

The Whitworth Whistle



Head Teacher Op-ed

What an amazing summer of sport we are having at Whitworth Community High School! Those of you who read my fortnightly newsletters will have seen a huge amount of reports about varied sporting opportunities, innovative fundraising activities and competitive fixtures for all abilities and genders.

You all know that I have really high academic and pastoral expectations of students in school. As such, I believe it is really important that students leave school as well-behaved, responsible citizens with a suite of top GCSE qualifications. However, it is also important that they have the opportunities to take part in extracurricular activities that develop their skills and talents. This is why I fully support the work that Mr Cawley and his team do to provide the opportunities that you will read about in this edition of the Whitworth Whistle.

Participating in sport teaches our young people about teamwork, resilience, and fair play. These important life lessons help our students grow both inside and outside the classroom. I am incredibly proud of every student who has taken part, tried a new activity, or cheered on their peers this term. Please enjoy reading about their wonderful achievements, and let us keep working together to 'climb higher' in everything we do!

Mr Oliver, Headteacher

Editor Op-ed

Welcome to the seventh edition of our highly successful school paper; The Whitworth Whistle! Thanks to the amazing WCHS P.E staff, there have been many extra curricular activities for students to get involved in, such as our annual colour run and the newly introduced 'gunge a teacher' fundraising events.

As a frequent member of most of the WCHS school teams, I try to encourage younger and older students to take part in the wide variety of clubs available.

A special thanks has to go to Mr Cawley, Ethan Coad and everybody involved in making this newspaper happen. It is just as important to celebrate the successes of these teams as well as participating, so without further ado, I give you this terms Whitworth Whistle!

James Power, Editor



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Chants, Skills and a Post-Rattling Effort: Debutant Steals The Show!

On Thursday 4th June, the Whitworth Year 8's played a friendly match against the Year 8's from All Saints High. However, this game was special due to the first appearance of the highly anticipated Dexter F. This game was to be his debut for the school team, and everyone could tell from minute one he was up to the task.

During an interview with Dexter before the game he told us this moving statement:

'I am very nervous, yes, but I've done it before and I can do it again. My nan always said believe you can do it, so I will keep her advice in mind'.

The match kicked off with Dexter ready to come on when he was needed, motivating the team with his incredible dance moves and inspirational chants. Despite his grand efforts to drive his team forward, the first goal of the match came from a counter attack from All Saints. One threaded ball made an easy job for the striker, one on one with the keeper, who put it in the bottom left corner of the goal. Although they were behind, Whitworth continued to press forward, and after numerous chances, they were awarded a penalty. The WCHS forward Sam G stepped up and coolly slotted the ball past the All Saints keeper. Following this Equaliser, Dexter officially made his debut and stepped onto the pitch for the first time. The game flowed back and forth for some time, and the half time whistle blew with the score at 1-1.

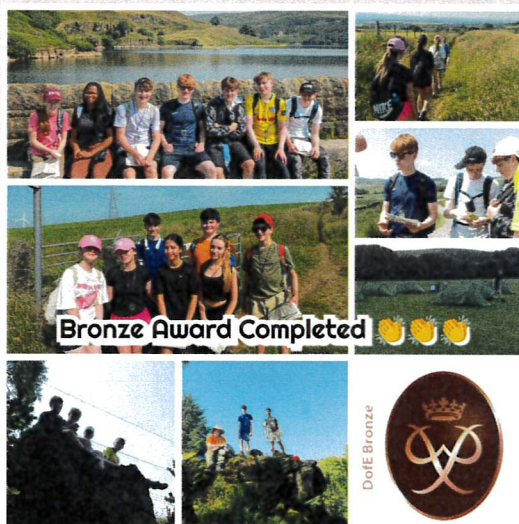
After a quick regroup and team talk, the second half started. Whitworth began pressing immediately, and as a result, forced All Saints into giving away a cheap free kick. The free kick was taken again by Sam G. And he hit it spectacularly into the net, securing himself a brace. What a performance!

As the game progressed further, it was clear that Whitworth's lead would not remain for long, and it was no surprise to spectators when All Saints equalised with a close range shot. This meant that the debutant was even more convinced to make his mark on his first ever game; and he very nearly did. The ball dropped to Dexter F just outside the box to the left of the goal. A brilliant touch and pure composure meant he had time to pick his spot, and...

The ball looped over the All Saints goalkeeper, and for a moment, his shot looked goal-bound, but no; the ball rattled against the post and the chance was lost! Despite his unlucky effort, Dexter continued on with a bright smile on his face that eventually widened when Sam completed his hat-trick and shot Whitworth into the lead.

All saints continued to look for yet another equaliser, and in the final few moments, a shot by their striker was blocked and launched forwards by a Whitworth defender. The ball fell nicely for Sam who sealed the win with his fourth goal of the game. An incredible performance by the whole team, especially Sam G and Dexter F. Congratulations for this special win!

