



HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter Spring 2025

A Message from Mrs Fletcher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Spring Term 2025

The Spring Term has been 'jam-packed' with wonderful learning opportunities. The children have grasped this learning with real energy and enthusiasm; they most certainly have earned the two-week Easter break. I'm sure if you ask your child, they will be able to provide you with lots of information on the different topics they have covered across the school.

There have been visits from other schools for sporting events such as basketball and football, and as always, there have been lots of educational visits and experiences. Our newsletter is filled with all of the children's experiences, and I hope you enjoy reading all about them.

Next term, we are very much looking forward to more exciting and engaging learning opportunities.

Easter Celebrations

Our Easter Fair was a huge success. The team worked very hard to ensure activities were fun and engaging. We had our first Bingo session, which was a hit, and also a visit from the car company Tesla, which was very exciting. We had a new range of food supplied by our very own catering staff, which many of you enjoyed. However, the raffle couldn't have gone ahead without the amazing generous donations from parents, carers, local companies, and a huge mention to our biggest supporter, Lynda Ashton, who provided a large number of personalised treats to be included in the raffle. Thank you very much to you all for your generosity in prize donations, buying tickets, and getting involved. It really is a lovely way to end the term. I look forward to seeing you all again in the Summer.

Parent Progress Evening

This term, we were delighted to see so many of you in attendance for the Parent Progress Evening this week. I hope that you found the online session informative and more accessible. This was our first time with this system, and we hope to run more progress evenings in this way going forward. Please feel free to give us feedback on your experience as we value your feedback.

Attendance

We have enjoyed celebrating excellent attendance this term. Weekly attendance winners have been announced in assembly. We will be celebrating attendance in our final summer assembly, in which we will give out vouchers to those pupils with outstanding attendance. Thank you for striving to ensure that your child attends school for every possible session.

Thank you for your continued support this term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well for the Easter break. We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025.

Mrs Fletcher
Head of School

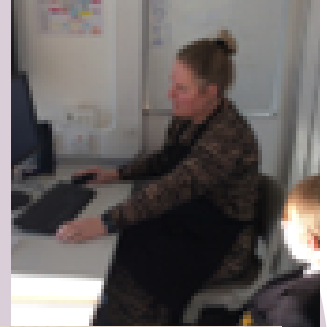


JANUARY



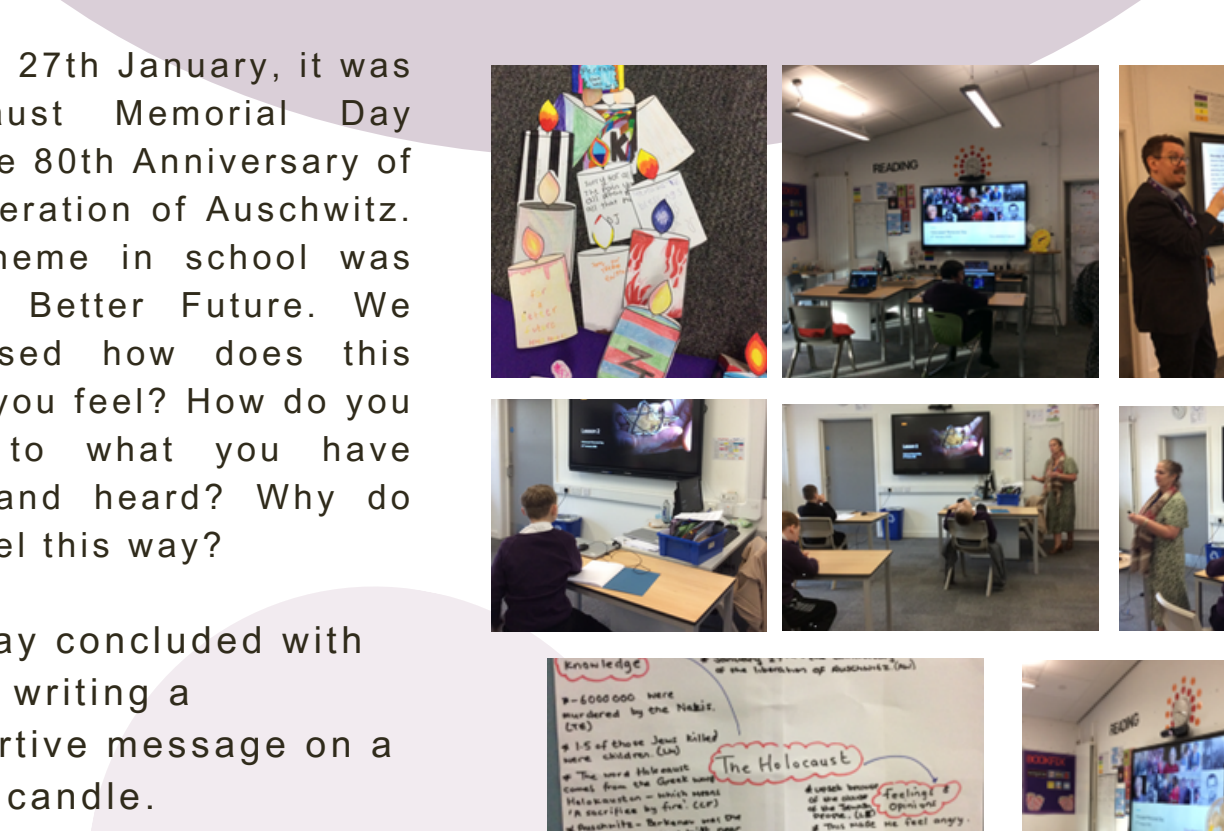
Here, you can see our Hope High students working hard studying and evaluating their Pupil Passport Targets.

