



# School Newsletter

April 2019

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## Gazette STEM Champions!!

Cardinal Allen High school have been awarded the Blackpool Gazette STEM school of the year. This prestigious award follows a day of presentations at Blackpool and Fylde College highlighting how Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics are delivered in school to encourage the next generation of Engineers and Scientists. Our team of Abi Egan and Nisha Gardner Year 9 impressed the judges with excellent presentations. These presentations highlighted Cardinal Allen's unequalled environmental enrichment programme, the use of smart materials in the Technology curriculum and our international project work with Galaxy High School, Nepal and Kilimanjaro Academy, Tanzania, focusing on renewable energy for the future. Excellent work Abi and Nisha!

The £1000 prize is being spent on a drone to enthuse students in our Engineering club.

Abi and Nisha are currently being supported by Holly Egan Yr 9 and Harry Coureau Yr 10 in the regional finals, developing a hydraulic digger and are in a good place to secure the £10,000 prize money. Watch this space!



Up to date news items, reminders and comments relevant to the education of our pupils and our work in the community.

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### Welcome to staff who have joined us so far this academic year



We welcome some new staff into school (from left to right) - Mrs Tracey Sales who has joined us as the Headteacher's PA, Miss Stacey English who is the new Office Co-ordinator, Mrs Paula Mason who has joined us as the Assistant Business Manager and Miss Amy Davids who is working alongside Mr Cadwallader as Assistant School Games Organiser.

We wish you all every success in your new roles.

### Changes to the School Uniform & PE Kit

From September, 2019 girls' shoes can be black patent as long as they are a traditional shoe with a heel of no more than 2.5cm (1") in height. The shoes must allow freedom of movement, support and safety. For this reason, slip backs or ballet style shoes are **not** acceptable.

From October, 2019 the school jumper will NO LONGER be compulsory. Pupils can choose whether or not to wear one during the period after October half term until Easter.

A letter has been sent out regarding the school PE kit. The PE Department is very conscious of the need for students to feel comfortable and warm in order for them to be able to achieve their best in lessons. The new kit will be introduced from September 2019 and will comprise of the following: Polo Shirt (compulsory), Shorts or Skirt (compulsory), Socks (compulsory), Performance Hoody (optional), Tracksuit pants or leggings (optional).

### Medical Appointments

Pupils who are required to leave school before the end of the school day due to a medical appointment must bring a signed note into school on the day, or preferably the day before. The Progress Leader can then make the necessary arrangements in accordance with School Policy for the pupil to be available for collection at the main office at the requested time. Should an emergency appointment be made for the same day, after the pupil has left for school, a phone call to the school office is required. A note must be given to the receptionist on arrival at school when coming to collect your child for the appointment.

## Earrings and Haircuts

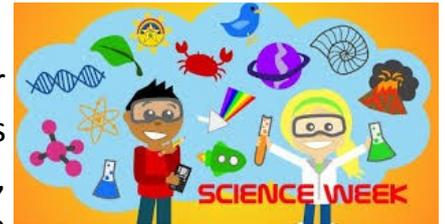
Can we remind pupils and parents that girls are only permitted to wear one pair of plain stud earrings—one in each ear lobe. No other piercings are permitted. Unfortunately, pupils who choose to ignore this rule will have their earrings confiscated.

Can we also remind you that the minimum haircut to the back and sides is a number 2. There has been a flurry of pupils arriving at school with less than a Number 2 in the belief that it will be ignored. Some pupils are also under the impression—mistakenly—that hair will grow from a 0.5 to a 2 overnight—it doesn't! Thank you for your continued support.

## Science News April 2019

### Fun in Science!

Science classes have been taking part in some fun activities for Science week! 8A were looking at engineering structures. In teams of 4 they were given materials of spaghetti, marshmallows, paper, scissors and sellotape. Their task was to build the highest structure with the least amount of materials that would stand freely for 30 seconds. Perseverance and team work skills were put to the test, but 8A worked fantastically and thoroughly enjoyed the lesson.



