

Summer Term 2
Friday 20th June 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

This week we said goodbye to our brilliant Year 11 students. I can genuinely say that they have been a brilliant year group. All of the staff have been so impressed by the dedication that the vast majority of them have shown in their final preparations for and conduct during their GCSE examinations. The leavers' assembly was a really fitting end to the exam season. The students took the opportunity to sign each other's shirts and bring in cards and gifts for their teachers which were much appreciated. Thank you!



Year 7 to 10 Exams

Despite the fact that the Year 11s have now formally finished their high school education, life goes on as normal in school. The Year 7 to 10 students have been busy with their assessments over the last fortnight, and the Year 10s will be going on their work experience placements next week. The assessments have run smoothly and students have really taken on board the need to prepare well so that they can 'climb higher' to achieve the best that they are capable of.

Health and Safety Inspection

You will be pleased to hear that our annual Lancashire County Council Health and Safety assessment went extremely well earlier this week. The inspector was really impressed with all of our practices in school and was confident that we are taking all of the correct precautions to make sure that students and staff are safe in school. Many thanks to Mr Crook for leading on this.

Reminder About Book Donations

We're always looking for ways to inspire a love of reading in our students: we are fortunate to have a brilliant library at Whitworth and a good selection of books but we need your help to build our collection further. If you have any good-condition books at home that are no longer needed, please consider donating them. We're especially looking for popular fiction and young adult novels; graphic novels; diverse and inclusive stories and non-fiction books. Books can be handed in at Reception, given directly to your child's form tutor, or taken to Mrs Pickering in our library. Thank you in advance for your support in helping us build a vibrant, welcoming space for all our readers.

Calendar

June 2025

23rd June

Y10 Work experience

26th June

Y11 Prom

27th June

Y7/8 Sports day

30th June

Y9/10 Sports day

July 2025

1st July

Rochdale 6th Form

Taster day Y10

2nd July

Y10 Geography field trip

3rd July

Y6 Welcome day/evening

9th July

Awards Evening

16th July

Summer Concert

18th July

Commendations

21st August

GCSE Results Day

Lighthouse Art Competition Update

On 6th May, I reported that several students had been selected as finalists in the Lighthouse Community Foodshare card competition. I can now proudly tell you that four talented WCHS students won the competition. Their designs will be in print soon. Well done Anastassia, Mahnoor, Lucia and Alfie.



Whit Friday

Those of you who have an interest in live brass music will be familiar with the annual Saddleworth Whit Walks and Band Competitions. This year they took place on the evening of Friday 13th June. Despite some concerns from some of our more superstitious students, the date turned out to be a resounding success for many members of our school community who took part. Brooke T represented the school in the Stacksteads Band; Luke T Liam J and Hannah H all played with 2nd Rossendale Scouts; and Isla C represented Milnrow. Some of our staff were also actively engaged too. Mr Sheldon, Mrs Reed and Mr Williams were all in Saddleworth with their respective bands. Well done to all of you for being involved with something so positive and culturally important to our region.



Photography Competition - Entries close 30th June

We continue to look for ways in which we can brighten up the corridors of our new school building. One of our newest initiatives is a photography competition. The winners will have their work developed, enlarged and framed so that the artistic work of our own students can take pride of place around school. Please encourage your children to get involved. The entry information is here in this poster.



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



CAPTURE A CLOSE UP

We are excited to invite all students to showcase their creativity and passion for photography in our **NEW** whole school competition. Whether you're a seasoned photographer or a budding enthusiast, this is your chance to capture moments, express your unique perspective, and share your photos with the school community

THE THEME IS "CLOSE UP"

Students can either complete the competition at home by using their own devices or in Art Club (Monday) where they can use the departments devices. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, and all winning entries will be displayed for everyone to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing the world through your lens and celebrating your creativity!

START CAPTURING NOW!

ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE EMAILED TO MISS GILBERT OR MRS WALSH BY MON 30TH JUNE

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR EMAIL SUBJECT IS: PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION PLUS YOUR NAME



Student Leadership

A skill that is valued here at Whitworth Community High School is Leadership. It is important that we develop our students so that they can be the leaders of tomorrow. Student leadership is also important because it fosters personal growth and empowers students to make a positive impact on their school and community. Furthermore, it provides students with opportunities to build confidence and enhance their communication skills. It therefore gives me great pleasure to report that our new cohort of prefects was appointed during assembly this morning. This was followed directly by a mini-assembly during which our new Sports Ambassadors were announced. These students are all great ambassadors to our school and we are proud of them!

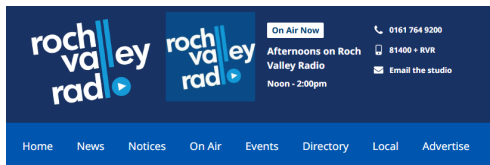
Community Engagement

Thank you to some of our brilliant students who are active members of the 1st Whitworth Guides and Rangers who served our local community on Monday 16th June by helping the Whitworth in Bloom group to tidy up and plant at the Hall Street community planter. Among the group were four of WCHS students, Sarah F, Alice K, Daisy B and Poppy F alongside Bloom volunteer and WCHS staff member, Miss Thomson.



Rising Rugby Star

It was wonderful to see Year 10 student Jack A recently featured in a local news article. Jack is aiming to be scouted by a professional club after impressing during an overseas tour with his Saddleworth Rangers teammates. This is great news for Jack who always conducts himself respectfully in school. He clearly saves all of his energies for the rugby field.



Young Whitworth rugby talent aims for professional dream after international tour

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By David Murphy



A teenage rugby player from Whitworth is aiming to be scouted by a professional club after impressing during an overseas tour with his Saddleworth Rangers teammates.

Jack Ashworth, 15, has played rugby since the age of five and is now hoping to turn his passion into a career. The Whitworth Community High School pupil currently plays second row for Saddleworth Rangers U15s and recently returned from a week long trip to Spain and France with the squad.



Best wishes

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Headteacher