

PARENT BULLETIN – AUTUMN TERM

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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

As we approach the end of the autumn term, it is the perfect time to reflect on the achievements of our pupils and staff this term, and to look forward to the Christmas holidays. I encourage you to take a moment to read through this edition of our parent bulletin. What a term it has been! I am sure you will be as impressed and proud as I am of what our pupils and staff have accomplished so far this academic year.

GCSE RESULTS

As you are already aware, we achieved record breaking results in the summer. It was a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2025 alongside their families at our recent GCSE Presentation Evening. As one of the top performing schools in Greater Manchester, we continue to set the standard and our new Year 11 cohort are on track to achieve even greater results this academic year.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is crucial to academic success and overall wellbeing. Pupils who have good attendance feel a sense of belonging and go on to achieve much higher levels than pupils with poor attendance (*below 90%*). I am delighted that Hollingworth Academy received a national award for attendance for the whole of last academic year, placing us in the top 25% of schools in the country. I would like to thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance with your child/ren.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD 2025

We were delighted to receive the award for 'Community Engagement' in the recent Raising Rochdale Education Awards at Rochdale Town Hall. This is a result of leading a community - first approach, forging powerful partnerships with businesses, charities and agencies to support regeneration and raise aspirations across Rochdale. The work we do helps connect pupils, families, employers and education providers, embedding opportunity at the heart of the borough.

OTHER SUCCESSES

There are far too many successes for me to cover in this opening page; however, you will see as you read through this bulletin that we have lots of success stories, both of individuals and groups. Finally, all that remains is to say a huge thank you for all your continued support and your engagement; this makes a real difference. Wishing you and your families a wonderful, festive holiday and a happy New Year.

Best wishes



Headteacher

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PARENT/CARER INFORMATION



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Friday 2nd January 2026	Berlin Trip (<i>Pupils return Thursday 8th January 2026</i>)
Monday 5th January 2026	Staff INSET Day (<i>academy closed to pupils</i>)
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Academy Re-opens
Wednesday 7th January 2026	Year 9 Options Assembly
Thursday 15th January 2026	Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 22nd January 2026	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 30th January 2026	Year 7 Reports to Parents
Thursday 5th February 2026	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 13th February 2026	Academy Closes for Half Term
Monday 23rd February 2026	Academy Re-opens
Monday 2nd March 2026	Year 11 Mock Exams Begin
Thursday 5th March 2026	World Book Day
Friday 20th March 2026	Year 8 Reports to Parents
Thursday 26th March 2026	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 2nd April 2026	Year 11 Reports to Parents and Academy closes at 12.20pm
Saturday 4th April 2026	Ski Trip (<i>Pupils return Saturday 11th April 2026</i>)
Saturday 18th April 2026	Italy Trip (<i>Pupils return on Tuesday 21st April 2026</i>)
Monday 20th April 2026	Staff INSET Day (<i>academy closed to pupils</i>)
Tuesday 21st April 2026	Academy Re-opens

We offer a variety of enrichment/careers events for pupils during the academy day, and staff will send out more information nearer the time. In the meantime, please keep checking our website and social media platforms for more updates.



RECENT LETTERS Kindly click on the link to view the letters.

Year 11 Prom Letter - [Prom 2026 Launch Letter.pdf](#)

Year 11 Reducing Screen Time Letter - [Y11 - Reducing Screen Time.pdf](#)

FSM Eligibility Letter - [FSM Eligibility Letter - Nov 25.pdf](#)

RSE Letter - [RSE Curriculum - Nov 25.pdf](#)

End of Term Arrangements - [End of Autumn Term 2 Letter - Dec 25.pdf](#)



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BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES AT HOLLINGWORTH AUTUMN TERM REVIEW

As always I am extremely proud of all our pupils at Hollingworth Academy and we are consistently commended on the conduct of our pupils. We are renowned in the local area and wider for having a culture of positive choices and our pupils have a reputation of being polite, kind and courteous.

Our academy is a calm and safe environment and that is achieved through our standards, in line with our values of **respect**, **responsibility** and **resilience**. Our staff work tirelessly, day in, day out, to support our pupils to get the best from their education.



TRIPS, VISITS AND ACTIVITIES

This half term, we welcomed **Dan Wilsher** to the academy. Dan delivered an inspiring talk to our pupils on the importance of **mental health and wellbeing**, sharing his personal journey and the challenges he overcame along the way. His honesty and resilience left a lasting impression on everyone in the room. A huge thank you to Dan for such an empowering and insightful session.

Our Year 8 pupils recently visited London for a guided tour around **The Houses of Parliament**. Pupils visited both the House of Lords and the House of Commons where they were able to watch a real life debate on assisted suicide. Other highlights include a visit to the state room where Queen Elizabeth II rested for a period following her death, walking the famous steps linked to Guy Fawkes, and taking part in an engaging petition workshop led by Rochdale MP Paul Waugh. It was a day full of history, politics and unforgettable experiences.

We have also just held our annual **Winter Ball** which is always an amazing event where we celebrate our pupils from all year groups with the most RISE points. Looking ahead, we have our Summer Ball at the end of the year, so I invite all pupils to gain as many RISE points as they can to secure their invite!

