



Dear Parents and Carers,



As we approach the business end of the school year, after what has been a very busy half term for both students and staff, please see in this edition of the bulletin all the things our students have been involved in and their fantastic achievements in sport, music and performing arts.

Our amazing Year 11 students are almost at the end of their journey with us, and we are proud of them for the resilience that they have shown. Their GCSE exams are now underway, and we are delighted by how our students are embracing this challenge. Teachers have been running revision sessions every night since February half term, and we are confident that our students will make themselves and their families proud. We look forward to seeing the rewards of their efforts on results day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful half term and I look forward to welcoming both students and parents and carers back after the half term holiday.

Best wishes

Mr Robert McGinty

**HEADTEACHER**



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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 5th June 2023	School re-opens to pupils.
Tuesday 6th June 2023	Parent Forum — 7pm.
Friday 16th June 2023	GCSE's End.
Monday 19th June 2023	Year 10 Mock Exams start.
Friday 23rd June 2023	Inset Day — school closed.
Thursday 6th July 2023	Year 10 Presentation Evening.
Monday 10th July 2023	Year 7 Presentation Evening.
Wednesday 12th July 2023	Sports Presentation Evening.
Thursday 13th July 2023	Year 8 Presentation Evening.
Monday 17th July 2023	Year 9 Presentation Evening.
Friday 21st July 2023	School closes for summer break.

*We offer a variety of enrichment/careers events for students during the school day, and staff send out more information nearer the time. In the meantime, please keep checking our website for updates.*

## RECENT LETTERS

Change to the Academy Day - March 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/mr3v2cz4>

Uniform/Skirt Letter - April 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/53aadv2>



*Kindly click on the link to view the letters or please view them via the school website.*

## PARENT PORTAL

*If you need to access the Progresso Parent Portal to see your child's latest report, attendance, behaviour slips and you don't know how to access, or have forgotten your password then please email [data@hollingworthacademy.co.uk](mailto:data@hollingworthacademy.co.uk) with your name, your child's name and their tutor group.*

*The best way to access, and view; is to download the Cloud School Parent app from the AppStore, this is an orange cloud with 3 heads in – and you use your normal Progresso / Parent Portal account details to log in – then the reports are at the bottom in the Letters & Reports section. If you don't want to use the app then use <https://www.progresso.net/Home/LogOn>*

*There is an FAQ page on the school intranet (<https://hollingworthacademy.co.uk/parents-and-pupils/parent-access>) which is useful should you have any general queries.*

Can we ask all parents and carers that **NO PARKING** under any circumstances can be carried out on any pedestrian flagged walkway around school. We have had damage to the flagging, caused by cars, that has had a significant cost to repair. Thank you.

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## THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT HOLLINGWORTH ACADEMY

At Hollingworth, we want to develop a World Class Curriculum with high-quality teaching that ensures everyone excels everyday. There have been further great achievements this half term.

### Year 11 EXAMS:

Our students are attending revision sessions immediately before their exams and then helping each other get through this stressful time. We look forward to seeing the rewards of their efforts on results day on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

Before then, we are all looking forward to the end of Year 11 Prom at the Saddleworth Hotel on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We can't wait to celebrate with our fantastic students.

### Memorable events and rich opportunities for learning:

Year 9 Performing Arts visited the Palace Theatre in Manchester through our partnership with Speakers for Schools and loved the experience of being on the stage in a world class theatre.

Year 10 Engineering students visited Dunphy Combustion Ltd to learn about the engineering industry.

Many of our Year 7 students visited the Buddhist Centre in Manchester and loved their day learning about a new culture and their beliefs.

Assemblies have looked at the coronation and the historic nature of this day and Mr Harwood has discussed the importance of respecting each other and ourselves.

We are very grateful for the support parents and families give the school. Please feel free to contact me if you have any feedback on how we can improve further as an academy. I am looking to hold the first meeting of our **"Parent Forum" on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the LRC**. This will be a chance to tell us how you think we can all help our children learn more effectively and be happier at school. You are all welcome to come along but it will be particularly pleasing to see parents of Year 7 and 8 students as your children are still very early in their Hollingworth journey. My email address is [cwilliamson@hollingworthacademy.co.uk](mailto:cwilliamson@hollingworthacademy.co.uk).

