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School that Matters: Christmas is coming

If, like me, you aren't thrilled to see Christmas decorations and discounts in the shops in early November, then I doubt this week's newsletter headline will fill you with joy. However, the reality is that Christmas will be here before we know it and we need to get ready

For our school that means a number of things. We will be holding a Christmas Concert and Senior Citizens party on December 20th, a Christmas jumper day earlier in the month and, more importantly, a series of Christmas liturgies for all year groups in the weeks of Advent. These are all things to look forward to, but they are more about demonstrating with our generosity, our displays of talent and our faith, the kind of school that we are. So, when you receive the details of the concert, which promises to be a great celebration of the gifts of our pupils, please buy a ticket and come along and support us.

Around the school this week we have been holding auditions for a production of Macbeth, the Year 11s have been hard at work in their mocks and doing brilliantly, all our pupils observed the silence to mark Remembrance Day with great respect and we have also enjoyed another guest speaker.

In addition, KS3 Art club is up and running and the chart has begun its rehearsals for the Concert. We also inviting any pupils who wish to participate as performers (dancers, singers, musicians or actors) to attend a short audition so that we can programme the event. If your child would like to take part they should speak with Mr. Farrier.

Last week it was a pleasure to host in school Mrs Potts, Headteacher of Christ the King Primary School in Walkden. She spent the day speaking with pupils and staff and offered this reflection on her visit: 'All embrace the school culture and there is a definite pride in the 'Ambrose Way'. The school tour by Y11 pupils emphasised this. These children were proud of their school and their journey through it. They had aspirations for their futures because of the holistic learning experience that they had receive whilst in school. Y7 pupils highlighted the fact that they felt comfortable being themselves. They felt safe in Y7 and were committed to working hard and being ready for their high school years. This is because the pupils feel so supported.'

Have a very good weekend and a special thank you to the many Year 10 parents and carers who attended the evening on Thursday.

Ben Davis, Headteacher



Image: Year 9 pupils applying their skills in the workshop.

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CALENDAR

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 call.

Around our School this Week: Highlights

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Year 8 and 9 pupils were treated to an excellent talk about public speaking and confidence by a professional magician this week. Sam, from GM Higher, delivered an innovative and engaging workshop that helped pupils to see various ways of presenting themselves in public.

2

A trip round the school would find pupils at work in a variety of interesting projects. While the Year 9 DT pupils are developing their workshops skills, Year 7 pupils could be found making chicken curry and the Year 10 art pupils were taking photographs for their still life.

3

The weather did not dim the flames of our sporting hopes. The Year 7 and 8 netballers were in action in atrocious conditions and performed brilliantly against Ellesmere Park HS. The Year 7 boys football team were also successful, winning 4-3 thanks to a hatrick from one of our talented players.



Images (clockwise from top left):

The Year 7 boys football team

Sam the Magician presenting to the Years 8 and 9

Year 10 art pupils photographing for their still life work



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.

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).