

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL THAT MATTERS: CITIZENS OF THE WORLD

This week a group of thirty Year 10 pupils flew out to Madrid for a week of Spanish immersion in Spain's great capital city. By all accounts they had a fabulous time experiencing the sights, cuisine, culture and life of this great metropolis. On the first evening I received a text from one of the staff who was leading the trip to say that an elderly Spanish woman had approached her and complimented the Year 10s on their interactions and behaviour, observing how pleased she was to have them in her home city. This small interaction says a great deal about the power of school overseas trips. Whilst for the pupils the visit is all about expanding horizons and experiencing something new, we often overlook the extent to which the very presence of enthusiastic and curious young people is something that others find uplifting. That Spanish woman was not just proud to see her city being enjoyed, she was invigorated by the way our pupils were enjoying it and so two nationalities and generations were brought together in mutual appreciation.

Next week we will celebrate what we call Culture Day. On Tuesday, July 16th all pupils are encouraged to attend in clothing that represents their national identity, to share food that speaks of their heritage and, in general, to celebrate the diversity of our school – something that gives us strength.

The purpose of this day is many-fold. We learn from one another's cultures; we are exposed to new ways of thinking; we recognise our common humanity and the things that bind us, while acknowledging our differences. We also gain an appreciation of one another in a deeper way than simply getting to know our interests or skills – our sense of national identity runs deep. These benefits are also a way of combatting racism or prejudice, particularly in a time when influential voices are very keen to divide us and create discord.

I am very proud that our school is made up of over 40 nationalities (it wasn't always that way) as this reflects the changing face of Salford and the UK and the richness, contribution and energy that immigration and change has brought to us. The same is true of the way that overseas trips for pupils, like many other enriching experiences, bring fresh eyes to ancient places. As a Catholic school, ensuring a welcome for new faces, especially those who are new to our country, and an appreciation of one another's differences and culture is at the very heart of our faith.

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CALENDAR

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

1

Students have had the opportunity to experience the processes of a real democratic election. All parties were brilliant and inspiring throughout their campaigns. Well done to all students involved. Congratulations to our winning party, Vision, who successfully won the election! Picture on page one.

2

The Compass Centre take on Laser Quest! A great day had by all!



ART FOCUS

Mia, Year 10, GCSE
Photography, portraiture
digital edit.

PUNCTUALITY

on Monday, July 15th

I know that many of you will be watching the final of the Euros on Sunday evening now that England have made it through (I know too that some of you will be supporting Spain). Regardless of your team loyalties, I hope you enjoy the match. However, I want to be clear that all pupils are expected in school on time on Monday morning, regardless of how late they have stayed up the night before to watch the match.

Our normal late-coming and attendance processes will apply. We will be celebrating all cultures and nationalities on Tuesday with our Culture Day, regardless of sporting success. Please do support your child to come into school on time on Monday.

Furthermore, we have activities planned throughout the final week of term and expect that all pupils will attend as normal – we enjoy very high attendance. Where families remove their child from school to take a holiday before the end of term this will be unauthorised and will result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

I am grateful for your support in this matter and for ensuring that your child continues to attend school right up to the end of term.



HOSPITAL VISIT

Our Year 10 Health and Social Care students enjoyed a visit to The Countess of Chester Hospital this week. Whilst there they had the opportunity to visit a range of areas including Radiology and Pharmacy where they explored the various roles within these specialisms. They also visited the clinical skills area where they learnt how to undertake an abdominal examination, it was a fantastic experience for them all!



SPORTS FOCUS

This week our sports ambassadors planned, organised and ran a dodgeball tournament for our Year 7 students. It was a great success! Well done to them all for their brilliant work! They displayed fantastic organisation, leadership, teamwork and communication skills, the Year 7s loved every minute and well done to 7J who were the winning team!



