



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers

As the busy half term draws to a close, we look ahead to an exciting final seven weeks of the academic year. GCSE examinations continue until Wednesday 22nd June; Y5 pupils join us for taster sessions; we have Coffee Mornings for prospective parents and carers; Y9 and Y10 core exam week; Y11 Prom; Awards Evening at the Town Hall for students in Years 7 to 10. In July we look forward to meeting our incoming Y7 pupils and families on Y6 Welcome Day and Y6 Welcome Evening; SLT Futures Conference; Sports Day and Rossendale Athletics (let's hope for good weather!); our Summer Show and finally Commendation Assemblies.

There are so many opportunities to celebrate the successes of our young people and to promote the high standards we expect of everyone.

Over the May half term, many teaching colleagues are giving their time to provide revision sessions for Y11 students in the GCSE subjects whose examinations are still to come, and I would like to thank staff for their fantastic commitment, not only in the forthcoming holiday but before and after school and at lunchtimes. Our students are offered a huge amount of high quality examination support and need to use this as the basis for their own independent revision over the coming weeks.

Can I remind everyone that all students must arrive at every lesson and at tutor time with the correct equipment, and that students must maintain the highest standards of appearance – full school uniform worn correctly, including skirts of the appropriate length.

Students look very smart in their new PE kit. Those students who are not yet wearing the school kit are required to do so when we return w/b 6th June. The PE kit is a compulsory element of our school uniform for all students in Y7 to Y10 and represents excellent value, and therefore it will not be acceptable for students to wear either the old kit or alternative kit after the half term holiday. Can I advise anyone who has not yet purchased PE kit to ensure that they buy the shirt and shorts/skort with sufficient growing room to take their child through into next academic year - as many parents have already done.

The complete school term dates for 2016-2017 are now on the school website, having been approved by the Governing Body and by Lancashire County Council. Parents will note that the Easter break is within Lancashire's suggested dates, but the shorter break at this time will provide greater continuity for Y11 studies and increase the amount of Y11 teaching time overall. As a secondary benefit, it also facilitates an earlier finish date in July 2017, which may enable some families to avoid the most significant Summer holiday price increases. The term dates vary slightly across the area and my responsibility and that of the Governing Body is to determine the best option for the school within Lancashire's guidelines.

Finally, can I thank students and their families for their wonderful response and messages of support following the sad loss of our colleague, Amy Mullen. Students' messages – in their hundreds - have now been transferred from our Memory Board into two books for Mrs Mullen's family and after half term we will start our book of remembrance in which students, staff and members of our school community can write their tributes, again for Mrs Mullen's family to keep. I know that her family will be as moved as we have been by the heartfelt thoughts of our young people, who have displayed a sensitivity and maturity beyond their years.

Best wishes

Mrs G Middlemas
Headteacher



Students of the Week

Geography

Alicia Varnom—Y7
Holly Butcher—Y8
Samantha Duffy—Y9
Thomas Offley—Y10

Religious Studies

Harley Milner— 7N
Gabriel Doyle— 9G
Rebecca Smith—Y11
Beverley Smith—Y11
Tiegan Sharrocks—Y11
Francesca Williams—Y11
Tamia Robertson— Y11
Tiffany Russell—Y11
Alexander Caulfield—Y11
Dilavaze Khan—Y11

DT

Matthew Warren—Y8

DT—Food

Elle Gregson-Howorth—Y10

ICT

Ellie Lazaruk—Y9

History

Katie Heath—Y7
Archie Speight—Y7
Sean Benson—Y8
Joshua Porter—Y8
Georgina Bride—Y9
Jack Myatt—Y9
Tiger Hall—Y10
Thomas Stringer—Y10
Dilavaze Khan—Y11
Shona Wesley—Y11

Students of the week

Science

Elizabeth Bishop—Y7
Harry Aldred—Y7
Ruby Willis—Y7
Oliver Goggins—Y8
Sophie Greenwood—Y9
Ben Harrison—Y9
Faye Stafford—Y10
Brooke Gosling—Y10

Y11 Science

Rheo Morten-Ramsay
Ellie Peczerj
Brandon Daughtry
Jack Howarth

Y11 Biology

Kirsten Bradley
Mia Howells
Joshua Goggins
Chloe Quigley
Danielle Palmer
Ketsara Lumb
Cole Proctor



Home Learning Booklet of the week

Katie Heath—Y7—Music



Learning Journals of the Week

Rhys Hughes—7C
Sophie Brooks—7C
Lauren Taylor—7C
Lucy Jackson—8N
Nicole Whitehead—8N

Calendar

**May
2016**

27.05.16

School closes 3pm for half term

**June
2016**

06.06.16

School re-opens
Y6 Transition visits

13.06.16

Y6 Transition visits
Full Governing Body meeting

20.06.16

Y5 Transition week
Y10 exams
Y9 Core exams week

23.06.16

Y11 Prom

27.06.16

Y5 Transition week

29.06.16

Awards Evening

**July
2016**

05.07.16

Y6 Welcome Day
Prefect Training
Y6 Welcome Evening

Sports update

Rowing

I have been very pleased with the response we had to the internet Rowing this year. Each form in Year 7, 8 and 9 rowed monthly challenges. 800 schools took part amounting to 4016 rowers. All students in KS3 rowed as part of a 4 person team rowing various challenges from 100m to 8 minute endurance rows. The six challenges saw our overall placing's between 7th and 27th. All students received a certificate. In celebration of the forthcoming Olympics there is a final challenge for teams to row 2016m as fast as possible. These are open to any team within the year group, not just from existing teams. See Mrs Ellis for details.

