



ST AMBROSE BARLOW
ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

EASTER 2024



LOVE ♦ LEARN ♦ LEAD



SCHOOL THAT MATTERS: HOLY WEEK

Our Holy Week special liturgies began with our Steel Band playing to welcome everyone into the hall. Coldplay's 'Fix You' sounds very different and quite moving when played by our pupils on the steel drums. Thereafter our choir and a large team of readers led us in a prayerful and powerful service that reflected on the deeper meaning of Easter and its relevance in our lives. It contained a message of hope for us all as well as recognising the many ways in which our world is broken and in need of healing. The hope, amongst

other things, was represented perfectly by our own pupils, whose talents, confidence and vitality reminds us of the powerful things that change the world. They were very much the embodiment of our faith.

This has been a shorter than usual half-term, a quirk of the calendar. Nevertheless we have managed to pack a great deal into it. The first week was marked by our long-awaited Ofsted inspection (report to be published soon) and many of us have taken most of the rest of the half-term to recover from it! More importantly, our sports teams, performers, artists, musicians, writers and all the talented pupils in our school contributed and led activities throughout the past few weeks. The newsletter celebrates them and acknowledges the achievements of all who are part of our school community.

Friday, March 22nd saw a large cast of pupils perform Macbeth at the Contact Theatre, Manchester, as part of the Coram Shakespeare Schools festival, directed by Teacher of English, Mr Wadsworth. I mention this here because it demonstrates precisely what

we are all about as a school: empowering our pupils to be part of high quality learning and experiences that stay with them for life. It shows exactly what we mean when we say 'school that matters'. We currently only have one picture of the cast as there was an official photographer, but we hope to share more soon. The young people who performed should be congratulated on the high standard of their work and the way in which they engaged the audience in such a demanding play – a real work of art.

Finally, this Easter sees us say farewell to Mrs Toon after nine years as Teacher of Maths and Head of Year, whilst we welcomed Mrs Cooney as our new receptionist and Ms Greenhalgh as our HR Manager. After Easter Ms Matulko will join the English department and Mrs Drinkwater will take on a role as teaching assistant. I am sure that you will join me in extending thanks and best wishes to Mrs Toon as she leaves for her years of service. Furthermore, it is important to thank all staff for their hard work this term, to acknowledge our wonderful pupils (especially Year

11 who need everyone's prayers as they approach their exams) and finally to thank you, parents, carers and family members, for your support throughout this term. We are lucky to have such a kind, supportive and close-knit community.

I wish you and your families a happy and Holy Easter.

Ben Davis
Headteacher



LOVE ♦ LEARN ♦ LEAD
OUR MISSION, VISION & VALUES



LOVE

A place of love where **everyone is welcome and respected.**

A family of faith where **everybody matters; where we are unique together;** where we plant the seed that will one day **flourish.**

A **community with Christ** at the centre where the dignity of each person is celebrated so that they can **embrace excellence.**

**I AM RESPECTFUL
I AM KIND
I AM INSPIRING**



LEARN

A place to learn that is **alive with inspiring experiences** and a curriculum rich in knowledge and wisdom.

A family of faith where together we **seek truth, celebrate endeavour and achievement.**

A community that **values curiosity and nurtures learning** into action in the service of others.

**I AM READY
I AM CURIOUS
I AM BRILLIANT**



LEAD

A place to lead where young people grow to become men and women for others, **creative and courageous, ambitious** for the higher gifts.

A family of faith where we serve with **integrity, hope and determination.**

A community that values justice for the most vulnerable so that all may have **life to the full.**

