



Wonderful Christmas Concert



Concert Band



**Dear friends,
families and
students of
All Hallows**

Having lived for several years in America, I always see this time of the year as a time to give thanks. After all, the days after American Thanksgiving lead us straight into Advent and our preparations to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, Jesus. This is why it

is a time for me to give thanks for the support of our hard-working governors and all the staff who contribute to the work of the school. I want to thank you for the 101 ways in which you support the school and our students - from delivering forgotten homework and PE kit to encouraging your sons and daughters to turn out and help the school on Open Evenings or at concerts. And finally I want to thank our students for so willingly joining in and working so hard for their school and their community. **May God**

bless you and grant you a happy, peaceful and holy Christmas

Mrs Lutzeier and all the staff.



Busy Times for the All Hallows Choirs



Saturday 22nd November was a very busy day for Mrs Sprague and two of the Choirs who performed at two very different events. Firstly, the Chamber Choir were honoured to sing at the wedding of Miss Schular and then, with minutes to spare, some of them dashed to appear in

full festive costume at Gostrey Meadows where they took part in the 'Switching on the Christmas Lights' ceremony.



Christmas Concert

As the full-to capacity audience eagerly anticipated the first Christmas Concert in the newly finished 346 seat auditorium, the 209 music students from across all year groups assembled themselves with great excitement as the Concert Band got the concert off to a confident start. It was great to see how the audience really appreciated all the efforts that had been put into the preparation by the numerous bands, choirs and orchestras; and now with tiered seating, the visual impact enhanced the overall experience. From music by Handel and Saint-Saens through to Jazz and Folk, the music was varied in its style and genre with polished and enthusiastic performances from all of the young musicians. **Thank you and well done to everyone who made the evening such a huge success. By Mr Banks.**



Community Concert

On Tuesday 25th November, our 'Mini Violins and Cellos' played at the Community Concert. Even the photograph of the young musicians shows their determination and how much they are improving.

They were joined at the evening event by Farnham area Youth Orchestra, and Voices Together Community Choir.



Chamber Concert

Pictured below are 17 of our musicians who played at a recent Chamber Concert. These concerts give the students an opportunity to perform individually on their instruments.



Careers Education

On Tuesday 14th October 2014 a selected number of students got the chance to go to Epsom Downs racecourse to look around and see what opportunities could be offered to them once they left school. At the fair there were lots of different colleges offering different courses as well as apprenticeships and businesses offering work place schemes. It really made me think about what I seriously wanted to achieve after my GCSEs and what I wanted to do when I was older. Visiting the stalls made me realise the importance of school and GCSE grades. Grades and achievements in school are very important to help you to get your 'dream job.' To get the opportunity to visit the employers and ask them questions was very interesting as it helped to see what you really need to do to get on to a specific course or get into a certain job. It was a very good informative day! **By Lily Murray 11C**



British German Association Sponsored Visit to Poland

Rachel Harden and I were selected to represent the school as part of the Holocaust Educational Programme. This involved attending two London-based lectures as well as waking up at the crack of dawn in order to visit the camps at Auschwitz on a one day tour of Poland

The day started unlike most others, waking at 3am. We met our groups at the airport and boarded the plane to Krakow. At this point many of us involved were naturally feeling apprehensive about the day ahead, wondering exactly what we would experience. The first stop was a Jewish cemetery. Out of the 11 million who died in the Holocaust, 6 million were Jewish. After the cemetery, we were left to reflect before our tour around Auschwitz.

Words cannot describe the emotion one feels when visiting the different barracks, where people came to die. It is difficult to comprehend how you feel now, when reflecting on what we've seen. But it is something we will never forget. Auschwitz concentration camp was actually three different camps, but only two are now open for the public to visit. Auschwitz was not what you would expect, it wasn't isolated or wholly uninviting, in some rooms there were even pictures on the walls. But there was something eerie about knowing what had once been there.

Finally we went to Auschwitz Birkenau. Nothing could have prepared us for the sight. The sheer size: the railway running through it, the huge wooden huts and the isolation you felt. After being shown around we had a service led by a London Rabbi who came with us, we lit candles and reflected on what we had seen.

