

PARENT BULLETIN– SPRING TERM

MARCH 2024

ISSUE NO:7



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

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

Once again, this spring term has been incredibly busy at Hollingworth, and I would therefore urge you all to take some time to read this latest edition of the Parent Bulletin; it is packed full of lots of exciting updates on the work we have been doing.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION

The quality of the education we provide continues to go from strength to strength, and I am excited to be able to update you on how you can support your child even further with the use of our visual learning journeys and curriculum maps, available on our website. Our staff have worked hard on these and they are an excellent way for you as parents/carers to see for yourselves what your child is learning in school and what questions you can ask them about their learning.

In addition, our Year 11 students have recently completed their spring mock examinations and have made good progress since the previous ones in November. It is now vital that everyone pulls together in the run up to the actual GCSE examinations, starting in early May; so that all students achieve what they deserve. I know all the staff are working incredibly hard to make this happen and so as parents/carers your support is very much appreciated too.

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES

Thank you to everyone for all the continued support in relation to ensuring our high standards and expectations of behaviour and attitudes remains consistent. We have received a number of external visitors to the academy over the spring terms, including specialist leaders in education, and on every occasion the feedback we receive in relation to the behaviour and climate for learning at Hollingworth is that it is outstanding. This week, we are hosting celebration assemblies for each year group, and next term there will be other celebration events taking place too, to ensure that students who work hard and demonstrate our key values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience are recognised.

WORLD CLASS SCHOOLS STATUS

As the only World Class secondary school in Greater Manchester and Lancashire, I am very proud of the careers and academic enrichment work the team continues to do for our students. There have been a number of student engagements this term that have been truly world class and these have included organisations such as the BBC, the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and the global soft drink company Vimto.

Extracurricular and enrichment activities have gathered pace this year too, with over forty different opportunities being available each week for students to get involved in. These range from sporting activities, to clubs such as Spanish club, vocal group, Warhammer club and Dungeons and Dragons club just to mention a few.

Again, I want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. Once reading this bulletin, if you would like to know more about what we are doing or would like to come into the academy and see some of the work for yourself, then you are welcome to do so. If this is something you are interested in doing then please contact the academy and we will arrange this with you.

Have a happy Easter.



Headteacher

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 2nd - 5th April 2024	Naples Geography Trip.
Monday 15th April 2024	Staff Inset Day.
Tuesday 16th April 2024	School re-opens to students.
Thursday 18th April 2024	Year 7 Parents' Evening.
Friday 3rd May 2024	Year 9 Reports to Parents.
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday.
Thursday 9th May 2024	GCSE Exams Start & Year 9 Parents' Evening.
Friday 24th May 2024	School closes.
Monday 3rd June 2024	School re-opens to students.
Monday 17th June 2024	Year 10 EOY Exams.
Wednesday 19th June 2024	GCSE Exams End.
Tuesday 25th June 2024	Year 7 & 8 Rewards Trip
Friday 28th June 2024	Year 7 Reports to Parents.
Thursday 4th July 2024	Year 11 Prom & Year 10 Presentation Evening.
Friday 5th July 2024	Year 8 Reports to Parents.
Monday 8th July 2024	Year 7 Presentation Evening.
Tuesday 9th July 2024	Year 9 & 10 Rewards Trip.
Thursday 11th July 2024	Year 8 Presentation Evening.
Friday 12th July 2024	Year 9 Reports to Parents.
Monday 15th July 2024	Year 9 Presentation Evening.
Friday 19th July 2024	Year 10 Reports to Parents.
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	School Closes.

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 more updates.



RECENT LETTERS

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

Think Measles - Public Health Letter, November 2023 - <https://tinyurl.com/2hu2v72f>

Bee Network - Bus Service Letter, March 2024 - <https://tinyurl.com/yk8dhrat>

Year 7 Parents' Evening Parental Letter (18.04.24), March 2024 - <https://tinyurl.com/bbu567zv>

THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT HOLLINGWORTH SPRING TERM

As we reach the end of the spring term, we are now into the “business end” of the academic year. Our Year 11 students are fully into their revision sessions after school and have completed their second set of mock exams. They are working hard to ensure they are ready to perform at their best level and we are proud of their efforts so far. We all have to work together to support them all the way to the end of their exams. We believe they can achieve the best set of results that our academy has had.