**I AM CREATIVE
I AM BRAVE
I AM A PROBLEM SOLVER**

OUR TERM IN PICTURES



JANUARY - MARCH 2024

1. We were delighted to welcome Kemoy Walker and his team into school. The purpose of his visit was to inspire our students through music and by sharing his personal story about how hard work and dedication has got him where he is today.
2. Well done to our very own Eve from Y8 who has been accepted into the English Youth Ballet - Eve will be performing in the production of Cinderella In Hollywood at the Manchester Opera House this month! Well done again Eve.
3. A fantastic and positive start to the first term of 2024 for lots of our students who continually live out our school values each day. Well done to you all, we are so proud of you!
4. We welcomed PC Wright who delivered an assembly to our Year 7 students to raise awareness about the dangers of knife crime. Thank you PC Wright for an engaging and important assembly.
5. Our living eggs have arrived! We can't wait to follow their journey as they hatch before our eyes into little baby chicks! Our pupils will nurture our eggs as they hatch into baby chicks for us to love and treasure. We are all so excited and voting on suitable names for them!
6. Year 9 and 10 students enjoying basketball at lunchtime today!
7. Our Year 10 students are doing a brilliant job of supporting their Y7 partner during Peer Reading on Tuesday morning. A fantastic effort from all - well done Y7 & Y10!
8. Happy Valentine's Day! Fall in love with a book from our amazing Library - all decorated for this Valentine's Day!
9. We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day 2024 at St Ambrose!
10. Well done to our Maths Stars of the Month who have been working extremely hard. They enjoyed a breakfast with Mr Davis and Mr Montgomery.
11. As part of National Science week our students had the opportunity to visit the Manchester Museum where they spoke with current research scientists and PHD students from Manchester University.
12. Year 9 netball team were the rally winners!
13. Year 8 dance in the curriculum lesson using motif through boxing skills.
14. After a gritty performance against a strong Walkden High, our Year 10 and 11 boys rugby team headed the the Salford School's Rugby League final at the AJ Bell Stadium.



15. Pupils enjoying a trip to a local farm.

16. It's Easter so we had to remind you all of our chicks – they've left us to become fully fledged chickens now!

17. Father Ernest saying the weekly form Mass in our chapel

18. Salford Schoolboys Under 14's have made it through to the national final first time since Ryan Giggs was there. It's a massive achievement for Aaron O'Sullivan and Olly Bentley who played a major part in winning, scoring a goal each to win 3-2!"

19. One of our netball teams in action – victorious again!

20. Another win for our Year 7 Boys Footballers under the watchful eye of Mr Goode

21. World Book Day – can you spot the Wally?

22. The Indoor Rowing Competition team with their certificates

23. Our Year 10 Girls Footballers before a match

24. The Year 8 Boys Rugby Team

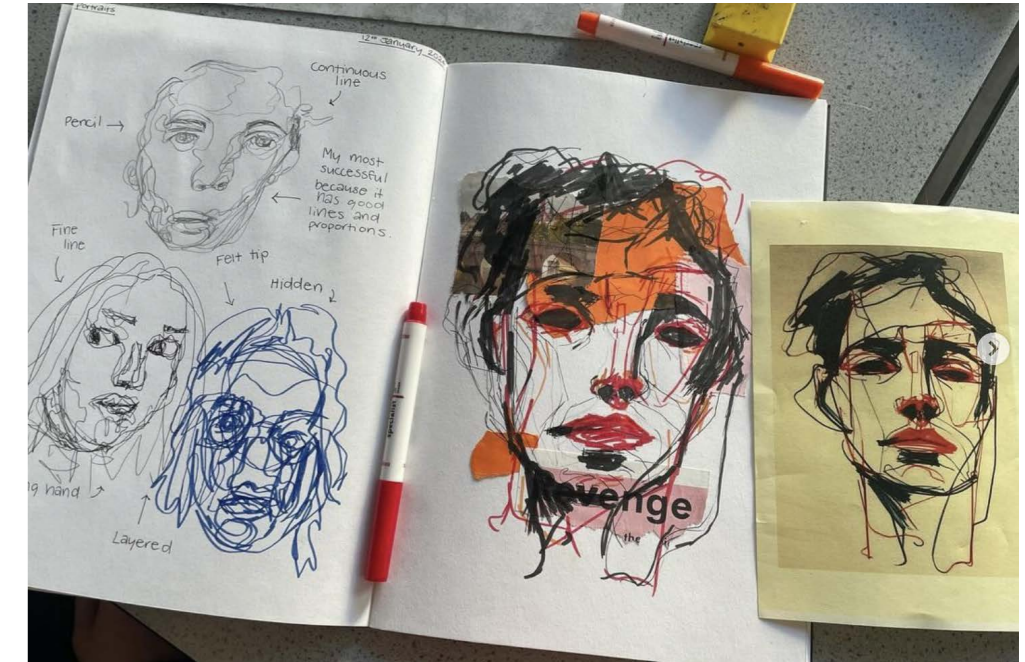
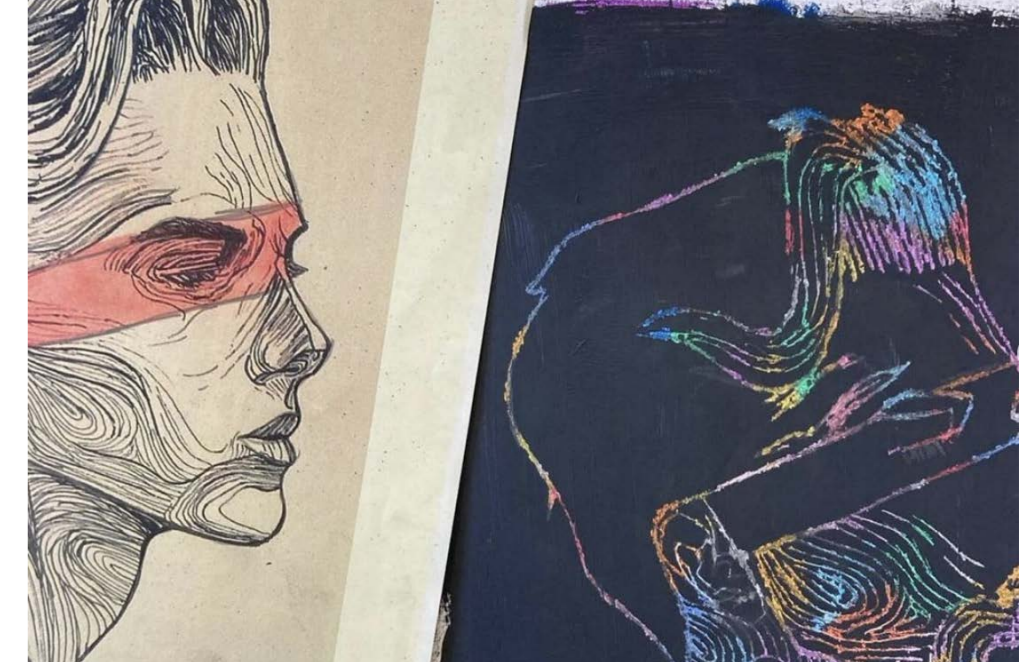
25. The Girls Football team showing St. Patrick's how it's done