It was a truly humbling experience to be involved in and I would advise anyone, given the opportunity, to visit. **By Bridget Tahourdin**

German Exchange to Cologne 23rd – 28th October

Following the successful visit from our Partner school last June, we returned to Cologne. Our first morning there was spent at the Humboldtgynasium, before Exchange Partners took our students home. The German School had prepared a lovely 'Frühstücksbuffet' which comprised homemade national dishes and delicacies.



The following day, our students saw some of the key differences between the German and English school system. They enjoyed a 'late start' as period 1 had been cancelled and they discovered that German students were left to their own devices; there is no Study Hall equivalent! The Headteacher accompanied us on a walk around Cologne, starting on the roof of the school which afforded us a lovely view of the Cathedral. The students asked pertinent questions about the history of Cologne and found out just how much of the city had been destroyed during the Second World War. A local politician, Herr Junge, was also able to inform the students about the revolutionary steps Cologne has taken to become more environmentally friendly. The rest of the day was spent visiting the Lindtschokoladenmuseum, making our own bar of chocolate and then visiting the Sport und Olympisches Museum next door, where we played basketball and football on the roof, narrowly avoiding sending the ball into the Rhein.

On Monday morning both groups of students spent the day together at Phantasialand, they all had lots to talk about including tales of what they had done at the weekend.

On the last day, we travelled by tram to Bonn, where we spent the morning at the Beethoven House, before a tour of Bonn and some last minute shopping. Saying goodbye to our Exchange partners was very emotional, but all of our students had a wonderful experience and we really must thank the Humboldtgynasium for the hospitality afforded to us. Mr Lines and I thoroughly enjoyed our time with our students, who excelled themselves in terms of behaviour, resilience and enthusiasm. Some students in particular really blossomed during the Exchange and have told me that they have learnt a lot about themselves and another way of life. We look forward to running another very successful trip next year. Please see Mrs Boniface for further details if you have not already done so.

By Mrs Boniface

Drama News.....



In October a large number of drama students went to Frensham Heights to see Analogue Theatre Company perform 'Stowaway'. They had devised an award winning drama based on the incident of a man who fell from a plane's landing gear and explored the reasons a man would have for endangering his life in this way. Senior students (Years 10 -13) were also taken to see a riveting production in Guildford of 'The Man Jesus' performed solely by the amazing Simon Callow. His innovative use of performance skills and unique staging was inspiring for all students. Lastly we have had the wonderful Orange Tree Theatre perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at our school. The performance was 'in the round' and to an audience of Year 9 to 13. The group of four performers helped demystify Shakespeare and also ran a workshop afterwards for the benefit of all students.

The **KS3 Drama Company** continues to rehearse each week and students are currently working hard on their first scripted performance pieces. Watch out for the dates and times! **By Mr Oakshott**

Fantasy Opera House Art Competition



Many thanks to the pupils of 9A, 9C, 9H and 9S who took part in an art competition in conjunction with The New York MET opera house and Farnham Maltings to design a 'Fantasy Opera House'. Congratulations to the 27 pupils whose entries made it through the first selection round, which included representatives from the NY MET, Farnham Maltings, All Hallows and a visiting Architect, Mark Foley. Votes were cast online, at the Frame Centre and at the screening of the opera 'Carmen' at the Farnham Maltings. The winning three designs belong to Ryan

Clark 9H First Place, Laju Gurung 9A Second Place, and Nancy Martin 9C Third Place. These three winning designs have been professionally framed by The Frame Centre, Farnham and will be displayed in the shop window over December before being awarded to the students. Many congratulations for your creative designs and a huge thank you to Jacqueline Boronow Danson, NY MET Ambassador, Mark Foley, Principal Architect at Burrell Foley Fisher LLP, Caroline Dyche, The Frame Centre, and the staff at Farnham Maltings for this opportunity.

Author Visit for Years 7 and 8 – Alan Gibbons



Students of Year 7 and 8 were treated to a visit by author Alan Gibbons, who has been writing children's books for 23 years. He is the winner of the Blue Peter Book Award 2000 'The book I couldn't put down' for his best-selling book *Shadow of the Minotaur*. He was a judge of the 2001 Awards. He has also been shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal in 2001 and 2003 and twice for the Booktrust Teenage Prize.

