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SCHOOL THAT MATTERS: THE START OF A NEW CHAPTER

This week 210 nervous, excited Year 6 pupils came together as one in the Assembly Hall at the start of the school today to begin their transition to secondary school. When they join us in September they will be a little bit taller, perhaps a little less anxious, but no less full of possibility than when they left today.

Transition days have become part of the school calendar for all secondary schools over the last few years, only stopping due to COVID restrictions in 2020 and 2021, but they are more than just an opportunity for pupils to get used to a new school and building. Like the last day of school for Year 11 (shirt signings, assembly, ice cream van, pictures) they are part of the important rituals that take place throughout the year that make school a special and unique place.

During the course of their transition days the new pupils experienced a range of classes, met new teachers, were brilliantly well looked after by Year 9 guides, purchased their first meal in the canteen, were treated to an excellent performance by the choir and another of Macbeth by our very own pupils and even joined in with the sound effects. All of the this was co-ordinated by a team of staff led by our very own Head of English, Miss Matthews. In other words, their time here for two days was unforgettable, a reminder that when they join us

properly in September they will have five memorable years to learn and grow in our school. We very much look forward to welcoming them back.

There has been plenty more going on besides transition this week. Year 10 have been out and about on work experience and a wide range of placements where they have learnt about life in the workplace. A large team of pupils enjoyed success at the Salford Schools athletics competition. A group of pupils attended the Salford Children's Book Awards where they met the authors and one of our pupils, Olivia, got to announce the winner. The pupils loved this experience, talking enthusiastically about the writers, getting books signed and enjoying the surroundings of Salford University. There were also trips to KickAir and various other places besides.

So, we look ahead into July (which in case you hadn't noticed starts on Monday) and the last three weeks of term. One of the highlights of these will be our annual awards ceremony, which takes place on July 4th at Bolton Wanderers' Stadium and promises to be a fabulous evening.

Ben Davis

Headteacher









CALENDAR

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

In-service Days (Closed to Pupils)

2nd and 3rd September

School Opens to All

Wednesday, September 4th

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

Our Class of 2024 enjoyed their prom on Thursday evening. A great time had by all! Pictures on page four.

Amazing achievement by Oscar and Alex who earned their first international cap representing Ireland in the Rugby League Four Nations cup. Well done boys and good luck in the upcoming fixtures!





ART FOCUS

Dylan Brady artist study for Natural Form Project by Mylie Year 10.



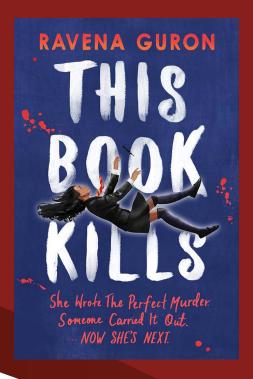


Through Tesco 'stronger starts' we are hoping to raise funds to create a new sensory garden to support our young people with additional needs.

Please vote for St. Ambrose Barlow using the blue voting counters in the following Tesco stores; Eccles Liverpool Rd Exp, Salford Quays Express, Pendlebury Exp, Eccles Monton Rd Exp, Swinton Exp and Salford Extra.

Voting will take place July-September

Please spread the word with family and friends



BOOK OF THE WEEK

This Book Kills by Ravena Guron.

"For fans of Holly Jackson and Karen M McManus." The Observer "Fun, twisty and insightful...will keep you on the edge of your seat." Adiba Jaigirdar

"I'll make it clear from the start: I did not kill Hugh Henry Van Boren. I didn't even help. Well, not intentionally."

When Hugh Henry Van Boren, one of the most popular and richest kids in Jess Choudhary's school, is found dead, the student body is left reeling and wondering who the murderer could be... Jess, a student under strict instructions to keep her record clean or risk losing her scholarship, finds herself at the centre of the investigation when it's revealed that Hugh died in the exact same way as a character in a short story she wrote.

And then Jess receives an anonymous text thanking her for the inspiration.

With time running out, Jess knows if she doesn't solve this mystery she'll finally have something in common with Hugh Henry. She'll be dead too.

TRANSITION

Year 6 students who will be joining us in September have enjoyed a busy and successful two days transition. They have experienced a range of lessons and enjoyed an engaging and exciting performance from some of our pupils who recently performed Macbeth at the Contact theatre in Manchester.





















SPORTS FOCUS

Great performance from the Year 7 and 8 rugby league team. Well done girls we are so proud of you all!

CLASS OF 2024 PROM

