Year 11 pupils have recently had their Prom launch and I wrote to all parents and carers recomunicating our trips, visits and activities criteria which also applies to the Prom. The Prom will take place on **Thursday 2nd July 2026** at The Saddleworth Hotel and we would love to see everyone there.





GREY SCHOOL BLAZER
(with academy logo.)

PLAIN BLACK 'V' NECKED JUMPER
(optional)

BLACK PLEATED SKIRT OR TROUSERS
(Permanent pleats, with the hem of the skirt on the top edge of the knee. Trousers must not be skinny or cropped but a standard tailored style and fabric.)

PLAIN WHITE BLOUSE OR SHIRT
(tucked into trousers/skirt with top button fastened.)

SCHOOL TIE
(with the Hollingworth logo visible, purple for Y7,8 & 9, purple striped for Y10 & 11)

PLAIN BLACK HIJAB
(if appropriate)

PLAIN BLACK ANKLE SOCKS OR BLACK TIGHTS
(No embellishments such as embroidery, patterns, brands, logos or bows. Ripped tights must be removed.)

PLAIN BLACK FLAT SHOES
(Trainer or sports styles will not be permitted, no embellishments such as embroidery, patterns, logos, athletic style airholes or bows.)



ACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR



UNACCEPTABLE FOOTWEAR

JEWELLERY

(Students are only permitted to wear a wristwatch (smart watches are not permitted) and one pair of stud earrings, no more than 5mm in diameter, 3D pearl style earrings are not permitted. All other jewellery is not permitted.)

MAKEUP

(Makeup is only permitted for Y10 and Y11 students and must be subtle. This also applies to semi-permanent makeup such as tinted eyebrows. Fake eyelashes, false tan and artificial nails are not permitted.)

HAIR

(Hair should be in a naturally occurring style and colour. Should not be shorter than O1 and should not have any patterns shaved or dyed in. Bows, hair ties and headbands etc. should be black in colour and be no bigger than 5cm in diameter.)

PUNCTUALITY

I recently sent a letter out to all of you regarding punctuality to school, just a small reminder that the school gates close at 8:40am and any pupil arriving after this will be marked as late. In addition to this, any pupil arriving after 9:00am will not receive their morning mark and this will negatively impact their attendance. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact us on attendance@hollingworthacademy.co.uk.

ATTENDANCE

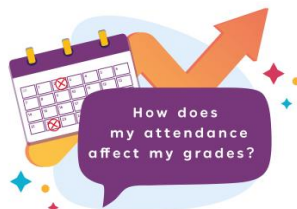
We were delighted to receive another award from the Fischer Family Trust (FFT) for being in the top 25% of similar schools nationally for attendance last academic year. This award is recognition of the hard work and dedication of our staff across all departments who work tirelessly to eliminate barriers to attending school, and in supporting our pupils and families.

I firmly believe that the best place for all of your children is in the academy. Not only does absence negatively affect academic attainment, but being out of a routine creates bad habits and hinders wellbeing leading to further issues.

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CATEGORY	THRESHOLD ATTENDANCE	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	WHOLE DAYS ABSENT	LEARNING HOURS LOST
EXCELLENT	100% 99%	190 DAYS 188 DAYS	0 2	0 10
GOOD	98% 97% 96%	186 DAYS 184 DAYS 182.5 DAYS	4 6 7.5	20 30 37.5
CAUSE FOR CONCERN	95% 94% 93% 92% 91%	180.5 DAYS 179 DAYS 177 DAYS 175 DAYS 173 DAYS	9.5 11 13 15 17	47.5 55 65 75 85
CRITICAL	90% 89% 88% 87% 86% <86%	171 DAYS 169 DAYS 167 DAYS 165 DAYS 163 DAYS < 163 DAYS	19 21 23 25 27 >27	95 105 115 125 135 > 135



EXCELLENT	+ 0.4 grades per subject
GOOD	+ 0.1 grades per subject
CONCERN	- 0.5 grades per subject
CRITICAL	- 0.8 grades per subject



This term we finished with our '**December Advent Attendance Challenge**' where we gifted a prize each day to a pupil for simply attending school. We also ran our second annual 'No Days Off November' challenge where **Laiba H (11JR)** attended every day and was gifted an Apple iPad.

Attendance will always remain a priority. We want our pupils to feel a sense of belonging at Hollingworth and step one is walking through the door.

Kindest regards,

Mrs B Robinson
Senior Assistant Headteacher

ACADEMIC NEWS

YEAR 11

This term our Year 11s have taken their first big steps towards success this upcoming summer. Here is what has happened so far:

- Around 500 pupils and their parents and carers attended our Year 11 Strategy Evenings. This was an invaluable opportunity to highlight the role we all will play this year in supporting our Year 11s. If you were unable to attend please access the academy website for key information. <https://tinyurl.com/2kawhvjik>
- The first of three Year 11 reports have been sent out to parents and carers before the end of this term. These contain the pupils A2L, A2H, mock grade achieved in the recent mocks and a forecast predicting what the pupils will likely achieve in each subject at the end of Year 11 based on their current progress and effort.
- Look out for the second Year 11 report, which will be sent out week commencing **Monday 30th March 2026** via email.
- Several subjects have already begun rolling out their revision schedule. Please keep your eye on your emails for more information over the coming months.
- During tutor time, pupils were given mock exam preparation guidance to support them in preparing for their mock examinations.
- This half term, pupils sat a series of mock examinations. This has given them an opportunity to experience what it will be like in the summer term, whilst also giving teachers and pupils the opportunity to check on their progress. Based on the mock examinations, pupils will also receive Question Level Analysis (QLA) for each subject; this will give them a clear picture of what areas they are doing well in and what areas are in need of strengthening. Parents and carers will also receive copies of these at the Year 11 Parents' Evening, on **Thursday 22nd January 2026**. Below are some other key dates for your diary.

