



# Newsletter

**Summer Term 2**  
**Friday 19th June 2026**

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Dear parents and carers,

## Year 11 Leavers

We said goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 students this week. Their time at school ended right after their physics exam on Monday. We held a special leavers' assembly to celebrate their time with us. The room was full of mixed feelings, and there were many tears of both joy and sadness. Below, you can see the very last photo of our amazing school prefect team, which includes both our Year 10 and Year 11 student leaders.



This group of students has been absolutely fantastic throughout their time at our school. They showed great maturity, and their behaviour in the exam hall was excellent. We want to wish every single one of them the very best for the future. We are excited to see many of them again soon at the Prom, for those who met our school behaviour rules. We also look forward to seeing everyone on GCSE Results Day on Thursday 20th August, and at our GCSE Presentation Evening in November, so please keep an eye out for your official invitations.

## Calendar

**June  
2026**

**Thursday 25th**  
Y11 Prom

**July  
2026**

**Thursday 2nd**  
Y6 Welcome Day  
(Student only)  
&  
Y6 Welcome  
Evening 6.30pm  
(Students, parents  
and carers)

**Wednesday 8th**  
Y7-10 Awards  
Evening  
(by invitation only)

**Friday 17th**  
After school  
closure- Summer  
break



## **Farewell to Mrs Williams**

As well as saying goodbye to our year 11s this week, we also say a fond farewell to our academic mentor. Mrs Williams has worked at Whitworth Community High School for 10 years. During that time, Mrs Williams has supported hundreds of children as they prepare for their GCSEs. Most recently, in addition to her mentoring role, she has also been helping out in the pastoral office and with the cover team. We wish Mrs Williams all the best as she begins her new role a bit closer to home at Alder Grange High School.

## **Congratulations to our newly appointed Year 9 Prefects**

As our Year 11 students leave, a bright group of leaders is ready to step up. We are proud to announce that we have now chosen our new team of Year 9 prefects. These students are ready to take on exciting leadership roles and help run our school. To be successful, they wrote fantastic application letters and did a wonderful job in their interviews. Below, you can see a photo of them with their brand new prefect ties and badges.



## **Year 7-10 Exams**

The year 7 to 10 exams are now all complete. In the main, the students have shown great maturity and dedication to their learning, both in preparation for the assessments and in their conduct during the tests. During the next few weeks, the teachers will be marking their work and providing feedback regarding how they can make improvements and take their learning to the next level.

## **Pastoral Team Hot Chocolate Rewards**

Each Friday, I love to reward a different group of students with a hot chocolate treat to celebrate their hard work. Over the last few weeks, our pastoral staff picked the special winners for many different reasons. Some students earned their spot by getting a lot of achievement points. Others were chosen for showing great strength and staying positive during tough times. Below, you can see our proud Year 9 winners smiling with their head of year, Miss McVarish. Unfortunately, I forgot to take a photo of our Year 8 winners to include in this bulletin, but I am just as proud of them.



## **Year 10 Work Experience**

Our Year 10 students are embarking on an exciting adventure as they head out for work experience next week. They will get a real taste of the working world by joining a huge variety of local businesses and industries. This is a fantastic chance for them to learn new skills outside the classroom. We are very proud of them and look forward to sharing stories of their progress and success in our next school newsletter.

## Back to the 80s

On Tuesday 9th June auditions were held for this year's musical 'Back to the 80s'. The turnout and the quality of the talent on display was phenomenal! We have never had such a big cast - 62 to be exact with more students to be involved later in the year when our 80s band is formed. This year was the most difficult casting process ever, as so many of our students surprised us with their fantastic singing voices that they have been hiding. We revealed our cast on Wednesday after spending hours deliberating. To say we are excited about this production and the wonderful cast is an understatement. We hope to create a fully immersive 80s experience this year and we're sure you will need to secure tickets very quickly when they go on sale later in the year.

All details of rehearsals are communicated to students via the form powerpoint and also in a dedicated google classroom where parents can also see dates and times students are required.



## Sunday Choir Performance

Following the success of our Vocal Group in Rochdale's Choir of the Year competition, we were invited to perform at Rochdale Music Service's 'Summer Sizzler' concert at Middleton Arena on Sunday 14th June. The concert featured a massed band made up of students from several local Primary Schools, a Rock Band featuring Isla C from Y11, a Fanfare Team and Brass group featuring Liam J and Isla C, and a Folk Group. Our Vocal Group sang a medley from Wicked and a beautiful arrangement of Coldplay's Fix You. They sounded amazing and received lots of lovely, positive comments from members of the audience who were so impressed with their performance. Well done to everyone involved.



