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Cardinal Allen Catholic High School



School Newsletter

Have a lovely Summer break!



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We say thank you, goodbye, and good luck to:



Mr Goldstone: After a couple of spells on supply with us, Mr Goldstone has done a tremendous job this year as a member of our Science department. He leaves with our very best wishes as he moves on to a new position at a school in Blackpool.

Mrs Taylor: completed her Early Career Teacher programme with us and has played a huge part in the continued development of our English team. During her three years with us she has also taught Child Development and made a significant contribution to the Bravo productions—not to mention the small matter of getting married! We wish Mrs Taylor all the very best as she moves on to a new role at her alma mater.

Miss Ferguson: also completed her ECT programme with us and has proved to be an excellent addition to our Science department over the last three years. You know you're getting old when you are in a position to appoint someone you have taught and, it would be fair to say, I remember Miss Ferguson only too well from her days as a pupil! That said, she is an amazing example for us all to keep working hard and never give up. We wish her all the very best as she moves to a new role as Assistant Director of Science at another local high school.

Mr Henderson: started at Cardinal Allen in 2007 as Assistant Headteacher to lead not only Maths but our newly acquired status as a Specialist Maths and Computing College. He then went on to become Acting Deputy Headteacher for a year whilst the Headteacher role was resolved, before reverting to Curriculum Leader for Maths. We wish Mr Henderson all the very best in his new role in Kirkham.

Mrs Orwin: joined us in 2006 as teacher of PE and School Sports Coordinator, before then being taken on as teacher of PE. During her time with us, Mrs Orwin has enjoyed spells in pastoral leadership roles in both years 7 and 9, and has been instrumental in the development of our PSHCE curriculum, and, latterly, our LIFE programme. We wish her all the best in her new role with LCC.

Mrs Swift: has been with us since way back in 2004; initially appointed as a part-time teacher of English, then full-time English and PE in 2005. During her 20 years with us, Mrs Swift went on to become Lead Teacher for English, played a role as part of the Specialist College leadership team, before being appointed Curriculum Leader for English in 2012. We wish her all the very best as she takes up a position much closer to home in Lytham.

History

Cardinal Allen History has once again competed in the Blackpool Sixth Peace and Conflict Conference which they have won for the second year running. The seven pupils performed exemplary over four sessions on: the Invasion of Afghanistan, a talk from Veteran Rick Clement, Debates around conflict and the final debate session held in Blackpool Town Hall.

They have done themselves, the History Department, and the School immensely proud.



The conference also had a feature in the local Gazette (see link below)

<https://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/community/blackpool-sixth-hosts-thrilling-debate-final-at-town-hall-to-conclude-peace-and-conflict-conference-4659769>



MFL



This term, Modern Languages Club has seen its highest membership since it began. More and more students are keen to get involved in experiencing different languages. We have watched parts of films (including UP in Italian), written prayers in Fijian, spoken and written in Chinese, looked at animals in German and, of course, done some extra work in French and Spanish. Look out for more information on how to get involved when we come back in September.

Geography



In June, the Geography Department enjoyed two days of fieldwork with Year 10 GCSE Geography pupils. The pupils were exceptional in the way they got involved in the fieldwork activities. They collected a range of data on Fleetwood Beach, including beach profiles and sediment analysis. They also looked at quality of life in our town.

Fieldwork is a big part of the Geography GCSE examinations and the pupils got so much from carrying out so many techniques themselves.



Bravo! Sister Act

A huge well done to the cast of Sister Act 2024 - you are a credit to the school and the company! Thank you to everyone who offered their support, raffle donations etc - without everyone pulling together the show wouldn't be a success.

Maths



On the last day before Easter, A team of 8 year 10s competed in the 2024 'Maths Feast' competition at Blackpool Sixth Form. They worked incredibly well as a team and achieved a great result.

In May, a team of 2 year 8s and 2 year 9s attended the UK Mathematics Trusts Team Challenge at the Lancaster University School Of Mathematics in Preston. We competed as a team against a selection of private and grammar schools and were the only school from the area to take part. They did incredibly well and made the school proud with their effort.



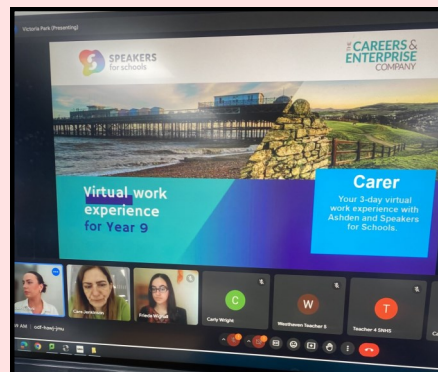
In June we welcomed a lecturer from the Lancaster University School of Mathematics (LuSom) to talk to the top set year 10 students about mathematics at further education and the North West's only specialist maths college. They then delivered a taster session on Pascals triangle. The students really enjoyed the session and the talk about the college.