## Art News April 2019

A huge congratulations to all of the students whose paintings were selected for the Young Seaside Competition! The standard of work from year 9 students this year was exceptionally high! Those involved are:

Kady Moden  
Lily Masterton-Taylor  
Sophia Clough  
Elena Dallas  
Ruby Shoulder  
May Holland

Well done! From Mrs Glaister





### Year 7 Author Event – Curtis Jobling

As part of our pledge to Lancashire’s “We Are Reading Campaign”, alongside Millfield Science and Performing Arts School and Baines Schools, we were delighted to recently host, in partnership with Silverdell Events of Kirkham, British author Curtis Jobling.

Curtis is the author of the hugely popular 2018 Book Buzz novel “Haunt” and also the designer of worldwide hit children’s television show “Bob the Builder”, as well as the author/illustrator of numerous children’s books. Although renowned for his work in film and TV, Curtis’s true love has always been horror and fantasy. His acclaimed series of epic fantasy novels, “Wereworld” was published by Penguin worldwide while his thrillers “Haunt: Dead Scared” and “Haunt: Dead Wrong” were published in the UK.



During his presentation to Year 7, he shared his passion for writing along with his thoughts and ideas for books. He also demonstrated his amazing ability to draw characters from his books.



Students thoroughly enjoyed the morning and following a question and answer session they were given the opportunity to purchase a personal signed copy of his book.

Research shows that author events in schools inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading and we hope your child enjoyed this event.



## Lancashire “We Are Reading” Reading Conference

Throughout this year, Cardinal Allen have worked in collaboration with Millfield and Baines Schools to engender a renewed enthusiasm for reading, with particular emphasis on High Ability boys. On Tuesday 12th March students from the three schools joined together to take part in a day of activities celebrating reading.

In the morning, students worked in mixed school groups to solve a life size Murder Mystery and to film and create a ‘movie style’ trailer for a Curtis Jobling book, following a joint school visit by the author earlier this year.



The afternoon session was given over to the creation of book themed accessories for each school to take away to create a reading garden within their own school grounds. Students painted and customized benches, flower pots, bird houses and feeders. They also painted cut out silhouettes with blackboard paint then decorated them with some of their favourite quotes. Earlier this year students also decorated rocks with a book character/ theme.

The teams who demonstrated the best detective skills in the Murder Mystery activity were presented with Book Tokens and all students received a ‘goody bag’ containing a World Book Day book as well as reading themed stationery and sweets. A highly enjoyable and productive day was had by all.



## AR BookFinder– Years 7, 8 and 9

Accelerated Reader is a reading programme that helps us to monitor and manage children’s independent reading practice.

Many parents have enquired regarding suitable books for their child to read and there is an easy online search tool from Renaissance Learning which can help with this. AR BookFinder is an online search tool where you can search for interesting and appropriate books for your child, quickly and easily, in the knowledge that there is an Accelerated Reader quiz available for each book. There are currently more than 22,000 quizzes to ensure comprehension of books read.

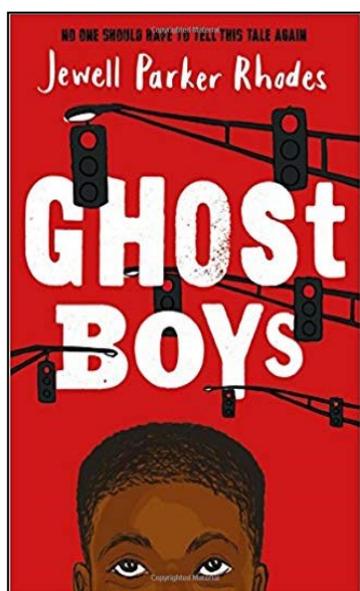
To assist your child by guiding them to books appropriate for their age, interest and ability, we encourage you to visit [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk). To view the books we have available in our own school library, including various recommended lists such as football books and dyslexia friendly books, you will also need the school keycode, which is IF875127. These lists are regularly updated with new stock.



“The Booklings” - Year 7 Reading Club in the Aquinas Centre

If you love reading, come along to our Reading Club run fortnightly on a Tuesday where age and experience is irrelevant but love of books is key!!

Having recently received our School Library Pack from Booktrust, who provide secondary schools with free reading for pleasure books, we decided to take a vote and choose two books to explore over the coming weeks. The first book voted in was “Boy 87” by Ele Fountain and the second book “Ghost Boys” by Jewell Parker Rhodes.

