



*'At the Year 7*

*Welcome Mass our  
pupils shone, leading  
us in worship,  
readings and  
hymns'*

## School that Matters: A Welcome for Year 7

This week our Year 11 pupils have had their mock interview experience. It's fair to say that a good number of them were thoroughly nervous about the event, but they distinguished themselves in their performance. It was interesting and uplifting to see how many of them walked in a bag of nerves and walked out ten foot tall.

We also had a group of pupils representing the school at COP28. The Year 10 pupils attended with Miss McClave, Head of Humanities, and took part in a variety of challenges, discussions and group tasks intended to engage them with the very real and immediate issues in relation to climate change. It was, as ever, great to hear positive feedback from the delegates in attendance.

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We celebrated our annual Year 7 Welcome Mass at St. Charles' Church, Swinton this Thursday. Our pupils shone once again - leading us in worship, readings and a rousing

version of My Lighthouse (with actions) that has become the unofficial anthem of the year group.

We welcomed to the school Sr Anna and Lorraine Leonard from the Diocese of Salford to seek with pupils as part of the ongoing Synod. Our pupils shared their views about worship and faith and left a deep impression on those who heard them speak with such passion and integrity.

Finally a big thank you to all who attended the Year 9 Parents' and Carers' Evening last week. We were very grateful for the high level of attendance and the positive feedback

Ben Davis, Headteacher

*'At our first achievement breakfast we celebrated pupils with 2000+ points'*

## CALENDAR

SEND Pentathlon,  
December 6th

SEND Inclusion  
Festival, December  
13th

Advent liturgies w/b  
18th December

Christmas Concert &  
Senior Citizens' Party,  
December 20th

School closes for  
Christmas Holiday,  
December 22nd close  
1:00pm

## SYNERGY

If you have not yet done so please get the Synergy app and log-in .

Codes for log-ins were sent out to all families last year. If you have lost your code you can contact reception for new one.

The app gives you access to all the information you need about your child's education and care at school: timetables, achievement and behaviour points, attendance data and more.

You can also inform us of your child's absence via Synergy

## Around our School this Week: Highlights

# 1

There were some great performances from the Year 7 boys in what was described as an awesome display of Rugby League. They came from eight points behind to triumph over a strong Kings team from Warrington and are only the second team from our school to win this competition.

# 2

We held our first Achievement Breakfast - celebrating the young people in Year 7 who have the highest number of achievement points. There were over 2000 points in attendance (so to speak) and the pupils talked enthusiastically about their experiences over hot chocolate and waffles.

# 3

Our school choir is growing by the week and we are busy preparing for the forthcoming Christmas Concert (see poster on page 4) and Senior Citizens' event. The choir, led by Mrs Saldanha de Magalhaes, are performing a number of pieces in harmony and with accompaniment. Get your tickets fast!



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## Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Join us for an evening of Christmas carols and festive cheer. Arrival time from 5:30pm for festive finger food and Christmas Bingo, followed by our Christmas concert and sing-along at 7pm.

Please contact the school's main reception on 0161 921 1570 to book your place. Places are limited so please book before Monday 11th December to avoid disappointment.

Wed 20th December 2023

5:30pm - 9pm

37 Ash Drive, Swinton, Manchester, M27 9QP

Please contact the main reception to book your place:

**0161 921 1570**

## BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

We are hoping to establish a collection of foreign language texts in our school library and wondered if any of our families might have books written in their home language that they wouldn't mind donating.

It can be expensive and difficult to get hold of foreign language books appropriate for our 11-16 age group, but we'd love to offer our pupils (especially those for whom English is an additional language), a selection of books in their first language.

The languages we could particularly make use of are as follows:

Arabic; Cantonese; Farsi; French; Italian; Polish; Portuguese; Russian; Spanish

Any donations can be dropped off with Mrs Davis at the school library.

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## Year 11 College Visits

We have shared with Year 11 the dates (and start times) of college open days over the next few weeks. The remaining ones are as follows:

College	Open Event Date	College	Open Event Date
Bury College	October 12th 5:30pm	Bolton 6th Form College	November 22nd 5:00pm
Manchester College	October 12th 5:00pm	Machester College	November 23rd
Xaverian College	October 15th 10:30am	Pendelton College	December 5th 5:00pm
Loreto College	October 15th 10:00am	Eccles 6th Form	December 9th 10:00am
Holy Cross 6th Form	October 16th 5:00pm	Bolton College	December 14th 5:00pm
Bolton College	October 17th 5:00pm	Bolton 6th Form College	January 23rd 5:30pm
City Skills	October 30th 5:00pm	Bolton College	February 6th 5:00pm
Future Skills	November 4th 10:00am	City Skills	March 2nd 10:00am
Worsley College	November 6th 5:00pm	Future Skills	March 2nd 10:00am
Eccles 6th Form	November 7th 5:00pm	Worsley	March 4th 5:00pm

College	Open Event Date	College	Open Event Date
Pandleton College	November 9th 5:00pm	Eccles 6th Form	March 5th 5:00pm

St Ambrose Barlow Presents

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Music - Food - Raffle

Wed 20th December at 7pm  
£2 per ticket, Main Hall

More information at:  
[www.stambrosebarlowswinton.org](http://www.stambrosebarlowswinton.org)