At Hollingworth, we are aiming to develop a “World Class Curriculum” with high-quality teaching that enables our students to be World Class.

Our other year groups continue to work hard on their learning too. We have done a great deal of work on our academy website to ensure that you can see what your child is learning at any point in the academic year. For every subject, we have published our “Visual Learning Journey” and given you key questions that you can ask your child. If you find your child does not want to talk about their day at school, our website can give you specific details about what they have been studying. Try viewing some of our “Visual Learning Journeys” and “Curriculum Maps” and asking your child some of suggested key questions.

Please follow this link and spend some time asking your child what they have been studying.

<https://hollingworthacademy.co.uk/curriculum-statement/subjects>

World Class Schools | **WORLD CLASS LEARNING IS "PRIME" LEARNING**

P **PREPARE FOR THE POWERFUL STUFF**

- The "Powerful Stuff" is in your Knowledge Organiser! Use it!
- Always use your Knowledge Organiser to complete your homework.
- Link what you have learnt in lesson to your Knowledge Organiser and go over your learning at home. This helps you check what you have learnt in lesson and makes the "Powerful Stuff" stick in your head.

R **RECALL & RETRIEVE**

- The "Do Now" activity gives you the chance to check what you know. Get stuck into these activities every lesson!
- Show resilience by looking back in your book or checking your Knowledge Organiser when you are unsure.
- If you don't remember things, fill in the gaps with your green pen.

I **INFORMATION GIVEN IN SMALL CHUNKS**

- Too much information is hard to take in, so always ask your teacher if you are unsure or if they are going too fast! Trust your teacher - they are experts!
- Always take responsibility and try your best when practising new skills.
- Be resilient and never give up! Have a routine for your homework and revision.
- Do your homework and revision in small chunks and take breaks.

M **MISTAKES HAPPEN! THEY HELP US TO LEARN AND IMPROVE**

- Accept that we learn when we struggle or get things wrong. Remember your teacher and LPA are there to help you. Always try your best!
- Think carefully about the feedback you have received from your teacher and act on it.
- Always use green pen to show improvement in your work.

E **EXTEND AND INCREASE INDEPENDENCE**

- As you gain more knowledge, be ready to apply it. Show what you can do! You have so much potential.
- Plan your responses to more challenging tasks and extend further by using recommended texts.
- RISE to all challenges; hard work and resilience will always be rewarded.

Can I also remind you that all homework is set on Google Classroom. This is the place to check what homework has been set and what your child is doing to consolidate their learning. Maths use Sparx and Science use Seneca Learning – but this will be set via Google Classroom. We try to set quizzes and other activities to check what has been learnt in class. Try to ask your child to show you their Google Classroom work.

We have now been using our “PRIME Learning” model with our students for two terms. This is all about teaching our students to become better learners. Here is the model again, so please try and talk about it with your children. The more we can talk to them about how they learn, the more they will grow.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you if you have any feedback on how we can improve further the Quality of Education at our academy. My email address is:

cwilliamson@hollingworthacademy.co.uk

I sincerely wish you a happy Easter and send all my very best wishes to you and your families for an enjoyable holiday.

Kindest regards,

Mr C Williamson
Deputy Headteacher

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES AT HOLLINGWORTH SPRING TERM REVIEW



“Behaviour is outstanding” – this is the resounding feedback we receive when visitors attend the academy. It truly is a testament to the kind and respectful nature of the students we have here at Hollingworth Academy. We pride ourselves on appropriate levels of challenge and encourage our students to demonstrate **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and RESILIENCE**.

To date there have been a significant number of students in the academy who haven't gained a single FALL point and a significant amount of students who have only received one. Overall, 49% of the collective student body have managed to make it more than halfway through the year with 1 or 0 FALL points; this is highly commendable and something I am very proud of the students for achieving. Look out for their postcard and sweet treat in the coming weeks:



	0 FALL POINTS YEAR TO DATE	1 FALL POINT YEAR TO DATE	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS (PER YEAR GROUP) WITH 1 FALL POINT OR FEWER
YEAR 7	77 students	54 students	131 students (49% of year group)
YEAR 8	101 students	49 students	150 students (55% of year group)
YEAR 9	72 students	46 students	118 students (43% of year group)
YEAR 10	88 students	42 students	130 students (48% of year group)
YEAR 11	87 students	42 students	129 students (48% of year group)
WHOLE SCHOOL	425 students	233 students	658 students (49% of the academy as a whole)

CELEBRATIONS

To reward our Years 7-10 students who excel everyday, we have planned an end of year celebration trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Year 11 students will have their prom.