On the day, students were able to hear all about Alan's life and how he came to be a writer. They were then given the opportunity to have a book signed by the author.

Altogether, it was an entertaining and informative insight into the world of a successful author, which should hopefully inspire our students to read more and possibly write some stories of their own. **By Miss Miles**

Lebkuchen

Last week, Year 7 French & German students took part in a cross-curricular MFL and D&T day. Students baked biscuits to traditional recipes, decorated them with seasonal greetings in each target language and packaged the biscuits using a variety of ICT skills. All students produced fabulous biscuits that were both festive and fun. A great day was had by all! Joyeux Noel & Frohe Weihnachten!
By Miss Powell and the MFL team.



Medieval Day

In November, Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to take part in Happening History's 'Medieval Day' workshops. Here are two pupils' accounts of the day:

Michael Simmons, 7A

Medieval day was fun because we took part in loads of activities. I was a craftsman for part of it and I made medicine to cure the plague. Later we tried some armour, it was very heavy! We also learnt about the different types of clothing. They were very different to nowadays! It was a fascinating day and we learnt lots of new information.

Amber Bradshaw, 7A

I was very excited because from what I'd heard from previous year 7s they had mentioned some very fun activities.

We were placed into one of four households for the day. The grand houses were the Tudor, the Beaufort, the Stafford, and the Neville households. Before the activities everybody had to quickly dress into their outfits. The activities included making and selling boxes, which

were made of wood of our choice, mixing medicines, crafting leather aprons, and setting up massive wedding feasts for Lords and Ladies. It was a great opportunity to learn about medieval life and it was lots of fun.



What does Christmas actually mean?

With the beginning of the Advent season and every shop in the high-street already belting out the festive music, I can't help but start to get excited in anticipation of the coming weeks. I love carol singing, tree decorating and present-giving and have decided that Christmas is my favourite time of the year. But the question that has been playing on my mind this week is – what does Christmas actually mean to the students at All Hallows? As always the Year 7 students were very happy to answer my questions.

Morgan Nicholas 7E informed me that Christmas is about "spending time with your family and friends" as well as "eating Christmas dinner", of course! **Maddie Bashiruddin 7J and Luisa Onesti 7S** were very much in agreement, adding only that "giving and opening presents" were also very exciting thoughts which they associated with Christmas. When I asked **Aoife Chapman 7H** the first three things that came to her mind when Christmas was mentioned, she enthusiastically told me that she loves "reindeers, Santa and Christmas trees". **Christian Federico 7H** hesitated only momentarily before announcing that Christmas is "sick", something that I took to be a positive reaction! With such a variety of responses, it is clear that Christmas time is a period that excites us all here at All Hallows. Yet it was **Jake Bishop 7C** who reminded me what the true meaning of Christmas is, apart from being a special family occasion where we exchange presents. **Jake** told me that Christmas, to him, meant "the birth of Jesus Christ", and I believe that to be the greatest gift of all.

So, as we all prepare for the long-awaited Christmas holidays and festivities, I urge you to remember the first ever Christmas Day – the day that Jesus Christ, Our Lord, was born.

By Rachel Harden

The Flanders Field Memorial Garden Project

On the weekend of 8th and 9th of November I was lucky enough to go to London with Mrs Jones and a group of Belgian students from our link school. Our visit included seeing the tower of London, going aboard HMS Belfast, a service at Wellington barracks and the opening of the Flanders Field Memorial Garden. It was an incredible and humbling weekend and I consider myself to be very lucky to have been a part of such an important event.

By George Jones, Head Boy



The Poppies



Inspired by the ceramic poppies displayed at the Tower of London, each of the tutor groups in the school demonstrated remembrance for those who died in WWI. Along the Memorial Garden fence 52 large red poppies, each bearing the name of individual tutor groups and the inscription 'Remembers 1914 – 1918,' stand as a reminder of the terrible sacrifice of those who were involved in that war to end all wars.

