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Cardinal Allen Catholic High School



School Newsletter



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WELCOME TO...

The new academic year welcomed some new members of staff:

Mrs D Mayhew (English), Mrs C McCauley (RE), Mrs N Eccles (Geography), Mrs E Crook (Science), Mr A Ball (Science), Miss K Wilkie (Pastoral Assistant), Mrs A Buchanan (Pastoral Assistant).

We would like to wish our new colleagues all the very best with the work that they do with our pupils



ROALD DAHL DAY IN THE AQUINAS CENTRE

Roald Dahl Day is the annual, global celebration of the world's number one storyteller, celebrating his beloved stories and unforgettable characters. This day happens on and around September 13th, the author's birthday. This year, we were inspired by the ever marvellous **Matilda**.

Year 7 students were invited to come and join us in the phizz-whizzing Aquinas Centre as Miss Shirreffs and her splendiferous librarians had a wonderful time helping lots of lovely new enthusiastic Year 7 students take part in various competitions involving book quizzes and word searches to help with their literacy.

Well done to all Year 7's who joined in the fun.



CHESS CLUB IN THE AQUINAS CENTRE – MAKE THE RIGHT MOVE

Simon Rogers from Cleveleys Chess Club, currently volunteers to come into school once a week to train up our future chess champions.

Simon teaches beginners to championship status and has been having great success with some of our pupils.

If you are an avid chess player, come along to the Aquinas Centre during break and lunch to practise your chess skills. Players of all abilities, staff and students are welcome.

Students interested in joining Cleveleys Junior Chess Club can go along to Cleveleys Park Methodist Church on a Thursday night between 6.30 to 8.30pm. Entrance fee is £2.00.



Calling all parents/guardians/students – The Big Book Boost has arrived!

The Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme to help schools nurture a lifelong love of reading in students of all ages. Every time you place an order with them over £10 and select Cardinal Allen as your school of choice, they will donate £1 to our school to spend on books.

How can you be a Big Book Booster?

If you're new to The Book People, all you have to do is sign up for an account at www.thebookpeople.co.uk. If you already have an account you just log in and simply start shopping. When your order qualifies for Big Book Boost, you will be asked at check-out to pick one school to give your boost to. Please pick Cardinal Allen!

With Christmas just around the corner please remember us when buying all those lovely books and gifts!

**Book
People**
.co.uk

AR BOOKFINDER – YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

Accelerated Reader is a reading programme that helps us to monitor and manage children's independent reading practice.

Many parents have enquired regarding suitable books for their child to read and there is an easy online search tool from Renaissance Learning which can help with this. AR BookFind is an online search tool where you can search for interesting and appropriate books for your child, quickly and easily, in the knowledge that there is an Accelerated Reader quiz available for each book. There are currently more than 35,000 quizzes to ensure comprehension of books read.

To assist your child by guiding them to books appropriate for their age, interest and ability, we encourage you to visit www.arbookfind.co.uk. To view the books we have available in our own school library, including various recommended lists such as football books and dyslexia friendly books, you will also need the school Keycode, which is **IF875127**. These lists are regularly updated with new stock.



Congratulations to 3 of our pupils—Rio Cookson, Reece Davison and Lewis Garside who will be taking to the stage at Viva, Blackpool to perform in The Jerseys Beats show after wowing an audience at a performance. The boys have been offered a regular slot on the Thursday night show after the initial performance went so well. Well done

JERSEY BEATS
Oh What a Nite!



Digital Healthy Schools

We are delighted to inform you that our School is taking part in the '[Digital Healthy Schools Programme](#)', an initiative designed to educate our students on responsibly using mobile technology to help them manage their health.

As you know our county is facing big challenges to the healthcare system. Yet, many of the long term illnesses that impact so many lives and cost so much to treat are entirely preventable.

It has been shown by healthcare professionals that mobile technology is an effective way for patients to manage their conditions and for people to maintain and improve their health. Despite this, mobile health (mHealth), which can include everything from step counters and stress busting apps to personal diabetes monitoring and skin cancer diagnosis tools, is a relatively unknown area for many people. It requires more awareness and we need more help navigating the options available.

This programme provides an unmatched education in mHealth. Your child will be made well aware of how they can use mHealth solutions for the benefit of themselves, their friends and their families. Teaching them how to find the best and, importantly, safest apps available to them.

[Student Council 2019/2020](#)

Student voice has a high priority within schools these days and we hope that our newly elected Student Council will make a huge contribution to many different aspects of school life. The purpose of the student council is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organising and carrying out school activities and projects. The student council is the voice of the student body and gives students a sense of ownership of their school, promotes a feeling of responsibility among young people and increases motivation and achievement.

