

All Saints Notice Board

#6

July 2017

Welcome back to The Noticeboard.

There has been lots and lots going on at All Saints School this term, as you will see throughout this newsletter and on our website. We do try and update the website regularly with some of the many activities that are going on throughout the year so it's worth having a regular look to find out our latest news. Copies of letters to parents can also be found, so it's an easy way to ensure you are not missing anything important or helpful.

So, end of another year! Year 11s have already finished this chapter of their lives and we hope all their hard work pays off on results day on 24th August. We wish them all luck as they start 6th form, go to College or start their working life "proper" as an Apprentice.

Year 6s have already spent a successful day with us and are looking forward to donning their striped ties and blazers come September. In the meantime, I hope you all have a good summer until then.

Progress Reports

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have all had their Progress Reports sent out over the last 2 weeks. Pupils already meeting their expected targets should be encouraged by you to stretch themselves even further, and if your child is not there yet, ensure you encourage them to try their hardest, it is never too late!

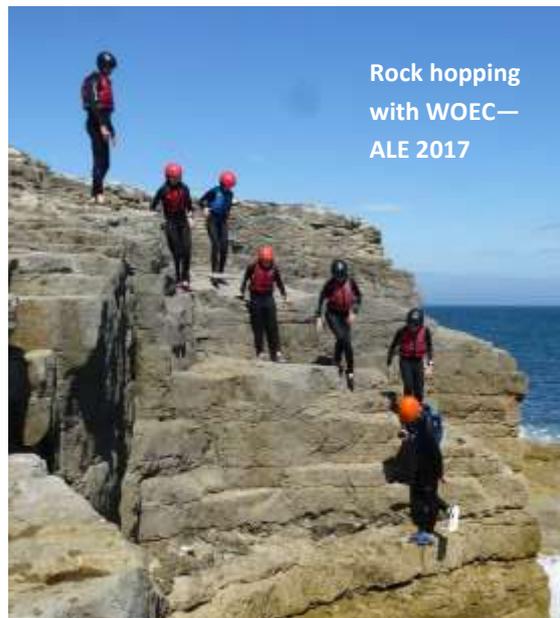
Anyone for ski-ing?

We have 2 places left on our ski trip next Easter. If you would like your child to experience a bit of alpine fun please contact Miss Gordge: missgordge@allsaints.dorset.sch.uk

Stationery /Equipment Packs

Everything you need for the start of the school year, ready on the first day of term for the bargain price of £4.00 or £8.00 if you require a scientific calculator too. Just log onto your sQuid account and order from there.

The **Art Department** have also put together a list of materials for pupils studying Art at GCSE level. Again, these can be ordered through your sQuid account.



Rock hopping with WOEC— ALE 2017

School Day Timings

Further to our trial this half term of a shorter lunchtime and earlier finish to the school day, we have amended things slightly. The morning timetable will remain the same, with all pupils expected in for 8.45am registration, however, timings for the afternoon, from September will be as follows:-

12:25pm	Lunch break
1:00pm	Warning bell
1:05pm	Afternoon registration
1:15pm	Lesson 4
2:15pm	Lesson 5
3:10pm	End of the School Day





Year 10 at Southampton University

Trips

History

Our historians have been busy over the past few weeks. On 29th June the Year 10 visited Sherborne "Old" Castle to complete the fieldwork visit for the History Around Us component of the new GCSE course. Despite some unpromising signs at the start of the day, the weather remained dry and it was good to be able to examine the site in depth. Finding evidence of the key changes in the castle's story, and trying to create an accurate picture of what the castle looked like when it was built, presented plenty of fascinating challenges. We were delighted to welcome Rev Betty Port on the visit. She was Head of History at All Saints back in 1989.