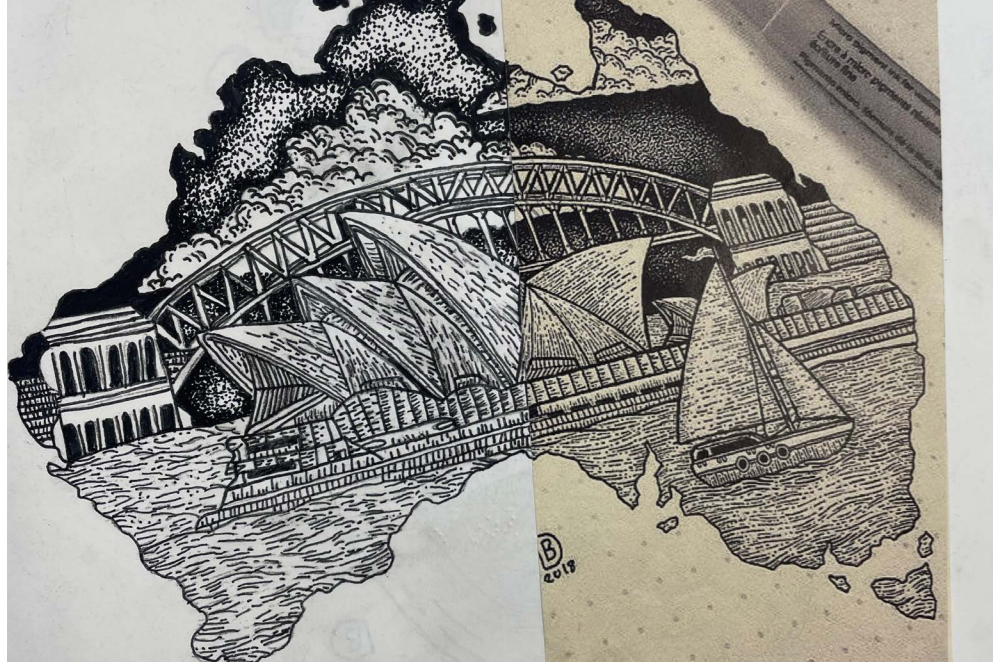
26. The cast of Macbeth at the Coram Schools Shakespeare Festival

