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Interested in writing for next issue
of The Melbourne Mail? Listen out
for details of the next team meetings
in September!

The editors' letter:

Hello and welcome to the first ever
issue of the Melbourne Mail!

All of our talented writers have
worked very hard to bring this
newspaper to you, and we sincerely
hope that you enjoy it.

This summer issue of Melbourne Mail
will be the first of many, and we hope
that feedback from you will help us
improve our future editions.

This jam-packed edition features
revision tips; details of the latest
sports results; reviews; advice for our
new Year Seven pupils; creative
corner, and a summer quiz and
competition.

So sit back, relax and enjoy!



Louie, Katie & Luke

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Are you a budding graphic designer? We are looking
for someone to design us a brand new logo for our
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receive an Amazon gift card and have their art work
featured in every future issue of the Melbourne Mail!

Interested? Read the brief below and then email your
entry to themelbournemail@cardinalallen.co.uk or
hand draw the logo and hand it in to Miss Clarke in
Room 6.

The brief:

- * The logo must feature the name of our newspaper:
The Melbourne Mail
- * All images (pictures) should be your own work-
please don't copy and paste anything from the
internet/books
- * We would like the logo to be in keeping with our
colour scheme- red, black and blue.

Deadline for entries is Friday 7th September!

Good Luck!

Summer Quiz

1. Can you give the first line of Grease's 'Summer Nights' lyrics?
2. 'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day' is the first line of which William Shakespeare sonnet?
3. Who met and fell in love with Marge Bouvier in a 1974 summer camp?
4. What are the three summer Zodiac signs?
5. What was the hottest ever day recorded?
6. Which was the first ice cream flavour ever invented?

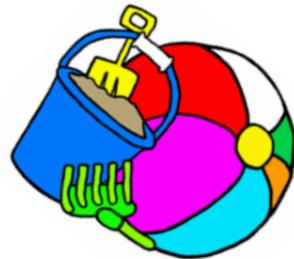
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By Kirby Hoyle



Did you know, the English department at Cardinal Allen has its own Twitter account?

Follow us to keep up to date with all things

English: help with revision, competitions and more!



@CACHSEnglish

The Sports Report



ON THE 24TH MAY 2018, YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 GIRLS COMPETED IN THE FYLDE COAST ATHLETICS COMPETITION. THE YEAR 9 TEAM (PICTURED LEFT) ACHIEVED THIRD PLACE AT THE COMBINED EVENTS COMPETITION, WITH IMOGEN READER WINNING THE 200M FINAL AND MARY-JAYNE BROOMHEAD (PICTURED RIGHT)



WINNING THE 100M FINAL AND RECEIVING THE AWARD FOR OVERALL SPRINT CHAMPION OF THE DAY!

THE YEAR 7 GIRLS, ON THE 4TH JUNE 2018, DEFEATED MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL IN A ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT, WHICH FINISHED 21.5 ROUNDERS TO 12 AFTER TWO INNINGS. THEY ALSO COMPETED AGAINST BAINES HIGH SCHOOL ON THE 11TH JUNE 2018, WHICH RESULTED IN A TIE AT 11 ROUNDERS TO 11. THE GIRLS' ROUNDERS TEAM NEXT PLAY ON THE 11TH JUNE 2018 AGAINST ROSSALL SCHOOL.

ANOTHER VICTORY WAS TAKEN BY THE YEAR 8 BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM WHO BEAT LSA HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CUP FINAL ON 20TH JUNE. THIS FOLLOWS ON FROM THEIR SUCCESS IN NOVEMBER WHEN THEY WON THE FYLDE AND WYRE LEAGUE. WELL DONE LADS!



AND FINALLY, ON THE 15TH JUNE 2018, THE YEAR 7 AND 8 GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY TEAM (PICTURED RIGHT) WON THE BLACKPOOL, WYRE AND FYLDE TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT AND WILL REPRESENT WYRE AND FYLDE AT THE LANCASHIRE YOUTH GAMES ON 3RD JULY. BEST OF LUCK GIRLS!

