



# Newsletter

**Summer Term 2**  
**Friday 6th June 2025**

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Dear parents and carers,

It is amazing to think that we are already in the final half-term of this academic year. Time really is flying but there is still so much going on! Hopefully, this latest newsletter gives you a flavour of what is happening in school.

## School Wind Band

Our school wind band continues to thrive. We now have a training band for children who are at the beginning of their musical journey. The training band is becoming increasingly popular and the students are making really good progress. As such, for the first time ever, Mrs Goff combined the training band with the main school band to play some joint pieces. It was a pleasure to see nearly 40 children making music together.



## Black Dyke Concert

As a reward for all of the progress that our young musicians are making, Mrs Goff arranged for our band members to go to see the Black Dyke Band. For those of you who are not in the know, Black Dyke are one of the most successful Bands in the world. They were performing at the amazing Rochdale Town Hall to a sell-out audience. What a privilege for our students to experience such an amazing cultural experience.



## Choir/Singing event

On Thursday 22nd May our fabulous Vocal Group performed at St Mary in the Baum as part of the Rochdale Secondary Singing Showcase. Our students sang beautifully and enjoyed being part of this event, which was a great celebration of Secondary School singers and Vocal Groups from across Rochdale. Well done to the students who represented our school so well, and well done to our talented soloists: Murishe M, Isla C, Lily B, Ava L and Sofia M.



## 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

## Haslingden Arts Festival

On Thursday 5th June, 11 key stage 3 students took part in the Haslingden Arts Festival. It was an evening celebration of Drama and Dance and showcased the talents of all the young people taking part. Our students from years Y7-Y9 performed an abridged version of the play 'Brainstorm' all about the science behind teenage brains and how they work. It is a fast-paced and complex play that our students tackled with maturity and professionalism. They were absolutely fantastic and many people complimented them on their excellent performance. They were also amazing ambassadors for our school as their behaviour and conduct was exemplary throughout the entire day. Well done Murishe, Gabe, Emmie, Ellie, Alice, Isabelle, Alessia, Janka, Olivia, Minnie and Darcy.



## Lighthouse Foodshare Art Competition

Recently we were approached by the Lighthouse Foodshare in Whitworth who proposed a competition for the design of the thank you cards they regularly send out. Many of our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils completed designs and these were judged by Mr Steve Gough, co-founder of the charity earlier this week. Many congratulations to Fatima, Alfie H, Alex H, Anastassia M, Martha B, Keilis M, Nicole W and Lucia C, all of whom have been selected as finalists. Final judging will take place over half-term, and we look forward to seeing some of these pupils' work in print!



## Can you Support Our School Library? Book Donations Welcome! 📚

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.

## Year 10 Boys League and Cup Double

Year 10 - I mentioned in my last newsletter that they had done the league and cup double but didn't have a chance to include a team photo before the newsletter was published. I have included some pictures of the team winning their final match and in their Hot Chocolate reward event.



## Year 11 Boys Cup Final Victory

Not to be outdone by their younger counterparts, our year 11 boys were also victorious in their cup final against Haslingden High School. This means that they are also the Rossendale Cup Champions for their year group. This is a huge achievement for this team of players who have certainly 'climbed higher' as they have progressed through school.



## Sport Round-up

Our year 8 football team were back in action last week. Mr Cawley fielded a mixed team, which included Annie K, Kacie S and Lilly T. After going a goal down in the first half, the team fought back to beat All Saints 5-1. Earlier this week, the same team scored 5 goals again to beat BRGS, meaning that they finished top of their league. Sadly, on the same evening, the year 9s lost to BRGS, despite scoring 3 great goals.

Our netballers have also been in action recently against TVLA. This is part of the new Rossendale Mini League that is being trialed over the summer months with the hope of creating a big league next year. Both the U15 and U13 teams had convincing wins and played some great netball. Well done.



Pos	Team	Games	Points
1st	Whitworth	2	4
2nd	TVLA	2	2
3rd	Alder Grange	0	0

  

U15	Whitworth	vs	Alder Grange
U13	TVLA	vs	Whitworth
U13	Alder Grange	vs	TVLA
U15	Alder Grange	vs	Whitworth
U15	Whitworth	vs	TVLA
U15	TVLA	vs	Alder Grange



## JCQ Inspection

Away from sport, our year 11 students have continued to impress their teachers and invigilators with their resilient attitude, their hard work and their impeccable conduct in the exam hall. This was recognised during an unannounced inspection by JCQ last Friday. The inspector commented on the calmness of the school but he also said that the systems in place to ensure that all regulations are adhered to during the examination season were excellent. He couldn't even find a minor fault to set as a target for improvement! This verdict is testament to our exams officer, Mrs Lord, and to the whole staff team who pride themselves on their professionalism so as to ensure the integrity of the GCSE examinations.

## Year 11 Update

The GCSE examination season is rolling along very smoothly. As I said in my previous newsletter, all of the staff have been very impressed with the conduct of our students. They are a credit to the school and to their families. Please take note of the following dates:

- 18th June - Leavers Assembly
- 25th June - Contingency exam date (please don't book holidays before this date)
- 26th June - Prom

## Summer Assessments for Year 7 to 10 Students

I would like to give parents/carers another reminder about the forthcoming internal examinations that will be taking place for all year 7 to 10 students during the fortnight commencing 9th June. Please could I ask all parents/carers to stress the importance of these assessments with your children. They will be used to help teachers assess where students are up to, plan the curriculum going forward and help Directors of Learning decide which sets/bands students should be taught in during the next academic year. Mrs Haworth presented assemblies to all students to give them ideas and tips on how to revise. In addition, revision materials are available to students on the school website. Login details for the revision tab of the website are as follows: username i.climb password Higher2021 (case sensitive). Some parents/carers have asked if they could have an exam timetable. Unfortunately, this is not possible because students are mainly completing their exams in class which means there isn't a set timetable for the whole year group.

Best wishes



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Headteacher