The criteria has been communicated to all students in assembly and tutor time last week, and is also displayed on the screens around the academy. Everyone is really keen to attend. The criteria is the baseline criteria we apply to most trips, visits and opportunities and this is over communicated to the students at every opportunity. Attendance will also be an important factor and it is something that I am in consultation with the attendance team about.

The dates are yet to be finalised for the Blackpool trips; if your child has met the criteria, they will receive a letter later in the year inviting them to take part.

Our second annual Summer Ball will take place at the end of term to celebrate those students who consistently uphold our standards; it will be a good opportunity for our students to relax, socialise and have fun!

The Year 11 Prom will take place Thursday 4th July 2024.

There will also be bespoke events and daily rewards for our students who excel everyday and I will summarise a variety of these in our next parent bulletin.

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UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT



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 or bows. Ripped tights must be removed.)

PLAIN BLACK FLAT SHOES
(Trainer styles will not be permitted.)



JEWELLERY

(Students are only permitted to wear a wristwatch and one pair of stud earrings no more than 5mm in diameter – all other jewellery is not permitted.)

MAKE-UP

(Make-up is only permitted for Y10 and Y11 students and must be subtle. Fake eyelashes, false tan and fake nails are not permitted.)

I would like to take this opportunity to recommunicate our list of equipment that our students are expected to bring to school every day.

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 scientific calculator

DESIRABLE EQUIPMENT

A maths set (compass, protractor etc.)

A reading book

A water bottle

As always I would like to recommunicate our standards around uniform, dress and appearance. Our expectation is that our students present themselves in a professional manner and we thank those of you that continue to support us in preparing the children for their next steps when they enter the world of work.

ARBOR

If you have not already done so, I urge you to download and install the Arbor App (free of charge), so that you receive the most up to date information in a timely manner. Arbor is our primary source of communication, so it is a valuable tool for families to track student conduct and progress. If you have any issues installing and logging into Arbor, please do not hesitate to contact data@hollingworthacademy.co.uk. In your email query, please include your child's name and tutor group.



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

For those of you who would like more information regarding behaviour and standards at the academy, I urge you to make contact with your child's Year team, form tutor or myself. We pride ourselves on a strong parent partnership and feedback and collaboration is something that we welcome. This is a key term in the academic year because our Year 11 students begin to embark on their formal examinations, which means that every other Year group make the transition to the year group above. It is imperative that lines of communication are direct, collaborative and clear. For your information I have included a list of the Year teams below. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming weeks.

Kindest regards,

Mrs B Robinson
Assistant Headteacher

YEAR TEAM

YEAR 7 Mrs Watson & Mr Smith

YEAR 8 Miss Pearson & Mr Gill

YEAR 9 Mrs Begum & Mr Wild

YEAR 10 Ms Hartley & Mrs Wright

YEAR 11 Mr Farrell & Mr Livesey

KEY STAGE DIRECTOR

Mr Drews

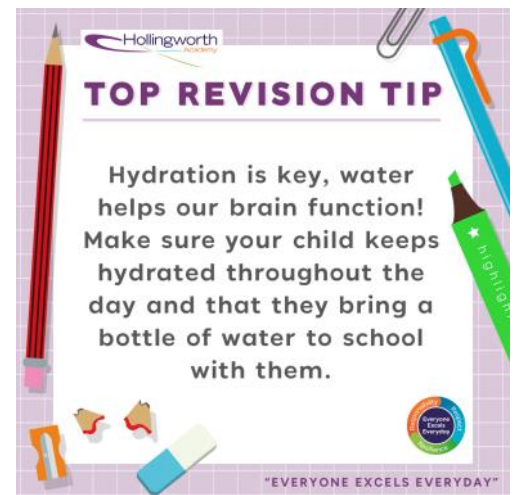
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YEAR 11

