

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL THAT MATTERS: SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES

It was a real treat to welcome Box Clever Theatre Company to perform the Shakespeare play Macbeth this week. In one day this talented crew did two performances of the play to great acclaim and appreciation. They had come into the school to perform to Year 11 as part of our preparation for GCSE English Literature. Pupils loved the energetic, fast-paced and creative approach that involved them as participants as well as audience.

The cast of three were all young actors and brought the play to life as well as encouraging pupils to ask questions and demonstrate their knowledge of the play. Joining Year 11 were pupils from lower down the school who had themselves performed Macbeth earlier in the year. The performers were full of praise for our pupils both for the way in which they conducted themselves respectfully in the performances and the quality of questions they asked. Special mention must go to Mr Gornall of the English Department who leapt to stage to act in the banquet scene!

It is very important to provide opportunities for pupils to experience high quality art such as this performance. Not only does it mean that young people develop a better understanding of the text they are studying, but it also means that they learn more about the possibilities available to them through the creative and performing arts. Performances such as this bring the arts, which can seem distant and exclusive, right into our school and in front of our pupils.

As you will see from looking through this week's newsletter as well as Macbeth we have enjoyed some sporting success and we are advertising for pupils to perform in the Summer Showcase which promises to be an extravaganza of talent. It is worth noting that in the coming weeks we also have work experience for our Year 10s which will offer them a wider perspective on life and on the opportunities available to them. Year 10 have also been delighting us in the number who have signed up to be Sports Leaders and later this term we will be selecting our pupil leadership team for next academic year.

**Ben Davis**  
Headteacher

## SUMMER UNIFORM

Unfortunately, for reasons beyond our control there has been a delay in the supply of summer uniform items to retailers in the local area. Whittaker's have confirmed that they will be stocking the polo shirts from May 16th and pupils will be allowed to wear the items from that date. Once we have more information we will update you and I apologise for any confusion or inconvenience caused.



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## CALENDAR

**Year 8 Parents' & Carers' Evening**  
Thursday, 16th May 2024

**Year 7 Parents' & Carers' Evening**  
Thursday, 13th June 2024

**Year 11 Prom, Worsley Marriott Hotel**  
Thursday, 27th June 2024

## 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

# 1

The Year 7 and 8 Book Club are excited to be reading the 6 shortlisted titles for this year's Salford Children's Book Award with Mrs Davis (@stambrosebarlowlibrary). Pupils read all 6 books before voting for their favourite.

# 2

Well done to our Year 10/11 Rugby team who were crowned Salford champions after an outstanding display of rugby league and well done to our Year 9 team who came runners up in the Salford School's competition. We are so proud of you all!

# 3

Well done to this week's GCSE revision raffle winner! Enjoy your chocolate hamper Harrison!



## ART FOCUS

This week's art work is a piece by our Year 10 pupil, Chloe. Inspired by artist Mlle Hipolyte, created using thread, card and wool.

# SUMMER SHOWCASE

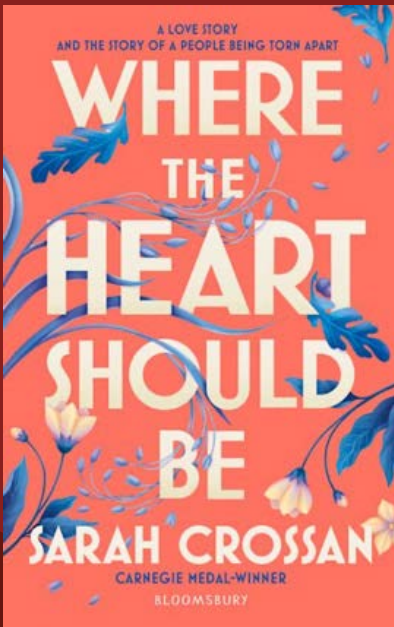
We are looking for performers of all sorts to make our Summer Showcase a huge success and a celebration of our school. We need you if you can sing, dance, act, play an instrument or want to be involved in the technical side of performance.

**There is a meeting on Tuesday, May 7th after school for students to register their interest. Please come along – all pupils are welcome.**

**SUMMER SHOWCASE**

Do you like to sing?  
Do you like to act?  
Do you like to dance?  
Do you play an instrument?  
Do you like to write?

Our summer showcase will be a night of talent, as we celebrate our school's values through musical theatre, drama, singing, dance, and more!