Year 10s off to Uni

We were given the opportunity to attend a "Why Higher Education?" day at Southampton University on Wednesday July 12th with 20 of our Year 10 pupils. The day's aim was to demystify University life and we certainly learnt a lot. We found out that University life can be magical-literally - as there is a Quidditch club at

Southampton University. In fact, they also have a petting zoo there during the exam period, as research has shown that stroking animals relaxes you. We attended a lecture about Acoustical Engineering and its uses (bubbles and sound to cure cancer!), and a great day was had by all. Thanks to our pupils for behaving impeccably and for being fantastic ambassadors for the school yet again. Mrs Windybank and Ms Brooke.

STEM Winners

After winning a STEM Challenge competition at Atlas Elektronik, 5 Year 9 pupils were awarded a place on a residential Marine Engineering course at Portsmouth University, for a four night stay and an experience to remember.

We were mixed up into teams of four and five, with none of us knowing our new team members at all. The first activity was classed as the icebreaker where we would have to create a chair out of balloons with one member sat on said chair; guess who was the smallest in the group; then after that a game of V.I.P broken bowling. The next day was the start of creating The Boat, where we had to allocate the 5 jobs to each of our members. Being a squad of

4 meant that we had to allocate 2 jobs to one, but no one seemed to mind. I was in charge of the graphical side of the project, staying on the computer for most of it. On the last day we went to a nearby outdoor swimming centre to test our boats. Amazingly our boat- "Sir Benedicts Floatzalot" managed to sail almost perfectly securing us the chance to come first. I commend the other teams as well, as most of them had dysfunctional wires giving them an unfair disadvantage. All in all it was a good experience and I must say I enjoyed it a lot. It gave me an opportunity to make some more friends, whom I regularly stay in touch with, and to that I say a big thank you to everyone who put this trip together and well-done to those who participated.

By Lolly Wright, Year 9

Day with a Poet

The school has a Writing Club held at lunchtimes, which I attend, and we work on poetry and short stories. In the last week of June we combined forces with some Art pupils and went



on a trip to London where we met up with a poet, Jacob Sam-la Rose and other poets in the Tate Modern.

In the Writing Club we took some of the work Jacob wrote and changed it to create our own versions. When we met up with him we participated in a series of different activities, such as finding 2 paintings of our choice, which we had to describe and come up with a name. We met up and wrote notes for later. Then we had a trip to St Paul's Cathedral. After following a short tour, it was interesting to see the history of the beautiful building. Jacob then let us choose whether or write about St Paul's or the Tate Modern before we collected in a small room and took 20 minutes to write about what we had seen.

After we had finished, Jacob asked us to volunteer to stand and read it to the group. Afterwards Jacob reread our work and gave us positive criticism, which I feel strengthened our work.

This was a very gratifying experience, in which we got to work with very talented poets, visit magnificent places and have a great day—so great that we're thinking of doing it again.

By Libby Hymas, Year 9 who wrote the above article and was published in the Dorset Echo.



Day Sail on the 'Boleh'

Four lucky Year 10 pupils spent a day with Mr Docherty on-board the sailing yacht 'Boleh' a one of a kind based on a Singapore 'junk' boat. For experienced sailors like Lee Penny, taking it out for a day's sail was a thrill, never mind for novices Molly Stanley, Vicky Rogers, Ben Sheppard and Cabin Boy Docherty.

The Year 10 group set sail on the 27th June from Portland Marina literally 'learning the ropes' on board as well as getting to grips with knots, tides and local history. Lee took the helm as we sailed into Weymouth Harbour and a shore party bartered for provisions from the natives (chips and cheese).

'Boleh' means 'can do' in Malay and that's what the day was all about. We gave new things a try and gained confidence from working with each other thanks to the 'Sail for a Fiver' scheme. By the time Skipper Ben



Sheppard returned us to port, the group had become a real team!

