



'Our awards evening says a lot about how much we value our pupils, their families and the staff'

School that Matters: Annual Awards

We are a school that believes in its pupils and their families and we like to show this in many ways. Perhaps one of the highest profile things we do to celebrate the young people in our care is our Annual Awards ceremony, sometimes known as Presentation Evening. It took place this week on Monday, October 9th at Lancashire Country Cricket Club - an auspicious location and source of far too many cricket puns in my speech.

We filled the huge room with over 700 pupils, former pupils and their families. Our guest-of-honour was a Salfordian known to many of you: Miss Trish Garner, recently retired as Headteacher of St. Mark's Primary School Swinton after a 40 year career. Miss Garner gave out over 150 certificates and awards in recognition of the achievements of last year's Year 11 and pupils from across other year groups.

For the first time we presented a range of carefully chosen books as mission awards, celebrating some of the many young people who live out our values and virtues every day. We also presented Bohdan Voloshyn, former Y11, with the Pride of St. Ambrose Barlow to acknowledge the extraordinary challenges he has overcome in the last year and going on to achieve excellent GCSE results.

Of course, for every young person who receives an award there are another ten who could easily be honoured in the same way. That is one of the invidious things about awards ceremonies and something that we wrestle with each year. The point of the evening is less about the individuals and more about what the event says about our school and how highly we value and celebrate our pupils and, by extension, their families and our staff.

Particular mention must be made of the pupils who hosted the evening on stage (made up of pupil leadership team) and those who performed and entertained us. Their talent was such an uplifting dimension to the night. Ben Davis, Headteacher

Image: some of the pupils who we recognised at the Annual Awards ceremony.



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*'Year 11 leaders
did a great job
leading Black
History Month
assemblies'*

CALENDAR

- Tuesday & Wednesday 17th and 18th October - Respect ME presentations to all year groups focusing on online safety, relationships and anti-bullying
- School closes for half-term 3:15pm, October 21st

*Change to Year 10 Parent's Evening from October 12th to November 9th

SYNERGY – action needed

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 call.

Around our School this Week: Highlights

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Black History Month, which runs throughout the month of October, got off to an excellent start this week with assemblies led by a range of pupils exploring, in particular, the celebration of under-recognised and represented black women. There's more to follow this week.

2

The sporting success of the school keeps on going each week. This week saw our Year 10 boys football team wining 3-1 in the Manchester Cup. We have team sports for boys and girls on every night of the week so there is plenty more success coming our way.

3

Around the school in classes our pupils have been engaged in a wide variety of work and study, Year 8s in Design Technology have been designing ceramic cupcake holders, for example, while pizza has been the order of the day in Food Technology. We have also seen the Year 7 and 8 art club starting up.



Images: just some of the many young people recognised and celebrated at our awards event this week and overleaf



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