



ALL SAINTS
ACADEMY PLYMOUTH

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The end of term is always the perfect opportunity to reflect and celebrate the successes of the previous months. I know many of you will be pausing during the festive season for a few days to focus on family and friends, celebrating not only the season, but each other. At All Saints, we have lots of celebrating to do and so many people to celebrate. Our Year 11s recently completed their first full set of mocks and look destined to become our hardest working year group. Moving to the other end of the school, our initial data around Year 7 reading ages are incredibly pleasing: more pupils have progressed this term than ever before in the history of All Saints. We've also seen the academy ranked internationally for our Sparx Reader & Sparx Maths results.

However, perhaps my proudest achievement is the number of visitors we have had on site. Over 60 professionals from other schools have visited us so far this year to see – and celebrate – our pupils and the legacy they are building. Without exception, our guests note the way students greet them and invite them to be part of our community are the highlight of the visit. It makes me exceptionally proud to be a Headteacher in a school where so many people want to visit.

Finally, it was truly heart-warming to see so many of you at the Christmas Fayre last week. Our choir continues to go from strength to strength and – although I didn't win the Argyle shirt – I look forward to doing it all again next year. Be sure to look out for other events in the Spring Term.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Scott Simpson-Horne, Headteacher



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OPENING TIMES



Plymouth Central Park, PL2 3DG



**MONDAY TO FRIDAY
(DURING TERM TIME)**
3pm – 9.30pm



**SATURDAY &
SUNDAY (&
WEEKDAY SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS)**
12pm – 10pm

**Plymouth's Winter Wonderland runs from
Friday 24th November till Monday 1st January
2024**



Fit & Fed Teen Tasters this Christmas at [Plymouth Karting](#) & Adrenalin for children aged 12-16

Please see our website for more details:
<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/teen-tasters>



Plymouth City Council has received funding from the Department for Education to coordinate a city-wide holiday activity and food programme during the 2023 Easter, summer and Christmas holidays to primarily support families with children who receive benefit related free school meals. Fit and Fed holiday clubs will take place during the Christmas holiday (Thursday 21st December to Friday 22nd December).

Cost of living
**Help IN
Plymouth**

**We're open this
winter as a warm,
welcome space**

Find more information and support at
plymouth.gov.uk/costofliving



Fridays (8th December – 23rd March)
5.30pm – 7.30pm*
@ YMCA Plymouth, Honicknowle Lane

*On 29th Dec the time will be 2pm-4pm
due to Christmas period opening hours

Reporting Absence

Parents/Carers are asked to make contact on each and every day of absence. You can do this by:

Phone: 01752 705131 - press Option 1

Email: absence@asap.org.uk

Where contact is not received from you, you will receive a text message, phone call or home visit, to ensure the safeguarding of all students.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Your child's safety and well-being remain our priority. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing and wish to contact us, please use safeguarding@asap.org.uk.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Quentin Gunderson (Assistant Headteacher). Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Alex Hugh and Karen Maher (Safeguarding Coordinator). Our Year Leads are Sam Smith (Year 7), Billy Hampson (Year 8), Kirsty Liddell (Year 9), Allison Ham (Year 10), and Lindsay Eckersley (Year 11) and they can also be contacted.

Plymouth has an Early Help and SEND Advice Line through which you can book a conversation with a Family Support Worker to talk about any worries or questions you may have.

<https://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/plymouthlocaloffer/earlyhelpsendadvice>
or telephone 01752 668000

Plymouth Children's Social care Out of Hours Service 01752 346984

YEAR UPDATES

YEAR 7

Wow, what a start to the academic year we have had Year 7!

Navigating the change from primary to secondary school is never easy and I am so proud of the achievements you have made since September and the resilience you have shown is phenomenal.

We have so much more to look forward too and I hope you welcome every new opportunity with open arms, I just know that every single one of you is going to have a bright future here at All Saints. I hope you all enjoy your Christmas break and I look forward to you all sharing your stories with me when you get back in January.

YEAR 8

You should all be so proud of yourselves for the start you have made to Year 8. To see how far you have come in 12 months fills us with pride, not to mention the confidence you show as a year group daily, which amazes us. You have started so well and each and every single one of you continue to grow and flourish. Your commitment to being ambassadors to the new Year 7 cohort is inspirational and I know how thankful their year group are as well as staff, so thank you for welcoming them.

Enjoy your few weeks of no school! We cannot wait to welcome you all back in 2024 for an amazing new Spring Term

YEAR 9

Year 9s have had a great start to the school year. The choir group have been challenged with singing at different events including the All Saints Christmas Fayre. They were amazing.

The bravery and dedication of the students who have come into school rain (a lot of it) or shine has shown real resilience.

The love Year 9s have had for each other has been seen every day.

Continue to build your legacy Year 9. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new term , have a restful break.

YEAR 10

Year 10 is all about new experiences; new option subjects, work experience and mock exams and for some, a new school. I am so proud of how you have taken this first term in your stride and how you conducted yourselves in your first exam condition mocks. You are all showing Love, Legacy and Bravery on a regular basis. Keep up the good work.

Have a fantastic Christmas break, and I will see you in the New Year.
Mrs Ham

YEAR 11

I am so proud of what you have all achieved this term, so far.

You have been resilient with showing up each morning for study hall at 8.35am, you've shown how brave you are by conducting yourselves in a mature way during your Mock exams and this will continue to build the legacy of All Saints.

I hope you all look forward to a well deserved break and see you back in January to continue our amazing year.
Mrs Eckersley

Year 7 and 8 Girls Football

On Tuesday we took Year 7 and Year 8 teams to the EFL Cup competition at Marjons, to play in a tournament against a number of other schools in the city.

