



HARLESTON SANCROFT
ACADEMY

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Value for this half term: **Perseverance**

Theme for this week (06 November - 12 November 2023): **Perseverance to finish the job**

Life Skills theme for the week: **We foster strength of character**

Life in All its Fullness:

This season, or at least last week, is sometimes known as Allhallowtide, encompassing as it does All Saints' Eve, All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Yesterday, churches celebrated the Feast of All Saints. Why celebrate 'all saints', some may ask? It is an opportunity for Christians to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout their history.

Our Vision

The Harleston Sancroft Academy is a community that flourishes, through God's love, to live

'Life in All its Fullness'

(JOHN 10:10 AND JOHN 13:34).

We are a foundation of **Hope**; a family of **Love**; a school of nurture guided by **Faith**; promoting a unique, personalised journey towards excellence.

Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, inviting us to turn our gaze to the immense multitude of those who have gone before us. As I read in pew notes yesterday: "Sometimes, when we don't know the way ahead, it is helpful to have a map or a guide. The Saints assist us and we can follow in their footsteps and the direction to which they point, which is always Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Are they always perfect? No! Do they always make the right decisions? No! Are they beloved of God, nonetheless? Yes, and so are you!"

Next Sunday is **Remembrance Day**. We will stand, just for a few moments, and remember those who have lived and died in the service of mankind, in the two world wars and subsequent conflicts. Silence speaks volumes. We will remember and pray for the innocent victims of war. So very sadly, this world is still at war and the lessons of the past have not been learned. Here is a link to the British Legion's explanation of the importance of [Remembrance](#) and [Eleven things you might not know about the poppy](#).

In school, on **Friday 10 November**, we will observe this most poignant of occasions by assembling in the school's Quad, listening to student leaders read, wearing and displaying poppies, and hearing Mr Carr play the 'Last Post'.



Please note: students who belong to uniformed organisations, such as Cadets, Scouts, Guides and so on, are most welcome to wear their uniforms to school on that day, or to bring their uniforms and change into them, if they would prefer.

Our students will also be involved in Harleston's Remembrance Parade and church service at St. John's.

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A reminder of some information for our families who are struggling with the cost of living:



Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving. If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.

There is also a cost of living hub provided by the government which contains useful information. This can be found at www.gov.uk/cost-of-living.

Winter 2023/24



Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24

[Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme](#) can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials including white goods.

Key dates for November:

Friday 10 November: Remembrance events in school
Saturday 11 November: Saturday GCSE Maths revision sessions continue for Year 11 students.
Sunday 12 November: Harleston Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service
Tuesday 14 November: Class of '23 Year 11 Leavers' Celebration
Tuesday 21 November: rescheduled Year 7 Reading Evening - 17:00-18:00

School website and X/Twitter: The [school website](#) is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [X/Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.

Congratulations: As we mentioned last week, some of our students and staff - Scarlett, Lilly, Elizabeth, Rhys and Maisie Emerson - have enjoyed tremendous sporting success in Gymnastics and Karate at regional, national and international levels over recent weeks.



Getting ready for winter:

Now the weather is getting a little colder, I wanted to take the opportunity to let you know that students are permitted to wear black underlayers on their top and bottom half.

They can also wear a pair of plain black gloves if they wish.

Could I also remind you that students need to wear black football socks for lessons, and these need to be a change of socks from their uniform. The grass is very wet and when trainers and socks get wet, it can be rather miserable (and unhygienic) to then wear wet socks for the rest of the day.

Many thanks, Mrs Field

A prayer for peace and reconciliation

Dear Lord

As one family, we reflect today on the horrors of the past that continue to haunt humanity and darken our world.

Lord, where pain still overwhelms, bring healing.

Where hearts are still breaking, bring comfort.

Where peoples are still oppressed, bring liberation.

Where communities are still victimised, bring justice.

Where children are still brutalised, bring compassion.

Where lives are still crushed, bring hope.

Where evil is perpetrated, bring repentance.

Where war still devastates, bring peace.

But most of all,

wherever a single voice cries out in the darkness,

bring us to one another,

in the name of the love you bear in your heart for all people,
all nations and all creation.

Amen.