Kind regards,

Mr K Clark
Assistant Headteacher



IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Parents' Evening	22nd January 2026
Compulsory after school revision sessions begin	Week commencing 26 th January
Mock Exams (All Subjects)	2nd March to 20 th March 2026 – TBC
Saturday School (Selected Pupils)	25th April onwards
GCSE and BTEC Examinations begin	Provisionally 5th May 2026 – TBC

GCSE STREET ART PROJECT - NORTHERN QUARTER

Our Year 10 Art pupils recently visited Manchester's vibrant Northern Quarter to conduct primary research for their first **GCSE project on Street Art**. The trip gave pupils the opportunity to explore the area's striking murals, graffiti and urban textures, capturing inspiration through photographs. This hands-on experience will help them develop creative and personal responses in their upcoming work.



1st Place – Sophia B (7S2)



2nd Place – Jacques Y (11JS)



3rd Place – Eleanor H (8S1)



Sophia B (7S2)



MOCK EXAM WORK

Our Year 11 pupils have shown fantastic progress in their recent **mock exams**, demonstrating real commitment and resilience. Alongside their academic achievements, they are channelling their creativity introducing stunning 3D cultural pieces inspired by diverse traditions such as African, Mexican and Oriental cultures. Well done to all!

Here are just a few examples of the fantastic pieces of work created during the mock exams.

STREET ART PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

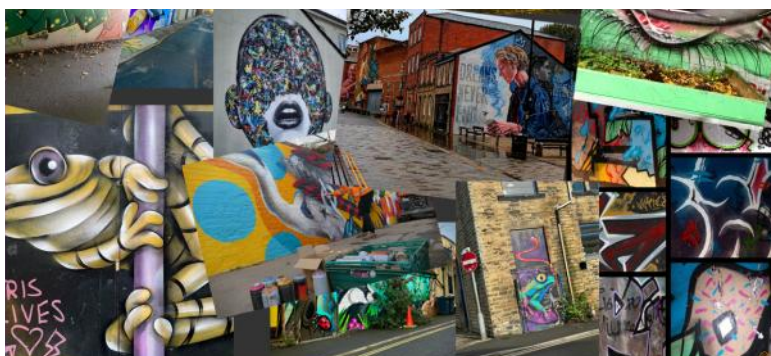
This term we ran a **Street Art Photography Competition**, where we asked pupils to show us their creativity and capture the vibrant world of street art around them. Here are our **winners** and their fantastic photos:

1st Place – Sophia B (7S2): We loved Sophia's striking mix of colour and monochrome, this selective colour technique draws the viewer's eye directly to the murals.

2nd Place – Jacques Y (11JS): Jacques' creative use of lighting is outstanding. The sunlight peeking through the clouds adds atmosphere and makes the vibrant mural pop beautifully.

3rd Place – Eleanor H (8S1): Eleanor impressed us with her unique perspective and angled composition. The bright blues and whites of the artwork contrast perfectly against the textured brickwork, adding depth and movement to the image.

A huge thank you to everyone who entered – your creativity was incredible!



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ART CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Millie P (9P2)



Fatimah K (9P1)



Zara N (9O1)



This term, we invited pupils to showcase their creativity by submitting festive designs for our **Art Christmas Card Competition**. The top three winning designs have now been transformed into beautiful cards, available to purchase in school. All proceeds will be donated to **The Salvation Army**, supporting their vital work during the festive season.

Congratulations to our talented winners: **Millie P (9P2)**, **Fatimah K (9P1)** and **Zara N (9O1)**.

We were so impressed by the incredible standard of entries that we also produced cards featuring our runner-up designs available to purchase. Millie P also received an 'honourable mention' from The Salvation Army. They loved Millie's design and we were so impressed by the level of detail in her Christmas card. Millie received a £20.00 e-voucher to congratulate her for her fantastic work!

ENGLISH NEWS



SPARX READER LEADERBOARD

Sparx Reader LEADERBOARD		
YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
Molly T	Nicholas K	Skye W
Aizah Z	Amelia S	Quint U-A
Emmeline R	Emilia R	Anaya H
Codie W	Hugo C	Ellie-Mae S
Freddie H	Toby L	Morissa R
Samayra K	Lucas O	Talia H
Tayyab H	George M	Sameer H
Jacob M-S	Poppy B	Siom B
Ellie C	India P	Zakir A
Olivia C	Arifan I	Rycon R
Ali K		

This term, we've been proud to celebrate the achievements of our top ten Key Stage 3 pupils on **Sparx Reader** by sharing our **Leaderboard** in the academy, with parents/carers and across social media.