The collage consists of eight photographs arranged in two rows. The top row shows four scenes: a female staff member and a male student looking at a laptop; a female staff member pointing at a laptop screen while a male student looks on; a female staff member in an orange shirt talking to a male student at a desk with a laptop; and a female staff member standing and talking to a male student. The bottom row shows four scenes: a male staff member sitting at a desk with a laptop, with a female student and a male student standing behind him; a female staff member sitting at a desk with a laptop, with a male student standing next to her; a male staff member sitting at a desk with a laptop, with a female student and a male student standing behind him; and a female staff member sitting at a desk with a laptop, with a male student standing next to her.

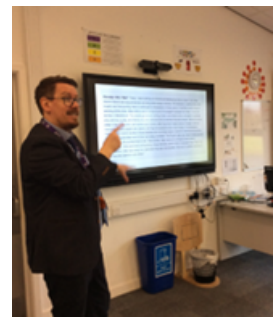


On the 27th January, it was Holocaust Memorial Day and the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. The theme in school was For a Better Future. We discussed how does this make you feel? How do you react to what you have seen and heard? Why do you feel this way?

The day concluded with pupils writing a supportive message on a paper candle.

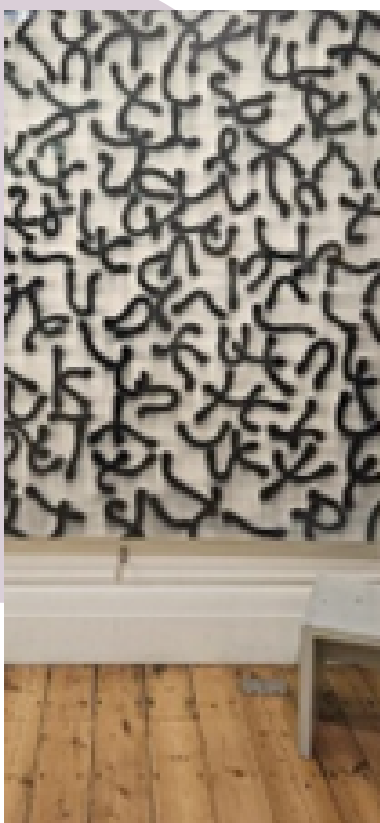
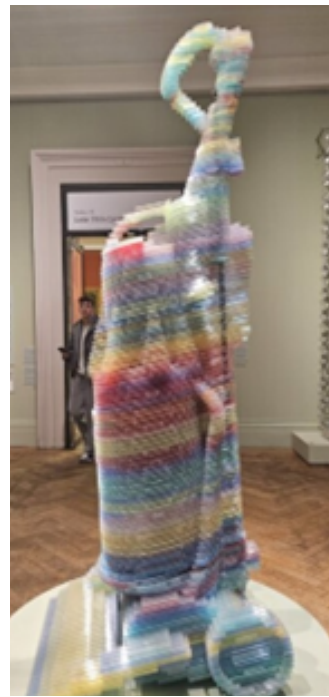


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We've had another successful Art trip, this time to Manchester Art Gallery! The year 11 students have gained some insight and inspiration for the beginning of their GCSE exam which will be undertaken in May.



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MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 3rd-7th February



During this week, students engaged in mindfulness activities to support mental health well-being. Students and staff were asked to write on hearts something that they were grateful for. Parents and carers were invited to a mental health awareness coffee afternoon where in they participated in activities including discussions around well-being and how we can use strategies to self help.

