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SCHOOL THAT MATTERS: PASSOVER

This week in assemblies and as a staff body we marked Passover and in doing so we are reminded of the ways in which the experiences of earlier generations, of the people who have gone before us, are passed on to us. This is an especially powerful idea at the moment when Year 11 are moving towards leaving us, year groups will move up and the cycle of change in the school continues. As St. John Henry Newman said, 'I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between individuals.' Our school community relies on these things that bind us together, recognising and celebrating differences, but building on the common ground we share: memories, experiences, values.

The last few days has seen plenty of memory-making in school, not least for our sports teams. As seasons come to a close we have witnessed big wins for Year 9 and Year 10 football teams, both of which beat our long-term rivals St. Patrick's, the Year 9s securing a place in the final and the 10s winning their league. The Year 7 boys rugby team enjoyed similar success against Walkden in semi and next week our Year 11 boys footballers will be in action in their final against St. Patrick's.

A big group of our Year 7s enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Palace Theatre to see The Wizard of Oz. Around 100 pupils headed into Manchester to see the classic musical. For those pupils inspired by what they have seen we are looking to expand our fantastic choir as we build towards a range of opportunities for performance in the summer term.

We also launched our summer uniform this week - you can find details of this in the letter sent to all parents and carers on Wednesday and we will be in touch stating the date from which it can be worn in due course.

Over the past few years Catholic schools in Salford have been working together ever more closely, so it was a great honour to be asked to attend the celebration of Mass for the 25th anniversary of All Hallows this week, a real mark of how far Catholic education has come in Salford and on your behalf I have sent our good wishes to the whole school community.

Finally, for those who have not yet seen it we published our Ofsted report, which states that the school is judged Good, with Outstanding. Obviously being given that validation is a source of pride, but what matters more to us is that we continue to be even better that we have the confidence and support of the families we serve. There will be no banners, if you wish to read the report in detail (and I encourage you to do so) it can be found on our new website.

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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

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Congratulations to our Year 10 football team who are now the Salford Cup Champions! (picture on page one). St Ambrose Barlow were 4-1 up with 8 minutes to go. By the final whistle the score was 4-4 with our boys bringing home the cup after winning on penalties. It was a thrilling game with Man of the Match awarded to two of our students! Well done to St Patrick's for being great competitors and thanks to Mr Knowles for leading the team to victory!

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We have spaces available if you are interested in joining the St Ambrose Choir. Practising each Thursday lunchtime and afterschool until 16:15pm. Speak to Mrs Saldanha de Magalhaes or Mr Farrier for more information.

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Well done to our first GCSE revision raffle winner! Enjoy your chocolate hamper Matilda!



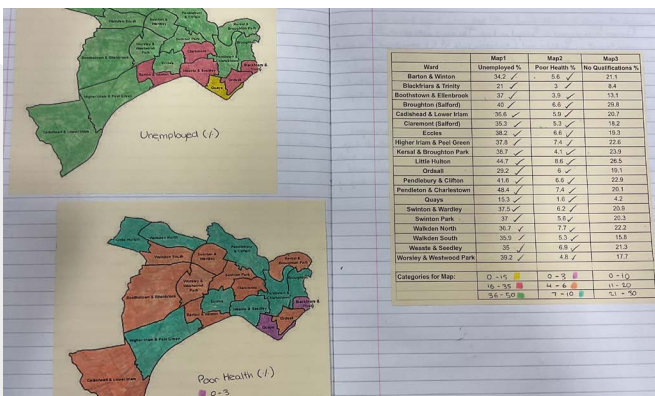
ART FOCUS

This week's art piece has been created by Ava in Year 8. It is a mixed media collage based on Abstract concepts studied this term.



GEOGRAPHY FOCUS

Year 9 work discussing the inequalities across Salford.



Overall, unemployment in Salford is high. The ward with the highest unemployment is Pendleton and Charlestown with 48.4% unemployed. The ward with the lowest unemployment is Quays with 15.3% unemployed. Quays, Ordsall and Blackfriars + Trinity may have lower unemployment because they border Manchester City Centre where there are lots of job opportunities. Also the Quays has been regenerated and Media City provides a lot of jobs in BBC and ITV.

Overall, poor health in Salford is quite high. The ward with the highest percentage of poor health is Little Hulton. This may be because of its high unemployment percentage which is 44.7, nearly half. Unemployment leads to less income which leads to cheaper/lower quality things which could then lead to poor health. However, the ward with the lowest percentage of poor health is Blackfriars and Trinity.



BOOK OF THE WEEK

Crossing the Line by Tia Fisher - Shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal 2024

'Do you feel safe?' A powerful novel exploring how teenagers can be swept up into county lines.

Erik's life has been falling apart ever since his dad died. Homework and being good at school stop feeling important when you're the new man of the house. When Erik's bad behaviour attracts the wrong crowd, he's sucked into a terrifying new world of drug dealing, trap houses and violence. Making money feels good but Erik soon learns that a small favour can become a huge debt. And when his sisters' lives are threatened, Erik will have to cross one more line to save them. Written in verse, this is a poignant story about seeking safety and asking for help in times of crisis.

YourPolice.UK is the NPCC's Digital Youth Engagement channel which has been building up an audience of engaged young people on social media for over five years.

The channel puts out a new post every day about policing, the law, youth issues and the space where these all intersect, providing a trusted source of information, helping young people make informed decisions and helping to keep vulnerable people safe. The channel is monitored twelve hours a day, seven days a week and, in a friendly and human tone, we respond to every single comment. This helps us to build trust and confidence, safeguard vulnerable young people and put a human face and voice to policing across the country.

Founded on the principles of Procedural Justice Theory, we are honest, factually accurate and human. We let young people know how they should be able to expect to interact with policing, what their rights are, and what they can do if they are treated unfairly. By being factual, honest and conceding that, sometimes, some people have negative experiences with policing (and letting them know what they can do about it), we can start to build trust and confidence and let young people know that we are there if they need us.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO POLICE CUSTODY SUITE

Greater Manchester Police are working in partnership with St Ambrose Barlow. An interactive package has been designed to allow young people into Police custody for an educational visit. On the date of the visit, the custody suite will be non-operational. The visit will include a tour around a Police custody suite and procedures explained about Police processes.

Children will have the opportunity to learn about law and legislation and toured around the various Police rooms where photographs, fingerprints, and DNA are obtained. The children will be shown the menu that is served in custody and will have the opportunity to visit a cell.

Salford's School Engagement Officer Pc 18573 Darren Wright and Inspector Corless will deliver the interactive package with the support of School staff being present throughout the tour. There will be an opportunity for Q&A during the session.