Research shows that pupils who read regularly throughout school not only outperform their peers at the end of Year 11, but are also better prepared for college, work and life beyond the classroom. The more a child reads, the more confident and proficient they become - making reading an enjoyable and rewarding habit.

Please continue to encourage your child to complete their set reading each week. This simple routine supports their learning and gives them the chance to win prizes for themselves and their friends!

BATTLEFIELDS VISIT

The **English and History** departments organised a **three-day visit to World War I sites** in Ypres, Belgium and Vimy Ridge, France, to enrich Year 9 pupils' studies of war in both subjects. Highlights included Essex Farm trench, Tyne Cot - the largest British cemetery in the world, Langemark German Cemetery and the moving 'Last Post' ceremony at the Menin Gate.

Pupils also explored the Vimy Ridge Canadian Memorial and key locations from the Battle of Arras, with time to enjoy Arras town. The final day featured Sanctuary Wood's original trenches, Talbot House and a stop at a Belgian chocolate shop before returning home!

A fantastic time was had by all, the coach journey was long, but the experiences were world class!

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

YEAR 10 FOOD PREPARATION & NUTRITION UPDATE

Our **Year 10 pupils** have made an excellent start to their Food Preparation & Nutrition course this term. They've been building **core subject knowledge** and exploring the topic of **fruit and vegetables** in depth. To finish the term on a high, pupils showcased their practical skills by baking a batch of delicious carrot cake muffins!

Looking ahead to next term, pupils will explore new topics including milk, cheese and yogurt, as well as cereals. This will continue their exciting journey into the world of food and nutrition, offering even more opportunities to build knowledge and refine their practical skills.

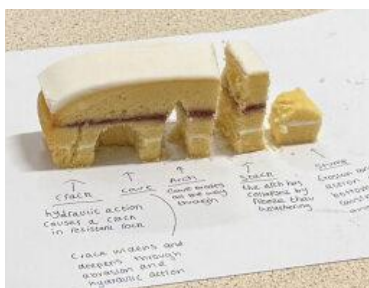


GEOGRAPHY NEWS



Y11 COASTAL EROSION

Our **Year 11 geographers** got creative by carving cakes to model coastal erosion features. Pupils carved their models, then annotated them to explain the sequence of caves, arches stacks and stumps, in headlands. They produced some fantastic, accurate models and very detailed annotations - a brilliant way to bring the **Coasts topic** to life!



MATHEMATICS NEWS

ROCHDALE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE TASTER SESSIONS



This half term, our set 1 **Year 10 pupils** were involved in **Rochdale Sixth Form College taster sessions** where they delved into percentages, logarithms and calculating real world problems using A-Level Maths skills. The sessions, led by Nicola Smith from RSFC, gave our pupils a real insight into A-Level Maths and how it is used in the real world. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and many are keen to study Maths even further at A-Level as a result! Well done Year 10!

SPARX MATHS LEADERBOARDS

This academic year we introduced the **Sparx Maths Leaderboard**, as we really wanted to reward pupils for engaging with homework, and for doing extra work to improve their Maths skills independently. This has been a roaring success, and we have even more pupils completing homework to an even higher standard than previous years. Pupils are also being rewarded for their hard work, with shoutouts on social media, front of queue pass rewards and certificates for our top three in each year group. Well done to all pupils who have been working hard on homework, it really will make a big impact.

Sparx Maths LEADERBOARD				
YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Affie L	Imaan S	Harissa R	Uzma N	Yaseen M
Wesley B	Nicholas K	Samuel N	Sean L	Levi B
Joshua C	Aryan A	Simeon G-W	Tahira N	Rayan A
Raf H	Daniel M	Joshua L	Rashida S	Serena C
Scarlett K	Imogen D	Nabha A	Alexis P	Leena M
Nave D	Amelia S	Touqayyah A	Srikara H	Zaynah A
Muhamm A-B	Rayyan B	Affie H	Lucia M	Luka A
Sophia B	Maryam M	Zack H	Amy H	Oliver L
Heidi C	Imrat R	Oliver M	Max L	Moshe H
Khalid B	Yazmen R	Fahim M	Masrabi N	Sunil M

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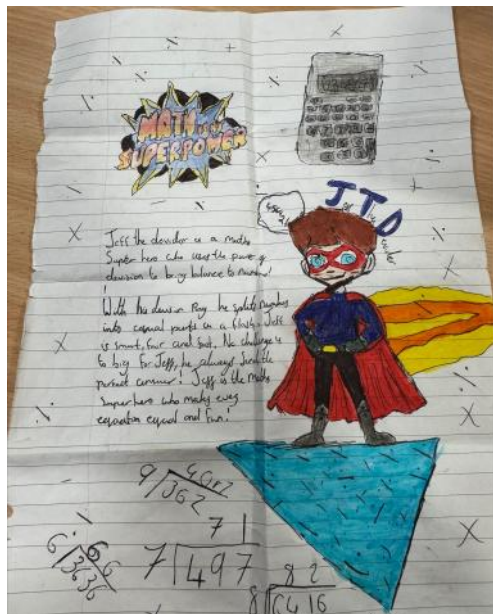
MATHEMATICS NEWS