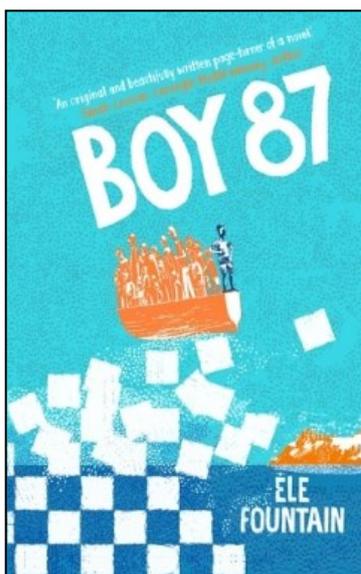


**Ghost Boys** - A heartbreaking and powerful story about a black boy killed by a white police officer, drawing connections with real-life history, from award-winning author Jewell Parker Rhodes.

**ALIVE** - Twelve-year-old Jerome doesn't get into trouble. He goes to school. He does his homework. He takes care of his little sister. Then Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat.

**DEAD** - As a ghost, watching his family trying to cope with his death, Jerome begins to notice other ghost boys. Each boy has a story and they all have something in common...Bit by bit, Jerome begins to understand what really happened - not just to him, but to all of the ghost boys.

*A poignant and gripping story about how children and families face the complexities of race in today's world.*



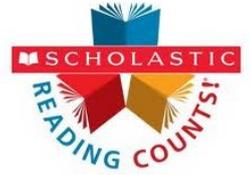
**Boy 87**- Shif is just an ordinary boy who likes chess, maths and racing his best friend home from school. But one day, soldiers with guns come to his door and he knows that he is no longer safe.

Shif is forced to leave his mother and little sister, and embark on a dangerous journey; a journey through imprisonment and escape, new lands and strange voices, and a perilous crossing by land and sea. He will encounter cruelty and kindness; he will become separated from the people he loves.

*Boy 87 is a gripping, uplifting tale of one boy's struggle for survival; it echoes the story of young people all over the world today.*

Both books are available to borrow from the school library.

## [Advance Notice—Summer Scholastic Book Fair](#)



The Aquinas Centre will once again be hosting a book fair this June to create a reading extravaganza! Scholastic Book Fairs are a wonderful way to get children excited about books and reading and are the perfect opportunity for your child to browse and find a book they will love. During English lessons, KS3 pupils will be taken to the library to browse through the selection of books.

There are **over 200 titles** for students to choose from, and with prices starting from **only £1.99**, there's sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy! Don't forget that every book purchased at the Book Fair benefits our school and helps us to earn **FREE BOOKS** for our library and classrooms.

The event will run from Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June **and books will be offered at half the recommended price**. Book Fair leaflets will be available nearer the time – just ask your child to collect one from the Aquinas Centre and you can decide together which book(s) you would like to purchase. Gift Vouchers are also available online to purchase and details can be found at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk).

If any parents/guardians would like to browse the Book Fair with their child, the Library will be open from 3.15pm to 4.30pm every day during this event.

We look forward to welcoming you.

## [Chess Club in the Aquinas Centre- Make the Right Move!](#)

Simon Rogers from Cleveleys Chess Club currently volunteers to come into school once a week to train up our future chess champions. Simon teaches beginners to championship status and has been having great success with some of our pupils.

If you are an avid chess player, don't forget to come along to the Aquinas Centre during break and lunch to practise your chess skills. Our chess club is steadily growing with approximately 20 students attending and we welcome any new members. Players of all abilities, staff and students are welcome.

Students interested in joining Cleveleys Junior Chess Club can go along to Cleveleys Park Methodist Church on a Thursday night between 6.30 to 8.30pm. Entrance fee is £2.00.





World Book Day in the Aquinas Centre

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Once again the Aquinas Centre was a hub of activity as we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March! A celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) a celebration of reading.

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The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore the wonderful world of reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. KS3 students received a special £1.00 World Book Day token which could be exchanged for any of the specially produced £1.00 World Book Day books at various book shops and supermarkets, or used to save £1.00 off any book or audio book costing £2.99 or more.

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Our theme this year was Roald Dahl and the Aquinas Centre was a hub of activity as a number of students celebrated World Book Day by taking part in various competitions throughout the day. All staff got involved by wearing printed book titles on their lanyards with students collecting as many book titles as they could and submitting their entry form by the end of the day. Winners were Harrison, 7GR, Jasmine 9BE and Mrs Jones!! Other competitions involved designing a Wonka Bar, a book bonanza quiz and designing a book token.