Written by James Power (Year 9)



Well done to the 14 Year 10 students who have passed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award this June. Having already completed their physical, volunteering and skills sections they finished the expedition section after a 2 day walk in and around Whitworth.

Students can now move on to complete their Silver award at college and hopefully Gold!

Thrilling End-to-End Contest Delights Spectators

On the 4th of June 2026, the Whitworth Community High School Year 7 students played their first game. Whitworth knew that this was going to be a tough game as they were playing All Saints, who are a great side. The players showed great character and fought tirelessly until the final whistle.

didn't have much luck. The away side just kept pressing the Whitworth defence, and it worked as the visitors took complete control of the game and scored another 4 goals in the second half. If Whitworth took their chances they could've got into the game and got a real foothold into it. The game ended Whitworth 1-7 All Saints.

Written by Ethan Coad (Year 9)

The game started off very physically with a great chance at the start of the game for Whitworth but they couldn't put it away. Although they missed that chance, they took one later to make it 1-0 to Whitworth. All Saints were applying the pressure trying to get the equaliser, and after 5 minutes of the home side scoring, All Saints equalised with a great finish. It was an end to end first half with both sides having great chances but All saints came out on top in the first half with a 2 goal advantage. Whitworth 1-3 All Saints.

The second half got underway in quick succession, and All Saints added to their lead so early into the second half despite Whitworth's immense pressure to get back into the game. From there it only got worse for Whitworth, conceding another goal after missing a great chance that was squandered. All Saints were a brilliant side on the day and took their chances well, but Whitworth on the other hand...



A big congratulations to our school football teams who have won a total of 7 trophies. The year 7, year 9 and year 10 boys teams all won the league, whilst the under 15 girls and the year 11 boys team achieved the double by winning the league and cup.

A big congratulations to every student involved in this amazing accomplishment.

Brain Break

Anagram Solver

Find the words inside the mixed up letters!

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ORULCOURN

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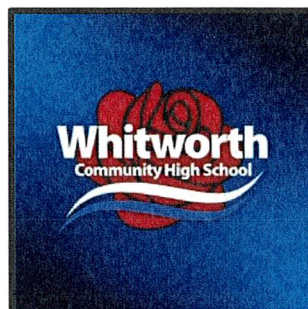
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Answers - Whitworth, Colour Run, Athletics, Mr Cawley

Find The Logo

Around the paper there is one of these symbols hidden on every page (excluding the front cover and this page). Can you spot them all and draw a circle around them?

Note- Whitworth logos without blue background doesn't count.



Around & About Whitworth High

Year 6 Pupils Rise to the Challenge

On the 22nd of June, 27 pupils from St Anselm's visited Whitworth's Sports Hall to see what it would be like to be in secondary school. The session gave students the chance to experience a normal PE lesson at Whitworth and take part in a variety of fitness activities inside of our school's fitness suite.

When they arrived, the students were immediately set their first challenge: changing into their PE kit in under six minutes. As the timer counted down, everyone rose to the occasion, and by the final buzzer all students had made it out of the changing rooms, smashing the challenge.

Once they had finished getting changed, the students headed to the fitness suite, ready to take on their first PE lesson in secondary school. Excited and eager to get started, they quickly settled into the session and embraced the challenge ahead.

Before they started their first ever fitness lesson, Mr Cawley gathered them together and gave them a detailed briefing about what life in secondary school would be like. He explained the different subjects they would study, how their timetable would work, and what teachers would expect from them. He also talked about making new friends, getting involved in school activities, and the importance of being organised and responsible. His talk helped the students feel more prepared, confident, and excited about beginning this new stage of their education.

During their lesson, we went around and asked a few pupils some questions to take their ideas into consideration. Eight pupils were asked about what they were and weren't looking forward to at high school. Lots of them said that they were most looking forward to sports such as football and cross country whereas some people said they weren't looking forward to some sports such as rugby and football.

One student named Harry said that he was looking forward to going on trips abroad but not looking forward to detentions. Fortunately, Whitworth provides numerous opportunities to take part in a wide range of trips abroad so he is in luck!

The students worked incredibly hard throughout the lesson and were proud to successfully complete their very first PE session. Afterwards, they returned to the changing rooms to get changed back into their school uniforms before taking on the six-minute challenge once again, which they completed brilliantly. They left Whitworth at the end of the day, feeling proud of everything they had achieved and excited for many more PE lessons to come.

Written by Noah Aughey, Jack Cornall, Robyn Newell (Year 7)



Kick, Putt, Score!

