## REACH OUT IN CONFIDENCE

If you or someone you know has been involved in an incident, in or outside of school, report it using our Sharp System.

Free and completely CONFIDENTIAL, report any concerns you have about bullying, harm, or anything else worrying you via EduLink One or our school website



# HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR HOME STUDY

When we show our pupils that we know they can be high achievers, we help them surpass their own expectations of themselves.

Home study plays an extremely important role in your child's learning.

And as a school, we need to set them up for success to help them go further through work they complete at home.

## All About Home Study - FAQs

### Does my child get enough home study?

At P&P, we focus on quality not quantity when it comes to home study. When we build home study, into lesson, students can see the immediate benefit too.

### How do teachers plan home study tasks?

Where possible, we try to work together to ensure your child isn't overwhelmed by their home study workload and that tasks set complement each other.

### Does my child have enough time to do their home study?

We aim to upload home study onto EduLink for a 3pm start on a Monday afternoon and set an 8:00am hand-in deadline later in the week. This should give your child adequate time to complete their homework, but if they're struggling they should speak to their subject teacher.

### What support does my child receive to complete their home study?

In school, we show students how to complete home study and are clear about what our expectations are in terms of deadlines and submission requirements. It's really important that school and home work together to support your child, and we'll keep you up to date with your child's home study progress.

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# COMMENTS & COMPLIMENTS

## OPEN EVENING...

The children were brilliant – an absolute credit to your school. Thank you for making it such a positive first high school experience for my rather nervous year 6! She came away looking forward to starting secondary school.

## FROM OUR VISITORS...

Your students were absolutely fantastic and we cannot wait to come back and continue working with them. Brilliant school, brilliant staff, brilliant students!

## ON OUR SOCIALS...

No better place to settle than P and P. They get you on your feet in no time, always letting you be you, and accepting you for who you are. Working wonders again as always!

## FROM THE PUBLIC...

Your students are a credit to you, a credit to their families and carers, and a credit to the town.

## COMING UP NEXT TERM

### JANUARY

4th | Year 11 GCSE season begins

12th | Year 11 Parents' Evening

25th | Year 9 Options Evening

27th | Year 11 college application deadline

### FEBRUARY

6th | Year 11 mock exams begin

8th | Year 9 Options Interviews

22nd | Ash Wednesday – Good shepherd appeal begins

20th– 24th | Half term break

27th | Inset day

### MARCH

3rd | Year 11 school photographs

30th | Year 8 Parents' Evening

15th | Year 10 Parents' Evening

27th | Year 10 Mock Exams begin

## NEXT EDITION

# Spring 2023

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