Students are encouraged to put forward any ideas or suggestions they would like mentioned. Items can be forwarded to the newly elected pupil council members (see below) or Miss Shirreffs in the Aquinas Centre, where they will be discussed at the next council meeting.

[Student Council Members](#)

Year 7 – Daisy 7GR and Leah 7GR ~ Year 8 – Isabella 8AD and Imogen 8AG

Year 9 – Harvey 9AM and Macie 9CO ~ Year 10 – Holly 10AD and Joshua 10BE

Year 11 – Katie 11AM and Rachel 11CO



Youth Parliament

Make Your Mark Campaign 2019

Once again students from Cardinal Allen took part in the 2019 Make Your Mark Campaign which is the UK's largest Youth Consultation of what is important to young people across the UK and what issues they care about the most. Our aim was to get the whole school involved, introduce students to democratic processes and reach as many young people as possible to enable their voice to be heard.

This year students had 3 votes – 1 UK issue, 1 Devolved issue and 1 local issue important to them. The top UK issues ranged from Protecting the Environment to Tackling Hate Crime. Devolved issues ranged from Mental Health to a Curriculum to Prepare Us for Life and local issues ranged from litter in our local community to not enough policing in the local area.

Once the results are in, the UK Youth Parliament will come together on the 8th November in the House of Commons to debate and decide the most important issues to campaign on for the year ahead.

They will decide from the top issues voted by you!

More on the UK Youth Parliament can be found at: ukyouthparliament.org.uk

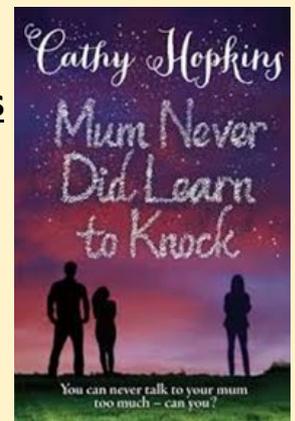
Thank you to all students who took part in this important democratic process.

Dyslexia Awareness

Week

7th – 13th October

2019



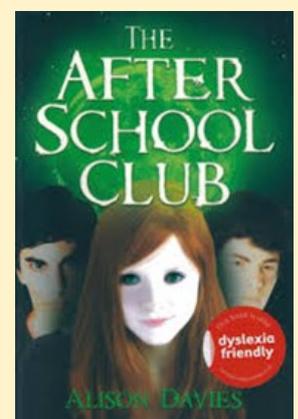
Dyslexia Awareness Week (DAW) is always a good opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of dyslexia and help to bring about positive change. This year will focus on schools and businesses empowering people with dyslexia.

The Aquinas Centre has a fabulous selection of Dyslexia-friendly fiction books for students to read for pleasure.

A list of these books can be found at www.arbookfind.co.uk.

Just key in the school code of IF875127 and click on Teacher Lists.

All books shown are available for your child to borrow from the school library.



National Poetry Day Competition



National Poetry Day took place on the 3rd October this year. It was also the 25th anniversary of the UK's biggest mass participation poetry celebration with the theme this year being **Truth**.

With this theme in mind we encouraged our Year 7 students to enter a competition and write a poem about starting school at Cardinal Allen – **the truth!**

The winner will be announced in the next newsletter so get your entries in!

**CAFCA are organising a Christmas shopping trip to Manchester on
Saturday 30th November 2019**

**We will be leaving:
Cardinal Allen 8:30 am
The River Wyre Hotel 8:45 am
The Phantom Winger Hotel 9:00 am**

The coach will be leaving Manchester at 6:00pm so there will be plenty of time for some serious shopping! We should be returning back to Fleetwood about 7:30pm.

The cost of the trip is £12 per person. If you wish to reserve a place, please complete the reply slip on the letter that has been sent and return it to the Finance Office with the exact payment.

If any child is not accompanied by a responsible adult the disclaimer section on the letter MUST be completed by the child's parent/ guardian before a seat can be reserved. Please note only responsible Year 11 students will be permitted to travel unaccompanied.

Year 10 and 11 Careers Evening

On Wednesday 25th September another successful Careers Evening was held in the Sports Hall for our Year 10 and 11 pupils. Year on year the event has grown, this year seeing over 20 organisations from the world of education, employment and training. We were fortunate to be able to welcome BAE, NatWest, Lancashire Police, Victrex, Blackpool and the Fylde College and Blackpool Sixth form, to name a few.