MATHS SUPERHERO / VILLAIN COMPETITION

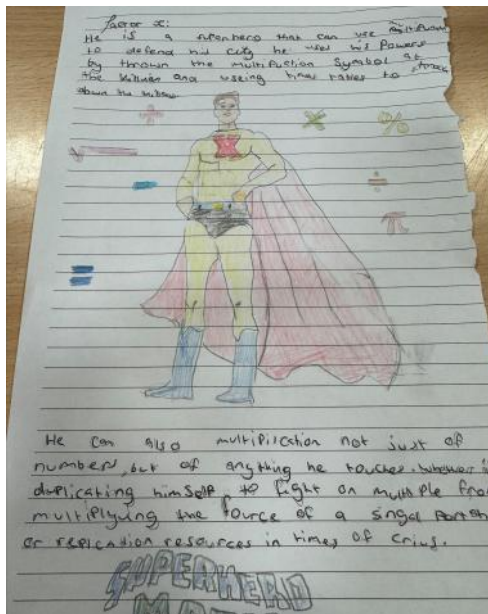
Last half term we ran a creative **Maths competition** where pupils had to submit their own Maths superhero / villain. We had a number of fabulous entries, so picking a winner was very difficult!

Congratulations to the following - you have shown outstanding creativity, well done for getting involved:

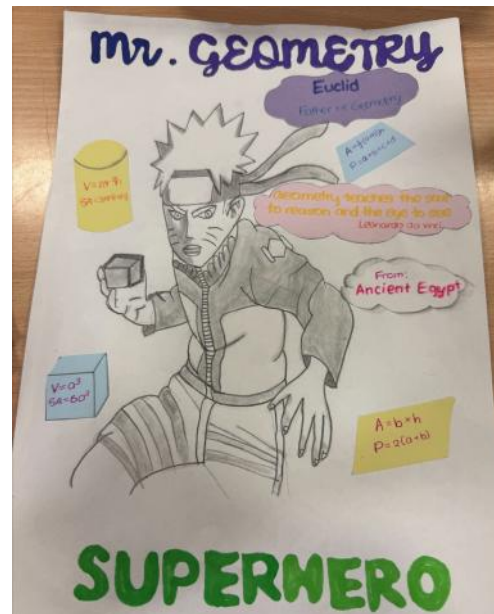
1st Place - Molly T (7S1)
100 RISE points



2nd Place - Freya W (8S2)
75 RISE points



3rd Place - Rosithaa S (10O2)
25 RISE points



GCSE STATISTICS TASTER SESSIONS

This half term, some of our **Year 9 pupils** completed **taster sessions** when the GCSE Statistics course was explained to them as an option they could pursue next year. Our pupils were absolutely brilliant, engaged and asking questions throughout these sessions. They were keen to find out more about the course and many discussed how they wished to take GCSE Statistics as an option next year!

MATHS INTERVENTION

So far this academic year we have held **Maths Intervention Sessions for Year 7 and Year 9 pupils**. A massive shoutout to all the pupils who got involved and have worked hard, showing resilience, in order to improve their Maths skills. We are really proud of you all, and the work is really paying off!

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



HALLÉ ORCHESTRA

Our **GCSE Music pupils** enjoyed a truly memorable musical experience with a visit to the Bridgewater Hall to hear the world-renowned **Hallé Orchestra perform live**. The concert featured several GCSE set works, brought to life by professional musicians - an inspiring and enriching opportunity for our pupils.



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SCIENCE NEWS

INTRODUCTORY UNITS

Our **Year 7 pupils** have been busy completing their **Introductory Units**, equipping them with the essential skills and knowledge needed for a safe and successful year in the laboratory.

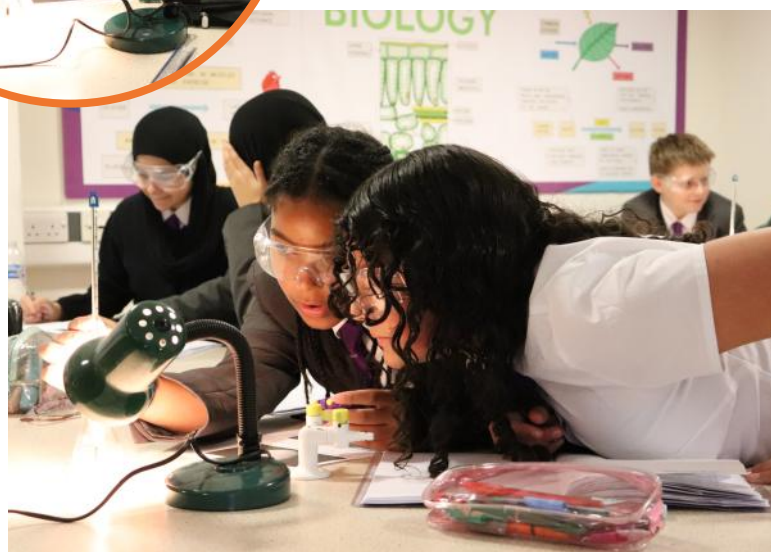
They've all demonstrated a fantastic aptitude for lab safety and have officially earned their Bunsen burner licenses, a key milestone for any young scientist! Following this, they've delved into our first practical units. In Biology, they investigated the energy content of different foods in the "Burning Food" practical. In Chemistry, they explored chemical reactions with the "Metal Fizz" unit, and in Physics, they applied their knowledge to build and test structures in the "Bridges" unit. It has been a pleasure to see the pupils' enthusiasm and engagement, and they've truly enjoyed their first hands-on experiences in the lab. We are looking forward to building on this strong start throughout the year.