By Mrs Jones



Shown above is Sam Nichols, last year's Head Boy who represented All Hallows at the start of the Memorial Project.

The Christmas Truce

On Christmas Eve one hundred years ago the guns fell silent along sections of the Western Front and in an act of extraordinary courage and humanity, soldiers from opposing armies met in No-Man's-Land to celebrate Christmas. Throughout the week of 1st to 5th December, the assemblies focussed on this incredible event, the Christmas Truce of

1914. This was followed by students investigating ethical issues surrounding that truce in their PSHE lessons and in Drama and MFL, lessons were given around the theme of the Truce. On Friday 12th December, students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 took part in a commemorative football match to honour those men who in the midst of war had the courage to bring the true message of love and peace that is central to our faith. By Mrs Jones

Combined Year 10 and 11 versus the Sixth Form



Bishop Philip Welcomed



Earlier in the term Right Reverend Bishop Philip Egan, the Bishop of Portsmouth, made his official visitation to All Hallows. This took place on Tuesday 14th October where the morning began with a solemn liturgy of welcome for the bishop. There were representatives from across the school as well as Deacon John Edwards and Fr. Niven Richardson who attended as members of the Chaplaincy team. Mrs Lutzeier gave a few words of welcome to the bishop and expressed the importance of Catholic schools in the diocese in that they existed not only as places of education for the passing on of the faith, but also as places of evangelisation. Bishop Philip proceeded to the Sixth Form Centre to bless the statue of Our Lady which stands outside the Marian Hall and shortly afterwards Cantamus sang Adiemus for the bishop in the Marian Hall itself. Bishop Philip joined the staff for coffee and after a meeting with Mrs Lutzeier and the Chaplaincy team he had a tour of the school where he met some of the students at work. Bishop Philip thanked and praised the school for its work with the young people of the diocese and he assured us of his prayers and blessings. **By Mr Tucker**

An Interview With....



Mrs Crail (PA to Mrs Lutzeier)

How would you summarise your job?

"I make sure that Mrs Lutzeier is where she should be, doing what she should do, on time. I manage her diary, create appointments, take dictation and type up letters and documents for Mrs Lutzeier to sign. We work very closely together as a team and it is also important to have a good sense of humour. Most importantly, I have to make sure the coffee is ready when required."

Talk us through your average day... *"Usually the office is much like Piccadilly Circus. Lots of people coming in and out to see Mrs Lutzeier and myself for various different tasks and activities needed to maintain a good school. I start my day at around 8am until way after the students go home."*

Did you always want to be a secretary? *"I always wanted to be a secretary, even when I was a child. I met that goal and have worked in this job for 25 years. I have never had a dull day."*

What are your favourite hobbies, outside of school? *"I enjoy reading and gardening at home. I also enjoy going on holiday and, of course, visiting my grandchildren."*

What is the strangest thing you have ever confiscated? *"A long time ago, I was given a truncheon-like-slingshot-thing to look after that had been confiscated and I once confiscated a BB-gun."*

Who is your favourite singer? *"I enjoy Elvis Presley, Cliff Richard and The Beatles. I am not so keen on the modern songs-I hate rap!"*

If you were to change something about All Hallows, what would it be? *"I would definitely make it a four day week so there would be no school/work on Friday and we could have a longer weekend."*

Finally, tell us about your most embarrassing moment... *"I don't actually have an embarrassing moment that I can recall. This is because I keep lists and check things off to keep organised and prepared for any upcoming events. I already have everything ready for Christmas-cards in a pile, presents nearly all wrapped and the tree goes up this weekend."* (27th November)

By Ollie, Amelia, Joe, Faith and Millie, Year 9

RAG Week 2014

On Monday the 27th of October, the Sixth Form students descended on the school in full pajama regalia. The 2014 RAG week was upon us, and students were armed with cakes to sell and money to donate.

