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Cardinal Allen Catholic High School



# School Newsletter



## Cardinal Allen Produces Honey!



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# WELCOME TO...

The new academic year welcomed some new members of staff:

Mr E Robinson (Product Design), Miss Holland (RE) and Miss Allen (History)

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



## Message from Finance

We are currently only accepting online payments for school dinners and other purchases within school. If you have never registered for Scopay at all, please email [finance@cardinalallen.co.uk](mailto:finance@cardinalallen.co.uk) and request a set up letter. If you have previously registered but cannot remember your password, please follow the instructions on the Scopay website.



Many thanks  
The Finance Team



# New Senior Team

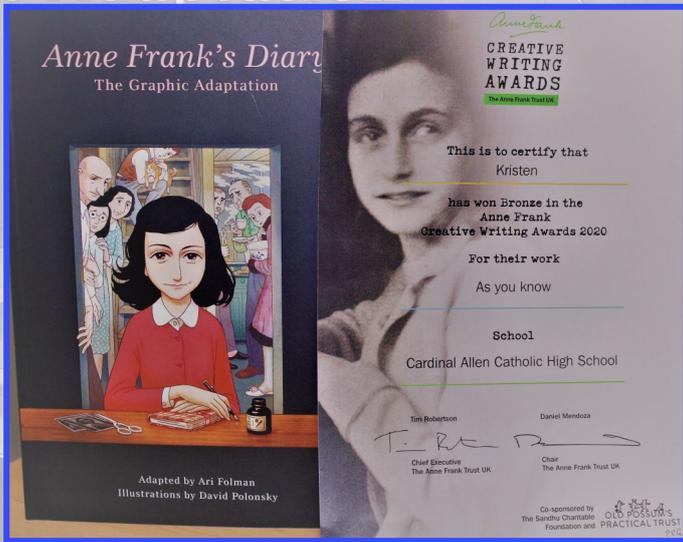


We are delighted to announce the election of our four-strong top team following a challenging selection process. Congratulations to Tia (Head Girl), Joshua (Head Boy), Caoimhe (Deputy Head Girl) and Rio (Deputy Head Boy). The Year 11 pupils had to apply in writing for the posts and those shortlisted having to give a presentation to the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher before being interviewed by them. Following this process there were 12 pupils shortlisted who had to present to the whole of Year 11 and then both staff and Year 11 pupils voted. Our final four, although noting the need to work hard at the application and the nerves prior to being interviewed, appreciated the valuable process which replicates real life job hunting. We wish them well in the year ahead!

# Parent Governors

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of 2 Parent Governors. Mrs Hedges was appointed as a new Parent Governor in March and Mrs Brayshaw was re-appointed this month. We look forward to working with you and having you both on our team of Governors!

# CONGRATULATIONS TO...



## KRISTEN & KATIE YEAR 10 Anne Frank Trust

The first ever Anne Frank Creative Writing Awards, launched on 20 May 2020, invited young people from across the country to take Anne Frank as their inspiration and create a piece of writing that called for a world free from prejudice.

Between launch day and deadline of 30 June the competition organisers received 937 entries from 10-15 year olds across the UK. After 2 weeks of deliberation and judging, Booker Prize winner

Bernardine Evaristo and Anthony Anaxagorou, announced their chosen winners.

Huge congratulations to Kristen in Year 10 on gaining a Bronze 3rd place!! Kristen received The Graphic Adaptation of Anne Frank's Diary and a beautiful certificate.

Further congratulations to Katie in Year 10 who received a commendation for her excellent work

**WELL DONE GIRLS!**



## ALSO TO ISABELLA AND MIA YEAR 9

During lockdown Izzy and Mia went on daily social distanced bike rides for their permitted exercise time, and whilst doing this came up with an idea to raise some money for charity. They chose Brian House Charity. One night, they set off from Rossall and cycled to Star Gate and back covering a distance of just over 20 miles and raised £386.40!

**WELL DONE GIRLS!**



# Well done Rio!



Our very own pupil Rio has dedicated over 100 hours volunteering with Fleetwood Town Community Trust, overcoming physical challenges along the way. Rio has been a participant of the MultiStars Project, a sporting initiative for young people with various disabilities supported by Wyre Council. Rio found the support through this programme invaluable and it really helped his confidence, which inspired him to want to give something back to the community, as well as getting involved in a sport he loves.

For the last 12 months, Rio has been working alongside professional coaches, volunteering on Trysport, Dodgeball and Premier League Kicks football across Fleetwood, an experience which he has loved from start to finish. Rio says that "volunteering has helped me get into sport, especially football, which I thought wouldn't happen because of my problems. Working alongside professional coaches has allowed me to see that I can achieve, learn and develop new skills".

