



*'Staff and pupils  
show their  
connection and  
common humanity  
in the little  
interactions'*

## School that Matters: celebrating All Saints

We started the second half-term of the year, after the clocks went back, with a number of exciting events, trips and visitors in school. Our pupils have made a very good start to the new half-term with attendance strong, uniform and behaviour good and a clear focus on learning around school. Special praise must go to our Year 11s for their excellent attitude to mock exam preparation.

This week we welcomed rapper and public speaker Formz who presented and performed to Years 8 and 9, talking about his career and about navigating some of the challenges of being young.

We marked the Feast of All Saints with liturgies in form time and our programme winter form Masses will begin soon. Our message about this most famous of feast days was simple: what makes saints extraordinary is not their miracles, it is that they were human and ordinary. This is where they can provide inspiration for our pupils and we see this each day around school: the little ways in which staff and pupils interact, recognise one another's common humanity, celebrate what goes well and repair the fractures that inevitably occur between people.

That said there are plenty of examples of young people who achieve extraordinary things and those who display extraordinary strength of character in dealing with the challenges life throws their way. That's why it is important that guests to the school speak to our pupils about the issues of today, such honesty and insight is part of ensuring we have a 'school that matters.' Read on to find out more about the events that have taken place in school this week.

Special thanks to the parents and carers of Year 7 who attended the Settling-In Evening on Thursday - your support is very much appreciated. Have a good weekend everyone.

Ben Davis, Headteacher



Image: rapper FORMZ presenting to Year 8 and Year 9 this week

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*'Former pupil  
Jennifer inspired  
and provided  
insight into her  
work'*

## CALENDAR

Year 10 Parent's  
Evening, November 9<sup>th</sup>

We will be marking All  
Saints Day and opening  
a book of  
Remembrance in the  
Chapel throughout the  
month

Year 11 Mock Exams:  
begin Monday,  
November 6<sup>th</sup>

Year 11 Mock  
Interviews take place at  
the end of November,  
dates to be confirmed

## 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 eliminating  
the need for a phone

## Around our School this Week: Highlights

# 1

The Science department welcomed former pupil Jennifer Antrobus (who left in 2013) to talk to pupils about her work as a cancer research scientist. Jennifer provided inspiration and insight into her work as well as offering pupils a clear sense of the link between GCSEs and future work.

# 2

The Art department led a very successful trip to the Blue Planet for the photography class. The quality of images captured by the pupils was first class and staff at the centre were full of praise for the behaviour and attitude of our pupils. The pupils themselves were extremely motivated by the visit.

# 3

There was yet more sporting success for the PE department this week. The Year 7 boys football team took the pitch for the first time (after very competitive trials) and smashed it, winning their first ever match 13-0. Erik ten Hag has been in touch and we've said we might consider some of the team on loan.





## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

IntraHealth will be in school on 28/11/2023 to administer the flu immunisations to ALL Year groups.

Please complete the consent form online by clicking on the link, the link will close on **(20/11/2023)**

If you DO NOT want your child to receive the vaccination please still click on the link and choose 'NO Consent'

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/20c24bbf>

If you wish to know more information about the flu immunisation please click: [www.intrahealth.co.uk/fluleaflet2023](http://www.intrahealth.co.uk/fluleaflet2023).

In the event of any query please contact the immunisation team on the telephone number (03333 583 397).

## 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
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

## Taking ANTIBIOTICS when you don't need them puts you and your family at risk

Keep Antibiotics Working



Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial infections such as meningitis, tuberculosis and pneumonia. They do not work on viruses, so antibiotics cannot treat infections such as colds and flu. Bacteria are continually adapting to develop new ways of withstanding antibiotic treatment. This is called antibiotic resistance and is one of the biggest threats facing us today.

Antibiotic resistance can then spread between different bacteria in our bodies. Antibiotic resistant bacteria can be carried by healthy or ill people and can spread to others. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics is a major factor that causes antibiotic resistance. The more often a person takes antibiotics, the more likely they are to develop antibiotic resistant bacteria in the body. To reduce this risk, it is important that antibiotics are taken only when necessary and that patients follow advice given by the doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

There are simple actions you can take to help keep antibiotics working:

- Don't ask for antibiotics if you have a cough or cold. Antibiotics should only be taken for bacterial infections. Many infections get better on their own, without the need for antibiotics. Go to your pharmacist for advice first and they may be able to help with your symptoms.
- If the doctor does prescribe you with antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed; never save them for later and never share them with others.
- Spread the word. Tell your friends and family about antibiotic resistance.

You can also help prevent infections spreading by:

- Using tissues and disposing of them when you sneeze.
- Washing hands thoroughly with soap, especially after you have used a tissue or sneezed into your hand.
- Get the flu vaccine if you or your child are eligible.



You can find out more and choose a pledge about how you can protect yourself, your family and friends against the spread of antibiotic resistance on the Antibiotic Guardian website (<http://antibioticguardian.com/>).



There are several fun educational activities linked to the national curricula to educate children on microbes, infections and antibiotics on the e-Bug website ([www.e-bug.eu](http://www.e-bug.eu)).