Year 11 parents and pupils were invited to attend presentations from Blackpool & The Fylde College on the new T Levels available to students starting next September, and information on Apprenticeships by Kath Robinson from the ASK project.

The event was very well attended by both pupils and parents, who were able to speak to employers and gather information on opportunities for school leavers.

All Year 11 pupils are invited to a personal one-to-one careers interview in school, to help to explore their own career ideas and to put a plan in place for their next steps.

Throughout the year pupils receive a variety of interesting talks and presentations from local colleges and employers to help them focus on their future choices.

BAE Roadshow

Our Year 7 and 8 pupils were treated to a fabulous interactive roadshow from representatives from BAE, the Royal Navy and the RAF. The roadshow was an insight into the world of science, technology, engineering and maths with a focus on Data and Communication. It's not too early to start thinking about careers and this was a chance to showcase these amazing organisations.



Our new school Guinea pigs Freya (Mohawk hairstyle) and Maya (Hippy Hair) are settling in well at Cardinal Allen and are receiving much attention from their Guinea Pig Club Carers.

We have just been informed that we have been awarded our 8th Green Flag. This is due to the hard work and commitment of our dedicated Eco group who work tirelessly to improve our local environment.



PE Highlights



FOOTBALL

Mr Walker has given our footballers lots of opportunities to play this half term with friendly matches against Rossall and Fleetwood High. All our teams played very well and we won the majority of our matches.



RUGBY

The U14 and U16 Girls Rugby teams have been involved in tournaments this half term against schools from across Lancashire. The Girls are improving all the time and really enjoying the contact sport.



The Rugby fixtures have been affected by the wet weather this half term. Having said this, our teams in Y7 and Y8 have been involved in fixtures against many of our local rivals.

The Y8 team performances were excellent during wins against Hodgson and Garstang.

BADMINTON

The Badminton teams have performed incredibly well in the Wyre and Fylde Badminton Tournaments. The U14 Boys finished 2nd and the U14 Girls finished 3rd. This is a great achievement, well done!

We have the following events on the way:



- Wyre and Fylde Cross Country Championships
- Wyre and Fylde Football League Fixtures
- Wyre and Fylde Netball League Fixtures



NETBALL

The numbers involved in Netball this half term have been amazing. Nearly 40 Y7 and Y8 netballers have committed to training every Tuesday and Wednesday. There have been a few matches played this half term. However, the majority of the fixtures take place next half term.



We are proud to be one of the only schools in the country that can boast 14 passes at Explorer level and 3 passes at Discovery level for the prestigious John Muir award. These awards have been given in recognition for environmental voluntary work carried out by our students this year.

Students from our year 7 were involved in a raft building competition helping teams from Fleetwood Primary Schools to design and race rafts. The aim of the day was to help students settle in easily at their secondary school as they now have a friendly face on their arrival.



We now have 2 school beehives thanks to awards from the Greggs Foundation and the Queens Commonwealth Trust. Our Bee Club is currently looking forward to collecting our first jar of Cardi Honey!



Cardinal Allen Catholic High School has successfully met the criteria for reaccreditation of the International Schools Award. It is clear to see internationalism and learning is fully embedded into the ethos of the school. Our activities have enabled the students to learn about different countries and cultures. Links with partner schools in Tanzania, Nepal and India have provided opportunities for our students to address key issues and sometimes very sensitive issues such as slavery and Human Trafficking. The Connecting Classrooms project will benefit teachers with the opportunity to share good practice internationally. The language element has been addressed by the activity French culture which allows pupils to explore culture as well as language learning. The Council said they were pleased to see evaluation quotations from both staff and pupils relating to some of the activities which will be a valuable tool for reflection. The wider community is actively involved through eco work around the town (beach clean-up) and in partnership with the Birla High school in India. Also, achieving the STEM Award and press release, has raised the profile of the good work being carried out at our school. In terms of Ambassadorial role, we have worked closely with 6 local schools in the Connecting Classrooms cluster. Congratulations to all at Cardinal Allen Catholic High School who have contributed to this achievement in the 20th anniversary year of the International School Award!



Drama News

For our Open Evening 2019 the Drama department once again put on an amazing display of our very best work in school with no less than six performances on Open Evening. Audiences were treated to an extravaganza of various styles of theatre ranging from acting, singing and dancing in Musical Theatre to the comedy of an 'Our Day Out' montage presented by the talented Year 10 group.