SPORTS DAY

IN JULY, CARDINAL ALLEN WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SPORTS DAY, WHERE STUDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN DIFFERENT EVENTS AND RACES. THE STUDENTS WILL COMPETE FOR THEIR FORMS EITHER AIDAN, AMBROSE, AUGUSTINE, BEDE, COLUMBA OR GREGORY. IN EACH YEAR THE FORM WITH THE MOST POINTS AT THE END OF ALL THE EVENTS AND RACES WINS. AS WELL AS COMPETING AGAINST THE OTHER FORMS IN THEIR YEAR GROUP, THE STUDENTS ARE ALSO COMPETING IN THEIR SIX DIFFERENT FORMS AS A WHOLE FOR THE OVERALL FORM WINNER. OUR SCHOOL GAMES COORDINATOR, MR CADWALLADER, WILL BE COMPERING THE EVENT IN HIS OWN UNIQUE STYLE.

THE TRACK RACES INCLUDE: 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1500M (WHICH IS WORTH DOUBLE POINTS), HURDLES AND RELAY. OTHER FIELD EVENTS INCLUDE LONG JUMP, HIGH JUMP, SHOT PUT, DISCUS, MEGA HOWLER, SEATED VOLLEYBALL AND ADDITIONAL EVENTS WHICH IS RANGE OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING AN OBSTACLE RELAY, TUG OF WAR AND A TRIATHLON WHICH TAKES PLACE IN THE GYM FACILITIES. AFTER EVERY RACE, DEPENDING ON WHERE THE PUPILS PLACE, THEY WILL BE AWARDED A DIFFERENT AMOUNT OF POINTS FOR THEIR FORM.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL INVOLVED AND MAY THE BEST HOUSE WIN!

By Sophie Atkinson & Hannah Gotto

Revision Tips

Students at Cardinal Allen (in years 10 and 11) have finished their GCSE exams (along with the year 9 pupils who have also finished their end-of-year exams) but with the new school year just round the corner, here are some tips that will hopefully help you revise efficiently for upcoming exams/ assessments, to possibly gain you extra marks; hard work is the only way to achieve!

Tip #1

Remove distractions from your workspace: this will prevent you from retreating to your phone/ device/ other distractions, therefore helping you focus on the work that you need to complete (which is significantly more important than watching the latest episode of a series or checking your likes or comments on social media).

Tip #2

Plan your time: if you plan your time, you can make sure that you spend enough time on your work and also have some space in your timetable to rest (only for a short period of time) so that you can continue with the task with fresh eyes, better focus and a better mind-set. This will also help you spot mistakes that you may have made previously.

Tip #3

Practise the test or a section of it: if you already know what you need to do for the essay, you could practise it or just some of it with a similar time limit- this will help you get used to the test conditions- and when you finish the practise essay, you or someone else can read through it and spot any mistakes to help you improve your work. It will even give you an idea to how you could set it out, therefore when you are completing the actual exam, you have an idea to how you might present your work and not spend precious time on thinking about what point you should write about first and last etc.

Tip #4

Don't leave tasks until the last minute: this links with managing your time. Pupils sometimes have the tendency to revise or start their homework the night before its due date; however if you don't have enough time to complete the task, you won't do it to your best ability.

Tip #5

Use the resources that are available: if you are allowed to take your book home, use it to revise! Other ways of revising include: looking at online resources, using related non-fiction books, downloading mobile applications that you may find helpful, watching YouTube videos related to the subject that you need to revise and/ or complete the stretch and challenge along with your homework (therefore gaining you extra knowledge and possible achievement points like merits).

By Ellena Dallas



HI, MY NAME IS MATTHEW. I WENT TO FLAKEFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL. THERE ARE 6 FORMS HERE AND I AM IN 7 ALLEN. MY FORM TUTOR IS MR WALKER.

IN THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF BEING HERE, IF I WAS LOST I JUST ASKED THE OFFICE LADIES. IT TOOK ME ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO GET USED TO FINDING MY WAY AROUND THE SCHOOL. DON'T BE INTIMIDATED BY THE YEAR 11S. YES, THEY ARE TALL BUT THEY WON'T BOTHER YOU.