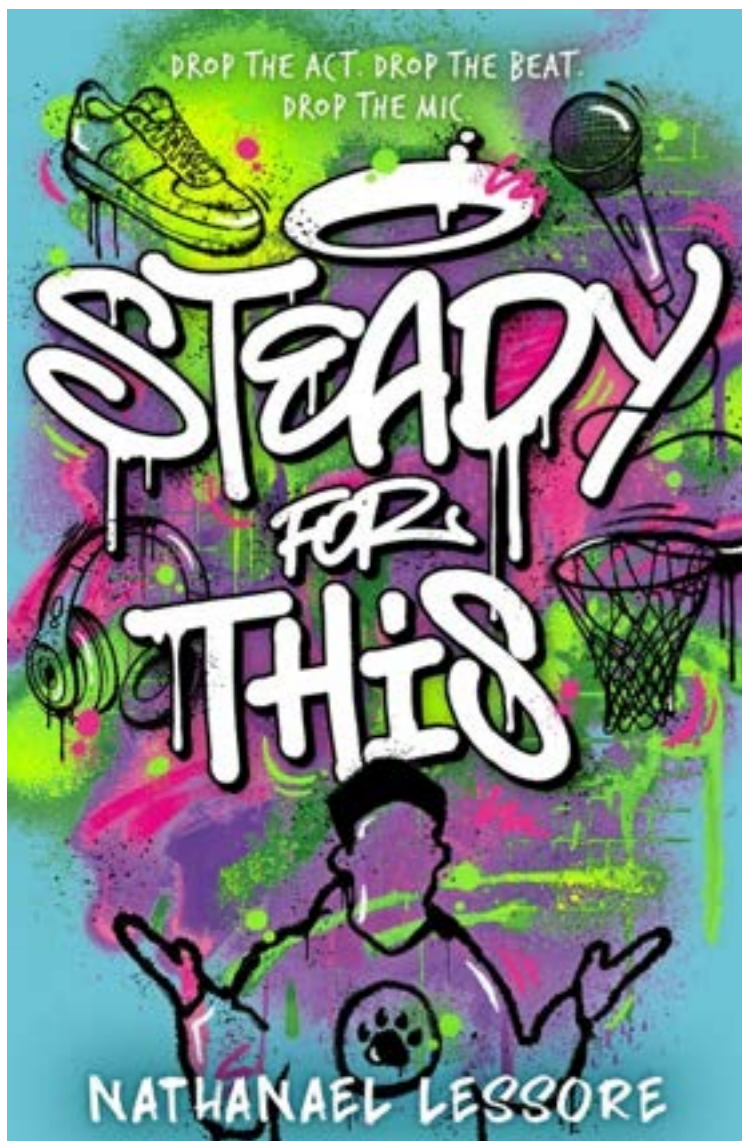
OUR OUTSTANDING ARTISTS

What amazing work from our incredible pupils!
A big well done to all featured.

Please follow us on [Twitter \(@SABartdesign\)](#)
and [Instagram \(@stambrosebarlow_art\)](#) for
more updates on the work of our brilliant pupils.







BOOK OF THE WEEK

Steady For This

by Nathanael Lessore

Meet Mc Growls, wannabe rapper and star of the show in this hilarious and heartwarming teen debut.

Shaun (aka MC Growls) is ready to drop his best bars and smash the competition at Raptology. That way, he's convinced Tanisha will finally give him a chance. But when a livestream practice goes epically wrong, Growls's dirty laundry is literally exposed. He's finally achieved his dreams of going viral - not in the good way. Now Tanisha won't look at him, he's the joke of the school and there's no way he can show his face at the competition. Will he ever catch a break? Then a new girl on the block appears who might be just the friend Growls needs. Especially when she points out that Raptology could be the answer to his problems after all. . .

Available to borrow from the school library



ATTENTION

Parents and Guardians

We wanted to make you all aware of the new vape pens going around schools. It is an actual pen that works as a pen should but also has a vape cartridge to inhale. Some highlighters and Sharpies do the same thing.

We have attached a picture of the pens for your reference.

UPCOMING DATES

SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024

GCSE EXAMINATIONS START
TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2024

YEAR 8 PARENTS' & CARERS' EVENING
THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024

YEAR 7 PARENTS' & CARERS' EVENING
THURSDAY 13TH JUNE 2024

YEAR 11 PROM & YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY
THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2024

CONTACT INFORMATION

Reception: 0161 921 1570

office@stambrosebarlowswinton.org

Chair of Governors: Mrs. Vikki Allen

Headteacher: Mr. Ben Davis

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. Victoria Knipe

Director of Safeguarding: Mrs. Anna Goddard

Email Pupil Absence: Stambrose.admin@salford.gov.uk

Finance Office: stambrosefinance@salford.gov.uk

PA to the Headteacher: Mrs. Gillian Saldanha De Magalhaes

SENDCo & SEND enquiries: Mr. Gareth Jones

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 Head of Year: Miss Toon (*Senior Leader: Mrs Tulloch*)





ST AMBROSE BARLOW
ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

37 Ash Drive, Swinton, Manchester, M27 9QP

0161 921 1570 | stambrosebarlowswinton.org | office@stambrosebarlowswinton.org