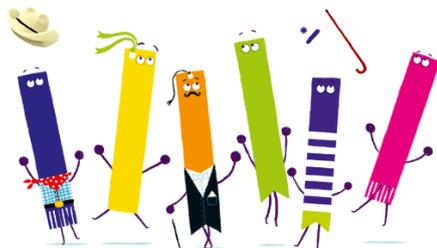
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Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Further information on World Book Day is available at [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)



## International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. International Women's Day is all about unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action. This year saw the first ever Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde event to mark the occasion of 'International Women's Day'. We were proud and honoured to be invited – this is what our girls thought about the event ....

I really enjoyed attending International Women's Day because there were lots of things for me to do and I met lots of other people. The part I enjoyed the most was when I made my own lip balm and bath bombs. When I got there I felt a bit nervous because it was a really big place but when I met the volunteers I felt so confident and cared for. The volunteers were so nice and kind to me when I got lost and they helped me find other workshops to do that I was interested in. Overall, this day was the best day ever because I made new friends and when I went home I felt confident being me. I would recommend this event to my family and friends because it was so much fun!

– Jacqueline Year 9

On Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March we attended Blackpool Sixth form for International Women's day! The day began with a short talk with several members from the sixth form along with many performances i.e the musical FAME! We received a goodie bag which included treats and leaflets from many organisations. Prior to this we had been asked to select a variety of workshops we wished to participate in, this ranged from coding to cooking! We chose the same as each other; Indian cooking, Alkido defence class, felted soaps and bath bomb making! We made new friends who we intend to meet up with on our next challenge. Overall the day left us buzzing and feeling full of confidence.

- Martina & Sophie year 10



International  
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## Safety of our Pupils—Your children

A reminder to all parents that they must not enter the school site, driveways or car parks with their vehicles when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Our pupils' safety is paramount and your support is very much appreciated.



# Cardinal Allen Catholic High School

## Community News April 2019



### WE Day

A group of some of our school's best volunteers have recently returned from WE day UK 2019. This concert at Wembley Arena is held annually to celebrate Young Leaders and their work to help others around the world. Tickets cannot be bought for this event, they have to be earned by participating in at least one local and one International project to help others. This year the highlight was Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex, talking about why he had chosen Cardinal Allen's Bee Project as one of 3 projects chosen to receive funding from the Queens Commonwealth Trust which he is patron of. Another proud moment for the school!

Mr Harding's favourite part of the trip was a visit to the Natural History museum in London the day before WE day. This was followed by an evening relaxing in a hotel in London prior to an early start to take our place on the Blue Carpet, greeting the celebrities as they arrived for the event. Again an honour for the school showing that we are one of the best schools for student action in the country.

The WE day was a great success with the main theme being Gender Equality this year. Addressing the audience, as well as Prince Harry, were the Duchess of Sussex Megan Markle, models Naomi Campbell, Nicole Scherzinger and Iskra Lawrence, Australian PM Julia Gillard and author Connor Franta. Musicians performing included Tom Walker, Jack and Jack, Pixie Lott, Connor Maynard, David Foster, Homebros and Liam Payne.

A Great trip!



### Community Award

Kieran Clarke Yr8 has recently been awarded a special award at the Blackpool Council's Celebration of Achievement awards evening for his outstanding community work over the last year. Kieran has given much time to caring for our guinea pig, as well as helping with community events such as the Sleepover for the Homeless and the WE+ concert.



# Cardinal Allen Catholic High School

## Chaplaincy News April 2019



### Youth Service Trips

A number of our pupils joined the Youth Service on the day trip to London for the Flame conference at Wembley Arena on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Over 8,000 young Catholics from across the country gathered to hear inspirational talks from Archbishop Eamon Martin, musician Guvna B, Christian blogger Emma Borquaye, Robert Madu and Jean Vanier. They had a fantastic time. Several of our pupils are also attending the Castlerigg Easter retreat over the Triduum. Further information about the Diocesan Youth Service can be found on their website – [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk) .