Everyone at Cardinal Allen is very proud of Rio for not letting barriers get in the way of his goals!

**WELL DONE!**



# Aquinas Centre News

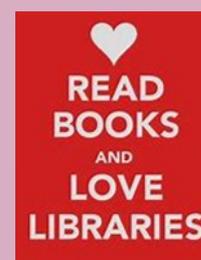
Libraries Week is an annual showcase and celebration of the best that libraries have to offer with the theme this year being “books and reading”.

In 2020, Libraries Week took place between the 5th and 10th October, celebrating the nation’s much-loved libraries and their vital role in the UK’s book culture. The school library, also known as the Aquinas Centre, is proud to be part of this important event. Sadly, due to the events of this year, our school library is currently closed but we look forward to opening as soon as we can to highlight all the fabulous books, competitions and events we run!

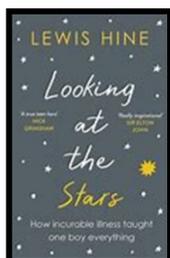
In the meantime, we encourage you to join your local community library and sign up for a library card to discover a world of reading!

You can join at any [Lancashire library](#) in person or complete a form online at [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk). Anyone residing in the UK may join Lancashire's library service. Once registered you will access to thousands of free books.

A reminder that you can also download digital eBooks and eAudiobooks using the BorrowBox app on your Tablet/Smartphone devices. You will need your library card, PIN number and an email address to get you started. All you have to do is go to your device’s App Store, search for BorrowBox and install the App. You then log in with your borrower library number and pin and register to use the service. This will take you to your Book Shelf where you will be able to see your loans, reservations and loan history. You now have access to over 11,000 audio and eBooks. Say hello to your future library, wherever you are and whenever you are free! Further information can be found at [www.borrowbox.com](http://www.borrowbox.com)

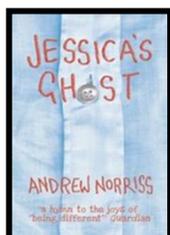


## Recommended Reads



### Looking at the Stars

17-year-old Lewis Hine is a global phenomenon. Diagnosed with a life-threatening brain tumour and water on the brain at 17 months, he wasn't expected to survive. But Lewis proved everyone wrong; he's not only surviving but thriving. In one Facebook post on his 16th birthday Lewis invited everyone to see how he faces head on the challenges from his ongoing illness, and he went viral. 30 million views later, Lewis now spearheads a campaign, Friend Finder, to make sure no one ever faces childhood illness alone.



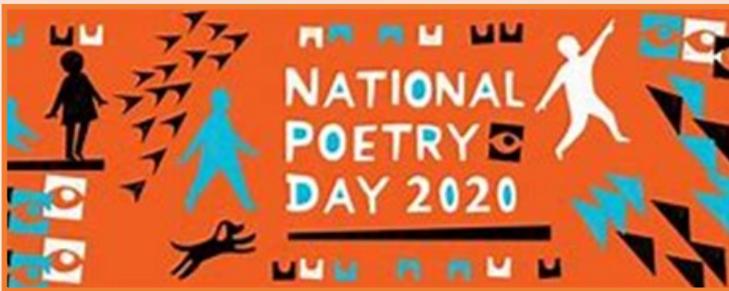
### Jessica's Ghost

This beautifully written, engaging story tells of what happens when Francis, a lonely boy with a talent for sewing, meets the ghost of Jessica, one day when he is sitting by himself on a school bench. Swiftly becoming close friends, Jessica and Francis meet others who are also different, and singled out because of it.



### Check Mates

Felix is struggling at school. His ADHD makes it hard for him to concentrate and his grades are slipping. Everyone keeps telling him to try harder, but no one seems to understand just how hard he finds it. When mum suggests Felix spends time with his Grandfather, Felix can't think of anything worse. Grandad hasn't been the same since Grandma died, plus he's always trying to teach Felix boring chess. But sometimes the best lessons come in the most unexpected of places, and Grandad soon shows Felix there's everything to play for.



National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration on the first Thursday of October that encourages all to enjoy, discover and share poetry. This year, National Poetry Day took place on 1st October 2020, and the theme was Vision. National Poetry Day isn't bounded by just one day: it's a storehouse of ideas and activities free to use all year round, whether at

home or in the (virtual/actual) classroom.

Explore this site [www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk](http://www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk) for ways to encourage enjoyment of poetry, including lovely new resources and activities to help all ages create new poems on the theme of Vision. In addition, check out the competitions page for more exciting and rewarding activities for children and young people.