With dress-up days including 'Characters', 'Sports' and 'High School Cliques', the students presented the school with an impressive variety of costumes. The break time cake sales, as well as the activities at lunch allowed for students across the year groups to grasp at the opportunity to donate money in aid of the good causes. 'Sponge a Teacher'; 'Eating Contests' and 'Leg Waxing' drew in large crowds, adding to this year's total. A special mention to our reigning Chubby Bunny champion, Mr. Marker. Also, to Mr. Carney for shaving his



beard, concluding a very successful week. Many thanks to all the teachers that participated in and supervised the activities during these fundraising events.

A whopping £1327.45 was raised, all of which will be divided between 'Help for Heroes' and 'Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice'. Hundreds of families will benefit thanks to the generosity of the All Hallows students, parents and teachers. **By Rachel O'Boyle, Deputy Head Girl.**



Travelling Around Surrey? Have Your Say

Surrey County Council are reviewing their transport policies and have arranged an on-line questionnaire. If you would like to complete it please go to: surreycc.gov.uk/transportreview.

Cars and Student Safety at the Front of School

Please would all parents be aware of the need for sensible parking away from the immediate entrance to school when picking up. When dropping off in the morning, please drive to the end of the lay-by so buses and other cars can drop off safely. Thank you.

Surrey Sumdog Competition



Students took part in the Surrey wide maths Sumdog competition and we recognised top students in each class. Congratulations in particular go to Jakub Geron who came second in Surrey with a 98.3% accuracy rate. All Hallows had five students in the top 10 and the Study Centre was full of students competing against each other and having fun with maths competitions! **By Mrs Powell**

Year 13 visit The Natural History Museum



On Wednesday 12th November a group of Year 13 biologists visited the Natural History Museum's Darwin Centre. Whilst there, we were given a tour of the spirit collection where we were able to see jars of

preserved mammals, amphibians and reptiles. We were lucky enough to be shown the species that Darwin brought back from his 19th century Beagle voyage, the largest Giant squid ever found in one piece and the museum's oldest specimen called the fire belly salamander. After that we had the opportunity to listen to a forensic entomologist in a nature talk discussing his work. We thank Mr Spreadborough and Mrs Cox for giving us an exciting and educational day. **By Sarah Tuson, Yr13.**

Best Teamwork Award at Teen Tech

Eight of us along with Miss Brand and Mrs Greene went to Teen Tech, a Maths, Science and D&T exhibition. The highlight of the day was part 1 - the 'Design a Game' competition where we won the Best Teamwork award. We later split into two groups and visited various stands including Sodexo Technical Services, Maplin, HP and the National Grid. There were loads of gadgets for us to look at and play with and we even sneaked a go on a Google Glass, a smart phone that lives on your face! As well as

getting to miss school for the day we were able to get a good look at what the future gadgets might look like. It was an excellent day! **By Daniel Jones, 8P.**



Girls Football News

The girls are now in the last 16 of the ESFA U16 Girls National Cup, after some comfortable wins in the early stages with a bye, 7-1 and 9-0 wins, their toughest test came in the 4th round against a very strong Corfe Hill School from Dorset. After a long journey the girls found themselves in unfamiliar territory being 2-0 down at half time, but showed tremendous character to pull it back winning 3-2 with a late 30 yard strike from captain Tamsin de Bunsen!



Another strong victory against Winston Churchill 5-1 in the next round, has set up a clash with Warden Park Academy on Thursday 11th December for a place in the quarter finals. **By Mr Marker.**

The Great All Hallows Bake Off

This year the D&T Department has teamed up with the History Department. Each round the students will be given a recipe based on a historical event/time. For Round 1 the Year 8 and 9 students were given a WW1 biscuit recipe called parkin to develop. Once again the students rose to the challenge and the standard was very high. Year 9 'Star Bakers' were Julia Wenzelwsk and Millie Davis, runner up was Isobel Nash. The year 8 'Star Bakers' were Karel Coetzee and Anna Hinchliff.

By Mrs Behagg



Year 8 Shakespeare Competition 2014



The annual English Speaking and Listening competitions got off to a roar this year with the Year 8 Shakespeare Competition. Each competitor was required to recite a soliloquy from a Shakespeare play, making good use of their pitch, pace, pause, tone, projection and body language. With an entry from every form class the judges, Mr Morrish and Mrs Lutzeier, had a very difficult time indeed! Mrs Lutzeier commended each of the competitors and gave excellent tips to all of Year 8 on how they could improve. She also commented that these were the best performances she has seen yet. Well done to all the students who participated, but especial congratulations to Karel Coetzee 8E for 1st place. Lewis Liney 8M came second and Jasmine McCallion 8C was third.