On Tuesday 16th of June, 17 primary schools came to our school to compete in the Rossendale Footgolf Tournament. First off all, we watched the amazing sports ambassadors set up the course with incredible pace. In the morning, we greeted 8 primary schools, and in the afternoon there were 9, all eager to get started. The aim of the game was to try and get the lowest possible score in your group, which would lead you to hopefully win. Mr Cawley explained the rules to the schools, and soon enough, they were starting.

We interviewed a few people, and here were their responses:

From St Barts, we interviewed Kai, a visitor at the tournament. He told us that he was having 'fun', and told us about his football passion outside of school. He hoped to 'see more competitions like this, especially basketball.'

Next, we interviewed the leading sports ambassador of the event, Andrew Brien. He informed us that he thought that the competition was going 'well', with a good layout and that there were no problems. He told us his favourite thing about being a sports ambassador was 'helping develop his leadership skills.'

Finally, we interviewed Mr Cawley. He said he liked the competitions because it gives as many children as possible chances to play sports. His favourite part of doing them is to see children thrive with their opportunities.

Overall, the competition was a success, with Bellenden Primary School winning the morning, and Water Primary School winning the afternoon.

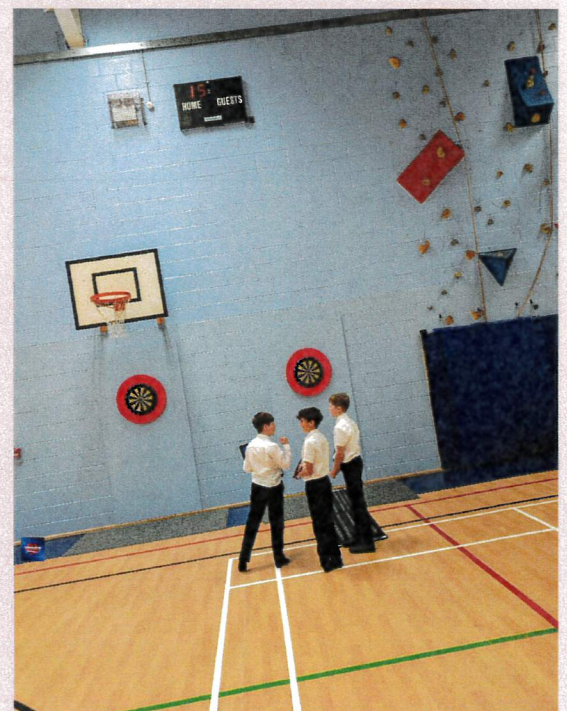
Written by Eydi Traynor & Betsy Parkes (Year 7)



Every throw counts.

Our school darts club offers the students the opportunity to develop precision, play against one another and enjoy a fun, welcoming activity. To support the popularity of the school darts club. Buying new boards and darts so they are giving students access to excellent equipment! The students played against each other so that they can practice and get better for the upcoming competition that will take place next year! The ten students participating, have learned new sports skills such as perseverance, respect and sportsmanship. Each student started with 501 points and they each have three darts. Their score is subtracted from their remaining total. Their final dart must end on a double to win! At the end two people had managed to hit bullseye taking their score down by fifty (which is very hard to get as it is right in the center of the board) So come to the darts club, have fun and it is very welcoming- don't forget every throw counts!

Written by: Darcy Rothwell and Lola-Mai Simpson. (Year 8)



Final Whistle: See who won!

Game	Result
Yr7 Football Cup Final	BRGS 1-0 Whitworth
U15 Girls Football Cup Final	Whitworth 4-2 Alder Grange
Yr11 Cup Football Final	Whitworth 4-0 BRGS
Yr9 Rounder Competition	4th Place
U15B Football Cup Semi Final	TVLA 0-5 Whitworth
U13B Football Cup Semi Final	Whitworth 4-2 All Saints
Yr9 Football League Match	Whitworth 4-4 BRGS
Yr9 Football League Match	Whitworth 3-2 BRGS
Yr 7 Foot Golf Competition	1st Place
Yr 8 Foot Golf Competition	2nd Place
Yr 9 Foot Golf Competition	1st Place
U14 Cricket Match	Whitworth 130/1 All Saints 61/4
U13B Cup Final	Whitworth 5-1 Alder Grange
U15B Cup Final	Whitworth 1-2 Alder Grange
U14 Cricket Match	Whitworth 59 all out Alder Grange 128/1



Fantastic Frantic Football Final

Whitworth vs Alder Grange

FIRST HALF:

The starting whistle blew. Whitworth started with the kickoff ; straight into a heated match. The match started off very even with both teams having similar time on the ball. Whitworth opened up with a goal about half way through the first half quickly followed by a goal from Alder Grange. Then the game stayed both sided with tackles, crosses and corners from both teams. Moments before half time, a composed and comfortable goal was scored to put Whitworth back in the lead, making it 2-1 to Whitworth.