Virtual Work Experience

32 Year 9 pupils were provided with the exciting opportunity to undertake virtual work experience. The pupils involved worked with 3 different companies over 3 days, Asden, HSBC and Galliford Try.



Over the course of the 3 days the pupils worked in teams to develop a project that promoted values of equality, diversity, inclusion and universal design. The experience allowed pupils to reflect on their personal skills and understand post 16 options alongside how to prepare for these next steps. A very worthwhile and enjoyable experience.



Great Big Green Week 10th June

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Every year, people come together to unleash a wave of support for action to protect the planet. Pupils across KS3 spent time discussing this year's theme Let's swap together for good in their Geography lessons. Learning about how even the smallest changes, if consistent, can make a big difference to our community. Our creative pupils set about designing posters to help spread the word and promote an eco-friendlier environment with our school and the wider community. See our first prize winner, Megan 7AD, and runner up, Christian 7GR. Well done to all who submitted entries!!





Art



As I reflect upon the academic year, it has most certainly been another busy one in the Art department! I am very proud of all the students for all of their hard work and efforts! Our year 7 artists worked with enthusiasm and a keenness to learn new skills, as some had limited art experience at their primary school. Year 8s have been fine tuning their skills this year and are really showcasing their talent! Year 9s have become more confident in their artistic ability and have been producing some of their best work to date! Year 10



have been developing their Identity project working more independently, with flair and passion. Year 11 have finalised their portfolio and exam work producing some truly magnificent work. Please have a look at just a snippet of the wonderful curriculum work that our students have produced. The "I can't draw" students on arrival in year 7, have truly proved themselves wrong! ALL of our lovely students can draw - but remember, Art isn't just about drawing, we study lots of different media here such as pastel, watercolour, paint, clay, print, photography, digital art, collage, mixed media, design.....

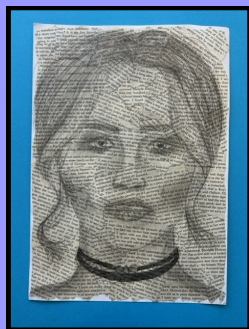


Pebble Art after school workshop!

Some of our KS3 students enjoyed using posca paint pens to create their own pebble art this half term! What creative students we have here at Cardinal Allen!

Year 10 Art trip to Abbot Hall in Kendal.

The Year 10 GCSE Art and Design students enjoyed a truly wonderful day at the beautiful Georgian building of Abbot Hall in Kendal! It is one of the UK's leading art galleries. The day was jam-packed with a personal tour around the gallery from Heather who shared her abundant knowledge of each exhibit, with plenty of historical links to the area too! The students experienced an array of portraiture



work dating back from the Tudor and Elizabethan period, through to more contemporary modern work. It was fascinating to discuss the stories behind these portraits and to make comparisons and links between them. The work ranged from paintings, sketches, sculpture and photography! If you are in the Kendal area this summer, I would highly recommend this small but beautiful gallery!

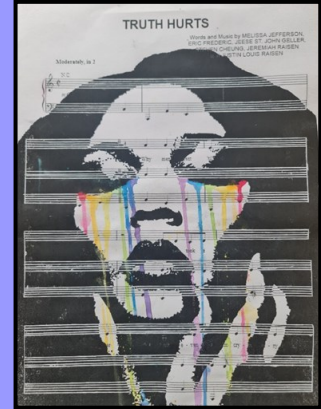
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Art continued

Year 11 GSCE work



St Bernadettes Clay Workshop

This half term Mrs Olver-Duffy delivered a clay workshop to students in Year 5 at St Bernadette's Primary School. The students each created their own clay tile based on a creature from Greek mythology. There were some fabulous designs, and the behaviour and attitude of the class was a credit to their school. Well done Year 5!

Year 10 Photography Blackpool & Fylde College Workshops



Fifteen students from Year 10 GCSE Photography took part in two amazing workshops at Blackpool & Fylde College. First the students learnt how to create cyanotype prints. This is a photographic process which does not involve the use of a camera. The students gathered a range of natural forms from the garden before laying them out on paper they had previously coated with a solution of iron salts. The image was then exposed through the use of a powerful UV light box. Following this the students then took part in a lino printing workshop. They created a design based on their own photography work, before carving the outlines with a lino cutting tool. It was an amazing day and all students produced strong work to add to their portfolios. Well done Year 10!



Geography Climate Action

The last month has seen Years 7 and 8 take part in an array of activities as part of the climate action countdown – 29 days of challenges that has encouraged our pupils to think more about the climate issue, its impact of global biodiversity and how their contributions can have a massive impact. The countdown contained lots of ways in which you can start to take small steps to address problems and help to create a more sustainable world to lower carbon emissions that are causing our climate change issue.