- Our Year 11s are working very hard and we are proud of how they are progressing. The behaviour and attitudes of our students have been exceptional and we are thankful for your continued support.
- As you know, our after school revision sessions are underway. These take place every afternoon from Monday to Thursday, between 3.10pm and 4pm. Our students are engaging brilliantly, they earn lottery tickets for a weekly £50 Amazon voucher; there is a real buzz when the draw is made every Friday!
- They have completed recent mocks in the majority of their subjects, and are building their confidence ahead of their summer exams. You should have received your child's report which provides valuable information on their progress towards the summer exams. If you have not received this then please do get in touch.
- We would encourage you to check out the exam timetable that is available to view on the Hollingworth Academy website. <https://hollingworthacademy.co.uk/key-information/exams-information>
- They are looking forward to their end of Year 11 Prom at the Saddleworth Hotel, Thursday 4th July 2024, and we can't wait to celebrate with them!
- Finally, please continue to look out for our top exam revision tips on how best to support your child through the coming months, these are shared weekly across all of our academy social media platforms.

Kind regards,

Mr K Clark
Assistant Headteacher



Year 11 Prom Criteria

Measured from Monday 30th October 2023 onwards

Saddleworth Hotel 4th July 2024

- ◆ Zero suspensions
- ◆ Zero off-site disciplinary placements
- ◆ Exemplary attendance
- ◆ No more than 4 link room placements
- ◆ All detentions attended, lunchtime, after school or otherwise
- ◆ All allocated revision sessions attended
- ◆ Full uniform and equipment all year, unless medically exempt
- ◆ All students must uphold our world class standards both inside and outside of the academy



CAREERS NEWS

Hollingworth Academy Careers events that have taken place this term.

BBC BITESIZE SCHOOL TOUR



We were thrilled to host BBC Bitesize School Tour, who have been delivering careers events across the UK. We were one of the lucky schools to be chosen to participate! The event showcased panellists who have varied careers within the local area and were interviewed by host Fee Mak from BBC Radio 1Xtra. Students learnt about the importance of transferable and interpersonal skills, as well as being introduced to a variety of careers and apprenticeship pathways within the media sector.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

We had an exciting and informative week celebrating National Apprenticeship Week, providing our students with information, experiences, and inspiration as they consider their future career paths. Each day's event offered unique opportunities for students to learn about apprenticeships and explore their potential career paths. From dispelling myths to engaging with local training providers and employers; the week was filled with valuable experiences for students interested in pursuing apprenticeships.

Myth Busting Monday, Rochdale Training Tuesday, What Level Wednesday, Talk About It Thursday (Mock Interviews) and Fiction Friday.

The themed days provided a diverse range of activities. From informative sessions to interactive discussions and even recommendations for inspirational literature and film; offering our students the chance to gain insights, practical skills, and confidence in their career aspirations.

A big thank you to the 28 delegates from various local employers and further education providers who generously gave their time to participate in interviews for each one of our Year 10 students. Mock interviews are vital because they offer our students the opportunity to gain real-world experience, develop key communication skills and build confidence. One student's performance in the mock interviews impressed the company RRG enough to offer them a placement during the Easter break! This is a fantastic opportunity for the student to gain real-world experience and connections in their field of interest.



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CAREERS FAIR 2024

Our Careers Fair was a smashing success! We had the pleasure of hosting 76 incredible delegates from a diverse range of companies, spanning both private and public sectors, and several representatives from esteemed Further Education and Higher Education institutions. Together, they engaged with 1100 of our students from Year 8 to Year 11, sharing insights into their professions and pivotal roles. Careers fairs provide numerous benefits for our students:

INSPIRATIONAL: Our students got a firsthand look at the myriad of career possibilities out there. From traditional roles to cutting-edge industries, the fair sparked curiosity and ignited passion.

NETWORKING: Building connections is key! Our students had the chance to network with professionals and educators, paving the way for future opportunities and collaborations.

REAL-WORLD INSIGHTS: Nothing beats hearing directly from the experts. At the fair, students gained invaluable insights into industry trends, job demands, and the skills needed to thrive in the workforce.

EMPOWERMENT: Armed with knowledge, our students are empowered to make informed decisions about their future paths. A career fair opens doors and broadens horizons, ensuring each student finds their perfect fit.

A huge thank you to all our fantastic delegates for sharing their time and expertise. Together, we're shaping bright futures, unlocking endless possibilities and modelling future possible selves.