WORK EXPERIENCE

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 student who had his work experience in our school kitchen with Mrs Bourke.

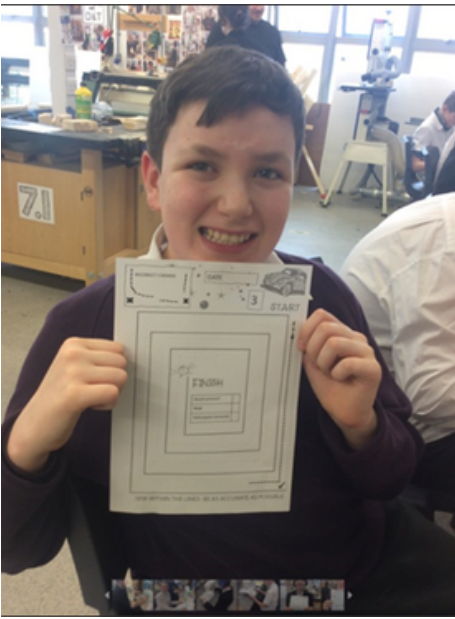
Our student said he really enjoyed working with Mrs Bourke in the kitchen and having this opportunity to learn new skills.

Mrs Bourke was very impressed and stated 'he demonstrated maturity, initiative and hard work. He was an absolute pleasure to have working in our kitchen'.



FEBRUARY

In Design Technology, many of the students experienced the Textiles element for the first time with Mrs Gillies. It has been truly amazing to watch how they have embraced this new challenge. Each of the students successfully completed various sewing machine driving tests, taking their time and building their confidence along the way. Mrs Gillies is very proud of everyone in the class. Well done!

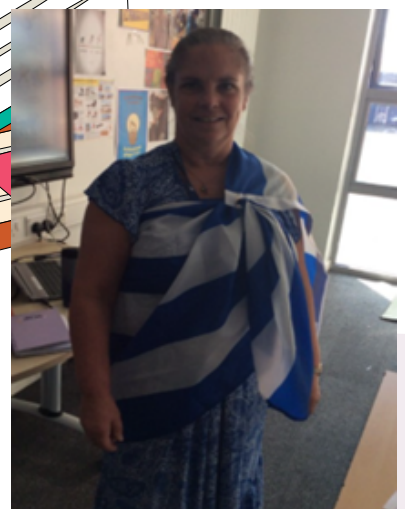


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Our school celebrated the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our community. From the Windrush generation to Muslim traditions, migration stories, and Viking history, we're exploring and appreciating the diversity that shapes our world.

In addition to our cultural explorations, we were excited to participate in a friendly dodgeball competition between classes! It was great opportunity to build relationships and enjoy some healthy competition.

Hope you enjoy the creative outfits worn to celebrate the countries our form classes have chosen. We are so proud of our students and their creativity!



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Dodgeball League Extravaganza!

As part of our week-long celebrations, the students and staff took part in a whole school dodgeball competition using the countries each class researched.

The event and groups was organised by Mr Sweeney and the team.

It was an amazing experience, and even though there had to be a winning class, everyone who took part were winners.



MARCH

Cultural Assembly

On Friday, all our students gathered for an assembly to celebrate the diverse countries and cultures they researched throughout the week. We were incredibly impressed with the students' commitment and the staff's competitive spirit. The displays were phenomenal, and seeing the pride in their work made us very proud. Throughout the week, students also had the opportunity to try a variety of foods from different countries. If you visit the reception area, you'll see the creative masterpieces displayed around the windows.