Kindest regards,

Colin Williamson

Deputy Headteacher – Quality of Education.



## *Attendance matters at Hollingworth Academy; every day counts.*

At Hollingworth Academy, attendance is our passion. Every student should aim to have 100% attendance or a minimum of 96%. Excellent attendance and punctuality are essential for students' success at school; establishing positive life habits that enable students to achieve their full potential. Year after year, the students with the best school attendance achieve the best results. Parents, carers, and families are therefore asked to ensure that their young person is in school for every day of term.

A reminder that holidays during term time will not be authorised and will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and referred to the Local Authority. Term time leave of absence requests will only be granted by the Headteacher in **exceptional circumstances**, applications must be made in writing, at least 4 weeks before the absence for consideration.

We ask that medical appointments are made outside of school hours, and proof of the appointment is provided to the attendance office so it can be authorised on the register. If it is not possible for the appointment to be arranged out of school hours, we ask that students attend school before and after the appointment.

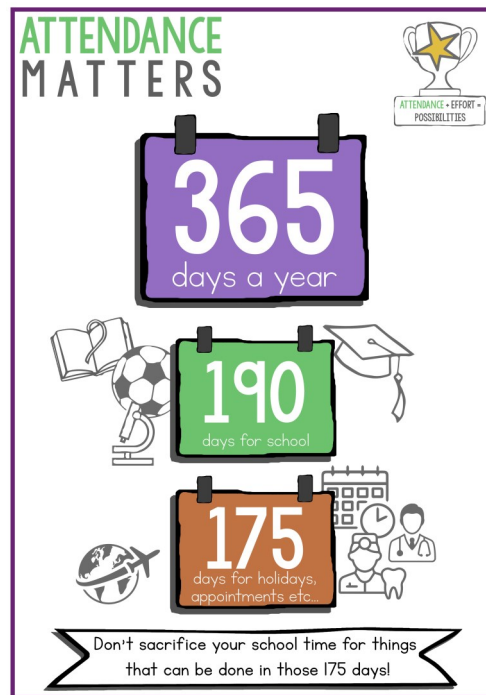
We are pleased to have seen further improvements with attendance this term; we have enjoyed providing a range of exciting incentives and rewards to students for both outstanding and improved attendance, including an in-house cinema afternoon, attendance raffle, random prize draw for goody bags, confectionary bouquets, and an Attendance Lotto.



## *Attendance matters at Hollingworth Academy; every day counts.*

As an Academy, a key area of improvement for us is lateness to school on a morning. Tutor time can be one of the most important times of day for our students. Form tutors and academy staff deliver carefully planned assemblies to full year groups during this time, providing key messages, daily information and celebrating successes of our school community. It is imperative that students arrive on time to ensure they do not miss this invaluable element of their education.

Tutor time starts at 8:40am, pupils should be on school site from 8:20am to ensure they are on time. Pupils that arrive after 8:40am are marked on the register as late and receive a same day detention.



If your child is absent from Hollingworth Academy, you must either email [attendance@hollingworthacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@hollingworthacademy.co.uk) or telephone the absence line on 01706 292800 before 8:40am and provide a valid reason, the school will then determine if this absence is authorised based on a number of factors including overall attendance.

If you require any help or support, or have any attendance related queries, please contact myself directly via phone or email [ldavies1@hollingworthacademy.co.uk](mailto:ldavies1@hollingworthacademy.co.uk) and I will be happy to help.

We have a range of fantastic attendance rewards planned for this next half-term, we look forward to rewarding many more students and thank parents, carers and families for their continued support.

Kind regards

Laura Davies

Attendance Lead



# Careers in Engineering

On Thursday 4th May the Year 10 students spent the morning at Dunphy Combustion Ltd to discuss post 16 career options within the engineering industry.



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## Academic Enrichment

**A collaboration between Pembroke Youth Scholars, University of Oxford and St John's college, University of Cambridge, hosted at Hollingworth Academy, Rochdale.**

On Wednesday 3rd May we were delighted to welcome back Richard Partington, senior tutor and historian from St John's College, University of Cambridge. Richard delivered a lecture and collaborative workshop to explore the theme of Medieval Criminal gangs. During the morning, students examined primary source material detailing the events of the kidnapping of Justice Richard Willoughby, 1331, and related court documents.