CAREERS IN MATHS - AMSP



A representative from AMSP came into the academy to run a 'Careers in Maths' session with some of our Year 10 students. The session involved students taking part in activities that represented mathematics within different career settings, involving problem solving and experimentation. The students were a credit to the academy, and the representative was very impressed with the quality, positivity and engagement of our students.

STOCK MARKET CHALLENGE

A group of our Year 10 students competed under pressure, in a real-life trading floor game of strategic thinking and decision-making at Manchester University's Inter-School Stock Market Challenge. Over the course of the day, students involved developed their problem solving, critical thinking skills, numeracy, communication skills, self-management and working with others; all of which are key employability skills.



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CAREERS NEWS

BBC BLUE PETER

A member of the Blue Peter team launched the competition "All About Careers" and they came into the academy to meet the Year 7 & 8 students who submitted work for the project. There was a wealth of creative entries based on a career/industry they are interested in. All 47 students received an official BBC Blue Peter Badge! One entry in particular impressed the judges and was awarded the special BBC Blue Peter Silver Badge; "Choose Wisely" submitted by Ewan M 7TG.

SKILLS FOR LIFE WORKSHOP



A group of our students visited Cleland McIver for a Skills for Life Programme workshop, organised by The Talent Foundry and M&G plc. Students were joined by 15 volunteers from a range of industries and sectors as they worked their way through team building and problem-solving exercises. The day culminated in speed interviews which every single student excelled at! One of our students commented: "I am now more positive towards myself, and I am more confident to talk to other people."

INFORMATION & GUIDANCE

We were delighted to have Elsie and Maria from St John's College, Cambridge University in the academy. They shared information and guidance on future possibilities of studying at elite universities with a group of Year 10 students from Hollingworth Academy and Mount St Joseph, Bolton.



Choose Wisely

When we are young we have no clue,
Our parents ask us what we want to do,
We say a teacher the police or a nurse,
But really the thought just feels like a curse.

Make your own path don't follow family or peers,
You could end up working a career you will regret for years,
Choose a career that brings happiness inside,
A career that only you can decide.

Pick a career that ignites a spark in your eye,
One that gives you a feeling you cannot deny,
It might be unusual or unique
It could be something only you seek.

So, trust your gut with the things that you do,
Choose a career that is chosen by few,
Do remember that advice is crucial,
Don't just ignore it, make it useful.

Ewan M



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE



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#NCW2024

National Careers Week (NCW) plays an important role in empowering young people to explore and navigate their future career paths. By providing guidance and resources through themed days, NCW helped our students gain valuable insights into various career options and encourages them to make informed decisions about their futures.



"I USED TO BE A..." COMPETITION: This competition showcased the diverse career journeys of our staff members at the academy; allowing students to learn about a wide range of job roles and industries.

NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE (NCS) POP-UP STAND: We were thrilled to welcome NCS into the academy. The National Citizen Service is a voluntary personal and social development programme for 16–17 year olds. NCS hosted a pop-up stand over break and lunch time for Year 11 students to sign up - a brilliant CV boosting opportunity for our summer leavers.



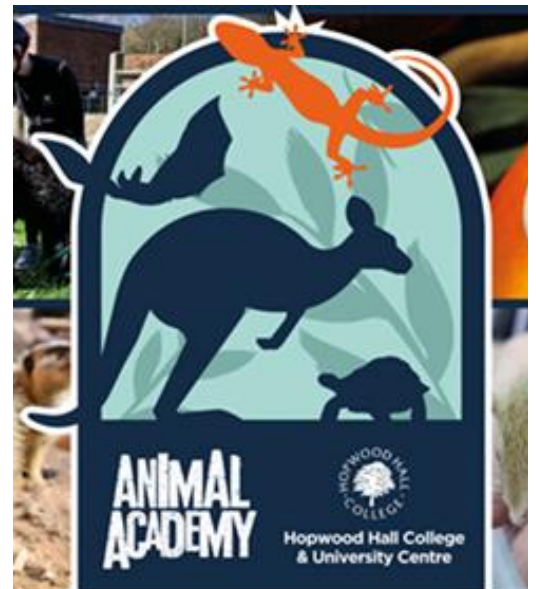
"STEP INTO THE NHS" COMPETITION: A group of Year 9 science ambassadors worked with healthcare professionals to explore various roles within the NHS, to help introduce students to potential career paths in healthcare. The competition format, which involved creating a promotional recruitment pack, encouraged creativity and teamwork whilst raising awareness about healthcare careers.



