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School that Matters: A Great Half-Term

Well here we are at the end of the first half-term of the year. The seven weeks have certainly flown past in a flurry of activity and there is, as ever, much to celebrate. We will be doing just that in our Celebration Assemblies at the start of the new half-term in November. Until then lets reflect on the weeks that have gone past.

Firstly we have seen our pupils make a great start to the year. The atmosphere for learning in the school has been excellent and pupils have made very strong progress in their learning. Year 11 who face the biggest challenges have been exemplary in their attitude and have created a very strong foundation for the year ahead - mocks begin on November 6th.

This term we have placed an especially high priority on personal development. This has seen excellent work from our pupil leadership team, the establishment of the Student Council and the use of the online Smart Student Council in form time as well a huge uptake in extra-curricular activities with well over 1000 pupils signed up for additional clubs or experiences. These are the things that make the memories of which school is made. The same can be said for our many sports teams (there's pretty much something on every night of the week) who have performed so well. And, speaking of performance, we learnt the other day that for the first time our school will be performing at the prestigious Shakespeare for Schools Festival at the Contact Theatre later in the year: an audition call has gone out already for Macbeth.

Part of our whole school priority has been ensuring that young people feel a sense of belonging in our school - it's a real indicator of success. If our attendance is anything to go by then this is also progressing well - as of the most recent measures we have some of the best attendance in all categories in Salford and are also well above national averages.

As ever, none of this success is possible without the dedication of staff or the support of parents, carers and families, so thank you all and I wish you a happy and peaceful half-term holiday.

Ben Davis, Headteacher

Image: some the pupils who are part of our Gardening Club .



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*'Year 11 leaders
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CALENDAR

- School closes for half-term 3:15pm, October 21st

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

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

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

1

Our Year 11 pupils have been so committed to their studies throughout this half-term. Their attendance at after school classes has been excellent and we have opened a quiet, post-3:15pm study space for them. Well done Year 11.

2

It has been a bumper week of sport with wins in rugby for the Year 9 boys team who won the competition at Laurus Rycroft; in the girls netball we had several victories especially for Y9; in the Year 8 boys football there was a convincing win over a very strong side from Albion Academy - well done to all the competitors.

3

Our pupils were an excellent audience for the Black History Month assemblies (more of which in the newsletter after half-term) and for the Respect Me PSHE presentations on relationships and sex education on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.



Images: the Y8 boys football team and the girls netball team

Fantastic Dance Opportunity - deadline soon

The Lowry Centre for Advanced Training [CAT} have openings of grant places available on the scheme for young dance enthusiasts to begin training immediately from November 2023. The Audition is for those young people of all levels and experience of dance who have a passion to train in more depth, who are committed and show potential both physically and creatively.

For this particular audition, candidates must be eligible for a grant, meaning that the total household income must not exceed £72,000.

We welcome people aged 11-16 who would be eligible for a grant. For those not eligible for a grant the next audition will be in Summer 2024 for entry onto the scheme in September 2024.

The audition is on Thursday 26th October 6 pm – 9.30 pm.

If your young people are interested in auditioning, they may to register their interest [book here](#) . A booking link will be available and we will email you with this once it is live on The Lowry website.



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).