YOU MIGHT BE WORRIED ABOUT SOME SUBJECTS YOU HAVEN'T DONE BEFORE. I FOUND SOME OF THESE NEW ONES HARD AT FIRST SUCH AS CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY AND IT. HOWEVER, I HAVE NOW GOT USED TO THEM AND ENJOY THEM. I ALSO ENJOY PE AND SCIENCE BECAUSE I LIKE PRACTICAL SUBJECTS. I LOVE DOING EXPERIMENTS!

OTHER THINGS I LIKE ABOUT CARDINAL ALLEN ARE THE FACT THAT YEAR SEVENS HAVE THEIR OWN COURT YARD TO USE AT BREAK TIME. ALSO, I THINK THERE ARE LOTS OF INTERESTING CHOICES ON OUR MENU IN THE DINNER HALL.

MY ADVICE TO YOU IS NOT TO WORRY! YOU WILL SOON FIND YOUR WAY AROUND. IF YOU DO GET A BIT LOST, JUST ASK SOMEONE AND THEY WILL HELP YOU.



Hi, my name is James. Before I came to Cardinal Allen I went to St. Bernadette's.

I am in 7 Aidan and my form tutor is Miss Clarke

This time last year I was feeling like all of you coming here. It doesn't feel like a year ago when I was in your position. I was worried about getting lost and the amount of homework I would get. Looking back it wasn't that bad. You don't get too much homework, you only get around 5 pieces a week. At the beginning the school will probably feel like a maze but you will get used to it. Don't worry about getting lost because there are lots of people to help you find your way around.

The first few weeks of high school were a challenge to get settled in, but after that I was fine. You can make lots of friends here and you get your own little court yard to go in at break. Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 have their own areas. There are also lots of clubs to join. I'm part of animal care and chess club. It's a really good idea to get involved in some activities outside of lessons.

My advice to you is don't be worried or nervous. If you need anything, come and find me. Never be afraid asking a teacher or someone else.

Our school is awesome, super and wonderful.

Hi, I'm Kieran Clarke. Before starting at Cardinal Allen, I went to Shakespeare primary school. There are six form groups in Cardinal Allen. I am in 7 Allen and my form tutor is Mr Walker. My favourite subject is RE.

This time last year, I was in the same position as you, so I know how you might be feeling. It doesn't feel like it was a year ago when I was leaving year 6. Looking back, I remember worrying about organising all of my homework. I was also worried about getting detentions.

The first few weeks of year 7 were fantastic. I loved every minute of each day. However, I would say it took me around six months for me to fully settle in to school and feel comfortable.

If I had to describe my school in three words I would say it is fantastic, enjoyable and caring.

My advice to you is to feel safe and comfortable both in lessons and outside of lessons because you are being well looked after by the kind and caring teachers. If you're still feeling nervous, my advice to you is to go and speak to your head of year or the pastoral team. You can always come and talk to me too!





Hi, my name is Danni. I went to St. Mary's primary school in Fleetwood. I'm in form 7 Aidan and my form tutor is called Miss Clarke.

Before I came to Cardinal Allen there were many things I was scared of but the main fears were: what to do if I got hungry in lessons? What would happen if I forgot my equipment? Should I be worried about being sent to BSR? BSR stands for behaviour support room and it's for pupils who have seriously misbehaved. You won't have anything to worry about if you behave in the way that they expect you to and follow the rules. Luckily I've never been in BSR and I'm sure you won't either.

The first few weeks in high school were like hundreds of feelings in one! The feelings I think most of us had were: nervous, excited, confused.

Settling in for me was pretty simple and making new friends was just as easy. Although I grew apart from some of my old friends, like most friends do, I met lots of new people and gained more friends.

The teachers were quite helpful at Cardi. For example, they told me about the one-way system, taught me how to use my homework diary, taught me about making right and wrong decisions, and advised me what to do if I couldn't find my way round after they had shown me around the school.

A few things were hard at first and I found some of the lessons complicated. However I got over it by putting 100% effort into my work. After we got put into sets, the work got easier for me to do.

It took me about a week to settle into Cardinal Allen. If you think it's going to be really hard, it's not as tough as you might think it is, so there's nothing to worry about.

