

PARENT BULLETIN – SUMMER TERM

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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the summer break.

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. I remain incredibly proud of everything our pupils and staff have achieved and I encourage you to take a moment to read this summer edition of our Parent Bulletin, which showcases the many accomplishments, opportunities and experiences that have taken place across the academy this term.

This year has been filled with exceptional achievements. Alongside the outstanding commitment shown by our Year 11 pupils throughout their GCSE examinations, we have celebrated many memorable occasions, including our annual Presentation Evening at Rochdale Town Hall, where we recognised the exceptional achievements of our pupils, and the Year 11 Prom, which was a fantastic evening celebrating the end of their Hollingworth journey. We now look forward to welcoming our Year 11 pupils back on Results Day on Thursday 20th August.

Attendance continues to be a significant strength of the academy. I am delighted that the academy has recently achieved the Inclusive Attendance Bronze Award, recognising our commitment to removing barriers, supporting pupils and families, and promoting excellent attendance for all. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring pupils attend regularly and punctually.

Our personal development curriculum continues to thrive, with a wide range of enrichment opportunities including Cheerleading, Photography Club, British Sign Language Club, construction projects, university access programmes and national careers initiatives. We are equally proud of the many educational visits, international trips, sporting successes and community partnerships highlighted throughout this bulletin.

As always, our commitment remains focused on providing the very best educational experiences for every pupil and ensuring they are well prepared for their future pathways.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support throughout the year.

I wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable and restful summer holiday.

Best wishes



Headteacher



PARENT/CARER INFORMATION



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Friday 17th July 2026	Academy closes at 12.20pm
Thursday 20th August 2026	GCSE Results Day
Tuesday 1st September 2026	INSET Day (Academy closed to pupils)
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Academy re-opens to Years 7 and 11 only
Thursday 3rd September 2026	Academy re-opens to all Year groups
Thursday 17th September 2026	Year 7 Consultation Evening
Tuesday 13th October 2026	Year 11 Further Education Fair
Friday 16th October 2026	Year 7 PGL Trip (<i>return Sunday 18th October 2026</i>)
Friday 23rd October 2026	Year 7 Reports to Parents/Carers
Friday 23rd October 2026	Academy Closes for Half-Term
Monday 2nd November 2026	Academy re-opens
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	Year 11 Mock Exams Begin
Friday 27th November 2026	Year 11 Mock Exams End & Year 8 Reports to Parent/Carers
Friday 4th December 2026	Year 9 Reports to Parents/Carers
Tuesday 8th December 2026	Year 7 Industry Day
Thursday 10th December 2026	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 11th December 2026	Year 11 Mock Reports to Parents/Carers
Friday 18th December 2026	Year 10 Reports to Parents/Carers & Academy closes at 12.20pm

We offer a variety of enrichment/careers events for pupils during the academy day, and staff will send out more information nearer the time.



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

Vaping & Substance Awareness, April 2026 [Vaping & Substance Awareness Letter.pdf](#)

Mobile Phones in School - Parent Consultation, April 2026 [Mobiles Phones in school - parent consultation April 26.pdf](#)

Mobile Phone Parent Consultation FAQ, April 2026 [Frequently Asked Questions.pdf](#)

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BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES AT HOLLINGWORTH SUMMER TERM REVIEW

As a parent myself, I understand that family life is busy and that keeping track of academy information can sometimes feel overwhelming. For that reason, I have focused on bringing together all of the key information for the next academic year in one place.

My hope is that this provides parents and carers with a clear and accessible guide to the year ahead, making preparation a little easier and ensuring that the information you need is always close to hand. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership with the academy.

UNIFORM, DRESS & APPEARANCE

At Hollingworth Academy, our uniform is far more than a dress code; it is a visible expression of our values and a key part of our academy identity. Wearing the correct uniform helps to foster a strong sense of pride, belonging and community, whilst ensuring that all pupils are represented equally as members of the academy.

A high standard of dress supports a purposeful learning environment by reducing distractions, promoting equality and encouraging pupils to take pride in themselves and their academy. It also helps to develop the habits of professionalism, responsibility and self-discipline that will serve our young people well both during their education and in their future careers.

ACADEMIC UNIFORM

There have been no changes to the academic uniform this year. We would, however, encourage parents and carers to ensure that all uniform items continue to meet the academy's published expectations, particularly with regard to skirt length and overall fit.

We are grateful for the continued support of parents and carers in maintaining our high standards of uniform and presentation. The vast majority of pupils wear their uniform correctly each day and act as excellent ambassadors for the academy, reflecting the pride they have in themselves and in being part of the Hollingworth community. We will continue to work in partnership with families to ensure that these standards remain consistently high throughout the coming year.

EQUIPMENT

It is vital that all of our pupils attend the academy fully equipped for their day ahead. We insist that all pupils carry a school bag and we recommend a backpack style for healthy posture (although this is not essential).

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT: School bag (rucksack/backpack style), a pencil case, 3 x black pens, 1 x green pen, 1 x pencil, a ruler, a highlighter, a pencil eraser, a reading book and a scientific calculator. **DESIRABLE EQUIPMENT:** A maths set (compass, protractor etc.), and a water bottle.



