



Stronger together for the common good

Autumn / Winter 2022



Welcome to our autumn and winter 2022 newsletter.

It has been an exciting term for All Saints Multi Academy Trust as we have welcomed our first primary school into the family! Faith Primary Academy in Everton is a joint denominational school and to celebrate the partnership, and the start of advent, we held a really special event – find out more below.

Our secondary schools have each had a jam-packed term with lots of exciting things taking place. It was wonderful to see The Academy of St Francis of Assisi and The Academy of St Nicholas come together for

Nugent's 'Light Up a Life' service which took place at the Metropolitan Cathedral on 16 December.

After a record year, All Saints Sixth Form College is now recruiting students for 2023. We are thrilled to see the continued growth of our post-16 provision.

On behalf of everyone at All Saints Multi Academy Trust, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Heather Duggan
CEO



TRUST LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Mrs Heather Duggan	– CEO
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Ms Jo Leech	– Headteacher at The Academy of St Francis of Assisi
Mrs Colette Singleton	– Senior Deputy Headteacher
Mr Charlie O'Doherty	– Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Jennifer Sing	– Headteacher of The Academy of St Nicholas
Mr Gary Lloyd	– Senior Deputy Headteacher
Mr Adam Robinson	– Deputy Headteacher
Ms Sarah Williams	– Headteacher of Faith Primary Academy



FAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL JOINS ALL SAINTS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

All Saints Multi Academy Trust is delighted to welcome Faith Primary Academy into its family of school.

Located on Prince Edwin Street, Everton, Faith Primary Academy is the first primary school to join the trust. It is an inclusive, joint denominational school which has 204 pupils and 35 members of staff.

To celebrate the new partnership and the start of advent, All Saints Multi Academy Trust and the school held a special service at St Francis Xavier's Church on Tuesday 29 November.

Pupils and staff walked to the church and were led by a very special guest, Fiona the donkey. The procession symbolised the scene from the bible where Mary and Joseph were planning the arrival of their new baby, while at the same time having to make such a difficult journey on a donkey, and was re-enacted by the children walking the half a mile distance from their school to the church.

During the service, Rev Stuart Haynes explained the meaning of advent to pupils, staff and special guests, and gave a blessing in honour of Faith Primary Academy being formally part of the trust.

Over 200 children joined in with hymns and filled the church with their beautiful voices. Students and staff from other



academies within the trust also were in attendance and warmly welcomed a new school community into the family.

Sarah Williams, headteacher of Faith Primary Academy, said: "We are overjoyed to have joined All Saints Multi Academy Trust. Our own values perfectly match those of the trust, and together, we will work in partnership to bring the best education and life chances for our children."

"Being part of a trust means there is a wealth of support and expertise that we can access, as well as having the opportunity to collaborate with other schools and share best practice."

ALL SAINTS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST APPOINTS TRUST EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Former headteacher of Halewood C of E Primary School, Dave Smith, has been appointed as the trust education director.

Dave began his teaching career in 1994 at a Church of England school in Halton, following this he moved to the borough of Knowsley where he got a taste for leadership whilst working at a forward-thinking community school. In 2005, Dave successfully applied for the headteacher post at Halewood C of E Primary School and was instrumental in gaining consistent outstanding judgements by Ofsted 17 years.

Dave's new role will oversee the growth of primary schools and the development of the multi academy trust.

He added: "I am really excited to join All Saints Multi Academy Trust. I love the vision and the values that the trust stands for and my experience to date, during the recruitment process, confirms that the organisation lives these out."

"The central team are very experienced and offer so much to schools which takes away from headteacher workload. I am fully aware that trusts play a key role in supporting schools to operate and I can see how the systems we have in place will enable headteachers to focus on their core purpose."



LIGHT UP A LIFE

The Academy of St Nicholas and The Academy of St Francis of Assisi came together for Nugent's 'Light Up a Life' service on 16 December.

The service took place at the Metropolitan Cathedral, led by Bishop Tom Williams, alongside other schools from the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Light Up a Life provides individuals the opportunity to remember loved ones and reflect on happy memories by dedicating a light on a tree as a gift for someone who may be away from home this Christmas, or in memory of someone.

Year 11 student, Codie Mathews from The Academy of St Francis of Assisi sang 'Don't Worry About Me' by Frances, with The Academy

of St Nicholas' chaplain, Sarah-Joy Gillard, joining her on piano.

Later on during the service, Liverpool singer songwriter, Rob Vincent, performed his song 'Light of the Stars' with Codie.



STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS CELEBRATE FEAST DAY

On 4 October, The Academy of St Francis of Assisi (ASFA) community celebrated the Feast Day of their patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi.

Patron of animals, merchants and ecology, St. Francis of Assisi's works and lessons are a source of inspiration for the students at the Kensington-based academy.

A variety of services were held on the day for students, staff and parents where they were able to reflect on the themes of 'Talking

to God' and 'One Another'. This provided a great reminder for all of how important it is to discuss one's worries anxieties, to one another and to God in prayer.

The academy's Year 11 student leadership team read poetry and scripture readings in order to further encourage the sharing of anxieties. One scripture included 'Matthew 11:28-30'. Other students from Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 performed music, directed by the school's head of music, Ms Oztuna.



SENDING CHRISTMAS WISHES

This year's Christmas card for the academy has been beautifully designed by a Year 10 GCSE art student.

Hastyar Mejeed was tasked with creating a winter scene that could be used on the front of the Christmas card which would then be professionally printed and sent to local primary schools, governors and other stakeholders.

In 2020, Hastyar's sister also created art for the academy's Christmas card.

Hastyar said: "I was so pleased to be asked to create a piece of art for this year's Christmas card. I'm delighted with how it looks and I hope it makes people smile when they receive it."



NEW LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS ANNOUNCED

Four Year 11 students have been selected to become language ambassadors this new academic year.

The students will offer students in Years 7 and 8, whose first language isn't English, any additional support they may need when it comes to speaking, reading and writing in English.

The initiative first started in 2019 and has gone from strength to strength ever since. Over 40 different languages are spoken in the academy and staff work tirelessly to ensure everyone's native tongue is represented in the school community.

This year's language ambassadors include Jakub who speaks Polish, Nicole who speaks Portuguese, David who speaks Italian, and Mohamed who is originally from

Ethiopia and speaks Afar, Swedish and also understands Amharic.

With the help of the academy's language acquisition coordinator, Amanda Gamble, the language ambassadors will work closely with students to overcome language barriers by hosting fortnightly reading clubs, translating schoolwork, and also attending events that their fellow peers may require assistance with.

Amanda Gamble said: "We are very fortunate to have another group of confident and proactive language ambassadors this year. It is important that EAL (English as an additional language) students have other students they can go to for support in school.

"This programme is just one of many ways we create an inclusive community for students."



AN AWARD-WINNING SCHOOL!

At the end of November, The Academy of St Nicholas won the WOW Recognition Award at the Educate Awards.

The school was bestowed with the award as part of the national 'Warm Welcome Operation' where it welcomed over 60 Afghan students into the St Nicholas community.

The school carefully introduced students to their new surroundings and ensured they had access to St Nicholas' bespoke curriculum which allowed them to 'flourish and thrive' in line with the academy's vision and mission.

Outside of school, staff took students to visit the sights of Liverpool and helped develop their passion for cricket and football. Mrs Sing said: "We are over the moon to have won the WOW Recognition Award. Welcoming Afghan students into our community was an honour for our school, not only did we ensure they had access to our inspiring curriculum but we also wanted them to feel at home in the wonderful city of Liverpool.

"I would like to say a big thank you to my amazing team for all their hard work for 'Operation Warm Welcome'."



RESPECT AT ST NICHOLAS

On Friday 16 December 2022, The Academy of St Nicholas held its first ever 'Respect at St Nicholas' day.

During this exciting event, students spent the day with their Curriculum for Life tutor groups and participated in a fun-filled day which responds to some of the key issues our young people currently face in society.

The innovative drop-down day centred around respect for yourself, others, elders, the local community and for future generations. The event included a number of special guests including anti-drug crime speaker, Herman Dange, and actor and rapper, Kema Kay.

Headteacher, Mrs Jeniffer Sing said: "Respect at St Nicholas was a fantastic and insightful day for our students. As a forward-thinking academy, we want to equip our young people with the knowledge and understanding of how important respect, whether that is self-respect or respecting the wider community.

"The feedback from students was brilliant and we're pleased they found the day worthwhile."

STUDENTS DEVELOP THEIR CULINARY SKILLS WITH MASTERCHEF: THE PROFESSIONALS STAR

Recently, Year 11 food technology students spent the afternoon with a local, well-known Italian chef to prepare for their coursework.

As part of their GCSE coursework, students were tasked with planning, preparing, cooking, and presenting a final menu to meet the needs of a specific context. To do so, they have to use appropriate technical skills and processes to create three to four Italian dishes, showcasing their culinary skills.