SKILLS FOR LIFE ROCHDALE PROGRAMME: A group of our Year 10 students have been involved in the Skills for Life Rochdale Programme. This has been organised by The Talent Foundry and M&G plc who have delivered hands on career workshops and provided mentoring support to raise aspirations and inform positive choices about future careers. Over the course of four full-day sessions, students have engaged with mentors from a range of industries as they work their way through activities and tasks designed to help them discover what

ANIMAL ACADEMY - HOPWOOD HALL COLLEGE

Is your child destined to work with animals? Is your child thinking of training to be a Vet, Vet Nurse, Zoo Keeper. Animal Academy is an incredible adventure for young people aged 13-16 who aspire to develop a career working with animals. Delivered by Hopwood Hall's expert tutors, this immersive programme gives highly sought-after, practical experience. Animal Academy provides your child with the perfect basis to achieve their dreams, giving them lots of hands-on experience with animals! From wallabies to meerkats, alpacas and pigs. Visit [Animal Academy - Hopwood Hall College and University Centre](#) for more information and to sign up!



MATHEMATICS NEWS



MATHS FEAST

Congratulations to the students who took part in the Year 10 Maths Feast 2024 at Manchester University, run by Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP), coming second in one of the rounds against 11 other schools across Manchester. Well done Millie H, Cameron M, Olivia A-I and Lola N!

MFL NEWS

LANGUAGES TASTER DAY - MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY



MANCHESTER
1824

The University of Manchester



On Friday 12th January 2024, 20 Year 9 students went to Manchester University for a languages taster day. As part of the event, they created fantastic short plays in Spanish, completed an Italian taster lesson and they were also able to look around the university. The students were a credit to Hollingworth and produced the best plays the organiser had seen all week.

INSTITUTO CERVANTES

On Thursday 18th January 2024, 30 Year 9 students went to Instituto Cervantes in Manchester, where they took part in a variety of activities before watching a film in Spanish. Their behaviour was exceptional, and everyone had a brilliant day!



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HUMANITIES NEWS



Our Year 11 History and RE students had a great visit to Berlin during the Christmas holidays. Over six days, we visited some amazing and thought provoking historical sites including; the best preserved section of the Berlin Wall, the Jewish Museum, Topography of Terror (Gestapo Headquarters), DDR museum which depicts life in Communist Berlin, Check Point Charlie, East Side Gallery, Berliner Dom and Sachsenhausen Concentration camp.

A stand out moment of the visit was a fully guided tour of the Stasi prison (communist secret police) by a former prisoner. To hear such an interesting and harrowing account from a person who experienced it was a true privilege. Students involved were a credit to the academy and their families, making memories that will stay with them forever.



SCIENCE NEWS

MOWTIVATORS GARDENING CLUB



The Mowtivators Gardening Club is back for 2024 and invites students to join during the spring and summer terms, offering an enriching experience in growing fruits and vegetables. Students engage in a variety of activities including soil bed preparation, seed and seedling planting, weeding, watering, and learning essential skills for crop care and harvesting.

The club welcomes all aspiring gardeners and meets every **Tuesday at 3:10-4:00pm** in Room 121. It's an excellent opportunity for students to develop green thumbs and deepen their understanding of horticulture!!

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AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

The spring term is a quiet term for our sports teams as there are very few inter-school sport competitions in Rochdale at this time of the year. Therefore, this is a great opportunity for our after school sports clubs to flourish. Our clubs are open to all, irrespective of ability, and attendance has been high which has been great to see. Our clubs have included indoor cricket, boys badminton, girls badminton, boys football, girls football, fitness clubs, trampolining (team and recreational), GCSE practical, GCSE theory intervention and indoor athletics. Our summer programme will start after the Easter break, so look out for the new after school timetable which will start after the holidays!

SKI TRIP - FEBRUARY HALF TERM



After a much anticipated wait following the Covid pandemic, our first ski trip in four years departed to Bormio, Italy. This proved extremely popular and resulted in our biggest ski trip ever, with 78 students and 10 staff travelling in 2 coaches. Following an early 4:30am start, we arrived in Bormio 27 hours later! This was an amazing opportunity for our students to experience 5 days of ski lessons in a resort that will host the Winter Olympics in 2026. They certainly made the most of it, with all of our students mastering the mountain by the end of the week!