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

JEWELLERY
(Pupils 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 pupils 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. Should any pupil attend school wearing makeup/artificial nails/lashes they will be offered the products to remove them. Non compliance will result in further sanction.)

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.)

PE KIT

We listened carefully to feedback from parents regarding the variety of PE kits available through different suppliers and recognise that a single, universal PE kit would provide greater clarity and consistency for families. To support this move towards a consistent approach, PE kit can now only be purchased through **ICON Sports**. <https://iconsports.co.uk/my-club-zone/education/hollingworth-academy>



From September, the **previous-style PE kit will no longer be accepted**. We appreciate that this change may require some families to purchase new items and are committed to supporting those who may need assistance. Families requiring support should contact their child's Head of Year, who will be able to discuss available options and coordinate any support where appropriate.

The graphic provides a clear overview of the compulsory and optional PE kit items. We hope this answers any questions you may have, but please do not hesitate to contact the academy should you require any further clarification.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance remains a significant priority and we pride ourselves on promoting good levels of attendance. We finish the year again in the **top 20%** of schools nationally for whole-school attendance. Whilst this is a commendation that we are proud of, attendance is much more than a figure on a page.

Every day in school matters. Strong attendance ensures that pupils fully benefit from high-quality teaching, maintain positive relationships with peers and staff, and can access the wider opportunities that support their personal development. Good attendance is closely linked to academic success, emotional wellbeing and future life chances.

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

Throughout the year, our pastoral and attendance teams have worked closely with pupils and families to identify and remove barriers to attendance. Through early intervention, strong home-school communication and personalised support, we have ensured that attendance remains at the forefront of our work. We continue to take a supportive, proactive approach, recognising that each attendance journey is unique and that sustained improvement is achieved through partnership with families.

We are particularly proud that our culture of high expectations, belonging and support encourages pupils to want to attend the academy. Our pupils understand the importance of being present, engaged and ready to learn, and this is reflected not only in our attendance figures but also in the positive attitudes to learning seen across the academy.

Whilst we celebrate another year of strong attendance outcomes, we remain committed to further improvement, ensuring that every pupil is in the academy, every day, so that they can thrive both academically and personally.



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



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ANNUAL TRIP TO BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH

Each year, pupils look forward to our annual trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, which has become a highlight of the school calendar for both pupils and staff. Year 7 and Year 8 pupils attended on one day, with Year 9 and Year 10 visiting on another. The trip is a privilege offered to pupils who consistently demonstrate our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience throughout the year. Fortunately, the weather was kind to us on both days, allowing everyone to make the most of the experience. The park's newest ride proved particularly popular, with many pupils and staff describing it as both exciting and a little terrifying! We were especially proud of the excellent behaviour displayed by our pupils, who represented the academy exceptionally well and contributed to two enjoyable and memorable days for all involved.



SUMMER BALL UPDATE

In a unique turn of events, this year's **Summer Ball has been postponed** following England's men's football team reaching the semi-finals of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Whilst we recognise that not every pupil or parent/carer is a football fan, we appreciate that many families will want the opportunity to enjoy and celebrate this special occasion.



The Summer Ball (*invite only*) will now take place later in the year, towards the end of September. Tickets remain available to purchase via Arbor at a cost of £3.50, and all tickets already purchased will remain valid for the rescheduled event. The new date will be communicated to families in due course and we look forward to celebrating with our academy community then.

THANK YOU

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support, encouragement and partnership. The achievements of our pupils are only possible when the academy and home work together and we are incredibly grateful for the trust and commitment shown by our families throughout the year.

We now look ahead with great excitement to the new academic year. I am particularly looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort as they begin their journey at Hollingworth Academy and become part of our school community. At the same time, we will be celebrating the many successes of our outgoing Year 11 pupils as they take their next steps into further education, training and employment. They leave us with many achievements to be proud of, and we wish them every success for the future.

On behalf of all staff at Hollingworth Academy, I wish you a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to working together again in the year ahead.

Kind regards,
Mrs B Robinson
Assistant Headteacher



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YEAR 11 LEAVERS

It has been a genuine pleasure for everyone at Hollingworth to watch our Year 11 pupils thrive this year. Their Leavers' Day was a joyful and spirited occasion, marking the end of an important chapter.

We hosted our Year 11 Prom at the Saddleworth Hotel. It was a night of elegance, celebration and memorable moments. Our pupils looked absolutely amazing! As anticipated, their behaviour was exemplary throughout the evening. The hotel staff were particularly impressed, extending compliments about our pupils' conduct and decorum. Please follow the link to view more of our Prom 2026 photographs: <https://hollingworthacademy.co.uk/quick-links/prom-2026>

We're now looking forward to welcoming them back to the academy on **Thursday 20th August 2026** for **Results Day**, when we will celebrate their achievements together. Further details about result collection will be shared via email in due course.