### QUICK! THERE IS A POEM by Tony Walsh

Shhh! There is a poem in a whispered secret  
Quick! There is a poem in a shaft of light  
Look! There is a poem in a screwed up leaflet  
There! There is a poem in a tangled kite  
Aww! There is a poem in a tom cat's whiskers  
See! There is a poem in a statue's eye  
Hey! There is a poem in a triplet's sisters  
Woah! There is a poem in a midnight sky  
Brrr! There is a poem in a frozen fountain  
Yum! There is a poem in a slice of cake  
Phew! There is a poem in a sun-kissed mountain  
Yikes! There is a poem in a curled up snake  
Great! There is a poem in a million faces  
Yes! There is a poem if you look and see  
Cool! There is a poem in a billion places  
Wow! There is a poem and it's inside ME!

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Please go to <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/poems/poetry-recommendations/> for some fabulous recommendations of poetry books.



## OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

A polite reminder to all students, especially Years 10 and 11 to remember to return or renew your overdue library books. Following lockdown, we currently have over 500 books missing or overdue from our library stock! Many books are often found under beds or in cupboards at home and every overdue book found helps. Students in Years 8 and 9 can also check the Reading Cloud to determine if their book is overdue.

Overdue reminders are sent regularly in school and parents are emailed on a scheduled weekly basis. Please can I ask parents to help their child look for any missing books? Some of these books have been missing for over a year. If a student has lost their book or damaged it, we ask that it is replaced with the same book or any other book suitable for the year group.

If any parents/students would like to donate used children's fiction books, in good condition, we would be very happy to accept them. Please ask your child to drop off at the entrance to the Aquinas Centre or at reception.



# Community News



## Bees

Our Cardy Honey Group and the Cardy Bees have been busy over the lockdown and have taken advantage of a further grant from the Queens Commonwealth Trust, sponsored by the WE foundation to develop an environmentally enhancing business. The Honey Group were successful in securing this grant as the business is being developed in collaboration with our International Partner Schools in Tanzania and Nepal, developing business skills and understanding of different cultures in young people throughout the world. The Cardy Honey that has been produced is now on sale from our Bee Group Website—

<https://www.cardyhoney.com>

This excellent website is an open source site that has been coded in Angular by one of our gifted students, Jacob in Year 10. This is a remarkable achievement for a 14 year old whose talent will be much sought after in years to come.

Thank you to all involved in the Honey Group:

Abigail	Year 11	President
Jasmine	Year 11	Chairperson
Jacob	Year 10	Secretary & Technical Lead
Joshua	Year 11	Business Manager
Holly	Year 11	International Schools
Nisha	Year 11	International QCT & WE
Beth	Year 10	Sales
Keiran	Year 10	Sales
Charlotte	Year 10	Design



## DofE



Despite the current restrictions on our students being able to complete their DofE awards they have still continued to work towards them. During a time when the nation was asked to stay at home, isolate and distance themselves from others, our students went above and beyond, using this time to develop themselves even further. 169 hours of volunteering were completed, 156 hours of skills activities were enjoyed and 104 hours of physical activities were done. All are looking forward to getting the go ahead for our expeditions to resume!

# Drama News

Times are tough for the Arts in 2020 with the closure of theatres, no shows to go and see and concerts re-scheduled for who knows when! However, Year 11 Performing Arts Class have found a way round these problems by researching and having a go at VERBATIM theatre. The clue is in the title as this style of performance literally involves 'word for word' monologues using the conversations of....well anybody!

The class were tasked with firstly interviewing and recording each other and transcribing what had been said, including all the little quirks, 'likes' and 'erms' that we all say once in full flow! The next interview was with some of our staff or families and it was fascinating to hear everybody's responses to the question—'so what was lockdown like for you?'

With a variety of different occupations from nurses and teachers to those who stayed at home with the dreaded duty of 'home schooling', there is certainly enough material to make an entertaining piece of drama.

The students have been fantastic at adapting drama to fit our current restrictions and as always, I am very proud of all their achievements in Performing Arts.

Mrs Ball



# Careers News

Just a quick update from the Careers Team – Year 11 careers interviews are well underway this half term, and each Year 11 pupil is invited to attend a careers interview, which is their chance to find out what their options are as a school leaver and to talk through their career ideas. For some pupils it is an easy decision to make, but for others they may need a little more guidance – this is fine. There are opportunities to see Mrs Sumner several times throughout Year 11 if necessary. Following the careers interview, Mrs Sumner sends a summary of their discussion home via Class Charts, so that pupils and parents are kept in the loop and can follow up any action points if required.

Please see below some important dates for local college open days—these are virtual events and are accessible to both pupils and parents. It is very important that our pupils take advantage of these events as it will give them the opportunity to see what college life is like and the range of courses and amazing subjects that are available to them.