SCIENCE WEEK



This half term, we have also celebrated **Space Week** with a range of exciting activities across KS3. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 explored different aspects of space through their lessons. Year 8 pupils focused on the concept of the habitable zone within our solar system, while Year 7 and Year 9 pupils engaged with space-related topics as part of their curriculum.



As part of the celebrations, KS3 pupils were invited to take part in a **Space Week Poster Competition**, which received over 80 entries. The standard of work was outstanding, and the winning entry received a telescope as first prize. All pupils who participated earned RISE points for their efforts and creativity. We're looking forward to seeing entries for any future science related competitions throughout the year!



 **World Space Week** OCTOBER 4-10

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUB NEWS

MOWTIVATORS

This term, the **Mowtivators** have been busy preparing for the colder months. We've planted a plum tree, blueberries and some lovely shrubs near the memorial bench; as well as harvesting some of our homegrown vegetables.

The last few weeks before half term were extra exciting as pupils worked hard on their entry for the **Milnrow & Newhey Scarecrow Festival!** From building the frame to creating our very own scarecrow pupils, everyone had a fantastic time. A huge thank you to all involved for your creativity and hard work. We can't wait to see you back in the garden when the club returns in Spring 2026.

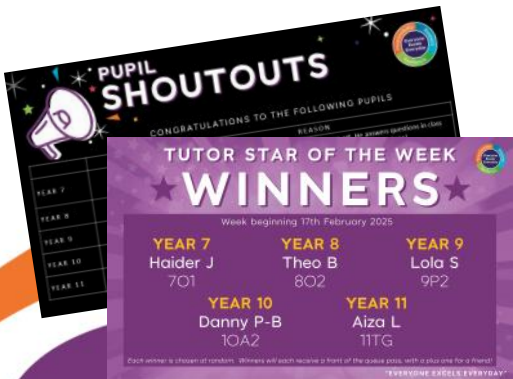


BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Our **British Sign Language Club** has been working very hard at mastering some of the basics of BSL. After just three sessions of tuition with specialist teacher Lorenza from **Eliza Says**, the group have learned: greetings, feelings, numbers to 100, spelling using the finger alphabet, signing about favourite foods and describing family and pets. They have very quickly grown in confidence and are showing excellent communication and comprehension skills, taking part in conversations and presenting to the group. We are looking forward to learning more in the new year!



PUPIL REWARDS



Follow us on social media to stay up to date with our weekly pupil rewards! Each week, we share our **Pupil Shoutout** nominations, where academy staff recognise students for their achievements and efforts. We also celebrate our **Tutor Star of the Week**, with pupils nominated by their form tutors. A winner from each year group is chosen at random, earning a **front of the queue pass** for themselves and a friend! All winners are then entered into a draw at the end of the term for a **Star of the Week Rewards Breakfast**. Don't miss out, follow us and celebrate pupil successes with us!



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SEND BOWLING

Amazing performances from our **SEND Bowling Teams** at the recent Rochdale Schools' SEND Bowling competition! The academy entered two teams, and our A team bowled their way to victory, **winning the entire competition!** Two pupils from the A Team scored over 100 points and received an extra certificate for their incredible performance and became part of the '100 Club'. Next stop: Greater Manchester Competition, where we'll proudly represent Rochdale!



Nellie K (7S2), Willis H (7O2), Adam D-G (7S2), Charlie H (9A2), Alice H (9A2), Holly W (9O1), Alesha D (9A2), Charlie H (11JS) & Harry M (8S1)

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



A huge congratulations to everyone who recently took part in the **Rochdale Schools' Cross Country Championships!** Special shoutouts to **Lola W (8P2)**, who finished 3rd, and **Ollie B (8O2)**, who came **2nd in the individual competition.** Fantastic team results too, with the Year 7 Girls taking 1st place, the Year 7 Boys finishing 3rd, and the Year 8 Boys securing 2nd place! We're so proud of your determination, teamwork and brilliant performances! Skyla F (7P2), Madeleine H (7S1), Elsie P (7P2), Ella F (7S1), Sean Ikenna E (7O1), Jake R (7O3), Willis H (7O2), Xavier S (7S1), Henry S (7A2), Ethan G (7S2), Lola W (8P2), Harlow D (8P1), Tilley D (8P2), Lucie H-R (8O1), Molly L (8A2), Eva B (8P2), Evie W (8O2), Ollie B (8O2), Jacob K (8P2), Lucas O (8P1), Kian T (8O1), Luca P (8O1), Toby L (8P2), Lucy C (9A2), Alexander H (9P2) & Marley T (10P2)

YEAR 8 DODGEBALL TEAMS

Congratulations to our **Year 8 Dodgeball Teams!** Both our girls and boys teams showed incredible skill and determination at the Rochdale Schools' Dodgeball Tournament, securing **third place in the tournament!** We're so proud of their teamwork and effort - well done everyone!



