

September 2025

On Monday 1st September, Staff gathered in the school chapel for a welcoming Mass celebrated by Fr Christopher Dobson.

During the Mass, Staff were commissioned to live the Gospel values each day and to pass on good values to the students that they can take with them throughout their lives. The staff warmly welcomed Simon Corless as the headteacher and other members of staff who had joined the staff for the new academic term.



On Wednesday 10th, Sixth form students gathered for their welcome Mass with Fr Jude. It was a great way for them to begin their A level studies at St Alban's and brought both Year 12 and 13 together for the first time of the new academic year.

On Monday 15th September- Students from Year 7 to Sixth Form formed their own Bible Club which takes place fortnightly in the school chape and is led by students in Year 10 and Sixth Form.

The students read passages of Scripture and then reflect on its meaning and feed back as a group as what they got out of the session. This is open to all with students coming from different Christian denominations coming together to reflect on the Word of God.



Wednesday 17th September- Students in Year 7 came together for their welcome Mass in the school hall. It was the first time they could celebrate Mass as a year group since starting at St Alban's. For some, it was the first time they encountered a Catholic Mass.

Fr Jude Belnas was able to celebrate Mass for the students, and he commented on how well they behaved and how they were respectful to the readings and to the Blessed Sacrament. He also told them it was a great joy and blessing that he could be with them as they begin their high school journey.





Tuesday 23rd September- The youth SVP group was formed consisting of students from year 7 to Sixth form. During the meeting, students were commissioned to serve as Student Ambassadors

for the year and also voted on what three charities the school would fundraise for. This will be collected throughout the year and in June the monies raised will be shared equally. The chosen charities are the East Anglian Air Ambulance, Combat2Cofee and 4YP.

Wednesday 24th September

The school came together to mark the solemnity of Our Lady of Walsingham. During the liturgy services, the school chaplain reflected on the importance Walsingham has both locally as patroness of the Diocese of East Anglia, nationally and internationally. Additionally, Walsingham was also spoken about in its historical importance until the Reformation.



Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

24th September

Friday 26th September



Mr Corless, Mrs Block and the school chaplain along with 14 students travelled to St John the Baptist Catholic Cathedral in Norwich for the interschool Mass where all the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of East Anglia gathered to mark the start of term. Bishop Peter Collins, Bishop of East Anglia was the main celebrant with Fr David Bagstaff. Vicar General and Fr John Warrington, a primary school priest chaplain assisting

A number of students from St Alban's took part in the Liturgical celebration. Two of our students took on the role of being the school banner bearers, two year 10 students assisted with carrying the Bishop's Mitre and Crozier.

Each school was presented with a jubilee candle and prayer cards for all students. It was commended how well behaved the students from St Alban's were throughout the visit and how smart and well behaved all the students were.