## [BLACKPOOL SIXTH FORM](#)

<https://www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk/events/>

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am - 2:30pm

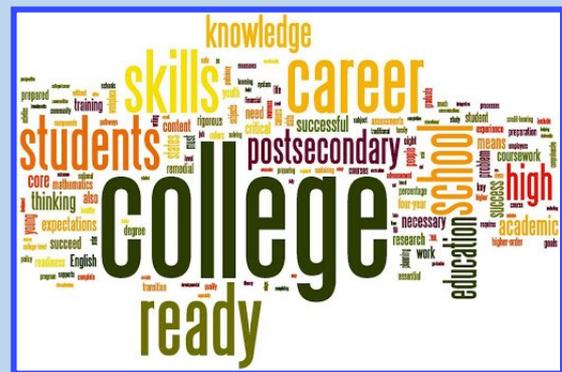
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 5:30pm- 7:30pm

## [BLACKPOOL & THE FYLDE COLLEGE](#)

Wednesday 4 November 2020 4.30pm -7pm

Saturday 9 January 2021 10am-2pm

Find out more and sign up at: [blackpool.ac.uk/events](http://blackpool.ac.uk/events)



## [MARITIME and NAUTICAL OPEN EVENTS](#)

Thursday 12 November 2020 1.30pm -4.30pm

Saturday 16 January 2021 10am-2pm

These are held at the Fleetwood Nautical Campus. Find out more at: [fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/nautical/events](http://fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/nautical/events)

## [MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE](#)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - Virtual Course Advice Evening - Online (7pm till 8pm)

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - Course Advice Morning

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - University Advice Morning (10am till 1pm) - PRESTON CENTRE ONLY

### Apprenticeship News

For pupils who are interested in starting an apprenticeship when leaving school, it is never too early to start looking. Many large or national organisations start their recruitment programme before Christmas, for a start next summer. Mrs Sumner will keep pupils up to date through Class Charts on the latest recruitment information.

### School leaver success!

We would like to congratulate our Year 11 pupils who left us considerably early this year! It was a strange time for them – not finishing Year 11 or sitting their GCSEs. However, we are incredibly proud that they have progressed onto successful destinations. We would like to wish them well for their future.



# Photography Competition!



## Winter Wonderland!

**Open to all students in all Year Groups**

**Task: Take a photograph of your own (edited or not) depicting your take on the theme “A Winter Wonderland”. Your work MUST NOT contain any people.**

**If your work is selected as one of the winners, your work will be displayed in a “Cardinal Allen” window installation at Fleetwood Hospital this December! There will also be prizes!**

**Please email your entries to your Art / Photography Teacher by 15th November**

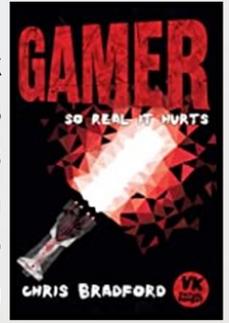


**Best of luck!  
Mrs Glaister**





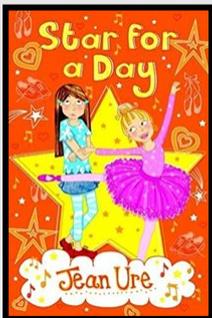
Dyslexia Awareness Week (DAW) is always a fabulous opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of dyslexia and help to bring about positive change. We know that dyslexia is still very misunderstood and



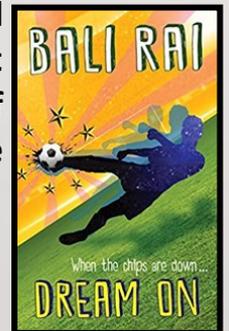
can go undiagnosed for many years. This year,

Dyslexia Week is all about what dyslexia creates. Dyslexia creates artists, entrepreneurs and game changers, but we know that it also creates challenges, inequality and prejudice. For more information visit [www.bdadyslexia.org.uk](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk).

To help support students with their literacy and reading, The Aquinas Centre have put together a fabulous selection of Dyslexia-friendly books for students to read for pleasure.



All these books have a dyslexia-friendly layout, typeface and paper stock. A list of these books can be found at [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://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.



# Thank you

Sharon Jones, Governor for Cardinal Allen, wishes to express her sincere thanks to all of our wonderful parishioners and staff members at school in donating such a huge amount of toiletries for the refugees of the Moria, Lesbos fire in Greece. All donations have now been delivered to Lancaster for packing and the first shipment left the UK earlier this month. The donations will soon be making a real impact to the lives of those people forced to flee their tents, leaving everything behind during the fire.

**Many thanks to all who kindly donated**