Kind regards,

Mr K Clark
Assistant Headteacher





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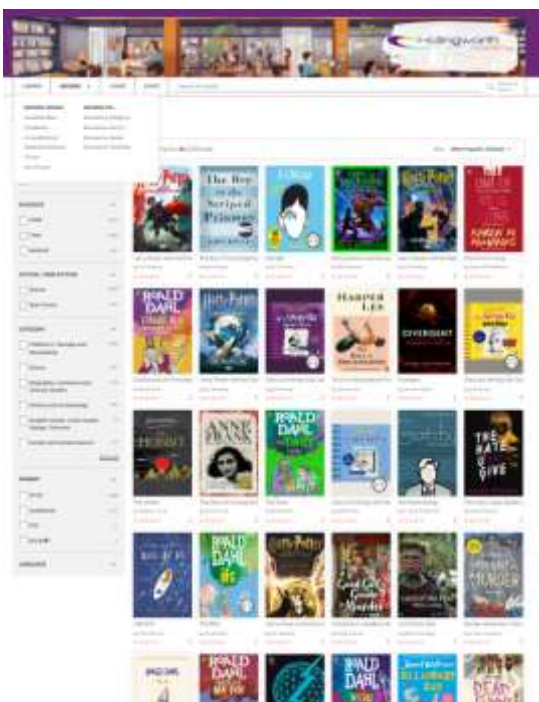
STEP 3

Look through the "Trending" lists, search for your favourite authors, or tap "Look Inside" to read a quick sample. When you find a book you like, just tap Borrow! **Top Tip:** If you struggle to stay focused while reading, try an Audiobook. You can listen while you walk to school, tidy your room, or just relax. You can even speed up or slow down the narrator's voice!

Every time you complete a book review you will get **10 RISE points** and be entered into a draw to win a special prize each half term.

There will a **prize** for the person who **completes the most book reviews** over the summer holidays in the first week back.

Make sure you only borrow a book if you plan to read it! If you are still choosing, press "look inside".



Happy reading, and enjoy exploring your new digital library!

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MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

CESANA, SKI TRIP 2026



Over the Easter break, a group of Hollingworth pupils embarked on an unforgettable adventure to **Cesana, Italy**, part of the stunning Vialattea **Ski Resort**. Surrounded by breathtaking alpine scenery, our pupils took to the slopes each day, receiving expert tuition from qualified ski instructors. Whether complete beginners or more experienced skiers, everyone made fantastic progress and embraced the challenge with enthusiasm. After full days on the mountain, pupils enjoyed a packed programme of evening activities, including bowling, a fun-filled pizza night and a visit to a former Olympic ski village, where they explored the shops and soaked up the local culture. Travelling by coach and ferry added to the sense of adventure, and the week was filled with laughter, new friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime.

PRESENTATION EVENING

For the third year running, we were proud to host our annual **Presentation Evening** at the historic Rochdale Town Hall. More than 250 guests, including nominated pupils, families and staff, came together to celebrate the outstanding academic and pastoral achievements of our pupils.

The evening featured an inspiring keynote speech from professional rugby league player Paul Wood and a stunning performance by Caitlyn C (9O2). It was a memorable occasion, recognising the dedication, talent and success of our pupils.



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YEAR 9 COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

A group of Year 9 pupils spent a dedicated day participating in the **'Talk the Talk' workshop**. The session aimed to equip pupils with essential employability skills: confidence, effective collaboration, and persuasive communication. Through hands-on activities like debating and group planning, pupils practiced the art of negotiation and looked at how body language and tone affect how we are heard. We were incredibly proud of how maturely the pupils engaged with the challenge, taking a huge step forward in their personal and professional development.



A MONTH AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE, OXFORD UNIVERSITY: AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY

High-quality Higher Education experiences are vital for helping pupils make informed choices about their future. We are incredibly proud that one of our pupils has secured a fully funded, month-long place at **Pembroke College, Oxford**, representing Hollingworth as part of Rochdale's summer school initiative. Here they are pictured actively engaging with university lecturers, programme organisers and our Headteacher, Mr McGinty. Experiencing HE life first-hand demystifies the university experience and sets a fantastic benchmark for our pupils' future career and academic goals.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS WITH THE AVECC PROGRAMME

Pictured are our Year 8 pupils at the final event of this year's prestigious **AVECC programme**, a borough-wide partnership between Atom Valley, Rochdale Development Agency, the Altus Trust, Oxford University and Cambridge University. Designed to challenge and inspire high-achieving pupils, the programme saw six of our Year 8 pupils attend 10 enrichment sessions at Rochdale Town Hall, culminating in a visit to Pembroke College, Oxford. Our Year 9 pupils have also continued their journey through the virtual extension programme, which concludes this September with a visit to Robinson College, Cambridge. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and commitment throughout the programme.



SHAPING TOMORROW: 100 PUPILS ATTEND 'OUR FUTURE, OUR VOICE' FESTIVAL

We took 100 pupils to Manchester's Science and Industry Museum for **Our Future, Our Voice: A Festival of Childhood**, hosted by the Children's Commissioner and Youth Ambassadors. Pupils explored key issues including sustainability, youth politics, green careers, and the impact of AI, technology and social media on future workplaces. The event, which featured the Oldham Youth Choir and talks from leading decision-makers, gave our pupils a valuable opportunity to share their views and help shape the future.