Mr Docherty, Tutor—10D

Careers College 2017

320 Year 9 and 10 pupils ventured down to Weymouth College for the annual Careers College. This is a massive project, funded by a variety of institutions including Bournemouth University, Weymouth & Portland, West Dorset and Dorset County Councils. Pupils had a choice from a huge range of areas including Engineering, Photography, Chef & Mixology (see photo above) Medical Careers, Journalism, Armed Services and Uniformed Services to name a few. Pupils were placed into pre-arranged subjects, based around



choices previously made, and spent time assessing whether or not a future career in that area was for them.

With lots of positive feedback from the pupils, even if it was to decide a trade wasn't for them, it will continue to be something All Saints make the most of while the event is available. Dorset will shortly be suffering from a massive skills gap over the coming years and as such there should be lots of career opportunities in many areas for our children.



(Us, working with the poets)



PGL

50 Year 8 pupils descended on PGL Barton Hall last week, 4 members of staff waiting in anticipation of what could possibly happen. The first day got well underway after a pitstop shopping in Exeter. The second day the rain did not stop and neither did the children's spirit! Each day brought a new adventure and challenge. Day three consisted of raft making and canoeing, followed by 'The Barton Splash' in which the pupils had to get the answer right to a question or be pushed into the water. By day four we were all used to the canteen food and Mr Rich insisted



on the overseeing that nothing was wasted. Day five started with lots of tired eyes after a long exhausting week. Nevertheless the children conquered fears and were perfect. The whole experience was enjoyed thoroughly! The following reports are from some of those who went:

PGL has everything I was hoping for and more. It gave new opportunities that I wouldn't be able to do anywhere else, like abseiling and the giant swing (I got a packet of sweets for having the loudest scream on that one). Raft

building was great and going really well until Mr Rich jumped on our raft and sent us flying off whilst breaking it in the process. It was a great experience for me and my friends and I would love to do it all over again.

Harry Mitchell

PGL was amazing because it was exciting and fun. My favourite activities were zip wire and canoeing as I have never done them before.

Sarah Hope

PGL was amazing. My favourite part was probably when we played the water games and the teachers kept getting pushed in! I also enjoyed having fun with my friends and all the PGL staff.

Emily Swindell.



ALE Activities

(Alternative Learning Experience)

During ALE this year, pupils took part in a range of activities, from experiencing London, participating in water sports, camping and learning to surf, dancing and performing with Razzmatazz, or learning to stay on 2 feet while roller skating, and much more!

Pupils on the Enterprise activity during ALE worked on a range of activities, learning about team work and the world of business. Some highlights include; the group who designed a marble run ambitiously down the stairs; the team who made the most egg holders and of course the team whose well designed egg holder which was protective enough for the egg to survive a fall from a great height! All teams were very competitive during the shanty town activity as they collected sticks in a treasure hunt, made messy dough balls, took on various roles and reflected on life in a shanty town.

Miss Walder



Razzamatazz Weymouth

once again led 2 days of singing, dancing and acting for us. We made our very own "We Will Rock You" show in, well, 36 hours! We would like to thank all the parents who came to watch, and Flick from Razz for leading the workshops with such enthusiasm and professionalism. We would also like to say a big "well done" to all our pupils. They were fantastic and kept going despite the sweltering heat. The show was incredible given how little time you had to do it and we are very proud of you! Mrs Windybank, Mr Stradling and Mrs Edwards. Please see our website for the video!

Surfing

23 Year 7 and 8 headed to North Devon to hit the beach at Croyde with Ms Booth, Mr Docherty, Mr Radford and Mrs Spray. Some of the Year 7 girls were petrified when we arrived at the camping barn. You'd have thought a few dead flies, a moth and a frightened baby toad were life threatening! However, they later realised they could actually survive all these things...

The weather was good and once again the instructors at Surf South West soon had everyone cheerfully riding the waves.

Step 1: learn to catch a wave.



Step 2: get up on your knees

Step 3: stand up and look cool!

Lots of smiles despite plenty of tumbles and a few collisions. Steering didn't seem to be a strong point....

By evening everyone was hungry for fish and chips at Woolacombe, and then people made some fun sand sculptures before Mr Radford taught us how to play Crocker.