I like many things about Cardinal Allen such as Design Technology. The products you make are amazing and you always meet new people if you get to do group work. I also like the fact that in year 7, they go easy on you because its all new.

Here's a bit of advice for you when you're new in year 7:

- Try and learn the one way system
- Complete your homework in the time you've been given
- Be respectful to teachers – don't 'backchat'
- If you don't understand something, ask a teacher
- If you receive a detention, make sure you turn up
- Try and remember all of your equipment

My main advice for you if you're still apprehensive is: don't worry !

Hi, my name is Glen. Some of you might recognise me from football, cubs and my primary school, Moor Park Academy in Bispham. But now I am in high school you might see me somewhere working hard, so look out!

There are six forms groups at Cardinal Allen Catholic High School. My form is 7 Aidan and my form teacher is called Miss Clarke. I hope you are in 7 Aidan because it is a great form. I will be in 8 Aidan next year.



Before I came to Cardinal Allen, I thought people would laugh at me and I was worried that some people would bully me. However, thankfully I have been fine. I'm lucky to have my sister here in the year above me so sometimes we meet up and get to spend time together.

If I had to describe the school in three words I would say it is a kind, respectful and calm place.

My tips for you are stay together and if you are worried or upset make sure you talk to someone like Miss Mercer or your form tutor. You can even talk to me!

Advice and Support– Anxiety and Stress

Feeling paranoid and anxious or having intrusive, negative, hopeless, illogical thoughts could mean you may be suffering from stress or have anxiety.

Anxiety is a feeling of unease, such as worry or fear, that can be mild or severe. Everyone has these feelings some point in their life, but it can be more than just a one-time thing. Anxiety could interfere with your behaviour, thoughts, school, home, and social life. (This can also be the case with stress) The difference between stress and anxiety is that stress is a response to a threat in a situation, whereas anxiety is a reaction to the stress. You can learn how to reduce the impact of stress and anxiety.

Symptoms of anxiety/stress:

- . finding it hard to concentrate
- . not sleeping or waking in the night
- . not eating properly, quickly getting angry or irritable and being out of control during outbursts
- . constantly worrying or having negative thoughts
- . feeling tense and fidgety
- . feeling weepy
- . being clingy
- . pains over your body (tummy aches or feeling unwell)
- . feeling isolated or deliberately isolating yourself
- . out of breath/shortness of breath

1 in 4 teens will suffer with anxiety or depression at some point in their lives

Source: National Statistics System (2015)

Where should you go for help?

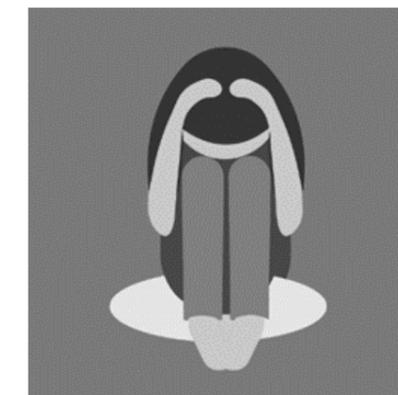
In school – You can go to a trusted adult example: head of year, pastoral staff, learning support, schools nurse, teachers or talk to your friends.

Out of school – A trusted adult example: your parent(s) or guardian, your GP/doctor, therapist, or your friends .

Online – You can trust these online websites:

www.childline.org.uk/about-childline/get-support

<https://youngminds.org.uk>



By Amber Lomax and Anna Gilligan



If I...

If I lived in the sea,
I wonder what I'd be,
Maybe a dolphin or a whale,
A fish or a sea snail.

If I lived in the sea,
I would be free,
Jumping in and out of the ocean,
The waves are always in motion.

If I lived in the sea,
I would squeak and whistle in glee,
There's food wherever we go,
Even over the rainbow!

If I lived in the sea,
I would swim around the coral tree,
Moving with the fish,
Oh, there's something that I wish!

I wish that it would stop,
Can you not sell plastic bags in the shop?
They hurt me and my friends,
Now can you see it through another lens?

It's not just plastic, it's fishing line and string,
Do you think it's nice, having it wrapped round our tail or wing?
Now you've seen it through our eyes, I've made it very clear,
Will you stop? Because if you don't you'll cause another tear.