CRITICAL THINKING AND AMBITION AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE

A full-day visit to **Pembroke College, Oxford** for our Year 8 AVECC pupils. They joined a 100-strong cohort of Rochdale's brightest minds to explore university life. The academic itinerary included a briefing on Oxford's OxNet access programme by Dr Peter Clause, an intellectual lecture on the future of AI, and lunch in the historic Great Hall.

The pupils also met Northern undergraduates, including an alumnus from Hollingworth, proving that local talent belongs on the global stage. The day concluded with a showcase where our pupils put their critical thinking on display, successfully presenting their independent research project to peers and academics alike.



YEAR 10 TRADERS AT MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

Our Year 10 pupils put their analytical and decision-making skills to the test at the University of Manchester's **Stock Market Challenge**. Hosted by the Alliance Manchester Business School, this intense live-action simulation challenged our pupils to navigate a fast-moving virtual trading floor.

Working under pressure, the teams acted as real-world financial analysts, interpreting complex live data feeds and media reports to make strategic investment choices. The event provided an excellent, immersive look into Higher Education business pathways and high-level careers in data analysis, finance, and strategy. Our pupils demonstrated fantastic teamwork and sharp business acumen throughout the day.



EMPOWERING PUPILS FOR REAL-WORLD INTERVIEWS

Facing an interviewer can be daunting, but at Hollingworth, we help take away the anxiety by embedding **mock interviews** into our curriculum every year from Year 9 through to Year 11. This scaffolded approach allows pupils to build their confidence incrementally, making real-world interviews for employment or Further Education feel like second nature.

A vital part of this process is the reflection work done in form time. Tutors guide pupils to identify their core transferable skills, draw upon their unique experiences outside of the classroom, and master the STAR interview technique to articulate their achievements clearly. This thorough groundwork was on full display during our latest event. Pictured here are our Year 10 pupils during their dedicated interview day. Supported by 40 incredible representatives from the local business and FE community, our pupils handled their interviews with maturity, receiving immediate, personalised written feedback at the end of the day on their successes and areas for future growth.



YEAR 9 PIONEER NATIONAL GMC WORKPLACE SAFARI

In an incredible first for secondary education, a group of our Year 9 pupils participated in a **'Workplace Safari' at the General Medical Council (GMC)**. Hollingworth Academy was the first high school in the country to take part in this initiative. Our Careers Leader, Cate Calveley, was introduced to the GMC via Business in the Community (BITC) and collaborated directly with them to build their delivery model and create the educational resources.

During the immersive day, pupils toured the state-of-the-art test facilities where international doctors and nurses must demonstrate their medical skills before being licensed to practice in the UK. Pupils also explored alternative career pathways within the GMC, discovering roles in facilities management, legal services, IT, and learning and development. To make the day even more special, our pupils were supported by a Hollingworth alumnus currently who has graduated from an apprenticeship pathway. We are incredibly proud to have helped shape a programme that will now benefit schools nationwide!

General Medical Council



CONNECTING DIGITAL LITERACY TO REAL-WORLD CAREERS

As part of our commitment to embedding real-world career insights directly into the classroom curriculum, our **Year 9 Digital Literacy** pupils took part in an incredible, high-tech workshop delivered by the **Salford Foundation** at Sovereign House GH. This interactive session perfectly bridged the gap between their computing lessons and cutting-edge tech industries, demonstrating how python programming and digital skills are applied in the modern workforce.



The presentation demystified robotics and artificial intelligence by comparing mechanical systems to human anatomy. Pupils were treated to live demonstrations of advanced, industry-grade technology, including a Unitree Go2 autonomous robot dog using live 3D LIDAR room mapping, a Tonybot humanoid robot and drone exploring mechanical balance and aerodynamics, and mBots showcasing reflex-based programming. By linking biology, physics, and computing to real-world engineering, this session opened our pupils' eyes to the vast array of future career pathways available in the rapidly growing STEM and AI sectors!

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR HOLLINGWORTH'S CAREERS LEADER!

We are immensely proud to announce that our Careers Leader, Ms Calveley, was recently honoured at the **Business in the Community (BITC) North West Responsible Business Impact Showcase** in Manchester. Hollingworth Academy was officially recognised for outstanding **community engagement**, highlighting our commitment to driving positive change and creating social value for our pupils.



Following this regional success, Ms Calveley was invited to London as an ambassador for the prestigious Pride of Place Summit at King's Business School. Through the See It Be It initiative, she spoke to business leaders about the impact of employer engagement in raising aspirations, improving outcomes, and creating opportunities for young people across Rochdale. We congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition and the benefits it continues to bring to our pupils.