By Mrs MacArthur-Jones

CHAPLAINCY TEAM



"It's Christmasssss....." begins Noddy Holder in one of the popular songs we hear on the radio and in the shops. However it's really Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of God incarnate. That's how important it is.

God becomes man in the form of a baby. Jesus the Son of God comes into the world; the first coming. St. Bernard writes about three comings, the second being the coming of Christ into our hearts. Our frantic preparations to celebrate Christmas need to be re-focused on

our spiritual preparation. Prayer and good works have always been methods of spiritual preparation. Even the secular world seems to want to be in on the act with the recent re-recording of the Band-Aid single, for the relief of Ebola sufferers. The love that we express at Christmas within our families needs to be expressed throughout the world. Please remember in your prayers the need for peace and justice in our world. Also the need for relief from starvation and disease and the safety of the homeless. Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and a peace filled and joyful New Year. **Deacon John**



CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Luke Jordan 9P for appearing in the Aldershot Pantomime Snow White.
Caitlin Smith 7J for performing in the chorus of Guildford's Christmas Pantomime Snow White.



Robert Thorpe, 9H for participation in an EXscitec Robotics STEM Science course over the summer holiday.

Tobias Sammut 7P who has become a sponsored rider with the Honda Motocross Race team. This summer season he finished on two podiums finishing 2nd overall in the Portsmouth Club and 3rd overall in the Ringwood Club. Over the Christmas break Tobias will be travelling to Belgium to train



for the national indoor arena events.



Harriet Mitchell 7A for representing the school so well in the recent Surrey trampolining competition.

Katherine Horton 10E who recently sat the UK Mathematical Olympiad for Girls - a competition primarily aimed at those in Years 11-13. The paper contained five questions to be answered in two and a half hours. Katherine did extremely well in coming 14th in the UK out of 1600 contestants and won a book prize.



Tallulah Norris 8S for coming first in the National Juvenile Ballroom Finals



Archie Riley 7P and Isabella Riley 7C who competed in the Global Tae Kwon Do International (GTI) British Open Championships. Despite competing against more experienced opponents Bella won the bronze medal in senior grade girls lightweight sparring and Archie won the gold medal (and the title of GTI British Champion) in senior grade boys middleweight sparring. It is not only their performances that are worthy of praise but also their outstanding sporting behaviour towards their opponents.



Magdalena Horos 8H And Jessica-Lucy Mint 8C for competing in National Synchronised Swimming Events.

Please email major achievements (include a photograph) to:
news.com@allhallows.net

Dates for your Diary

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Tuesday 6th January

8A AWAYDAY

Wednesday 14th January

8C AWAYDAY

Wednesday 21st January

YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

Thursday 22nd January

16.30—19.00

8E AWAYDAY

Wednesday 28th January

YEAR 12 & 13 MOCKS

Monday 2nd February—

Friday 6th February

YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING

Wednesday 4th February

16.30– 19.00

8J AWAYDAY

Wednesday 4th February

8M AWAYDAY

Wednesday 11th February

CHAMBER CONCERT

Wednesday 11th February

HALF TERM

Monday 16th February—

Friday 20th February

All Hallows Farnham Charitable Trust

An enormous Christmas thank you to all those families who have contributed to the All Hallows Farnham Charitable Trust over the past year. We are grateful for the support you give the on-going development of All Hallows. Most recently your donations have enabled us to build an impressive Sixth Form Centre and an exciting staged Auditorium.

Mrs Antrobus, Bursar

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St. Joseph's Church, Queens Road
 Wed 24th Dec, 8pm, First Mass of Christmas
 Thurs 25th Dec, 10.30am, Parish Mass of Christmas Day
St. Mary's Church, Belle Vue Road
 Wed 24th Dec, 5pm, First Mass of Christmas