## JCQ Inspection

Every year, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) inspects our school. They check that all exam rules are followed perfectly to keep testing fair. While we always pass with flying colours, this year was extra special. We passed our official inspection with zero recommendations for improvement. A huge congratulations goes to our wonderful exams officer, Mrs Lord, who manages all of our examinations so flawlessly!

## H&S Inspection

Our success continued during our annual health and safety inspection which also took place last week. Special thanks to Mr Crook and to all of the site team for an equally positive inspection during which it was confirmed that our school is indeed a safe place to be for all staff, students and visitors.

## Lockdown Drill

Following our safety theme, many local residents who hear our school loudspeakers will know we tested our lockdown procedures last week. It is very important that we prepare for every situation to keep our students safe at school. All of our students did an amazing job and followed the rules perfectly. We have now made a short action plan to make our safety practices even better for the future.

## Sports Round-up

While it is great that our top teams get to compete regularly, we also want to give chances to other students who love to take part. This is why Mr Cawley has had lots of our B teams playing in district competitions over the last few weeks. This shows our strong commitment to being an inclusive school where every single student gets their chance to shine. Our teams have done an amazing job on the field! The Under 13s won 4-2 against All Saints, and the Under 15s won 5-0 against TVLA. These fantastic results mean that both teams have made it into the finals, which will take place in the next few weeks. We want to wish the very best of luck to all of our talented players!



Our first team boys have also been in action this week. The year 9s drew 4-4 with BRGS on Monday evening meaning that they secured enough points to win the premiership. The year 10s won 3-2 against the current cup holders meaning that they will be promoted to the championship next season.



Our girls have also been working hard and competing in exciting sports events. In the Under 14 Rounders tournament, the girls played four games, winning one and losing three. The matches were incredibly close, and the team was very unlucky not to walk away with two more wins. Even bigger news comes from our older students on the football pitch. We are deeply impressed that our Under 15 Girls won both the Rossendale League and the Cup football competitions! They have shown amazing teamwork and skill, and we are incredibly proud of their double victory.



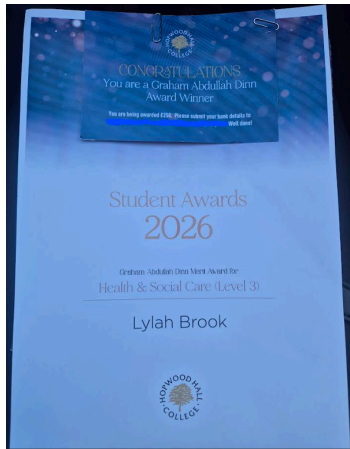
### Rossendale Foot-Golf Competition

On Tuesday, Whitworth Community High School hosted a foot-golf tournament for the whole of the district. There were inter-school competitions going on throughout the day with 150 children of all ages from 21 Rossendale schools represented. Huge thanks to Mr Cawley and his fantastic team of Sports Ambassadors for organising the event. The winners were:

- Years 3 and 4: Balleden Primary School
- Years 5 and 6: Waterfoot Primary School
- Year 7: Whitworth Community High School
- Year 9: Alder Grange
- Year 10: Whitworth Community High School
- Key Stage 3 Girls: The Valley Leadership Academy

### Alumni News

It was great to hear about one of our former prefects, Lylah Brook, who left our school two years ago. Last week, she was named as the top student who completed Level 3 Health and Social Care at Hopwood Hall college. Lylah is predicted to be awarded a Triple Distinction before moving on to Leeds University to study midwifery. This is fantastic news and it goes without saying that we are all proud of Lylah.



Best wishes

Mr A Oliver  
Headteacher

Where's  
the Harm



# Vapes, Knives, Alcohol, Lip Fillers

**Trading Standards needs your help.**

Young people can be exposed to unsafe, illegal or age-restricted products.

**Do you know of young people being sold or having access to:**

- Vapes
- Knives
- Lip filler or cosmetic procedures
- Alcohol

If a young person shares where they are accessing these, **report it.**

**Working together to keep young people safe.**

**Your information helps us:**

- Protect children & young people
- Take action against illegal traders
- Keep your local community safe

Report Anonymously

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