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## School That Matters: Remembering D-Day

This week, like many across the country, we commemorated the 80 anniversary of the D-Day Landings. I am lucky enough to have visited the Normandy beaches when I was much younger, but I imagine for lots of our pupils the more distant in time these momentous events become, the more they are lost from our collective memory. This is quite sobering, especially given the sad fact that some of the thousands who lost their lives were not much older than our Year 11s. So, building on our assemblies for VE Day, we tried to keep these events in pupils' minds, so that they have some understanding of their significance.

It feels especially appropriate that we are acknowledging the sacrifice made by others for our liberty now that we are in a pre-election period. We are planning to bring the General Election to life (and judging by the first ITV leaders' debate it needs a bit of life) with a mock election of our own, the kind of experience that inspires us with just how brilliant our young people can be. They are, after all, the leaders of the future and we should be filled with hope because of them.

With all that is happening in our world it often feels reasonable to wonder whether we who came after the sacrifice of World War 2 have done justice to the lives lost. The handful of veterans who remain remind us of the thousands who gave their lives so that we could enjoy peace, freedom and many of the benefits that have accrued over the last 80 years. They were fighting dictatorship, fascism and oppression so that we can be a democracy with the freedom, for example (since we are doing it this month), to celebrate Pride month and to live in compassionate acceptance of one another. The Gospel values of our school, expressed in Love, Learn, Lead, are a daily encouragement to ensure we are inclusive, forward-looking and have the dignity of each member of our community at our heart.

It has been a busy first week back; the first of a packed last half-term. We have seen trips heading out to RHS Bridgewater and the police. We have seen the Duke of Edinburgh pupils rehearsing for their forthcoming expedition and we welcomed Odd Arts into school to work with Year 7.

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## CALENDAR

Year 7 Parents' & Carers' Evening

Thursday, 13th June 2024

Year 11 Prom, Worsley Marriott

Thursday, 27th June 2024

**Year 6 Transition Day** 

27th and 28th June 2024

**Annual Awards Ceremony** 

Thursday, July 4th, 7:00pm

Information Evening for New Year 7

Families: July 11th, 6:00pm

**Culture Day** 

Tuesday, July 16th

**Annual Fun Day** 

Wednesday, July 17th

**School Closes for the Summer** 

Wednesday, July 19th, 1:00pm

**Exam Results Day:** 

Thursday, August 22nd

## Year Group Leadership



Year 7

**Year Manager:** Mr Healey (Senior Leader: Mr Jordan)



Year 8

**Year Manager:** Mrs Vincent (Senior Leader: Mr Jones)



Year 9

**Year Manager:** Miss Moore (Senior Leader: Mrs Johnston)



Year 10

**Head of Year:** Mr. Pemberton (Senior Leader: Miss O'Leary)



Year 11

(Senior Leader: Mrs Tulloch)

# AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK: HIGHLIGHTS

D-Day: Lord of the nations, we honour the bravery and sacrifice of those who served. work together to defend human liberty, that we may live peaceably one with another. Amen.

Congratulations to our newly elected Sports Ambassadors!

Photograph on page one.

Our students were having lots of fun practising putting their tents up in preparation of their upcoming Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions!







ART FOCUS

Year 9 pupil Kayla has completed a painted study of artist Butcher Billy's work.

# Annual Awards Ceremony – Change of Venue

Unfortunately for reasons beyond our control we have had to change the venue for our Awards Ceremony on Thursday, July 4th. The Point (our original venue) is now being used as a counting facility for the General Election. We have managed to secure Bolton Wanderers football stadium instead – all other arrangements remain the same.

# RHS Bridgewater

The Geography department led an excellent trip to RHS Bridgewater for Year 8. It is so important that young people can engage with nature and learn from it – our future and the security of our climate depends on this. Pupils learnt about the impact of climate change and the small changes we can all make to address this.







## Safeguarding Webinar for Parents and Carers

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) Programme Challenger is running a series of three webinars for parents and carers. The sessions are intended to raise awareness of child criminal exploitation and the support available to you if you believe a child is at risk. The first session will take place on Thursday 13 June 2024, 7-8:30pm. The speaker, Detective Sergeant John Schofield of GMP County Lines Taskforce, will talk about what county lines is, how exploiters groom children, the signs of exploitation and where you can access support if needed.



## CREATIVE IMEDIA

Year 10 pupils have been busy creating digital music using the software BandLab in Creative iMedia.









# Maths Star of the Momth

Maths Star of the Month – Well done to our Maths Stars of the month who enjoyed breakfast with Mr Davis and Mr Montgomery this morning. Our leading student answered a record 1500 questions on Maths Watch in May!