After a rainy night we had to pack up, clean up and make our lunches. After that we had a fab day surfing and by the afternoon quite a few looked like they'd



been doing it for years. Super weather and waves made it a lovely trip. Well done surfers!

Dorchester's Dark Past

A group of Year 7 and 8 historians spent the day in Dorchester investigating some of the more sinister aspects of Dorchester's Dark Past. In addition to our "ghost walk" through the town (nothing too frightening on a Tuesday afternoon, but a very different matter on a dark winter's night ...!), we spent a couple of hours working in the Dorchester County Museum, studying a range of fascinating exhibits that related to the macabre. The pupils were particularly struck by the display of the remains of Viking warriors from a mass grave discovered during the construction of the new

And finally, the end of year message from the Headteacher

So here we are at the end of another school year, an appropriate time to reflect on some of the events of significance during 2016/17.

I think it's fair to say that this year has been one of ups and downs. We all felt pretty hard done by following the Ofsted Inspection that found us as requiring improvement... But it's all too easy to look at a negative and feel disheartened. So let us consider some of the things that underline what a special place All Saints is:

This is in no particular order and I know there are going to be things that I've left out but if we start with Science:

Pupils have had the opportunity to go to Cern in Switzerland to see the Hadron Collider; Year 10 pupils have tested ejector seats at Yeovilton air base, they've also taken part in two Lego robotics days with Bournemouth University – one group completed all the challenges set, which astounded the academics from Bournemouth as this is so rare an occurrence. Our pupils won the Physics competition at Winfrith and were rewarded with a residential stay at Plymouth University to look at Marine Engineering and in the Biology Olympiad we had a gold medal winner in James Cardwell and a silver medal winner in Ben Thomas. On the theme of universities: just last week Mrs Windybank and Ms Brooke took 20 pupils to Southampton University to open their eyes to university life and what it can offer.

Moving on to Food Tech': we've established a herb garden this year –



that enabled us to win the Environmental Youth ward for Dorset; awarded to us at the Bath and West show. We have also had 45 pupils from Years 10 and 11 pass their Environmental Health Certificates – which will be valuable qualifications as they move forward. There's also been various expert food demonstrations, pancake races and there's always that tantalising smell that emanates from the food room – often on a Friday afternoon.

In Maths we've hosted a regional conference for able Maths pupils. In addition Year 8 and 9 pupils took part in a National Maths Competition and scored much higher than many entrants from well-funded private schools – showing that when it comes to Maths – we're up there with the best.

Geography have had fieldwork trips to the Eden project, Brewery Square, various coastal locations and Poundbury; with History also going out to look at the history of medicine and Sherborne castle.

English have seen Shakespeare live, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time' (with drama) and travelled to London to see street poetry live (along with the Art department)

The MFL department have hosted guests from overseas and the Chinese class received their grades which was a fantastic achievement – as they did the work for this when they were in Year 9. The MFL department also offer much of our outreach work to primary schools (along with Science) and it is always a

pleasure to see the Year 5's and 6's leaving All Saints so enthused by what they've done.

Just two weeks ago Mr Sparrowhawk took a team out to the VEX robot competition for the SW, where we soundly beat all opponents to take the title of Best Newcomers. This was a great effort from Nathaniel, Zac and Corbyn.