### Lent

Ash Wednesday services were held throughout the day for all pupils; a period of time spent in the Chapel reflecting on what the ashes mean for us in our lives today. Our Lenten fundraising competition was launched on Ash Wednesday too. The charity this year is Aid to the Church in Need which currently funds over 5,000 projects in more than 140 countries across the world, helping to support millions of people. From providing shelter, warmth and food, to building churches, to providing bibles, Aid to the Church in Need's projects, are totally varied, but they all help bring hope to persecuted Christians worldwide. Our pupils have been organising raffles, sponsored walks, a non-uniform day, auctioning off household chores and much more! The money raised will make an enormous difference.



### Chaplaincy in School

A team of Y10 Pupil Chaplains have been established as the Y11s are now busy focusing on their exams. We meet every other week and all have lots of energy and great ideas! Many pupils are coming into the Chapel during lunchtimes to spend time in a quiet and reflective environment. There is calm colouring, candle lighting, journaling, praying every Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. All pupils are very welcome. Many students comment on the peaceful atmosphere and enjoy taking a few minutes out of their busy days to spend in peace and quiet.

### Youth Alpha

A number of Year 8 and Year 9 pupils have started the "Alpha" course. This is a 12 week programme that seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. The conversations had so far have been eye-opening!

### Mass in School

An open invitation is extended to the parents and community of Cardinal Allen to join us for morning Mass, held in the Chapel each Friday at 8.10am.

# Cardinal Allen Catholic High School

## ECO News April 2019



### Trinity Methodist Christmas Tree Festival

Our Eco Group have celebrated their winning of the student section of the Christmas Tree Festival for their Beach Pollution tree by adopting an Amur Leopard. These leopards are on the WWF critically endangered list with only 84 remaining worldwide. Let's hope we can help stop their decline!



### Fairtrade Conference



Cardinal Allen High School's Eco Group hosted their first Fairtrade Conference recently. Schools attending were Shakespeare, Flakefleet and St Teresa's.

The day started with presentations from St Teresa's informing the group about Fairtrade bananas, Shakespeare informing us about Fairtrade tea and coffee, Flakefleet informing the group on Fairtrade chocolate, and Cardinal Allen informing on Fairtrade honey.

The delegates then produced Fairtrade trees to take back to their schools. The afternoon session consisted of blind taste food testing and a fairtrade quiz.

Trophies went to Flakefleet- Fairtrade quiz, St Teresa's- Fairtrade tree sculpture and Shakespeare - Switch-off Fortnight having saved the most energy within the cluster.

*Charlotte Perry Yr8 – 'I found it a really useful experience because we now know how important Fairtrade is to help the poor people in other countries to get a fair living wage'.*



### Big School Clean up

Members of our Eco Group were rewarded with a non-uniform day following a litter pick in awful conditions ensuring our environment is litter free and a great place for wildlife to live.



### Woodland

Our Eco Group are enjoying sessions in our woodland, developing paths and wildlife shelters. It is great to see the large number of bird nests currently under construction up at the end of our field



### Bees

We have just received £2000 additional funding to introduce Bee Keeping to the curriculum at Cardinal Allen High School. This will be used to purchase more bee keeping equipment and develop the hive area prior to their arrival at school.



### Big School Birdwatch

Our Eco Group helped the RSPBs annual bird count by participating in the Big School Birdwatch. As well as the usual Magpies and Seagulls we spotted 4 Pied Wagtails in our school grounds. A first for us. Let us hope they flourish in Fleetwood!



### Interact

Our Interact Group have recently visited Fleetwood hospital and have been busy conducting surveys around the town so the people of Fleetwood have their say on the future of Fleetwood Hospital. There have been many great suggestions as to how the Fleetwood Trust can develop it to become one of the best community centres in the country. A big thank you for giving up your time if you were canvassed.

### International Activities

Students from Cardinal Allen have developed models of electricity generators as part of our International clusters work with Galaxy and Sudesha High schools from Nepal and Kilimanjaro Academy, Tanzania. Models have been shared between the students using Skype.

# Cardinal Allen Catholic High School

## English News April 2019



### World Book Day 2019

Once again we celebrated World Book Day and as part of the 'We are Reading' campaign we had a whole school relay read of Roald Dahl's 'The Hitchhiker' for Years 7 and 8. There was a KS3 'Guess Who?' competition where pupils had to use clues to guess the famous literary characters, and the annual World Book Day competition where pupils had to decorate their form door. A fantastic celebration for all demonstrating our collective love of books!