PUPILS DELIVER LIVE-SITE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

We are incredibly proud to share a snapshot of an extraordinary, live-site project completed by our construction pupils on the **Path Finders Enrichment Programme**. In a unique collaboration designed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world industry, our pupils worked alongside the professional team from **The Casey Group** to deliver essential infrastructure for **Pacca Power**, a newly established local CIC delivered through **Calderbrook Alpacas**.

Pacca Power provides vital, therapeutic alpaca experiences for our community and was in urgent need of professional fencing installations and repairs to secure their fields. Recognising a fantastic opportunity for meaningful employer encounters, our Careers team pitched a "live project" to John, the Social Value Executive at The Casey Group and in May provided on-site professional mentorship to a Year 10 group studying Construction.

Pictured here, our pupils spent hands-on time out of the classroom working to professional industry standards. They learned the technicalities of commercial fencing, site teamwork, and safety, all under the expert guidance of The Casey Group's workforce.

This project stands as a wonderful example of how business, education, and community can come together. A massive thank you goes to The Casey Group for their unwavering commitment to corporate social responsibility, social value, and investing in the next generation of construction talent. Not only did our pupils gain invaluable, live-site work experience, but they also left a lasting, positive legacy that supports community wellbeing at Calderbrook Alpacas!



YEAR 10 EXPERIENCE ROCHDALE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Gaining first-hand experience of Further Education environments is a vital part of helping our pupils make informed decisions about their post-16 pathways. Recently, our Year 10 cohort spent a day experiencing pupil life at **Rochdale Sixth Form College**. Immersed in the college environment, pupils attended four interactive taster lessons across a diverse range of curriculum areas. It was a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to sample A-level style learning, explore the campus, and start visualising their future academic goals. Our pupils had a wonderful time and left feeling inspired about their next steps!



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SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY WINNERS

At the start of this term, the Art Department launched our **Spring Photography Competition**, inviting pupils to submit a photograph that captures the beauty of spring. We were blown away by the fantastic entries and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part.

A special congratulations to our winners:

Sophia B (7S2) – First Place

We loved how this photo captures a lovely moment in nature. The goslings make it feel warm and full of character.



Finley E (7S1)



Saira K (8P3)

Saira K (8P3) – First Place

This photo stood out because of the beautiful contrast between the bright pink blossom and the clear blue sky. It's simple, eye-catching, and celebrates the colours of spring perfectly.

Finley E (7S1) – First Place

We liked how this photo shows the beauty of the countryside. The sheep creates a great focal point, while the landscape in the background adds depth.



Sophia B (7S2)



Emelia R (8O1)

Emelia R (8O1) – Second Place

We loved the close-up detail in this photo. The bluebells are beautifully captured and the soft background helps the flowers really stand out.

William J (9O1) – Third Place

This photo caught a lovely moment that feels natural and full of character, making it an engaging and memorable picture.

Our winners have earned RISE points, and their photographs will be featured in our **2027 calendar**, which will be available to pre-order via Arbor Pay from 1st December. There's still time to enter our **Summer Photography Competition**, so don't miss your next chance to have your photo featured. Send entries to artcompetitions@hollingworthacademy.co.uk with your name, tutor and some details about the photograph by Monday 31st August.



William J (9O1)

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Celebrating Our Design & Technology, Construction, and Food Technology Pupils!

As we wrap up the school year, we want to share a huge congratulations with all of our pupils across Design & Technology, Construction and Food Technology for their outstanding hard work and creativity. Whether they were mastering complex culinary techniques, learning essential trade skills in construction, or designing and creating innovative products, their dedication this year has been truly impressive. Our workshops and kitchens have been buzzing with enthusiasm, teamwork, and brilliant problem-solving.

We are incredibly proud of the practical skills they have developed, the safety and precision they have shown, and the fantastic projects they have brought to life. Thank you for a wonderful year of making, building, and cooking - keep up the amazing work!



Want to see more of our Naples adventure? Check out our YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMfWChRdUtg>



Our recent school trip to **Naples** was an unforgettable whirlwind of geography, vibrant culture, and breath taking scenery. Over the few days, our group stepped outside the classroom to fully immerse ourselves in the rich, ancient heritage of the iconic Campania region. From the haunting volcanic ash of Pompeii to the shimmering, azure waters surrounding the stunning Island of Capri, every single moment was packed with discovery, laughter and pure joy. Bonding as a group made these incredible sights even more special. This trip was truly the experience of a lifetime.



KS3 GEOGRAPHY - SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CARD

Our **KS3 Geography** pupils have thoroughly enjoyed following the remarkable story of Sir David Attenborough, from a young boy discovering treasures in the earth while fossil hunting, to becoming the pioneer of nature broadcasting. His career has brought the wild into our homes and his greatest legacy remains his work in conservation and teaching us why our planet is worth saving. To celebrate his work and his 100th birthday, we ran a **competition** inviting pupils to design a birthday card. A big thank you to everyone who took part. We have sent Sir David the three winning designs from our pupils, who carefully took his likes, interests and achievements on board, to create some amazing and creative work!