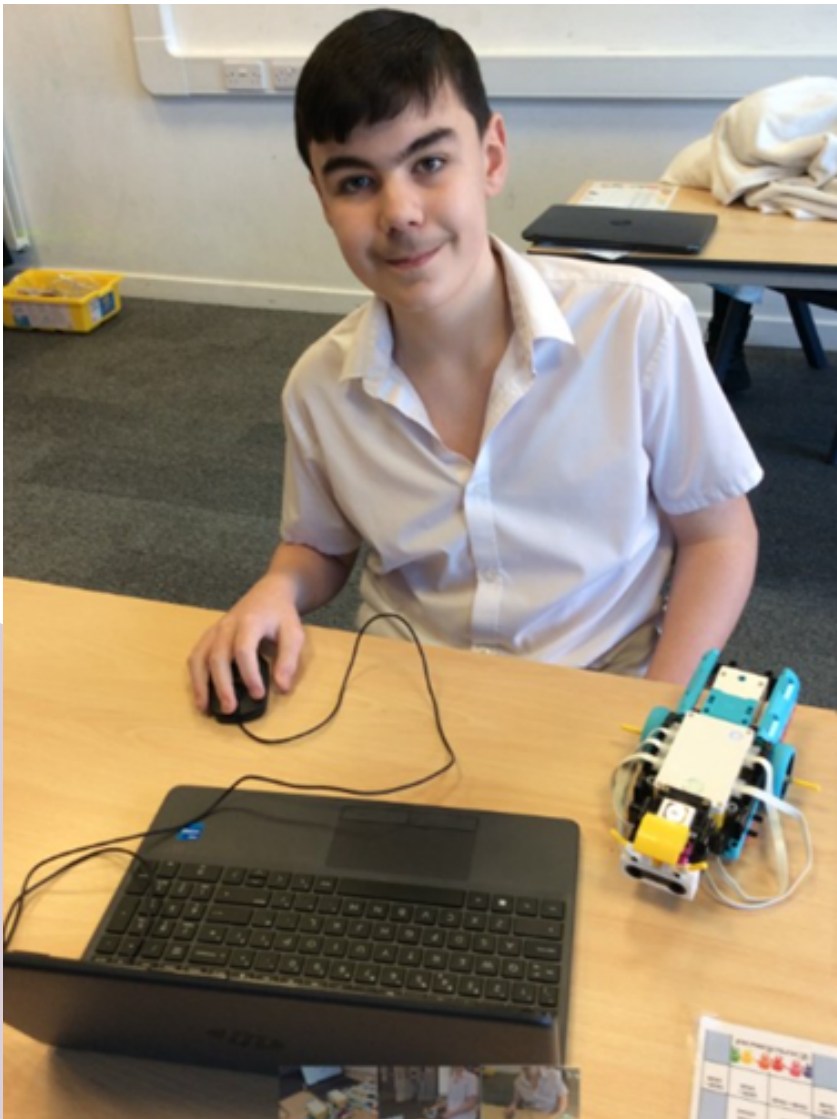


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INNOVATING EDUCATION WITH LEGO SPIKE PRIME!

We are thrilled to announce our exciting collaboration with the Royal Air Force and the Smallpeice Trust, bringing the innovative LEGO SPIKE Prime to our school! Mrs Gillies attended the training course and has initially rolled out the program to a small group of Year 9 students. Their first trial runs with the RoboDog, Grabber, and Bike robots have been a huge success.

Our students have been building and programming these robots to perform a variety of tasks. Mrs Gillies is hopeful to roll out this program to other students, enabling them to create their own successful builds and develop essential STEM skills.



MARCH

Our Year 11 BTEC Sport students have been excelling in their recent assessments, stepping up to plan and deliver their own PE lessons for their peers. Their leadership, creativity, and confidence have been outstanding, with each student demonstrating a strong grasp of coaching principles and lesson organisation. It's been fantastic to see them take charge and engage their classmates so effectively – a real credit to themselves and to Hope High. Well done to all involved!



MARCH

Key stage 3 football game Hope High vs Brookfield

Our Key Stage 3 team put on a phenomenal display in a closely contested match against Brookfield, narrowly losing 13-12 in what was truly a game to remember. Every student involved gave it their all, showing incredible teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout. The energy on the field was electric, and the effort from both sides made for a fantastic spectacle. A huge well done to all who took part – you did Hope High proud!



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The Aspire class was recently rewarded with a special trip to the cinema in Southport, where they had the chance to watch the beautifully crafted film *Kubo and the Two Strings*. This adventure was a well-deserved treat for the class, offering not only a break from the usual routine but also an opportunity to experience the magic of stop-motion animation. Following the cinema trip, the class had a trip to a park in Southport. This was a perfect reward for the Aspire class's hard work and dedication.



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Another vibrant highlight of the Mindful Morning sessions was the celebration of Holi, the festival of colours, which was brought to life through a creative tie-dye activity.

Students demonstrated their respect and maturity when learning about the customs of Holi and the 'Carnival of Colour' and then had the chance to engage in the colourful celebrations by creating their own tie-dye fabric and bags.

The students involved carefully thought about colours and patterns that they were going to use and created some brilliant designs.



HOLI

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Year 11 students have finished their chocolate-inspired cushions, drawing inspiration from Holly Levell, a UK textile artist specializing in soft sculpture, and Lucy Sparrow, one of the most exciting and original felt artists in the UK today. This project has given students the opportunity to work with a variety of materials and we hope to roll out this project to other classes over the next few months.

Most of the students have now learned how to tie-dye, and these cushions feature tie-dye designs on the back. We are so proud of their work.