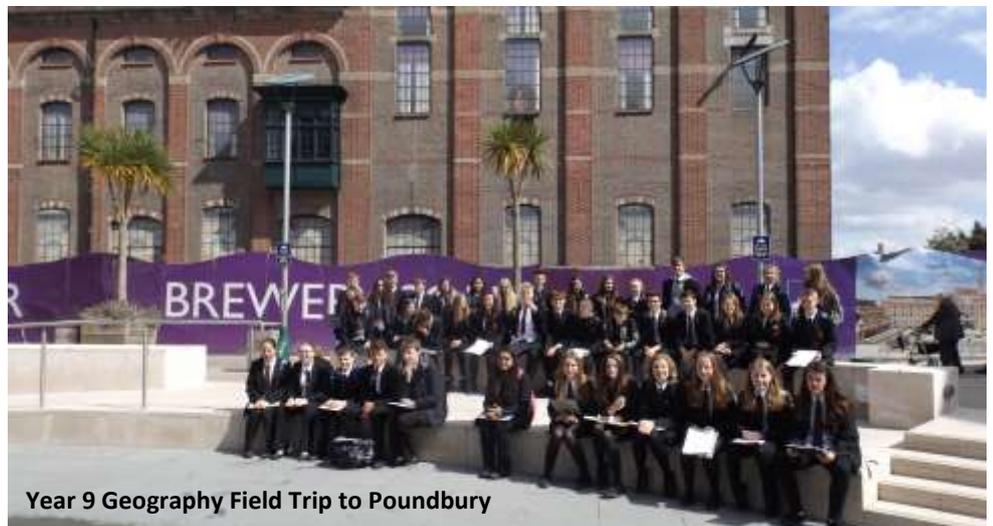
Music and Drama have given us Christmas concerts, highly polished drama evenings and, of course, contributions to school and community events such as the FASSA Music Festival, the Light a Life service and the communions and special assemblies we have in school

2016/17 has been a year where we've continue to punch well above our weight in the sporting arena. Most excitingly the PE Department have enjoyed great attendance at a variety of clubs. Individual success

respectively. Team successes include the Year 9 footballers playing in the National Cup as well as reaching the final of the Area Cup, the Year 9 girls' rounders team reaching the schools games finals and All Saints winning the area swimming relay championships.

Then there were those trips and events not associated with any one subject. We have, on the last day of term, pupils returning from Nicaragua in South America as part of the World Challenge – look out early next year for details of our next trip. We also have had another successful year with the Duke of Edinburgh award and trips as diverse as Barton Hall, skiing and show and shopping

The school has also become ever more popular – and in September we find ourselves full (in fact oversubscribed) in every Year Group.



stories include a gold medal for Andrew Cottrell in the Dorset Schools Sailing Games, continued success at home and abroad for Izzy Adcock in windsurfing and Tom Carney in Tae Kwon Do; and also pupils from All Saints reaching the county athletics finals in the 100m and 200m

All of this shows us to be a school where learning doesn't just happen in the classroom but beyond it (in the real world). ALE week was another triumph this year, but this will be the last year that we run an ALE week because next year we aim to have lots more enrichment activities throughout the year – so that there



is always something to be looking forward to. Remember that none of this would have happened without the time and commitment shown by our staff so a huge thank you to them!

All that activity has rather exhausted me, but the great thing is I know that this list was far from exhaustive: so much more has happened than that listed above.

I started by saying that this was 'The End' of another school year... this is the end of the year ... but I want us to consider and play with that word 'end' for a bit

You see if we add an 'M' we get MEND. I think it's often important to mend things before we finish. I



know that from time to time pupils have friendships that for whatever reason have broken down and this causes distress. It might seem difficult but a simple 'sorry' or a conscious decision to forgive is, most of the time, all it needs to mend the wounds of a broken friendship

If we add 'SP' we get SPEND. I'd like all of our pupils to consider how they are going to spend their holidays. In particular considering how they can plan their time so that they don't just watch TV every day, or sit fixed to an Xbox or get embroiled in an ongoing argument via social media.

In addition, I'd ask them to think carefully about their actions and



Senior Prefect Team for September 17

choices over the holidays... and make sure that they always prioritise safety. We want them back in one piece in September.

Moving on... If we add 'ASC' we get ASCEND. In September we'll all have moved up a year – let's all make a commitment for grades and attitudes to learning to ASCEND as well.

And then there's FRIEND if we add 'FRI'. Our pupils all have good friends that they see at school every day. Do try to make sure that, if possible, they get to see their friends in the holidays as well. Keep in touch and make some memories together.