SECOND HALF:

After an inspirational pep talk with the coach at halftime, Whitworth headed straight back into the game with strong mindsets and high hopes. Alder Grange then took a slow kickoff to try to gain momentum which was quickly lost to the midfield then swiftly crossed to the left wing for another goal to Whitworth. A long ball was shot across to left wing for a third goal for Whitworth ; not long after two players were substituted of for two fresh players shortly after Whitworth's substitutions Alder Grange was starting to break through our defensive line up for a smart and swift shot from Alder Grande was going straight to the back of the net but Whitworth's keeper was as ready as ever and smoothly blocked it for a corner to Alder Grange which had no threat to the 3-1 lead to Whitworth Community High School. Shortly after there was a ball over the top for a

potential fourth and final goal for Whitworth ; shortly after about five minutes to the end a swift un expected goal came from out of nowhere finalising the score to 5-1 to Whitworth and not long after the final whistle blew for a great game making Whitworth win the Lancashire u-13's final Whitworth erupt in celebration with their manager and coach celebrating but Alder Grange with their heads down after unfortunately losing the match after an amazing but yet breathtaking match.

Written by Toby Simons & Jamie Cahill (Year 8)



Young Cricketers Shine in Victory



At Bacup Borough on Monday 29th June 2026 Whitworth community high school played against All Saints in a very competitive game of cricket. The cricket match was under 14s, first of all Whitworth community high school batted first and All Saints bowled first. Whitworth community high school got 1 wicket, 13 overs and 30/1 runs, the photographer of the game was Sophie Baron. The referee was Bill Slinger and each team would have 90 bowls each, it was 15 minutes each and 15 overs each, All Saints batted second and Whitworth community high school bowled second. All Saints scored 41 runs, 1 wicket and 8 overs. One star player was Mason Hayhurst as he put so much effort into everything the team did, another star player was Andrew Brien first of all he had a cracking swing at the ball. He also took a player out by catching the ball, the players that played were Charlie Hartley, Leo Vincent, Oscar Polet Donnan, James Power, Harrison Turner, Jude Robinson, Mason Hayhurst, Andrew Brien, Harry MacLellan, Tyler Hall and Xander Taylor.

Made by- Isabelle Guest, Daphne Radford and Lily-Ann Horridge (Year 7)



Picture Perfect Portraits



Welcome to our Picture Perfect Page, created for students who are passionate about photography. In this edition year 10 student Sophie Baron took her camera to our U14 cricket match vs All Saints. She took some great action shots. Well done.



Fantastic Fundraising Fiesta

During the course of the final half term of the academic year, several exciting fundraising events have occurred to raise money for the school minibus. Our school minibus is an integral part of our school life. Think Drama, Music, Geography, Art and PE... without the minibus, our opportunities would be limited.

Therefore, seven of our year eight sports ambassadors have fundraising for our spectacular activities; these include World Cup Predictor, Gunge your Teacher, Colour Run, Staff Race and Glow in the Dark Dodgeball.

The Gunge your Teacher event, which consists of pouring a bucket of thick, gunky slime over a teacher, took place on Wednesday, 24th June. Pupils paid money to have a chance to gunge a teacher. At 3pm, 12 excited pupils got to pour gunge over an unknowing member of staff!

Whilst this fundraising was occurring, students also had the option to donate and guess about who they believe would win the world cup.

Popular guesses were, France, Spain, Argentina, Germany and England. With the world cup underway, there is not long to wait.

Colour Run, Staff Race and Glow in the Dark Dodgeball are set to commence in the upcoming weeks. With so much opportunity for fun, there is a chance for everyone to get involved.

Written by Alessia Bagaglia & Isabelle Bostock (Year 8)



Ready Set Rainbow. A Splash of Colour!

On Wednesday the 1st of July, many children from St Barts Primary school in Whitworth participated in an amusing colour run on our school field.

At the beginning of the run, all of the year 6's gathered together and each received a packet of vibrant powder to create a cloud of colour to mark the start of the race. Around the track, at the first station, there were foam barrels to jump over. As you jumped over, you had blue powder thrown at you. At the second area, there was a net to duck under where you had yellow colour dusted on you. At the third place, there were human shaped plastic cutouts you had to weave through whilst you were attacked by pink powdered paint. At the final station, green powder was thrown at you as you sprinted the final length.

During the race, the primary school children were extremely enthusiastic. The children from St Barts really enjoyed the entertaining activity towards the end of the school year. A big thank you to all of the sports ambassadors who helped make this

memorable experience possible for the staff and for the primary school students at St Bartholomew's Primary School.

Written by Lilah-Rose Craven, Martha Barry and Maisie Loftus. (Year 8)



Interform Results

The New 2026 Champion



Position	House	Points
1st	URSA	3795
2nd	AQUILLA	3475
3rd	ORION	3425
4th	DRACO	3380
5th	PEGASUS	3260