The event attracted 60 year 8 students across the borough of Rochdale, as well as undergraduates from the University of Bolton.



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

 THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



Our collaboration with world class institutions – University of Oxford and Cambridge has continued since Easter with sessions from our languages project: Think like a Linguist on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, visitors from the University of Cambridge delivered a session to students representing schools across Rochdale, Bury and Huddersfield.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May the Year 8 scholars group attended academic lectures at Pembroke College, University of Oxford. They were part of a group of Year 8 students representing schools across Rochdale, Bury and Huddersfield.

We continue to be the hub for academic enrichment for the borough of Rochdale and surrounding communities, working to increase the attainment of students and their awareness of possible future routes in the pursuit of academic excellence.

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## British Science Week:

The Science Department celebrated British Science Week from the 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March. This year's theme was "connections", which allowed students to explore themes around the connection between organs in the human body, and how humans connect with and impact their environment. A variety of events took place including an Invention Challenge and a Poster Challenge. Well done to all the students who took part! The winners of both challenges are shown below.







## Buddhist Centre Manchester

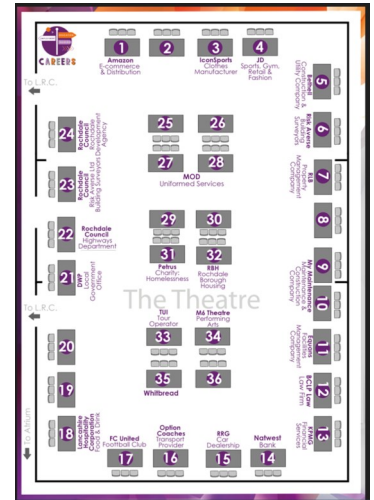
The Year 7's ventured into Manchester to visit the Buddhist centre. The students thoroughly enjoyed a meditation session, learning about enlightenment and got to deepen their understanding of rebirth; helping them develop a detailed answer to the Term's key question in RE- Is Death the End?"



## Careers Fair



The annual Careers Fair, the biggest event in our Careers Programme, took place on Wednesday 19th April. 1100 students across Year 7 to Year 10 had the opportunity to meet with more than 70 delegates from a wide range of industries and engaged in meaningful conversations about job roles, career journeys and industry opportunities. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We are looking to recruit business representatives for our 2023-2024 Careers Fair; would your company like to get involved? Please contact [ccalveley@hollingworthacademy.co.uk](mailto:ccalveley@hollingworthacademy.co.uk) to sign up or get more information .



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## Evening of Music

On Wednesday 26th April we had an Evening of Music. The students were epic! We had approximately 150 parents/carers attend and we managed to raise over £80.00 towards our new stage piano.



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*Evening of Music*





## Careers & Performing Arts Workplace Safari

In partnership with Speakers4Schools, a group of Year 9 Performing Arts enthusiasts visited The Palace Theatre to learn more about the range of careers within the theatre industry! We had a tour of the building and Q&As with different departments: Marketing, Creative Learning, Front of House and Backstage.



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## Speak Up Council

After a robust shortlisting process and over 60 applicants from schools across the North West we are delighted to announce that **AMELIA K 8RR** has been selected to be a representative for Greater Manchester on the Speak Up Council!

*Congratulations  
Amelia*

If you would like to read more about the **Speak up** project follow the link below  
<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/about-us/theatre-nation-partnerships/speak-up/>  
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Celebrating  
our  
World Class Status  
with a  
Cupcake



J Glavey, E Hughes, L Ntizoglou & L Robinson

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## Year 9 Rugby

The Year 9 boys competed in the Greater Manchester 9aside Rugby League Competition at Wright Robinson.

Competing schools included the hosts Wright Robinson, Wardle, Matthew Moss and Whitworth.

The boys had an excellent record of 3 wins and 1 draw in the group stage, drawing with Wright Robinson 3-3.