By Tia Millard

My first Year at Cardinal Allen



Hi I'm Callum. Before joining Cardinal Allen I went to St. Wulstan's. I am in 7 Bede and my form tutor is Mr Bradley.

This time last year, I was in the same position as you, so I know how you might be feeling but you will soon get used to it. It doesn't feel like it was a year ago when I was leaving year 6. I remember feeling worried about getting bullied but I soon got used to my new school and it was fine, so don't worry.

Looking back, I also remember worrying about not making any friends. However, I met lots of new people who I soon got to know. I found people who are interested in the same things as I am. My best friend is CJ.

My advice to you if you get lost is to ask a teacher or maybe ask a year 8 pupil like me because we will help you out. Don't be shy - if you need any help with your work just ask a teacher or another pupil who is in your class. We also have pupil reps that will help you too, so if you see them they are there to help.

Hi, my name is Corey. I went to St Mary's primary school in Fleetwood. There are six forms in our school. I am in Bede and my form tutors are Mr Bradley and Miss Olver-Duffy.

This time last year, I was in the same position as you, so I know how you might be feeling right now. It doesn't feel like it was a year ago when I was leaving year six! Looking back, I remember being worried about bullies but thankfully I feel very safe here and have had no problems. I was also worried about getting lost but now I know the school by the back of my hand.

The first few weeks of year seven was difficult. I remember getting lost and I went to the office to ask where my classroom was. They were very helpful and advised me that I would get used to the one-way system. In lessons, the teachers helped me through my first couple of weeks by helping me with work when I was unsure.

If I had to describe the school in three words, it would be fun amazing and friendly.

My advice to you is to do your homework at all times and don't be a bully be a buddy. If you have any problems don't keep them to yourself. Go to someone like your form tutor or Miss Mercer and speak to them about your worries.



Hi, my name is Cory. Before joining Cardinal Allen I went to Charles Saer Primary school. I am in 7 Augustine and my form teacher is Mr Owens.

Before coming here, I remember being worried about how many stairs they were going to be because the school seemed huge! But now I have got used to it and it is fine.

The teachers are very kind here. For example, Mrs Snelling gives us biscuits before starting class when we have our period four lesson!



I have really enjoyed year seven. I have made new friends and I found my lost 'twin' Corey Dell (only joking!) and my best friends are Ethan and Callum. My favourite subject is PE because I like the sports activities like Hercules.

Looking back, at the beginning of year seven I was very naughty as I did not do my homework. My advice to you is don't make the same mistakes as me! Seriously, just do your homework so you won't get in any trouble!

Welcome New Year Sevens!

As a Year 6 going into Year 7, it can feel quite daunting, but you don't need to worry! Hundreds of children your age have done this before and this article has been written to make you feel more confident when coming up to High School.

Cardinal Allen is a small high school but when you first arrive, you may feel lost. Teachers and pupils will be more than happy to send you in the right direction to a classroom.

