



SUMMER TERM 2026

It has been another busy term, with pupils making the most of the many personal development and enrichment opportunities on offer. From trips, workshops and careers activities to leadership, and wellbeing events, students have embraced new experiences, developed valuable skills and made a positive contribution to school life. We are proud of their enthusiasm and look forward to another exciting term ahead. Some of the highlights are included in this bulletin.

Meet the Professional Careers Lessons (Year 7)

Delivered by our Careers Advisers, pupils explored a range of careers and the skills, qualities, and qualifications needed for different roles. They had a meaningful encounter with an employer representative, gaining valuable insight into the **world** of work. Throughout the experience, students also developed key employability skills including teamwork, communication, listening, confidence, self-awareness, and presentation skills.

Raising Aspirations: Breakfasts with Industry (Year 8)

Pupils participated in a range of online and face-to-face presentations from professionals working in sectors including law, politics, medicine, and finance. Most of the guest speakers were former students, providing inspiring and relatable examples of different career pathways. Through these employer encounters, pupils gained valuable insight into the workplace, learned about a variety of career opportunities, and developed a greater understanding of the routes available to them in the future.

Broadening Horizons Careers Lessons (Year 8)

Delivered by our Careers Advisers, students explored a range of careers and increased their understanding of the pathways available after school, including college, apprenticeships, and higher education. They met a non-teaching member of staff and learned about their career journey, providing a valuable insight into the world of work. Students also developed their understanding of qualifications, career planning, and the factors that influence salaries and employment opportunities.

Pastoral Enrichment Curriculum (Years 7-9 All About Me and Y10 CV writing)

In preparation for Pupil Review Day, pupils began preparing to showcase their achievements throughout the year by reflecting on their strengths, personal qualities, and accomplishments. They considered the progress they have made both personally, identifying key successes, challenges they have overcome, and areas where they have demonstrated resilience and growth. This process encouraged pupils to recognise their achievements, build self-confidence, and prepare to discuss their learning journey with pride and confidence during Pupil Review Day.

The University of Leeds Open Day (Year 10)

The entire Year 10 cohort attended the University of Leeds Open Day as part of our careers and aspirations programme. Students experienced university life first-hand by exploring the campus and learning about the courses, facilities, and opportunities available in higher education. For many pupils, this was their first experience of a university environment. The visit provided an immersive opportunity to broaden horizons, raise aspirations, and gain a greater understanding of the pathways available to them after school.



Financial Awareness and Money Management (Year 9)

Pupils developed their understanding of financial awareness and money management through their maths lessons. They explored key concepts such as budgeting, saving, spending, and the importance of making informed financial decisions. This helped pupils build essential life skills and an understanding of how maths is applied in real-life financial contexts.



Honours Citizenship Day (Year 8)

Pupils learned about how receiving an honour is a great accomplishment. Pupils learned about honours, celebrated local heroes who have an honour and were inspired by local heroes to make a difference themselves. Pupils wrote their own citations, and some were short-listed to share their citations with Melanie Bryan OBE.



College Taster Days (Year 10)

All Year 10 pupils attended taster days at St John Rigby College, Wigan and Leigh College or Winstanley College where they gained a valuable insight into college life and the opportunities available after Year 11. During the days, students participated in three taster lessons that they have selected themselves, allowing them to explore subjects that interest them and experience learning in a college environment. In addition to attending lessons, pupils will have the opportunity to explore the college campus, learn about the facilities on offer, and meet staff and current students. This experience helped students develop a better understanding of post-16 education, raise their aspirations, and support them in making informed decisions about their future education and career pathways.



Taster Days this year at St John Rigby, Winstanley and Wigan and Leigh Colleges

Years 7 – 11 Pastoral Curriculum

All pupils continue to explore a wide range of PSHE topics through their weekly pastoral curriculum lessons, delivered by Form Tutors. These sessions support their personal development by covering key themes such as health and wellbeing, relationships, safety, and preparation for life beyond school. The curriculum helps pupils to develop important life skills, make informed decisions, and build confidence and resilience as they progress through their education.

Advance notice – Year 10 Work Experience (19–23 April 2027)

All Year 10 students will take part in a week-long work experience placement, with no timetabled lessons during this period. **Placements must be arranged by students and their families** and should reflect the student's interests where possible. This valuable experience helps develop employability skills, raises aspirations, and provides insight into the world of work. Families are encouraged to begin exploring opportunities early, with limited support available from the Careers Team where required.