The winning doors were:

1st Place - 7AM - Where's Wally

2nd Place - 8AG - Paddington Bear

3rd Place - 8AD - Alice in Wonderland

### GCSE Revision

It is extremely important that pupils revise for their English Language and English Literature exams. In order to avoid a last-minute panic, they should start early and aim to do some independent revision every week. If your son or daughter is unsure how to revise, here are a few useful tips:

- Make a list of each topic and break it down into sub-topics. For example, for each literature text, make notes on the plot, themes, characters etc
- Re-read the literature texts and write down important parts of the text to learn as quotations.
- Write quotations on Post-It notes and stick them around their bedroom
- Make flash cards that they can give you to test them on the information
- Present information in a form that is most useful and helpful to them, e.g mindmaps, diagrams, pictures, lists
- Re-read revision notes frequently
- Use knowledge organisers or create their own
- Summarise information from revision guides and write it in their own words
- Look at past exam papers. They could plan responses to questions and have a go at answering some in timed conditions
- Use Seneca learning

There are many useful revision websites, such as GCSE Bitesize, Shmoop and mrbruff.com. The English guru Mr Bruff is also excellent; his videos on almost all Language and Literature topics can be found on Youtube.

Further information and advice on how to revise can be found on our school website through the link <http://www.cardinalallen.co.uk/revision-support/>

## [Year 11 Revision](#)

Year 11 revision takes place every Monday lunch time in Room 7 and after school in Room 5.

## [Seneca Learning](#)

Pupils in Years 10 and 11 are using the Seneca Learning website to revise for their Literature GCSE. Seneca advertises itself as the 'world's first accelerated learning system for online revision and learning' and claims that pupils learn two times faster using their system. Once pupils have signed up for a free account, they can use the site for independent revision for the different Literature topics. They can monitor their own progress and track how long they have spent on their revision activities. Please note that the site needs to be used through Google Chrome or Safari.

## [Bedrock Vocabulary](#)

We have invested in an innovative literacy improvement tool called Bedrock Vocabulary that all Year 7 pupils are now using. It is a website that helps pupils to learn important academic vocabulary that they will come across throughout their school lives. As a school, we are endeavouring to improve pupils' lexicons, as there is a link between vocabulary size and academic success. All Year 7 pupils should be doing weekly Bedrock lessons at home and their progress is monitored by their teachers. The website works best through Google Chrome. Pupils can use computers in school at lunchtime and after school in the Aquinas Centre. There is also a weekly Bedrock Club in room 4 every Thursday lunch time.

## [Poetry competition](#)

All pupils are invited to enter the Poetry Society's 'Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2019'. Please see your English teacher for more details or go to: [www.foyleyoungpoets.org](http://www.foyleyoungpoets.org)

## [Lyric competition](#)

Cleveleys Writers have invited pupils to take part in their annual lyric competition. Inspired by the commemorations of the World War 1 centenary, this year's choices of titles are 'Sacrifice' or 'Peace'. See your English teacher for more details.

**Did you know, the English department at  
Cardinal Allen has its own Twitter account?**

**Follow us to keep up to date with all things**

**English: help with revision,  
competitions and more!**



**@CACHSEnglish**

# Term Dates for 2019-2020

## Autumn Term 2019

Re-open for pupils on Wednesday 4th September  
Half Term Monday 21st October—Friday 25th October  
Last Day of Term—12.30 finish Friday 20th December

## Spring Term 2020

Re-open for pupils on Monday 6th January  
Half Term Monday 17th February—Monday 24th February  
Last Day of Term—12.30 finish Thursday 2nd April

## Summer Term 2020

Re-open for pupils on Monday 20th April  
May Day Monday 4th May  
Half Term Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May  
Last Day of Term—12.30 finish Friday 17th July

**A reminder that school will close for the Easter break at 12.20pm on Thursday 4th April and re-open on Tuesday 23rd April. There will be a full staff inset day on Friday 5th April.**

**Advance Warning: School will close, as is our custom, at 12.30 on Friday 10th May for Years 7 to 10, in order for us to celebrate our Annual Leavers' Mass at 1.30pm  
- invitations to Year 11 parents to follow**

## Easter Wishes

We would like to wish all associated with our school a very Holy and restful Easter. With over two weeks of Lent remaining, there is ample time for us to reflect on where we are in our own lives, and how we can better contribute to not only our own wellbeing, but also to that of those close to us.