Year 9s followed Willy Russell's comedy about a day trip for school children, with a 10-minute version of 'Hairspray'. As a department, we were very proud of all our students on this evening, but were especially impressed with this young group, as they managed to put on a great performance in such a short amount of preparation time. Being the least experienced of all the performers and producing such a high standard of work, certainly augurs well for the future of Drama in school.

Year 11s have been working on a *Drink Driving* campaign for a number of weeks now and didn't disappoint on Open Evening. Aside from a few technical hitches (the wheelchair!) this group of students certainly cemented their positions as 'top dogs' in Drama by producing slick performances and flawless acting.

We are certainly delighted for all our students who study Performing Arts as an exam subject and look forward to a set of results next August to match the fantastic grades produced by the 2019 cohort.



WELL DONE EVERYONE!

ART Department

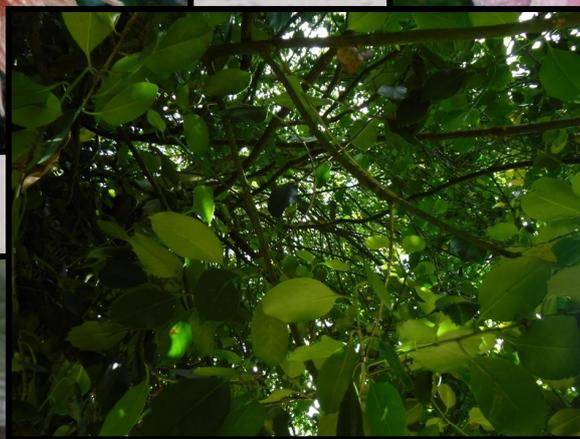
We have had a busy and productive start to the new term in the Art department! We are especially excited to begin our new GCSE Photography course for our Year 9 and Year 10 options students. Here, you can see some of their fantastic work produced so far!

Next week we have a very special guest—Jill Reid coming into school to talk about her career pathway in Art and Photography.

We are keen to hear about her work and recently published book!

We were also delighted to welcome a wonderful contemporary artist to the Art department last month—Ocean Ferani—who discussed her career path and showcased the work of young Fleetwood people. The project she was working on is called “Front Door” and culminated in a fantastic exhibition and street catwalk show in Fleetwood! Luckily, there was a break in the rain and the show went ahead as scheduled.

Art/Photography Homework: Please can I remind all students and Parents/Carers that if they need to use art facilities (computers/printers) or art materials, they are more than welcome to do so. We also offer a range of clubs and activities which ALL students are welcome to attend! Check availability with your Art Teacher.





Danny Rurlander

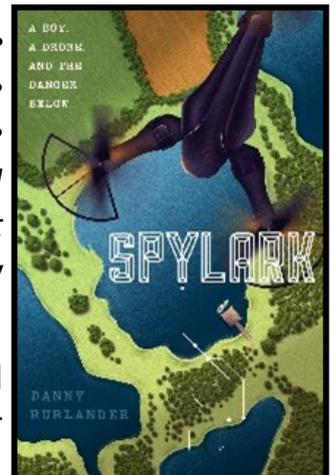
We were delighted to recently host British author Danny Rurlander. Danny shared his passion for writing and talked about his fast paced novel **Spylark**, a gripping thriller adventure novel, full of drama and danger, based in the Lake District where he grew up.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the motivating presentation, which included a demonstration of flying a real drone and making paper aeroplanes! Students were then given the opportunity to purchase a personal signed copy of his book.

Prior to this event, Year 7 were set homework to design a front cover for the book based on what they found out on the book's blurb as well as to find out the meanings of particular words. This homework was entered into a competition and Lilly of 7AM was chosen by Danny as the winner. Lilly won a signed copy of Spylark – congratulations Lilly!

Freddie from 7AG had this to say about the event: *"It didn't feel like a book event, it felt like a fun showcase all about drones and all the exciting things Danny had learnt in his time at the Royal Airforce. He really inspired me to read more spy books and also to buy Spylark! I am really looking forward to reading this wonderful book! I also met with the author when he signed my book and this was really exciting"*.

Research shows that author events in schools inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading and we hope your child enjoyed this event.



DofE News

We are proud to be a provider of the DofE award. The Dofe gives participants the adventure of a lifetime, giving students the chance to make a difference, get fit, learn a new skill and get out in the countryside. Our DofE group is now fully subscribed and our students are currently embarking on their activities for their Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections.

Pass rates at Cardinal Allen are significantly above the National average

2018 National 51%, CAHS Silver 84%, Bronze 79%

2017 National 49%, CAHS Silver 79%, Bronze 85%

2016 National 37%, CAHS Silver 100%, Bronze 78%