Lola B (8P2), Safaa U (8P1), Layyah H (8S1), Temide M (8A3), Isla S (8S2), Siena D (8P3), Jace D (8A2), Ismail R (8S1), Olly O (8P1), Tomiwa M (8A3), Harley T (8O2), Ethan D (8A2), Harry S (8A3) & Robson S (8A2)



Y7 FOOTBALL TEAM

Well done to our **Year 7 Football Team** who remain **undefeated after six games!** With three wins and three draws, the boys are sitting comfortably in the race for the play-offs later this season. Great teamwork and determination.

Jenson A (7A2), Mohammed Nayeem B (7S2), Arnie B (7O2), Tyler C (7S3), Sean Ikenna EG (7O1), Reo H (7P2), Jacob MS (7O2), Sonny R (7A1), Jake R (7O3), George RM (7S1), Archie S (7O2) & Henry S (7A2)

YEAR 7 NETBALL



Well done to our **Year 7 netball team**, they competed in two Rochdale Schools' Netball tournaments and achieved **2nd place in the Plate Competition**; fantastic effort and teamwork.

Elsie P (7P2), Brooke A (7A1), Amelia B (7O3), Sophia B (7S2), Pearl C (7A1), Amelia P (7A1), Skyla F (7P2), Emily K (7A1), Scarlett K (7S2), Kaycie S (7S3), Frankie W (7O3), Charley Y (7P2), Maddison B (7P2), Emily K (7A2) & Elsa S (7S1)



YEAR 8 NETBALL

The **Year 8 netball team** had a great season and were crowned Rochdale **runners up in the Rochdale School's Netball Tournament**. They competed over three nights and were very successful in their games. They dominated the majority of their matches and had a high percentage of possession. They lost just three games out of 18 (and it was to the same school in all three rounds). The girls fought hard and came exceptionally close to beating them on their final night. The girls are determined to claim a victory against them next season and claim the top spot!

Vanessa PW (8S1), Safa U-R (8P1), Isla S (8S2), Lacie M (8S2), Temide M (8A3), Huma K (8O1), Layyah H (8S1), Lola W (8P2) & Amelia S (8P1).

YEAR 9 NETBALL

Congratulations to our **Year 9 netball team**! They secured an impressive **3rd place in the Rochdale Schools' Netball Competition**. We're proud of your effort, teamwork and sportsmanship – well done.

Tais A (9P2), Teegan G (9S1), Lorna H (9S1), Eden N (9P3), Isabella K (9P3), Frankie M (9P2), Myla T-G (9A3), Holly W (9O1) & Hattie A (9P2).



YEAR 10 NETBALL

The **Year 10 netball team** had an amazing season and are **Rochdale Champions**! They competed in all three tournament nights in the first half term. They dominated their games and were so effective as a team; the high level of interceptions gained in defence minimised the scoring opportunities for the other teams. The mid court players' effective spacing, dodging and passing enabled them to move the ball quickly from defence to attack. The shooters were on form each night and had a high scoring percentage. Over the three nights they played 20 fixtures, won 19, scored 82 goals and conceded 13 goals - outstanding effort and teamwork. *Toyibat O (10O2), Jessica B (10O3), Poppy S (10S1), Clemence L (10O3), Khaira I (10O2), Daisy W (10O3) & Lucie M (10S3).* Missing from photo: *Lily D (10A1) & Isabelle H (10A1)*



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We're proud to showcase the outstanding sporting achievements our pupils have accomplished beyond school this term.



BRITISH RIDING CLUBS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Huge Congratulations to **Isobella S (902)** We're incredibly proud to share that Isobella recently qualified for the **British Riding Clubs National Championships** - and last weekend, she and her team, Rochdale and District Riding Club, were crowned National Champions! Isobella delivered an exceptional performance, placing 4th individually out of 75 riders and achieving one of only five clear rounds in the entire competition! Her family and everyone at the academy are immensely proud of this amazing achievement.



JUNIOR EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Huge Congratulations to **Tillie G (8P1)**! Tillie was recently crowned **Junior Equitation Champion at the North West Championships** – a huge accomplishment for both Tillie and her pony, Albert. Everyone at the academy is incredibly proud of this amazing achievement! Well done, Tillie!



SKI SPECIAL OLYMPICS – WEST MIDLANDS 2025

Tyger-George R (9A3) competed at the **Ski Special Olympics – West Midlands 2025**, in the Advanced Division 1 (male & female), the highest category of the day, and brought home: silver in Slalom and bronze in Giant Slalom. An incredible achievement that reflects his dedication and hard work on the slopes. He also had the honour of representing the North West in the Opening Ceremony, proudly skiing down the slope holding the regional sign on behalf of his Ski Club; a truly special moment, well done Tyger-George.



WARRINGTON WOLVES RLFC - LEXI B

Congratulations to **Lexi B (11GT)** who has trained hard and has signed for **Warrington Wolves**. She has been selected for the Pathway 2 Performance 2025 Programme. Her commitment to the sport is enabling her to train at a higher level and experience new challenges, well done Lexi.

If you would like to share your child's sporting achievements, please contact the academy.

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PUPIL SHOUTOUTS



Congratulations to the following pupils who have been nominated for a Pupil Shoutout this term.