ROCHDALE SCHOOLS' INDOOR ATHLETICS

In March, our Year 7 and Year 8 Boys and Girls Athletics teams competed in the Rochdale Schools' Indoor Athletics Competition, at Kingsway Park High School. The team had to compete in a combination of running and field events, including the speed bounce, standing high jump, standing long jump, standing triple jump and the indoor javelin. All our athletes performed extremely well, with the Year 7 boys and the Year 8 boys finishing in the bronze medal positions and the Year 7 girls winning the silver. Our Year 8 girls went one better and were crowned Rochdale champions and brought back the gold medals!



Well done to all those who competed:

Year 7 Boys Team: Ayden D, William J, Zachary W and Billy W.

Year 7 Girls Team: Sienna G, Poppy C, Myla T-G, Isabella K, Amelia A B, Bethany L and Sophia Mendez.

Year 8 Boys Team: Thomas S, Sammy I, Aadam A, Lewis M, Taylor W and Jack M.

Year 8 Girls Team: Elena D, Daisy W, Clemie L, Jessica B, Lucie M and Annabel H.

SPORT LEADERS

Our Sports Leaders have also been busy this term. We hosted the Primary Schools' Dodgeball Competition at Hollingworth in January and February, and our Sports Leaders officiated at the two events. 10 Primary schools attended the after school competitions that did not finish until 5:15pm. Not only did they willingly give up their time after school, but the staff attending could not speak highly enough about them. The organisers were so impressed that they have invited them to complete sports leadership courses and officiate in future school competitions. Some of our leaders have now completed their first aid and handball leadership courses. Well done to our great leaders and ambassadors for our academy: Thomas I, Harry C, Archie S, Toby S, Connie B-M, Tia E, Lola N, Evie W, Amber A and Jasmine W.

Celebrating
the success and
sporting moments
of our students.

YEAR 7 TRAMPOLINE



Amazing performances and resilience from our Year 7 trampoline team. Their first ever trampoline competition and they walked away with gold for the beginners, and, 4th for the intermediate level at the Rochdale Schools' Trampoline Competition. Well done!

YEAR 9 TRAMPOLINE



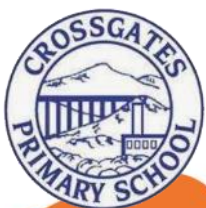
A big well done to our three Year 9 trampoline teams for winning both the advanced and beginners Rochdale schools' Competitions, and, 2nd place in the intermediate competition. Excellent performances by all!

YEAR 8 & 10 TRAMPOLINE

Outstanding performances from both our Year 8 and Year 10 trampoline teams. Both the beginners' team and the advanced team won gold at the Rochdale Schools' Trampoline Competition.

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

STUDENT SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Our two Head Ambassadors, Manahil A and Matilda W, attended Crossgates Primary School to talk to Year 5 and 6 students about life at secondary school and what they can expect from Hollingworth Academy. Questions ranged from homework to school dinners!



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STUDENT SHOUTOUTS



Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for a Student Shoutout this term.

YEAR 7

- Fatimah K 7JD** Really funny and lovely brings cheer to our classroom. May she never lose that joy. (Mrs Hoines)
- Anaya H 7CS** Just an absolutely fabulous student. She works so hard, is really focused and disciplined. Great student! (Mrs Hoines)
- 7LN** I've had numerous comments over the past few weeks telling me what a joy my form group are to teach and I've even had emails to tell me how well this class behaves. I am incredibly proud to their tutor and I think they deserve the recognition for how well they have started their journey at Hollingworth. (Miss L Sweeney)
- Ewan M 7TG** Ewan wrote a fantastic poem for National Careers Week. This poem impressed the Blue Peter team that they have issued him a silver badge for his work. Ewan also recoded himself narrating his poem, and this has been used for the NCW assembly that has been played to Years 7-10. His poem 'Choose Wisely' has been shared on Hollingworth's social media platforms for everyone to enjoy! Well done Ewan. (Ms C Calveley)
- Arissa R 7LI** Arissa works so hard in lessons. She regularly puts her hand up to answer the questions and contributes to the lesson. Keep up the good work Arissa! (Mrs Collier)
- Alex F 7HF** Alex works consistently well every lesson and will answer questions in class. His homework is always completed on time and his classwork is great. Keep up the good work. (Mrs Collier)