Congratulations to our winners: Clara A (8P3), George N (9A2) and Harry S (9S1)

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LITERACY IN GEOGRAPHY

Pupils focused on **Literacy in Geography** and analysed some writing extracts looking at how the writer uses Geography to write a story. Pupils then came up with their own plan and began to write original stories using accurate Geographic knowledge. All pupils also had an assembly on recycling, to mark Global Recycling Day. Pupils were made aware of the laws and rules that are changing around recycling and our pupil leaders delivered information about their plans for sustainability in the academy.



MFL NEWS



SPANISH CLUB

This year's **Spanish Club** has been such a fun journey for all of us! Every Thursday, we built our confidence in speaking Spanish while discovering more about the Spanish culture and traditions through quizzes and board games (perhaps a little too competitive at times!). In February, we made Valentine's cards with messages in Spanish for a local care home. In March, we practised our speaking with one of our favourite games, Who Am I?, where sticky notes on our foreheads made for some hilarious moments. April brought a scavenger hunt around the school! We also put our detective skills to the test by trying to uncover the secret werewolf in one of our roleplays, where pupils accused each other in Spanish. In May, we finally enjoyed a Spanish food tasting, trying some national dishes. While olives and alioli divided opinions, the churros were an instant hit! In June, unfortunately, it was time to say goodbye. We made lots of memories together, and I hope the pupils will remember not only the Spanish they learnt, but also all the laughter we shared.
Elena, Foreign Language Assistant

THINK LIKE A LINGUIST PROGRAMME



Six Year 8 pupils took part in the **Think Like A Linguist Programme** this year at St Anne's Academy. The pupils took part in sessions that focused on developing their understanding of languages in the wider world. The sessions focused on linguistics, language culture and society, multi-linguism, socio-linguists, creative translate and languages of the future. The pupils said that they learnt a lot about languages beyond the classroom and they are all excited about their visit to Oxford University in October.

Mehrunisa A (8O1), Amelia S (8P1), Montaha M (8O1), Max L (8P3), Harry S (8A3) & Axl S (8A2)

I have crossed the lands so far and wide
I have gained a tongue from where I reside
Memories of my land which aren't mine,
reside in my heart where I remain naive
and blind.

Yet wherever I go my heritage still follows
and whenever I wake I know there will be a
tomorrow.
A thousand oceans, a thousand seas will
never keep me a stray.
How far I'll cross how far I'll go my pride
will always grow anyways .
So when I feel so sad and blue I know
where I can go.

However far apart I am my home is in my
heart.
So here I'll be, young and free a light within
the dark.
My hope forever shining , my pride forever
brightening.
But here I'll be with my diversity my heart
so ever close to me.
Pay no mind as this will be me forever for
eternity and so you will all see the
begining to my everlasting, heartfelt
journey.

Poem by Montaha M (8O1)

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

This summer term, Mr Taylor, Head of Performing Arts, launched **Musician of the Week**; a wonderful initiative to celebrate the musical talent, dedication and achievements of our pupils.

Congratulations to all of our nominees so far. We are proud of your hard work and look forward to recognising more talented musicians throughout the next academic year.

Sam N (9A2)	Edelweiss	Piano
Daisy W-B (7P2)	China Town	Keyboard
Charlie H (9A2)	Holly and the Ivy	Flute
Evie G (7O1)	Sicilienne - Lucy Pankhurst	Cornet
Freddie H (7S3)	Smells Like Teen Spirit	Drum Kit
Caitlyn C (9O2)	Risk It All - Bruno Mars	Vocals
Toby R (Y11)	John Mayer	Electric Guitar



UNIVERSAL MUSIC UK SOUND FOUNDATION FUNDING

We are incredibly grateful to have received **funding** from the **Universal Music UK Sound Foundation**. Thanks to this generous support, all of our pupils now have access to full-sized MIDI keyboard, enabling them to fully engage with, and benefit from, the music curriculum. In addition, our new ukuleles have made it possible for two classes to take part in practical lessons at the same time, greatly enhancing both opportunities and outcomes for our pupils. Thank you UМУKSF, for investing in the future of music education to broaden musical experiences for every pupil.

SCIENCE NEWS

Now that the GCSE exams have officially come to a close, the Science Department wants to share just how immensely proud we are of our Year 11 pupils for their phenomenal dedication. They approached their preparation like true academic athletes, completing a high-impact 30-minute revision session right before each of their six exams (totalling 3 hours of revision), alongside an additional 5 hours of live online lessons that many pupils attended. On top of this, they tackled a staggering amount of independent practice, with 900 minutes of past paper questions completed by our Combined Science pupils and 2,160 minutes by our Triple Science pupils. This level of effort is a massive achievement in itself, and we want to say a huge thank you to parents/carers for supporting them every step of the way. They have officially crossed the finish line, and we wish all of our Year 11s the very best of luck with their results and every success in their bright futures!

SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Our Science Department hosted an exciting competition to celebrate a momentous milestone, **Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday!** Inspired by the legendary broadcaster, pupils across all year groups were challenged to film and narrate their own nature clips showcasing animals in the wild. We received an incredible array of creative entries, but a huge congratulations goes to Harry S (9S1), who took home first place with a truly remarkable, hand-crafted stop-motion video about red pandas. Well done, Harry, and thank you to all the pupils who took part.