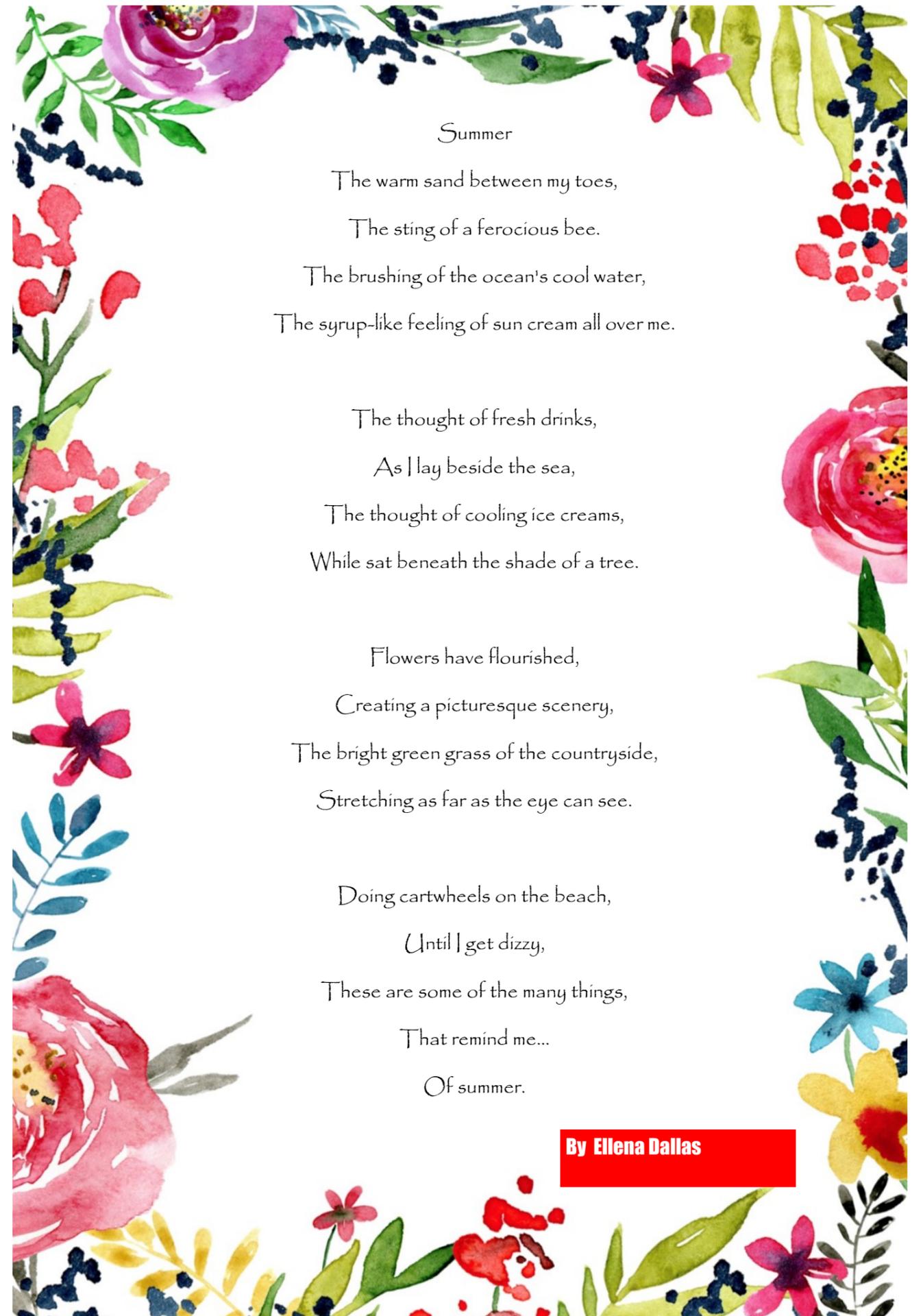
The main tip we can give is just to be yourself and know that hundreds of children around the country are going through the same transition from primary to secondary school as you. Before you know it, you will be settled in and enjoying High School life!

So to prepare all you students joining us at Cardinal Allen in September, here are a few tips and tricks to help you get settled in and ready for the new school year.

- ✓ **Be prepared-** Make sure you have all your equipment and uniform ready the night before so you are not rushing around in the morning. Also do your homework as soon as you get it so you're not leaving it for the night before (or worse, the morning before!).
- ✓ **Ties** - practise tying your tie before the first day of school otherwise you'll be all flustered. Try it in different ways and find one that's easiest for you so you can do it quickly in a morning and after P.E when you need to get dressed quickly.
- ✓ **Blazer-** when getting yourself a blazer, try to persuade your mum not to buy you a really big one that will 'last you until year 11' because from our experience, you do want to be able to use your arms at school!
- ✓ **Going around school-** there is no need to run to your lessons because you will all get there the same time as everyone else, just don't be too late on purpose. If you're 5 minutes late every lesson, that's 25 minutes of learning a day and 125 minutes a week and you should expect to be sanctioned by your teachers. Don't worry about getting lost in your first few weeks though- your teachers will understand and you'll soon find your way around.
- ✓ **Making friends-** It's normal to want to stay close to your friends from primary at the start because you don't want to be by yourself. However, do try and make some new friends in your forms and classes in case none of your old friends are in them. Be friendly and confident when making new friends because you only make first impressions once.
- ✓ **Chewing gum-** is not allowed at our school so don't be caught with it otherwise you will find yourself in a Head teacher's detention.
- ✓ **P.E.-** Make sure you bring your P.E. kit on the correct days and check your timetable carefully. Be prepared to do outdoor P.E. in all weathers. Also when you hear the words 'Cooper Test' or 'Cross Country' be prepared to be tired!
- ✓ **Clubs-** join some clubs to make new friends or to get into the school spirits. There are a variety of clubs ranging from sports to drama, art, computing and of course our newspaper club.
- ✓ **Read** what some of our current Year 7 (soon to be Year 8) pupils have said about their first year at Cardinal Allen on the next 3 pages.