DIVERSITY IN MATHS

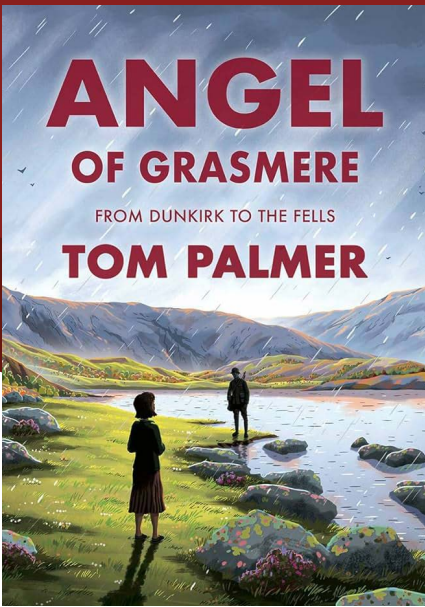
Last week some of our students attended the Diversity in Maths day at the University of Manchester. Students were introduced to some degree level Mathematics. They were asked questions such as is a donut the same as a mug? Which it turns out they are in Topology! During this session, students also investigated untwisted loops and Möbius bands. The next session based on Mathematical Biology had us thinking about how big a frog would need to be to beat the record for the high jump? And, why is there gigantism in the deep sea? The students really enjoyed all of the activities and were brilliant throughout the day!

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Angel of Grasmere by Tom Palmer.

July 1940 – Tarn struggles to come to terms with the loss of her beloved brother in the chaos of the British retreat at Dunkirk and she and her friends scour the hills around their Westmorland home, watching for any signs of the long-dreaded Nazi invasion.

But as the war drags on, with little good news from the front, the locals become aware of someone carrying out anonymous acts of kindness. With no one claiming credit, the village come to think of this unidentified stranger as a kind of guardian angel, but when his identity is finally revealed can Tarn come to terms with the truth...?



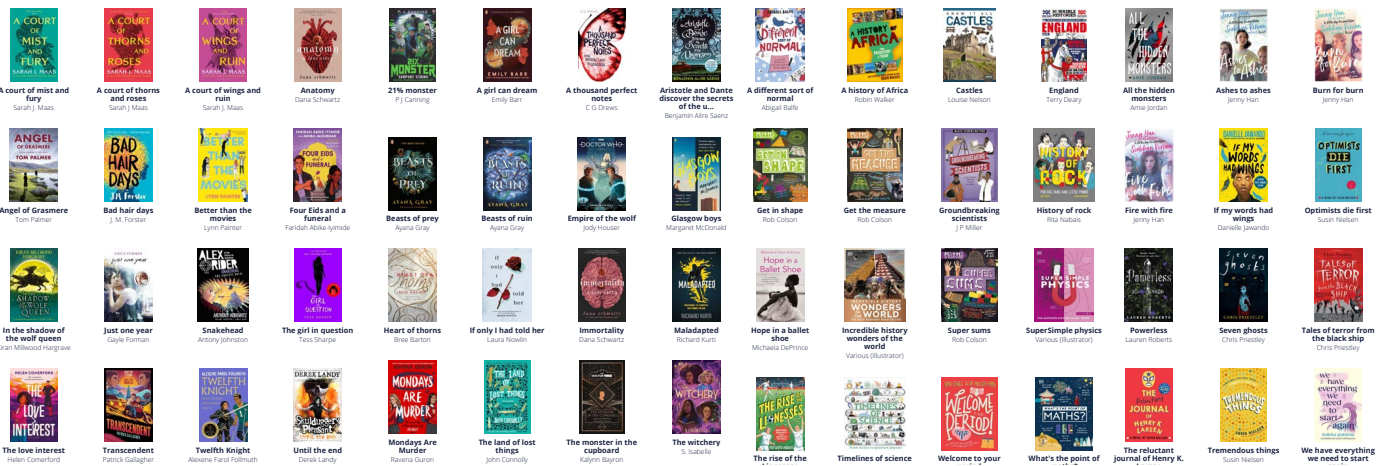
TOM PALMER VISIT

On Monday 8th July we welcomed award-winning children's author Tom Palmer to the school library to speak to some of our Year 7 pupils. Tom has written over 60 books for children and has been nominated for the Carnegie Medal award four times. He has worked in thousands of schools over the last two decades and specialises in motivating children to read.

We have copies of Tom's latest book, Angel of Grasmere and another historical fiction title, Resist, for sale at a cost of £7. This can be paid for via Parent Pay or we can also accept cash (exact money would be appreciated). Purchased books can be uplifted from Mrs Davis in the library. FREE first chapters of these and all of Tom Palmer's books are available to read on his website www.tompalmer.co.uk/free-stuff/.



SOME OF THE RECENT ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY!



POLITE NOTICE

The deadline for all library books to be returned before the summer holidays is Tuesday July 9th.