Chocolate



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RED NOSE DAY

Hope High School hosted a Stand-Up Comedy Show on Friday, March 21st. This event featured performances by both students and staff, there was an afternoon filled with laughter and fun! During the show, cakes were available for a small donation.



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Aspire Class Tie-Dye Masterpieces!

Following on from our recent posts, we are thrilled to share the wonderful work the Aspire class has been doing. This week, they have been learning the tie-dye technique and have created their own masterpieces. Some of these beautiful bag creations will hopefully be sold at the Easter Fayre. We are so proud of their creativity and dedication!



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We are pleased to share with you some moments captured during our recent practice expedition for our Silver award, where pupils certainly demonstrated a good level of determination.

Throughout the expedition, the students engaged in activities designed to encourage them before their qualifying expedition in June, such as practicing their canoeing skills, navigating over diverse terrain and making themselves a hot chocolate over a camping cooker. Their teamwork and perseverance were truly commendable, and we are proud of the progress they have made.



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EXCITING NEWS!

We are thrilled to announce that Hope High School has officially been granted Asthma Friendly School Accreditation! This achievement reflects our ongoing commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for all students.

A special thank you goes out to Mrs Wilde for all her hard work and dedication in making this possible. Your passion and efforts truly make a difference!

Together, we continue to foster a healthier and more inclusive school for everyone.

This half term, a group of students have been taking on their own role-playing adventure in the Dungeons & Dragons After-School Club. The group have demonstrated their imagination, creativity, and teamwork when taking on the roles of heroes and adventurers. Each student has a character with their own unique abilities and have used their problem solving skills to evade monsters and zombies!



Ole Skool Sports Day

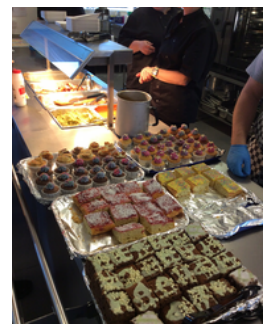
Some of our children were invited by Wigan Athletic to participate in an 'Ole Skool Sports Day', competing against other Schools. They all had a fabulous time. We are very proud that they represented our School.



Spring Fair Success!

Fun was had by all at our annual Spring Fair! We were delighted to welcome past pupils, staff, and two very special little visitors—Miss Forrester's twins!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for a lovely afternoon, a massive thank you to those who generously donated (families, carers and members of the community), and a very special thanks to Linda Ashton for her incredible contributions. Your support made this event truly special! Over a **£1000** was raised for our lovely School which goes towards our trips and resources.



Tesla visited our school and gave a presentation to select students from our council on the benefits of electric vehicles and sustainable energy. After the presentation, our guests invited students, staff, and parents to explore two Model 3 cars up close.



Useful Numbers and Contacts

Lancashire Children's Social Care: 0300 123 6720

Police: Emergency 999

Non-Emergency 101

Prevent team (Police) : For advice on preventing radicalisation or reporting concerns. Lancashire Police Prevent Officers can be contacted by: telephone: 01282 472329/ 01282 472324.

Lancashire Children and Family Well-being Service:

West Lancashire: 01696 651350

Chorley: 01257 516466

Preston: 01772 539420

Mental Health Services:

NHS-Our Mental Health Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 0800 953 0110

Samaritans: call on freephone 116 123. They're always open and are there to listen.

Mind: Mental Health Service- 03001233393- text - 86463

You can text shout to Crisis- You can text SHOUT to 85258

For free, anonymous mental health support/advice : Kooth.com

Lancashire CAMHS Services:

CAMHS West Lancs Helpline: 01695 684 262

CAMHS Leyland: 01772 644 644

CAMHS Preston: 01772 777 344

CAMHS East Lancashire: 01282 425 071

Other Useful Safeguarding Sites:

Child Action North West: <https://canw.org.uk/>

NEST Lancashire: <https://nestlancashire.org/>

NSPCC: 0808 8005 000

For any medical concerns please contact your GP

Up and Coming...

SUMMER TERM

May

7th May Exams begin
26th-30th May Half Term

June

18th June Y11 Leavers' Trip

July

1st -3rd July Towerwood
16th-18th July Towerwood

18th July School Closes

School reopens: 3rd September 2025

breakfast

ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE
BREAKFAST/EAST SNACK WHEN
THEY ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AND
THROUGHOUT THE MORNING.

snack



Scan here to explore PADLET Mental Health Resources.



A REMINDER FOR PARENTS/CARERS TO PLEASE ENSURE THAT UNIFORM IS LABELLED. WE ARE REGULARLY BEING ASKED ABOUT LOST UNIFORM BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO FIND.

