

PARENT BULLETIN - NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

As we begin the new academic year, I am delighted to share with you the amazing results our pupils achieved this summer and also the fantastic start our pupils have made across all year groups.

RECORD BREAKING RESULTS IN ALL AREAS

I am immensely proud of the results our pupils achieved in this summer GCSE examinations. In all subjects, across the board, our pupils have achieved record breaking results. Hollingworth Academy continues to be the top performing school in Rochdale, with significantly better than the local average; this is a testament to our hardworking pupils, staff and supportive parents and carers. GCSE results day was incredible, celebrated live on BBC national news with our pupils and their families. I would like to again extend a massive well done and huge congratulations to our amazing pupils and wish them the very best as they begin new ventures beyond Hollingworth.



NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

We are now back in the full swings of things; however, from the very first day of the new academic year, it has been wonderful to see pupils arriving with enthusiasm, settling quickly into their routines, and engaging positively in their learning. Their behaviour, attitude and commitment have been excellent, and I am incredibly proud of the way they have embraced the new term. I would like to have a special mention to our new Year 7 pupils too; starting secondary school is no mean feat, however they have all settled amazingly and are already becoming established.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Your encouragement at home plays a vital role in helping our pupils feel confident and prepared, and it is clear that your efforts have contributed to such a smooth and successful start.

As always, we are committed to working in partnership with you to ensure the very best outcomes for your child. If you have any concerns, questions or issues you would like to raise, please do not hesitate to contact the academy. It is important that we continue to keep lines of communication open so that we can support each other effectively throughout the year. Thank you once again for your support; we look forward to a productive year ahead.

Best wishes

Mr Robert McGinty

Headteacher

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BREAKING RECORDS!

Last academic year, we challenged our Year 11s to leave a legacy and break records... and they absolutely delivered!

RECORDS ACHIEVED:

- Maths & English at Grade 4+, 5+, and 7+ – All records broken!
- Maths alone – All records broken!
- English alone – All records broken!
- Science at Grade 4+, 5+, and 7+ – All records broken!
- Average grade across all subjects – Record broken!

Well done, Year 11! You are officially record breakers. What a legacy to leave behind for our new Year 11s to rise to the challenge.

NUMBER ONE IN ROCHDALE IN ALL KEY AREAS!

We are exceptionally proud of our Year 11 pupils for placing our school at the top in all key areas across Rochdale!

TOP RANKINGS ACHIEVED:

- 1st for Maths & English at Grade 4+ and 5+
- 1st for English at Grade 4+ and 5+
- 1st for Maths at Grade 4+ and 5+
- 1st for Science at Grade 4+
- 1st for Average Grade Achieved Across All Subjects

This is a phenomenal achievement and a testament to the hard work, resilience and ambition of our pupils and staff. We can't wait to see what this year's cohort will accomplish!



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A CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER

Results Day 2025 was one to remember at Hollingworth, as pupils, families and staff came together to celebrate not only exam successes but also the hard work, determination and resilience that led to this success.

From the moment pupils arrived, the academy was filled with excitement and support. Staff were on hand to welcome every young person as they collected their envelopes, while friends, families and teachers gathered to share in the big moment. Pupils were invited to capture the occasion with a local professional photographer, Happy Snapz, to get personalised keepsakes to mark this important milestone. Representatives from Local Further Education Providers and our Positive Steps Careers team were also present, ensuring every pupil had access to advice and guidance about their next steps, whatever their results!



LIVE FROM HOLLINGWORTH

BBC NEWS

The atmosphere was made even more special thanks to a visit from the **BBC**, who chose Hollingworth as the location for their three-hour live national coverage of GCSE Results Day. Presenter Emma Vardy spoke with pupils before and after they opened their results, interviewed staff and parents, and hosted a live 30-minute Q&A for parents; in which our very own Careers Leader was invited to join the expert panel - alongside the Department for Education and an established voice in School Leadership.



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Rochdale's Councillor Rachel Massey, portfolio holder for Children's Services and Education, visited to meet pupils and our results day also drew attention from across Greater Manchester. The Manchester Evening News and GMCA were both in attendance and Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham referenced Hollingworth live on the BBC, describing us as "a brilliant example of how a Greater Manchester school gets it right."



Headteacher Rob McGinty said: "We are incredibly proud of every single one of our pupils. Results Day is about so much more than grades, it's about celebrating effort, perseverance and the futures our young people are now stepping into. To have that recognised nationally was very special."

A Year 11 pupil reflected: "Opening my results was nerve-racking but having all my friends, teachers and family there to support me made it amazing. The photos and celebrations made it feel really special."

Our Careers Leader, Cate Calveley added: "It was a privilege to represent Hollingworth on the BBC panel and to share with parents how we support young people with their next steps. The feedback from families has been overwhelmingly positive, and it was fantastic to see our pupils' achievements recognised on such a big stage."

Results Day 2025 truly captured the spirit of Hollingworth; we work hard to support our pupils, celebrate their achievements, and ensure they leave us ready for the exciting futures ahead.



We value strong communication and partnership with parents and carers. If you'd like more information about behaviour and standards, please contact your child's pastoral year team, form tutor, or our inclusion managers. Clear and direct communication helps us support every child effectively. A list of key pastoral contacts is included in this bulletin.

We look forward to sharing more updates in our next parent bulletin at the end of term. In the meantime, please follow our social media channels to stay informed about the exciting enrichment and careers events happening across the academy.

YEAR TEAM (PASTORAL)

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| Year 7 | Ms Hartley |
| Year 8 | Ms Keen |
| Year 9 | Ms Watson |
| Year 10 | Ms Pearson |
| Year 11 | Ms Begum |
| Welfare Leaders | Ms Doran, Dr Hall, Mr Powell |
| Inclusion Managers | Mrs E Robinson, Mrs Chappell |
| Pastoral Directors | Mr Livesey, Mr Wild |



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