(Image: Our climate action champions, Rosie, Ethan and Ebony (ft Year 11 leaver, Lewis) delivering assembly to year 7)



Attendance Matters



Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Attendance at Cardinal Allen – key reminders

- All pupils must be on the school grounds by **8:35am** at the latest, where they line up on the courts (playground).
- Pupils are registered in Form Rooms at **8:40am**.
- If a pupil arrives **after 8:40am** they enter through the late door (accessed from the main car park).
- Pupils arriving to school late receive a same-day 30 minute detention.
- School finishes at **3:10pm**.



If your child is unwell and cannot attend school that day, you must phone the attendance line: **01253 872659**, select 'option 1' for attendance and leave a voicemail.

We ask that you provide medical evidence for any appointments, such as the orthodontist or hospital. Please email this to: medicalevidence@cardinalallen.co.uk

Attendance Team

Mrs Eccles – Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Imisson and Mrs Mabela – Attendance Improvement Officers
Mrs Carey – Pastoral Assistant Year 7
Mrs Buchanan – Pastoral Assistant Year 8
Mrs Holme – Pastoral Assistant Year 9
Mrs Walsh – Pastoral Assistant Year 10

Talk to us

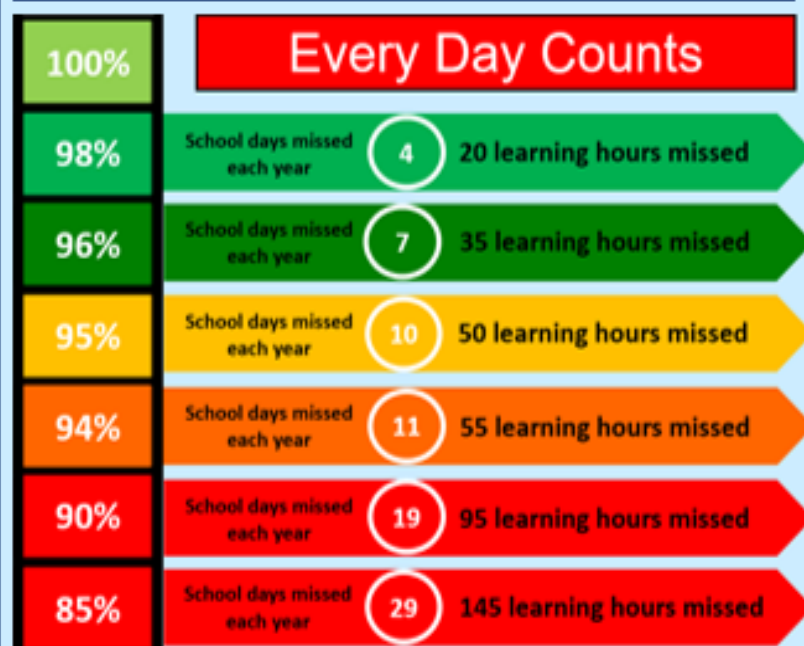
If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help.

Attendance and Attainment

There is an undeniable link between attendance and attainment. Pupil's whose attendance is between 97% and 100% are in the best position to achieve the top grades in their GCSEs. The students with the highest levels of attendance are almost 5 times more likely to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 5-9 including English and Mathematics.

Only 35% of pupils whose attendance is lower than 90% gain 5 or more GCSEs including English and Maths.

It is not just attainment that benefits from good attendance; wellbeing and wider life chances also improve through being in school, every day.



Summer Learning...Happened So Fast!

Getting Ready for Year 11

For any Year 10s wanting to get well prepared for their GCSE year ahead, spend some time learning the quotations below for your English Literature exams.

Christmas Carol

1. As solitary as an oyster
2. decrease the surplus population
3. I wear the chain I forged in life
4. A solitary child neglected by his friends
5. Another idol has displaced me
6. Nobody said or thought it was at all a small pudding for a large family
7. Bob held his withered little hand in his
8. Yellow, meagre, ragged, scowling, wolfish
9. He frightened everyone away from him when he was alive
10. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future

Macbeth

1. Fair is foul, and foul is fair
2. Look like th'innocent flower, but be the serpent under't
3. False face must hide what the false heart doth know
4. Is this a dagger which I see before me
5. O full of scorpions is my mind
6. Never shake thy gory locks at me
7. Out damned spot, out I say
8. This dead butcher, and his fiend-like queen
9. I'll fight, till from my bones my flesh be hacked
10. Let not light see my black and dark desires

