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School that Matters: a busy week!

There have been a number of trips this week, those experiences that live on in the memory of pupils long after they have forgotten the learning from their subjects. Trips and wider experiences are the ultimate expression of what really matters about school. I am sure many parents and carers reading this remember their school trips years after leaving.

In the last few days our pupils have visited Manchester Airport, to learn about the huge range of career opportunities and understand all the roles that make this international nexus work. Year 9 and 10 pupils have also visited Manchester Metropolitan University to learn all about the range of experiences on offer once they leave sixth form. They enjoyed a range of challenges and presentations and the feedback on their work was very positive.

We also fielded a team in the Panathlon, a sporting competition for young people that incorporates a wider range of activities. Our team returned with a trophy and some very happy memories of a successful day.

Our pupil leadership team have been hard at work developing a school manifesto, a document that will represent the commitments we make to one another and expectations we all have of life in school. After two initial meetings they have made an excellent start and I look forward to sharing the first draft with you as part of the consultation process.

Alongside these activities we have continued to ready ourselves for the forthcoming Christmas concert and Advent services with some really strong performances to look forward to. And, as ever, we enjoyed a number of visitors to our school. A group of Salford secondary headteachers toured the school on Thursday and were full of praise of the positive atmosphere for learning. Likewise a senior leader joined us earlier in the week to work with one department and said: 'I was made to feel very welcome by ALL staff from the moment I drove to the gates! - it is not always the case to feel such warmth! The pupils I met yesterday were also a credit to the ethos and values upheld in the school.'

There is so much in our school each day for us all to be grateful for and proud of. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ben Davis, Headteacher

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CALENDAR

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

SUMMER UNIFORM

We will be launching a
summer uniform option
in 2024.

Working with local
suppliers we are
seeking to respond to
the obvious need to
address the greater
instances of warmer
weather.

Full details will follow
next week with the
opportunity for parents,
carers and pupils to
give their views on the
options we intend to
offer.

We are obviously keen
to keep costs low whilst
maximising young
people's comfort and
preserving the visual
identity of the school.

Around our School this Week: Highlights

1

This Friday morning we held our second achievement breakfast, celebrating the many young people in Year 8 who have huge numbers of achievement points. Over a waffle and some hot chocolate we discussed books, Christmas (obviously) and lots more. They were a very inspiring group to speak with.

2

We received our school Christmas cards this week. There are two designs that represent the brilliant work of a number of pupils. Having studied the artist Matisse they have used his style and techniques to develop final designs for our cards. Well done to Jack, Wiktor, Kian, Olivia, Emily, Logan, Annalea and Leticia.

3

In sport our Year 9 Boys football team were in action this week and our Year 7 Boys Rugby team put on a fantastic display despite the weather in the Northwest Counties Cup where they were narrowly beaten by the Deanery school from Wigan, 12-10.



St Ambrose Barlow RC High School

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

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Pendleton College	November 9th 5:00pm	Eccles 6th Form	March 5th 5:00pm
Bolton College	November 15th 5:00pm	Future Skills	March 6th 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