YEAR 7

Kaamil A (7O1)	Kaamil has made an excellent start to his new science set. He answers questions in class and is always trying his best to produce work of a high standard. Well done! (Mrs Hollinworth)
Kaycie S (7S3)	Thank you for looking after a fellow pupil and ensuring she got the support she needed. Kind people are a real asset to the year group, keep being you! (Mrs Hartley)
Dominic B (7A1)	Incredible effort in your English homework, well done Dom! (Mrs Beresford)
7S3	For making a great start to the academic year and being a delightful group of people! (Mr Green)
Hiedi C (7O3)	Outstanding effort in class singing. (Miss Stephenson)
7A1	Well done to 7A1 for your excellent first half term at Hollingworth. You have shown resilience and many of you have 100% attendance for the half term. Well done for working together as a team to be the best we can be. (Mrs Hollinworth)
Year 7 Netball Team	They came 2nd in the Year 7 Rochdale Schools' Netball (Plate) Tournament, well done! (Mrs Thomas)

YEAR 8

Last term Y7 Rounders Team	Rochdale Champions! An impressive set of fixtures played over two nights to beat all the other schools in Rochdale in the summer term. (Mrs Warriner)
Lexie W (8A2)	For showing resilience and positivity every single day! (Miss Marshall)
Alex I (8S1)	For your brilliant enthusiasm for English - thank you for your excellent engagement in lessons! (Miss Talks)
Vanessa, Lacie, Lola, Temide, Layyah, Amelia, Isla & Huma	Year 8 Netball Team - super performance at the Rochdale Schools' Netball Tournament. The girls played six fixtures, won four, drew one and lost one. A great team effort. (Mrs Warriner)
Ruby M (8S1)	Fantastic work and effort in your extra History homework. WOW, I was absolutely blown away! (Miss Sweeney)
Evie W (8S1)	Fantastic listening skills during the rugby lessons. The rear tackle was executed with speed and precision; you were repeatedly grounding the opposition. (Mrs Warriner)
Iqra K (8P3)	Super listening skills in the rugby lessons. She fully takes on board feedback to ensure she executes all the techniques correctly and has a big impact in game play. (Mrs Warriner)

YEAR 9

Last term Y8 Rounders Team	Year 8 Rochdale runners up! An impressive set of fixtures over the two nights, unfortunately the girls lost one match over the two nights, so they narrowly missed out on the top spot in the summer term, we will go for the gold medal next year! (Mrs Warriner)
Zayd A (9S2), Harry S (9S1), Finn A (9S1)	Thank you for helping out with Mowtivators Gardening Club this year. (Mr Britton)
Frankie M (9O2)	For having a brilliant start to Year 9. Always having her hand up in History and Geography and having excellent answers. Keep it up, Frankie! (Miss Brogan)
George C (9A1)	Great contribution in tutor time. (Mr Sunderland)
Liam H (9A3)	Liam is doing really well and showing resilience when unsure on the work he needs to do in Geography. (Miss Siddle)

YEAR 10

Last term Y9 Rounders Team	Rochdale Champions! An impressive set of fixtures over the two nights to beat all the other schools in Rochdale. (Mrs Warriner)
Amber B (10O2)	Working tremendously well in Maths. Keep up the great work Amber. (Mrs Crispin)
Poppy, Jessica, Isabelle, Daisy, Lucie, Toyibat & Clemence	An outstanding performance in the Year 10 Netball Tournament, played 5 matches, won 5 matches, scored 25 goals and conceded 1 goal. Great communication, spatial awareness and team work. (Mrs Warriner)
Anisha H (10S1)	For continues outstanding work in English. (Miss Ogunjobi)
Poppy S (10S1)	Poppy is working hard in Physics on the topic of energy. She is contributing in class and each task on her homework has scored 100% - well done! (Mrs Hollinworth)
Sumaiyah A (10S1)	Sumaiyah works so hard every lesson and always gives her best. She takes pride in the presentation of her work and has the most, lovely manners. Well done! (Mrs Collier)
Ashton K (10P2)	Working tremendously well in Maths. Keep up the great work Ashton! (Mrs Crispin)

YEAR 11

Last term Y10 Rounders Team	A fantastic set of results, total domination in every match played in the summer term. Undefeated Rochdale Champions once again, great work girls! (Mrs Warriner)
Ellie S (11SC)	Ellie has been absolutely smashing it in Maths this year and has really been making loads of progress. I am very proud of her! (Mr Pryce)
Charlotte M (11HF) & Amelia K (11CB)	Well done on a fabulous History debate! You both were able to successfully depend your points with really clear evidence to support. Keep doing it! (Miss Sweeney)
Sean H (11GT)	After a rocky start, Sean has made huge improvements. Keep it up, I do notice! (Miss Begum)
Stevie B (11SC)	For being so kind and helpful to the Year 7 pupils in the corridor. You are truly showing respect to all pupils at Hollingworth. (Miss Stephenson)
Adam K (11SC)	For trying hard and ALMOST getting it right most days. Keep it up! (Miss Begum)
Oliver L (11LR)	Showing respect in the community. (Mrs Kellar)

PUPIL FUNDRAISING

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised an amazing **£1,630** for **Children in Need**!

Our fundraising included a House bake sale competition and a non-uniform day with voluntary donations. The enthusiasm and support from our school community were truly inspiring. A huge thank you to everyone who baked, donated and took part, you've helped make a real difference!



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