For support in further developing the necessary skills required for this part of the course, the academy asked chef Gabriella Margiotta to host a workshop with the class who were incredibly excited to learn from a professional.

Chef Gabriella Margiotta is a sous chef at her family's restaurant, Cucina di Vincenzo, located on Woolton Road, Liverpool. Gabriella's talent as a chef has been recognised through awards such as Cuoco of the Year 2019, amassing an Instagram following of over 18,000 and most

recently her success in reaching the semi-finals of MasterChef: The Professionals 2022.

During the workshop, students worked with Gabriella in preparing, cooking, and presenting a classic Italian homemade mini cannoli with a sweetened ricotta. They received top tips on how to present Italian dishes and advice on flavour combination as well as complex, high-level dishes.



SIXTH FORM RECRUITMENT

After a record-breaking year of enrolment into Year 12, All Saints Sixth Form has begun recruiting for September 2023.

There is a wide range of both academic and vocational level 3 qualifications on offer, as well as a bespoke level 2 programme of study.

In addition to its diverse and ambitious curriculum, the sixth form is delighted to now be able to offer A-level history. All qualifications are delivered by subject specialists who have expert knowledge.

The sixth form held a successful open night on Thursday 8 December 2022. The event gave students the opportunity to speak with teachers and explore their academic options. On the night there were representatives from two local universities, who were also able to provide impartial guidance on next steps.

Students are encouraged to complete wider reading in preparation for their future post-16 studies. If any year 11 student still wishes to apply for sixth form, please visit the website: allsaintssixthformcollege.org.uk/application-for-6th-form.

Interviews will take place in the New Year and all students that have applied will be given a conditional offer.

Head of sixth form, Grant Sibbald said: "We look forward to welcoming our new Year 12 students in September 2023!"

MIGRANT LEADERS VISIT THE SIXTH FORM

This term, Elham, the founder of Migrant Leaders delivered a talk which encouraged students from disadvantaged backgrounds and migrants to broaden their horizons and capture opportunities well beyond their aspirations.

Elham has kindly offered to deliver workshops, mentoring, connections, and experiences that will help students fulfil their potential.

It was delightful to see so many of students accepted onto this programme, after a rigorous application process.

THE GIRLS NETWORK

In the autumn, female students met their mentors from The Girls Network for the first time.

It was a fantastic evening, and the girls were happy with who they partnered up with. The sixth form is very lucky to have mentors from industries such as law, games development, health care and business.



PSYCHOLOGY TRIP

In December, Miss Hafez took her psychology class to the Trafford Centre for this year's Tutor2U A-Level Psychology workshop.

This was a fantastic day of fast paced activities and essential exam advice. This is just one of the many super curricular activities that take place at All Saints Sixth Form College.



FLAGSHIP FOR INCLUSION

Faith Primary Academy works extremely hard to become a fully inclusive school where the achievements, opportunities and wellbeing of every child matter.

As a result of the innovative and inclusive practices and provision, Faith Primary Academy was once again awarded for the Inclusion Quality Mark School Award and the prestigious IQM Flagship Status; which has only been awarded to approximately 200 schools across the UK who continue to commitment to outstanding levels of best practice.

This award recognises the ongoing commitment by the school to provide the very best education for children, irrespective of their differences.

IQM Inclusive School Award stated: "It is always a genuine pleasure to visit Faith Primary Academy. At all times, there is a warm, calming atmosphere which envelopes you, uplifting your mood and wellbeing as soon as you enter. The positivity of the Senior Leadership Team is infectious, as is their passion for inclusion which is the fundamental driver for school development.

"It is a calm, welcoming school; a place of sanctuary and inclusion, where children, staff, parents and governors feel extremely proud to be part of. Pupils feel that Faith 'is a very friendly place'."



One child said: "If you are sad about something, the teachers deal with it and comfort you [...] it is a very safe and friendly place."

Another child added: "It is a calm place; everyone is nice and all the staff deal with it straight away when something is wrong".

One child commented: "If someone is upset, the teachers deal with it so quickly, it is like it never happened."

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS THOMAS!

Faith Primary Academy is delighted to announce that Miss Thomas not only passed her SENCo Award qualification but was awarded a distinction.

Miss Thomas is the fourth member of staff to achieve the highest level in the award and the team are all very proud of her as it takes a lot of hard work and determination to complete the qualification. To achieve a distinction is a huge achievement.

Miss Thomas said: "SEND is such an integral part of our vocation and I genuinely believe that everyone should take time to understand the law, what good practice looks like and how we can shape the world we want the children of today to live in."