An Inspector Calls

1. As if we were all mixed-up together like bees in a hive
2. It's my duty to keep labour costs down
3. But these girls aren't cheap labour
4. I couldn't be sorry for her
5. Why – you fool – he knows I hate those hard-eyed, dough-faced women
6. He's a notorious womaniser and one of the worst sots and rogues in Brumley
7. We've done a great deal of useful work in helping deserving cases
8. I think she had only herself to blame
9. Secondly, I blame the young man who was the father of the child
10. We are members of one body
11. There'll be a public scandal
12. You're beginning to pretend now that nothing's really happened at all

Power and Conflict Poetry

1. Into the valley of Death
2. But nothing happens
3. Suddenly he awoke and was running
4. Dream, and he's torn apart by a dozen rounds
5. A hundred agonies in black-and-white
6. With trembling oars I turned
7. Worried by silence, sentries whisper, curious, nervous
8. Strange, it is a huge nothing that we fear
9. His terror's touchy dynamite
10. He's here in my head when I close my eyes
11. Look on my works, ye Mighty and despair
12. I wandered through each chartered street
13. I gave commands
14. Dem tell me
15. A tuna, the dark prince, muscular, dangerous

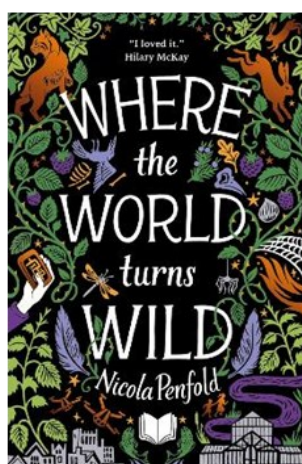
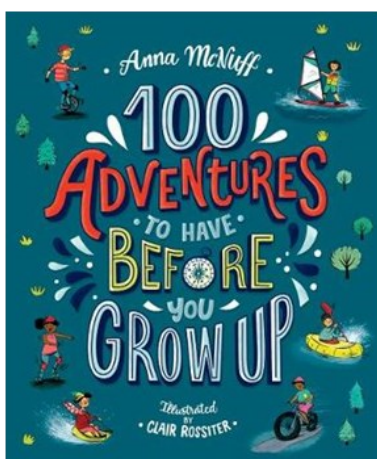
Recommended Reads for this Summer...



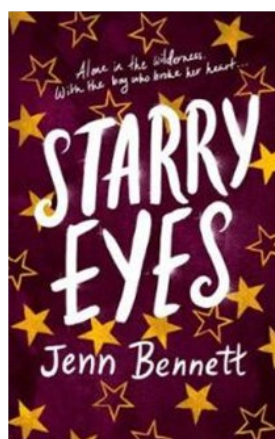
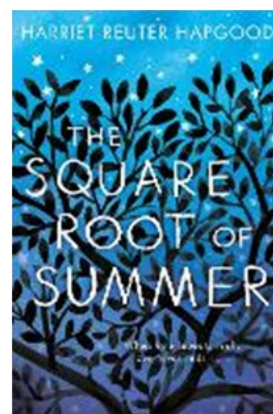
What is the Summer Slide?

Summer Slide refers to the loss of learning that takes place over the summer holidays. "Learning loss" is the general umbrella term and it can attach itself to any discipline, for example, reading loss. The statistics are pretty frightening. Research indicates that **2 months** of reading skills are lost over a single summer. But do not fear! Having direct access to books can significantly help pupils to beat summer slide, and retain information from the school year. So, take a look at the recommendations below...

11+



13+



Key dates for next year:

2024

Wednesday 4th September — school reopens for pupils

Wednesday 2nd October—Year 7 Parents' Information Meeting at 6pm

Friday 4th October — Year 7 Welcome Mass and Freshers' Fair

Wednesday 9th October—Year 10 Parents' Information Meeting at 6pm

Thursday 18th October—school closes for pupils for half-term

Monday 28th October—school reopens for pupils

Wednesday 13th November—Year 11 Progress Evening 1

Wednesday 11th December—Year 7 Progress Evening

Friday 20th December—Christmas Mass and pupils finish at 12.30pm

2025

Monday 6th January—school reopens and Year 11 Mock Exams commence

Monday 3rd Feb—Year 10 Exams commence

Thursday 13th February—Year 11 Mock Results, Careers Event and Progress Evening 2

Friday 14th February—school closes for half term

Monday 24th February—school reopens

Thursday 13th March —Year 10 Progress Evening

Wednesday 19th March—Year 9 Progress Evening

Wednesday 2nd April—Year 8 Progress Evening

Thursday 3rd April—School closes for pupils for Easter

Tuesday 22nd April—school reopens



And finally . . . just to say many thanks to you all for your continued support throughout the past year. These newsletters are a celebration of all the outstanding work that takes place both in and beyond school and showcases the outstanding talent that our pupils possess.

It just remains for me to wish you all a restful, well earned and enjoyable summer break.

Mr Cafferkey