SCIENCE CLUB



A huge thank you to all the pupils who came along to **Science Club**; we had a great time experimenting, exploring and having lots of fun! Here are just some of the things we got up to: Chemis-tree, Rainbow fizz, Elephant toothpaste and Methane bubbles

Your enthusiasm and curiosity made it such a fantastic experience - we loved every minute! We can't wait to welcome you back for more exciting experiments in the next academic year... see you then!

FLASH BANG SHOW

Our Year 8 pupils enjoyed an exciting and educational science experience as Dr Frank Mair from The University of Manchester visited Hollingworth Academy to present the renowned **Flash Bang Show**.

The interactive presentation featured a range of spectacular science demonstrations, including dramatic flames, energetic reactions and experiments involving extreme temperatures, all designed to bring scientific concepts to life. The show captivated pupils throughout, encouraging curiosity, questioning and a deeper appreciation of how science helps us understand the world around us.

Events such as these provide a valuable opportunity for pupils to experience science beyond the classroom and inspire future interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects and careers. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Dr Mair and The University of Manchester for delivering such an engaging, memorable and inspiring experience for our pupils.



MOWTIVATORS - ECO GARDEN



This year, we have successfully grown peas, tomatoes, lavender, giant Mongolian sunflowers and plenty of strawberries. The garden has provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn about planting, caring for and harvesting their own produce, while enjoying the outdoors and developing their gardening skills. We can't wait to welcome pupils back to the **Ecology Garden Club** when we return in September!

Be sure to watch Mr Britton's video and see how our garden has blossomed!

[Mr Britton Eco Garden Video.mp4](#)



Celebrating the success and sporting moments of our pupils.

ROCHDALE SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

In June our athletics team competed in the **Rochdale Schools Athletics Championships** at Sportcity. Our pupils really had the opportunity to shine at a world class venue - and they certainly did not let us down!

Well done to all who competed, but particularly to our **12 Gold medallists** (*Bram J, Lola W, Lacey M, Dorian L, Ollie B, Keegan W, Sophia M, Joshua S, Michelle N, Annabel H, Michelle N (again!) and Jessica B*).



Congratulations to our **13 silver medallists** (*Eva G, Pearl C, Reo H, Isla S, Lucas O, Oscar F, Alice H, Holly W, Liam H, Remmy F, Joshua S, Lucie M and Daisy W*).



Well done to our **12 bronze medallists** (*Brooke A, Jake R, Arnie B, Isla S, Lola W, Skye W, Isabella K, Myla T-G, Billy W, Harry S, Liam H and Hannah K*).



Our **relay teams** also did well with our Year 8 boys and Year 10 girls finishing second and our Year 7 girls, Year 8 girls, Year 9 boys and our Year 10 boys finishing third. Our girls were crowned winners with our boys team finishing second. Overall the academy finished a very close second which is our best ever finish!



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YEARS 8 FOOTBALL



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The 2025/26 season was another year of great achievements and close calls as the **Year 8 team** claimed the 2nd Division title, in addition to two very close semi final defeats in the Rochdale 6-a-side and 11-a-side cup competitions.

Frankie C (8O1), Tom W (8P1), Dorian L (8A3), Kian T (8O1), Frankie A (8P2), Luca P (8O1), Oscar F (8O2), Preston R (8P2), Theo A (8O2), Olly F (8P2), Ollie B (8O2), Toby L (8P2), Aaron C (8O1), Reegan W (8S1), Finn M-W (8O1) & Mason R (8A2)

The boys have shown many improvements technically and mentally this season which was great to watch, playing some fantastic attacking football and showing gritty resilience coming from behind in multiple games.

The highlight of the season would be the teams performance beating Wardle in the quarter final of the Cup, in brutal wind and sideways sleet. Going a goal down, the boys bounced back immediately with Thomas W (8P1) scoring two excellent first half goals, before Dorian L (8A3) rounded off the performance scoring a free kick to come away with a 3-1 in very difficult conditions. They will now deservedly play in **Division 1 next season**, where the aim will be to win the league and to reach a cup final. Well done.

GIRLS ROUNDERS

The **girls rounders teams** have had another **great season**. The passion, commitment and enthusiasm are visible in every training session and fixture. They have all developed such a thorough understanding of the rules, tactics and strategies that it enables them to control the game play.

Year 9 Rochdale Champions: The Year 9 team have had an **outstanding season** achieving 7 wins and 1 draw. Their knowledge of the rules and tactical awareness shone through over both tournament nights with a fantastic display both in the field and when batting. They scored 32.5 rounders and conceded 9.5 rounders, finishing with a rounders difference of +23 rounders.