YEAR 8

- Brooke D 8JS** Brooke always tries so hard in lessons. She has lovely manners and avoids any distractions. Her work is beautifully neat. Keep up the good work Brooke (Mrs Collier)
- Isabella S 8MG** Worked incredibly hard to get moved up Science, always tries her hardest and wants to do well. I'd love a class full of Isabella's! (Mrs Smith)
- Billie T 8RN** For working exceptionally hard all year which has helped her move up a set in Maths. Congratulations Billie. (Mrs Crispin)
- Elena D 8RN** These students have 0 FALL points and the highest RISE in each year group. This is amazing and clearly demonstrates our values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILT Y AND RESILIENCE. (Mrs B Robinson)
- Emily C 8CM** Always being organised. You show resilience even when the concepts are difficult. You are an amazing role model for your peers. Well done (Mrs Crispin)
- Harry HC 8MO** Outstanding work and performance to class in music lesson. (Miss Stephenson)

YEAR 9

- Year 9** Shoutout to the whole of Year 9, who were exceptionally well behaved and welcoming to the National Theatre last week. The feedback from the theatre practitioners was that they were a brilliant audience and that they couldn't believe how mature they were for their age group. You did us proud Year 9, well done! From the Performing Arts Team (Mrs Kirkpatrick)
- Mackenzie J 9RW** For his exceptional kindness to others.
- Seth L 9NE** Always focused in the classroom, does not waiver from getting his work done and keeping his behaviour at the highest standard. Great young man. (Mrs J Hoines)
- 9LN** Over the past few weeks we have been studying the Holocaust in History, which is an extremely sensitive topic that requires a great deal of respect ad reverence in lessons. 9LM have handled this with maturity and respect whilst asking very high order questions further demonstrating a high level of sensitivity. Well done to every member of this class. (Miss L Sweeney)
- Ellie S 9NE** Excellent work on practical in lesson. (Miss Stephenson)
- Aila B 9DB** Outstanding contribution to Step Into the NHS enrichment event. (Dr Mackey)

YEAR 10

- Jayden O 10DN** For successfully gaining a place and completing a placement on the National Theatre Youth Course. There weren't many places and he as selected as one of the few to be given the opportunity. Well done Jayden (Mrs Robinson)
- Claudia W 10CB**
Mumina K 10WP
Jayden O 10DN
Honey F 10CB Outstanding representation of Hollingworth after applying and being accepted on the Royal Exchange's work experiences programme. They had a brilliant week last week and were exceptional at imparting some of what they learnt to their Drama class peers. I am very proud of all 4 of them. (Mrs Kirkpatrick)
- Joshua N 10RM** I have noticed a positive change with his work ethic, and he is taking responsibility for his learning. (Miss N Sabir)
- Charlie S 10CO** Working very hard in physics - noticeable change in his attitude to learning which is fantastic. (Mr D Britton)
- Aamina S 10RA** For being incredibly kind and supportive person to all around her. (Mrs Burke)
- Sonny C (10RA)** I have worked with Sonny for two and a half years. From the start of the academic year, I feel immensely proud to say that Sonny has had a positive approach towards his learning; he now takes responsibility for his own work and hardly asks for my support. (Miss Sabir)

YEAR 11

- Amaan Z 11PM** Has been made an invaluable member of the DnD by helping to DM for our groups. He has been a fantastic role model for other students, making the school brighter and more fun! (Mr Pryce)
- Colin M 11JR** I would like to praise Colin and his improvement with attendance during Year 11. Even with moving house and a harder journey, he is still showing up every day enthusiastic! Very proud of you. (Mrs Walmsley)
- Leonie W 11JR** She has made a very positive return since Christmas and has been engaged in her group work, made very positive choices about who she wants work with and given some good ideas to her group. Well done Leonie! (Mrs Kirkpatrick)
- Manahil A 11PB** For being an exemplary student, a role model and a well deserved Head Ambassador. She always puts herself out to help others as well. The cheerful disposition of hers along with her work ethic will stand her in good stead for the future. (Mrs J Hoines)
- Sarah N-N 11JH** For going the extra mile in everything she does. (Mrs Howard)
- Z Riaz 11KM** Excellent contributions in lessons both verbally and with written responses and a generally lovely and positive student in the lesson. (Mrs J Hoines)