Top team places; Y7 Boys 7C 14

Y8 Boys 8F 14

Y9 Boys 9A 16

Y7 Girls 7F 15

Y8 Girls 8G 8

Y9 Girls 9F 14

Y10 student awarded special trophy for rugby

A sister and brother who love the sport of rugby were individually handed a 'clubman' trophy at their team's awards' ceremony. Hollie and her brother Josh play rugby for Littleborough. Hollie is in Y10 and is a member of the Littleborough Pink Warriors Rugby Union under 15's team and her brother Josh, is a pupil at Tonacliffe Primary School and plays in the under 7s side.

Far from rugby not being a sport for the ladies, Hollie's team appear very feminine in their pink frilly socks, pink shirt and black shorts, but when it comes to a game the team is no pushover.

At the annual awards they were both shocked to receive a trophy and had to inquire of the coach what the 'clubman' title meant. Hollie said: "I was told that it meant that I was the person the team could always rely on, I put in 110 per cent all the time, attended training sessions, I was a proper team player and always there for everyone else. "We both love the sport and at Littleborough it is just like a big family."

Hollie first got interested in rugby when her dad Simon would take her to watch Leeds Rhinos.

She said: "I started playing for Littleborough because it was the nearest female team. I joined about two years ago and the girls' team had only been set up a few months earlier.

"After about three training sessions, I got a place on the team. We now also have an under 13s and under 18s as well as under 15s. "I really love it and I especially love the way the team is like a big family." Sundays can prove quite complicated for Hollie and Josh's parents Simon and Louise because Josh plays in a morning and Hollie in the afternoon and the rugby league junior teams are spread across the country so they can be playing miles away from each other. The girls' team also took part in a tour in Melbourne in Derbyshire, where they camped and played 15 mini matches against sides from all over the country over two days. Hollie added: "Playing rugby has taught me so much: discipline, respect for others, as well as keeping fit. I have been able to put those skills to use in school and also in my application letter to be a school prefect."

Hollie has trialled for the Lancashire under 18s team and hopes to work as a physiotherapist before moving into sports journalism.



Y9 cricket star dreams of Lancashire call up

Rising cricket star Joe Reeve has earned a place in Rossendale's under 15s side and hopes to be scouted for Lancashire.

Student Joe, 14, has been playing since Kwik Cricket was introduced to his primary school St Bartholomew's in Whitworth. Joe, of Whitworth, said: "I was about six or seven and they explained that you could take the sport up if you joined a local club and I have been at Bacup ever since. "They have an under 9s team, under 11s, under 13s and under 15s and I have been in every one. "I am currently in the under 15s and we are coached by Pete Donovan. I also play for Bacup's 2nd team and 3rd because they have a mixture of junior and senior players. I was invited to go to senior training, to help me get used to playing against older, faster players.

"I am a wicket keeper, but I also enjoy batting, although as wicket keeper you tend to be further down the order. Since I got the place with Rossendale, I have been training hard as I also want to improve my batting skills. "My first match with Rossendale was against Fylde and Blackpool at Haslingden Cricket Club. One of the bowlers was really good and would bowl at 70mph so I needed really quick reactions. "I only let 10 balls past and I managed to catch a batter out by jumping and catching the ball in mid-air. "We batted first and got 201 runs, but the other team got 204. I also got hit on the chin by a ball, but I was fine." Joe used to play football, but switched to Thai Boxing at a club in Whitworth. He can turn his hand to most sports at school.

He has an older brother Jack, 17, and his parents Jason and Sandra support him at matches.

He said: "When I told my dad that I had got into the district team he was chuffed to bits because he is a cricket fan too. "Playing that first match for the district team was a good experience because I was playing with different people from all over Rossendale. Some were of a better standard than I am and I want to be as good as them so I will be trying even harder."

PE kit update



All students must have the new PE kit by Monday 6th June 2016. The kit can be purchased from the following shops:

Ziggy's, 101 Yorkshire Street, Rochdale Tel: 01706 655141

Moses, 21-23 Oldham Road, Rochdale Tel: 01706 644447

Ann's, 5a Union Street, Bacup Tel: 01706 875127

The kit can also be purchased online from www.surridgesport.com.

Once at the website, type 'Whitworth' into the search bar. This will bring up all the items available. (Please see the image below).