# BOOK OF THE WEEK

**Where the Heart Should Be - by Sarah Crossan**

Thought-provoking and incredibly moving, the novel explores love and family during the Irish famine. Ireland, 1846. Nell is working as a scullery maid in the kitchen of the Big House. Once she loved school and books and dreaming. But there's not much choice of work when the land grows food that rots in the earth. Now she is scrubbing, peeling, washing, sweeping for Sir Philip Wicken, the man who owns her home, her family's land, their crops, everything. His dogs are always well fed, even as famine sets in.

Upstairs in the Big House, where Nell is forbidden to enter, is Johnny Browning, newly arrived from England: the young nephew who will one day inherit it all. And as hunger and disease run rampant all around them, a spark of life and hope catches light when Nell and Johnny find each other.

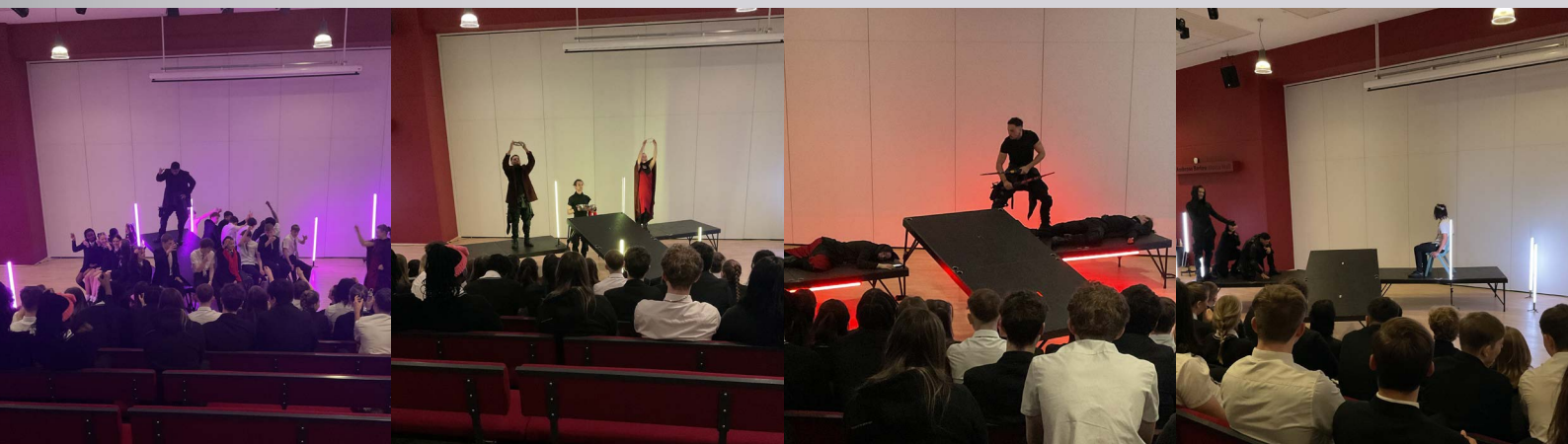
This is a love story, and the story of a people being torn apart. A powerful and unforgettable novel, by the author of Toffee and Form time reading book, One. 'A beautifully written, tightly observed novel' - The Times



## ENGLISH FOCUS

A week of productions for the students at St Ambrose Barlow! Last Thursday saw our Year 7 students attend the Wizard of Oz production at the Palace theatre in Manchester and on Wednesday we had the pleasure of welcoming the Box Clever Theatre Company into school to deliver a show stopping performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

The students were fully immersed in this captivating and engaging performance with lots of audience participation. Thank you to Box Clever Theatre Company for an amazing show.





# PE FOCUS

The Year 8 Girls Football team put on an excellent display and a very strong comeback against Swinton Co-op Academy to win 2-1. They were a superb demonstration of team effort and commitment.

The Year 10/11 Boys Rugby Team have been crowned the Salford Champions, beating St. Joseph's and Walkden in the finals – a great end to the year. The Year 9 team were runners-up.



## IMPORTANT: COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF

**SCHOOL SYNERGY**  
Doing the right thing... Making a difference!

From 7th May, we are amending the Synergy Parent Portal to allow parents and carers to contact the school with 'general enquiries'. Parents can use this function to contact staff members directly or for any general enquiries to the admin team. Staff emails have been removed from the website and all communication should be through Synergy.