## 2nd Place Medal

They progressed to the final, played another 8 minute game against Wright Robinson and the boys came up short losing 3-2.

All the boys displayed fantastic sportsmanship, and excellent effort to play themselves into a close final! They should be proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to Oliver L who recently came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senior Cadets Spring Championship for Go Karting. By finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> this qualifies Oliver to race against adults in the upcoming season. A great effort and another example of Hollingworth students excelling every day.





## Athletics

Our Year 7 Quadkids Athletics Team who won the Rochdale Schools' Championships at Kingsway Athletics Track earlier this month. They all competed in 800m, 100m, long jump and a throw. The combined score of all our competitors meant that we won the gold medal. Brilliant performances by all! Well done to Tom S, Sammy I, Aadam A, Harry P, Elena D, Daisy W, Clemie L, Lucie M and Annabel H.



## Football League

The boys football season recently came to an end. Overall, it was quite a successful season across the board. The Year 7 football team were league and cup runners up with only 1 defeat all season, showing an impressive attitude and sportsmanship throughout the year. The Year 10 football team were league winners, and the Year 11 team were Cup runners up, narrowly beaten 2-1 against a very talented Cardinal Langley team. This was the end of a rollercoaster cup run including 2 nail biting penalty shoot-out victories! As you can see from the picture, they were not completely satisfied with not taking all the honours this year!!



## Badminton

In the Rochdale Schools' Badminton League, our Key Stage 3 Boys team (Harrison-Lee C, James F, Tom I, Joe H, Owen D and Harry N) finished 4<sup>th</sup>. In the Key Stage 4 Boys competition, the team went on to win the Rochdale League Competition in April. Well done to Toby G, Aaron H, Shehryaar S, Jake W, Josh D and Sam H.





## Rounders

Hollingworth Academy are once again hosting the Rochdale Schools Rounders Tournaments for each year group.

The Year 9 tournament was played as a round robin on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May with all teams competing against each other in an action-packed evening of fixtures. The girls played really well in each of their fixtures and are currently in third place ready to compete for the medals in the final tournament next half term.

The Year 8 tournament was played as two mini leagues on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, the Hollingworth team were exceptional winning all their matches and finishing top of their league. A great display of tactical decision making the fielding exceptional. They go into the final tournament to compete for medals after half term.

The Year 7 tournament was played as a round robin on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, the girls fielding, and batting skills were exceptional, the girls scored 22 rounders and conceded only 5 rounders. They finished in first place and are well positioned to secure a medal after half term.

## Primary school Rounders Competition

A big thank you to some of our sports leaders who helped to organise a Primary School rounders tournament this term. The competition was hosted at Hollingworth, and the girls helped to umpire and score the games. Well done to Lola N, Connie B-M, Evie W, Evie R, and Ruby D who were a credit to the school.



Well done to the 8 KS3 students who competed in Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May's Cross Country Competition. As a team, they came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and individually, we claimed the top 3 girls positions of bronze, silver and gold.



## Sporting Achievements

### The Fred Whitton Challenge

Liam H (Year 11) took part in a cycling event called the Fred Whitton Challenge. It is accepted to be the most difficult ride in the UK and one of the most challenging in the world. The route is 112 miles and takes riders up most of the Lake District's most difficult climbs including the infamous Hard Knott Pass which has inclines of up to 33%. In total Liam climbed 3,726m (over 12,000 feet). He did all of this in just over 8 hours. Liam was the youngest rider taking part on the day and is possibly their youngest ever finisher. Of over 2,500 riders who started the event he was one of only 6 riders under the age of 20 to complete the course, finishing 3rd in the under 20 age group. Fantastic achievement Liam!



Do you have any sporting achievements outside school? We would love to hear about them. Maybe you could even make it onto our next newsletter, or even our PE "Wall of Fame!"

Please pass any information onto Mr Mannion (Head of PE) at [smannion@hollingworthacademy.co.uk](mailto:smannion@hollingworthacademy.co.uk)

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*Sporting Achievements*

**ST HELENS HERE WE COME**

Two of our Year 10 students, Gracie B and Eve D, have been selected for the **U:15 Rugby League Talent Hub** and will travel to St Helens for training.

*Congratulations*