This July we say goodbye to a number of staff who are leaving us

Mr Allen, our IT technician, is moving to Derby, he is one of those characters who quietly gets on with things, but without him, this year in particular, we would have been lost when it comes to IT – we wish him and his family all the very best for the future

Mrs Griffin is taking up a new teaching challenge after 10 years at All Saints and we thank her for her sterling work in the Maths Department, for her work running ALE with Miss Walder for the last two years and her work as assistant Head of Year for Year 7. She will be

sorely missed.

Mrs Thornhill is retiring after 29 years at All Saints. Mrs Thornhill has been a brilliant tutor and teacher and has been responsible for initiating links between ourselves and schools in Germany that have enabled us all to benefit from exchange programmes – she has also been a leading hand in organising Christmas Market trips and ALE trips abroad. Mrs Thornhill we thank you for your huge but quiet and unassuming contribution to All Saints School.

Mrs Edwards is leaving us to work at Lytchett Minster School after 10 years of leading Music in the school – but also working with Miss Musgrove on Performing Arts and then re-establishing Drama as a popular GCSE subject at All Saints. Mrs Edwards commitment to out of school activities and events has been outstanding, she's often been here on a Saturday or in the holidays rehearsing with a group of pupils...and then, of course, there's those shows: who could forget, (amongst others): 'The (wonderful) Wizard of Oz', 'The Little Shop of Horrors', 'Grease', and 'The Sound of Music'. You go with our love



and best wishes.

Mrs Tennant is retiring after 26 years in the RE Department, most of them as Head of Department. She has led the department through the last two SIAMS inspections (both of which were outstanding) and has always ensured that RE sits at the very heart of the curriculum at All



Year 11 Spring Ball 2017

Saints. She has also run, very successfully AS Level classes for a number of years – giving our pupils a taste of what it's like to study those exams that come beyond Year 11. Mrs Tennant we will miss your drive, humour, intellect and creativity.

Mrs Garnett is also retiring after an

Year 8 pushing the boat out



incredible 36 years at All Saints. She has taught a number of subjects here including: PE, RE and Child Development and various versions of Foundation Learning. However, Mrs Garnett will be remembered mostly for being a tremendous Head of Year, someone who has successfully moulded countless Year Groups into 16 year olds equipped to take on the world. She has stepped into the breach to lead the school when the SLT have been absent and I think there isn't one member of

staff who hasn't learned something important from Mrs Garnett. Mrs Garnett you leave not just with our thanks but with the thanks and best wishes of the hundreds of staff and pupils who have developed positively because of your input. God Bless you.

Lastly we lose Ms Brooke who has been Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher at the school since joining us in 2010. Ms Brooke is retiring, but moving part-time into a consultancy role for an organisation (JCTSA) that supports over 60 schools across SW England, including All Saints – so we hope very much that Ms Brooke will not be a stranger to us when she goes. Ms Brooke, as well as being Deputy Headteacher also led the English Department up until this Easter. It is no coincidence that the English Department was one of the departments that so impressed Ofsted when they came to visit in February. It is difficult to sum up in a few words the

contribution that Ms Brooke has made to the school but I think it's fair to say that we will all have our special memories of her: her contributions to meetings, the staff training she has led, her inspiring lessons and equally inspiring assemblies. She will be an incredibly hard act to follow and you leave with our heartfelt thanks

and love.

Despite these losses we have a full complement of specialist staff for September and we look forward to welcoming our new colleagues then.

One last message from me:

END is also hidden in the word SPLENDID, and so I end by wishing you a SPLENDID holiday and let's hope that when we return I can boast about the splendid exam results achieved by our Year 11s.

Remember make the most of the holidays – so that the tans may fade, but the memories will last forever.

Prayer: We thank you God for our school and for the school year which is coming to an end. Bless our families and homes during the holidays and bring us all safely to the new term in September

The End!



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