Good luck and we are looking forward to meeting you in September!

By Kirby Hoyle & Martina Diolett Brett



Summer

The warm sand between my toes,
The sting of a ferocious bee.
The brushing of the ocean's cool water,
The syrup-like feeling of sun cream all over me.

The thought of fresh drinks,
As I lay beside the sea,
The thought of cooling ice creams,
While sat beneath the shade of a tree.

Flowers have flourished,
Creating a picturesque scenery,
The bright green grass of the countryside,
Stretching as far as the eye can see.

Doing cartwheels on the beach,
Until I get dizzy,
These are some of the many things,
That remind me...
Of summer.

By Ellena Dallas

Reviews

BOOK—The Maze Runner by James Dashner

The Maze Runner (written by James Dashner) is about a group of teenage boys trapped in the centre of a maze. The main character is called Thomas, and we follow him through the story as he and the others attempt to escape the maze whilst also trying to avoid the things that are in there. The book is a science fiction story, with constant action, thrill and adventure.

There are many different characters and personalities throughout the book. There are Thomas' two best friends, Newt and Minho. Minho is very sarcastic and adds humour to the story. He also has leadership qualities, along with Thomas. The antagonist of the

story is called Gally who doesn't agree with Thomas' ideas and doesn't want to leave the maze. Therefore, this creates tension between the two characters.

I personally recommend this book for secondary school students and above. The language is quite advanced, and the book is quite a big read with a lot of things to take in. The friendship theme throughout the story is very important, with Dashner deliberately targeting it at his teenage audience. Also, the characters are all teenagers around

the ages of 12-18 which some readers may find interesting as they could read about the character's personal experiences.

I give 'The Maze Runner' book 4/5 stars.



By Aoiffe Gilligan

Film— The Avengers Infinity War



The penultimate instalment of the ongoing Avengers series certainly hasn't disappointed. All of the MCU's fiercest warriors must come together to face their greatest threat of all time, the mad Titan Thanos. He must be stopped in his quest to obtain all six infinity stones. If he completes his quest, half of all humanity will cease to exist.

The last two films have been ten years in the making and will sadly be bringing the original story to a conclusion. However, as one door closes another one opens for a newer era of the Marvel universe.

Nearly every super-hero in the MCU has come together, old and new, to fight Thanos. His evil plan is to split the universe in two, the end result being billions of lives would be lost. Our super heroes will fight to the death to save what is good and right, but will victory be obtained or will Thanos' plans be set into action?

The story flits between two worlds, one on Thanos' home planet Titan where Iron Man, Dr. Strange, Spider-Man and the Guardians are fighting Thanos himself. Where as Captain America and all remaining avengers are fighting his army my of monstrous aliens in the home of the black panther, Wakanda. The question is, will good prevail?

By Louie Brooks

Game— The Last Guardian

Director Fumito Ueda's spiritual successor to Ico and Shadow of the Colossus uses many of the same themes - isolation, companionship, and sacrifice. Like in its predecessors, The Last Guardian throws you into a mysterious world with a story open to interpretation and built mostly on visuals. I was constantly driven to continue pushing forward throughout the hours I played, and I'm happy to say that it paid off in the final 90 minutes and made the whole thing worth it. But the heart of The Last Guardian is the bond between the nameless boy and the strange giant hybrid animal Trico, who has more life and personality than nearly any other A.I. companion I've ever seen in a game.

By Daniel Rawcliffe