Lorna H (9S1), Alice H (9A2), Holly W (9O1), Hattie A (9P2), Caitlyn C (9O2), Myla T-G (9A3), Poppy C (9O1), Amelia L (9S2), Aila R (9O2), Skye W (9A2), Teegan G (9S1), Sophia M (9A2) & Zainab A (9P3)



Year 10 Rochdale Champions: The Year 10 rounders team were **simply unstoppable** this season, earning the title of Rochdale Champions in spectacular fashion. Remaining undefeated throughout the competition, they dominated every fixture with exceptional skill, teamwork and determination. Across their matches, the team scored an impressive 47 rounders while conceding just 8.5, resulting in an outstanding rounders difference of +38.5. Their consistent performances and commitment to excellence made them **deserving champions**.

Lucie M (10S3), Clemence L (10O3), Michelle N (10P1), Jessica B (10O3), D.Whittaker (10O3), Elena D (10S3), Alanna G (10O3) & Tahlia N (10O3)
Absent from photo: Gracie R (10P1) & Hannah K (10P2)

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Year 8 Rochdale Champions: The Year 8 team have had another fantastic season and are undefeated champions. A thorough display of team work and effective communication when fielding to cover the bases and stump players out. They scored 18.5 rounders and conceded 6.5 rounders, finishing with a rounders difference of +12 rounders.



Mya S (7S3), Kaycie S (7S3), Nellie K (7S2), Robyn T (7S3), Emily K (7A1), Scarlett K (7S2), Olivia C (7S2), Brooke A (7A1), Aaylah Hayat H (7S2), Sophia B (7S2), Maisie C (7S1) & Poppy L (7S3)



Layyah Hawa H (8S1), Pearl S (8P3), Huma K (8O1), Lola W (8P2), Isla S (8S2), Safaa Ur-R (8P1), Temide M (8A3) & Siena D (8P3). Absent from photo: Emily H (8O2)

Year 7 Rochdale Runners Up: The Year 7 team worked incredibly hard to learn the rules and develop a good understanding of the tactical side of the game in preparing to represent the school team. They made a strong start in the tournament winning their first 2 games but came up against a strong set of batters in their third game and unfortunately were beaten by a stronger team. Overall, they finished as Rochdale runners up.



SEND TEN PIN BOWLING

A huge well done to our **SEND Ten Pin Bowling Team** for their fantastic performance in the **Regional Secondary School Competition**. Out of an impressive 278 teams from across the North West, our team finished in 7th place and we qualified into the final 20 teams. An outstanding achievement!

Nellie K (7S2), Charlie H (9A2), Willis H (7O2), Alice H (9A2) & Holly W (9O1)



XTEND MULTI SPORTS

Congratulations to Our **XTEND Sports Team**. An absolutely incredible performance from our amazing Key Stage 3 XTEND sports team at the **North West Schools Regional Final**. Out of 112 schools that entered the qualifying rounds, our pupils made it all the way to the big stage and secured a fantastic 3rd place finish out of the final 7 teams. Your hard work, teamwork, and determination have truly paid off.

Charlie H (9A2), Alice H (9A2), Leon R (9A2), Holly W (9O1), Willis H (7O2), Alesha D (9A2), Lucas O (8A2), Samuel N (9A2)

HALL OF FAME

We are proud to celebrate the fantastic sporting achievements our pupils have accomplished beyond the academy.

If you would like to share your child's sporting success, please get in touch with the academy.

INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW

Congratulations to **Pearl C (7A1)** for being selected to represent England at the **Northern Ireland International Horse Show** during the Easter break 2026. Fantastic achievement.



Pearl C (7A1)

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Congratulations to **Poppy L (7S3)** who has trained and played for **Rochdale A.F.C** in the **North Manchester Girls League** this season.

Congratulations to **Hannah K (10P2)** who has represented **Rochdale A.F.C** this season in the **South Manchester Girls league**, they had a great season and finished as runners up in the league.

PE KIT UNIFORM UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2026

From September 2026, we will be **updating our PE kit uniform policy**. As part of our ongoing commitment to reducing costs for families and minimising the number of compulsory branded items, the **Hollingworth Icon ¼ Zip Long-Sleeve Jumper will now be optional** rather than a compulsory item.

Our aim is to provide a practical, affordable PE kit while maintaining high standards of appearance and readiness for physical activity.

Please find the full PE kit requirements outlined below:

- Hollingworth Icon T-Shirt (*branded – compulsory*).
- Hollingworth Icon blue shorts or Hollingworth Icon Track Pant or Hollingworth Icon Leggings (*branded – compulsory*).
- Hollingworth Icon ¼ Zip Long Sleeved Jumper (recommended for outdoor PE) (*branded – optional*)
- Navy blue football socks for outdoor PE (*non-branded - compulsory*).
- White socks for indoor PE (*non-branded - compulsory*).
- Trainers.
- Shin pads.
- Football boots (see your PE teacher in September to find out when these are required).
- Gum shield (*optional*)

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions regarding the updated PE uniform policy, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

You can purchase your child's Icon T-Shirt directly online from Icon Sports.

<https://tinyurl.com/bdhc3bxx>



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Hollingworth Icon shorts
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Navy blue football socks for outdoor PE
White socks for indoor PE
(Unbranded - Compulsory)

- Trainers
- Shin pads
- Football boots
- Gum shield (optional)