The girls performed amazingly throughout the day, with some of the highlights being:

- Great goals from Lacey Trim, Macie Ashton, Keisha Bean and Amelia Burton
- Aria Orme, Faye Atkin and Lexi Westacott making fast reaction saves
- Tackling from Chloe Buss, Caitlyn Rigby and Amelia Coppell for the Year 8 team, denying the opposition scoring chances
- Lily Town and Elsie Arscott's positioning in defence to close down space

The Year 7 girls progressed to the semi final stage, which shows great promise with most other teams being filled with Year 8s.

Please congratulate the girls who had a exemplary attitude and team spirit throughout the day.



In Autumn Term 1, All Saints had the opportunity to participate in a range of sporting fixtures.

Our Year 7s had been developing their Rugby through PE and extra-curricular clubs, which has seen the students build in confidence. Friendships have been built and with this we've seen a real cohesive team when up against other schools within Plymouth.

The Year 7s have played a number of games against Devonport High School for Boys, St Boniface's, Eggbuckland, Coombe Dean, Hele's, Tor Bridge, and Stoke Damerel. The Year 7 boys have loved the experience of Rugby and have now discovered a new passion with Physical Education.

The amazing Year 7s!



The Year 7 & 8 Netball teams have played in many Netball tournaments across the term.

Schools they have played against are: Hele's, Notre Dame, Devonport High School for Girls, Plymouth High School for Girls, Stoke Damerel, Plympton Academy, and Egguckland.

Both teams have been committed and engaged well within the matches. The teams have achieved great accomplishments and improved throughout each match. All players should be very proud!



A select group of students have worked alongside Nuffield Health, participating in an initiative that is ran throughout the country. The move together program which has been designed to improve students confidence in physical activity by using different techniques. Over the past few weeks pupils have learnt different yoga techniques and grounding exercises that they can complete at any given time they need it, this initiative has had a positive effect on all pupils who have participated.





STEM

BAE Systems, RAF & the Royal Navy

On November 23rd, BAE Systems, RAF and the Royal Navy educational show came to All Saints for a Science Spectacular event 'from the depths of the oceans to the wonders of space'. The interactive performance showed students how to communicate over long distances, triumph over engineering challenges in extreme environments and how humans will soon navigate space in the future. The Year 7, Year 8 and several Primary Schools were absolutely fantastic. The feedback from the organisers was that 'they have been the most interactive and confident students they have seen this year. Excellent behaviour and a delight to work with.' How proud can we be!

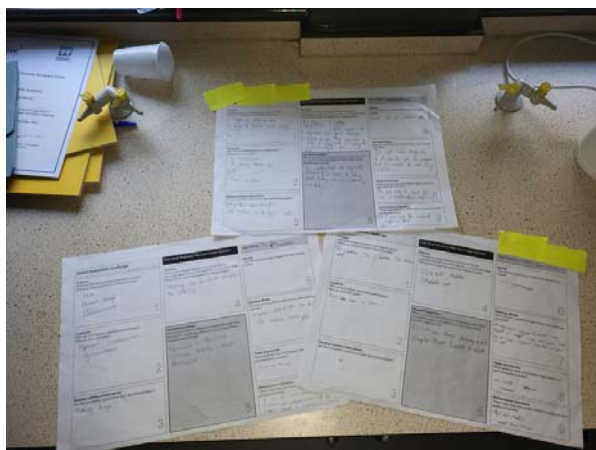
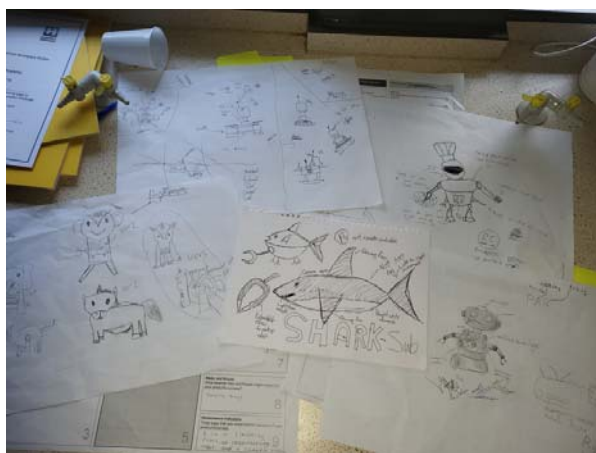


STEM

Howmet Aerospace and Careers Southwest

December 13th

Howmet Aerospace and Careers Southwest came into All Saints for the 'Robot Innovation Project'. They talked about how subjects studied at school can lead them into new and exciting careers. In addition, they talked about the very different routes they had taken from Apprenticeships to Degrees. All of the Year 7s and 8s spent two hours designing and presenting their ideas about how robots of the future could solve various problems. The groups had some fantastic ideas from looking at life in our oceans, helping us to enjoy our camping experiences more, cooking nutritious meals on low budgets or timescales and helping the elderly or disabled with medications and household tasks. There were some truly inspirational ideas from our students. The winners from each year group won a bag of goodies which they shared out between themselves. The organisers said they were really impressed with our students and how they got stuck in to their projects. They said 'the students should be proud of how they jumped into their teamwork roles really easily, meaning they had brilliant and informative presentations at the end'.



Dates to Remember



Thursday 4th January 2024

First Day of Spring Term

Early Closure 2.10pm

Year 11 Parents Evening 3.00pm-6.30pm

Monday 15th January 2024

Careers Fair

Wednesday 31st January 2024

Year 9 DTP & Men ACWY Immunisation

Early Closure 2.10pm

Year 10 Parents Evening 3.00pm-6.30pm

Monday 12th-Friday 16th February 2024

Half Term

