

Bulletin



SPRING EDITION 2026

New Headteacher Appointment

The Cranmer Education Trust and the IEB of Saddleworth School are delighted to confirm that the new headteacher for Saddleworth School will be Mr Sheldon Logue.

Mr Logue will take up post in September 2026. Currently he is headteacher of St Damian's RC Science College, Ashton-under-Lyne. Mr Logue's commitment to our values of Ambition, Excellence and Community are reflected in the success of St Damian's under his leadership, which he took from an Ofsted judgement of Requiring Special Measures in 2010 to 2 consecutive 'Outstanding' judgements in 2017 and 2023, and the school's achievement of the Pearson National Teaching Award in 2025. As Executive Headteacher of St Anne's RC High School, Stockport, Mr Logue has led a rapid improvement over 2 years from "Inadequate" to "Good".

Mr Logue brings vast expertise and experience to Saddleworth and the wider Cranmer Education Trust

to ensure the best for everyone and the best from everyone. We are proud that our trust attracts the best education leaders who are empowered and supported to achieve excellence in their schools.

Mr Higgins and Mr Heyes will continue as joint Executive Headteachers for Saddleworth, and Mr Christian will continue as our Interim Headteacher until Mr Logue takes up post in September.

Mr Logue will be visiting Saddleworth during the summer to meet leaders and staff, for a smooth transition in the Autumn.

We know you will join us in extending the warmest welcome to Mr Logue, with every possible good wish for the happiest and even more successful new chapter in his career in educational leadership in Saddleworth and in our wider trust.



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SKI TRIP



Masella Spain 2026

After an arduous 31 hour journey (due to mountain collapses on roads and three overturned lorries on our diversion) we finally arrived to the best conditions I have ever had skiing. The snow conditions were unbelievable, having dropped the most snow in nearly 20 years. This meant all of the runs were open and all of the children escaped the nursery slopes and ventured up the mountain. The children were brilliant!! Everyone cracked on with the skiing and there was no moaning about ski boots hurting or being tired. After 5 days of full on skiing everyone was ready for a rest, which we thankfully had on a much shorter return journey. It was a pleasure to take them all. Roll on 2027.

"I found my first time skiing very good. I learnt how to ski quite fast. The ski instructors were very fun and good. The food was nice and I really enjoyed the trip".

Jacob Shearing – 8T



"I thought the ski trip was very good. When we got to the hotel it was really nice, had a good social space and was right next to the slopes. Even though I had been skiing before it was really fun to ski with my friends and learn how to get better as the same time. The ski instructors and resort were really good and the food was really nice, especially the crepes! It was a lot of fun! I really enjoyed the trip".

Alfie Beach – 8E



2027 SKI TRIP

The ski Trip for next year is now approved. Letters are available from Mr Moule in S112 and a copy will be uploaded onto the website/classcharts.



Art Residential Trip

CONWAY CENTRE IN ANGLESEY



The overall theme for the weekend was Metamorphosis which was interpreted in many ways for each of the courses leading to most students leaving with widely different pieces of work from one another. I decided upon the sculpturing side and created a vibrant looking plant that included aspects of life and death to tie in with the overall theme of metamorphosis. I created this by using crumpled up paper wrapped in fabric and finished with powdered paint! A few of my friends picked the sewing side and created beautiful textiles with birds and eggs! Overall, the weekend was amazing, and we all had a great time!

Ellen Weaver

Over the 3-day residential trip to the Conway centre in Anglesey Wales, multiple art courses took place each using different forms of art and mediums. Examples of these included sculpturing, painting, and sewing.



YEAR 10 STEM DAY

Triple Scientists Experience A Level Taster Day at Hulme Grammar School

Fifteen of our Year 10 Triple Award Science students recently enjoyed an inspiring day visit to Hulme Grammar School for a dedicated A Level Taster Day.

Throughout the day, students took part in A Level lessons in Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Psychology, gaining first-hand experience of the depth, challenge and independence required for post-16 study.

In Chemistry, students explored organic chemistry by modelling and naming different carbon isomers. They developed their understanding of structural formulae and practised applying systematic naming rules — a real step up from GCSE content.

During the Biology session, students carried out practical tests for biological molecules, using a range of reagents to identify substances such as sugars, proteins and lipids. They demonstrated excellent laboratory skills and a strong grasp of scientific procedure.

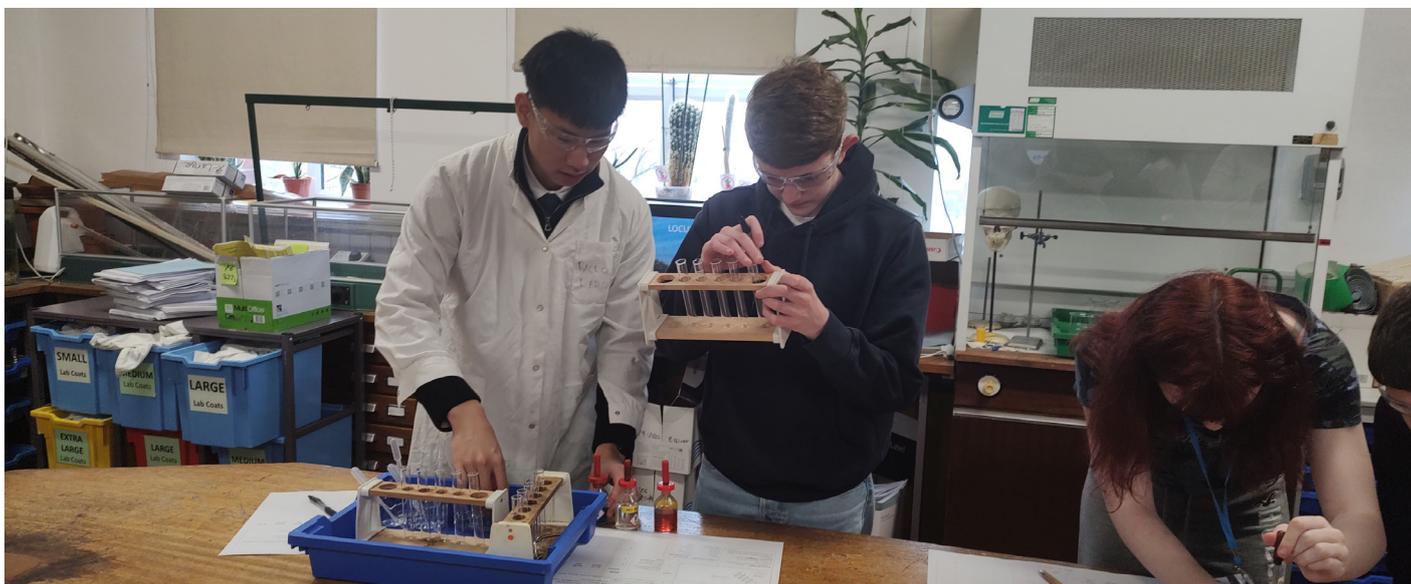
In Physics, students observed and discussed the Young's

double slit experiment, using a red laser to investigate interference patterns. This provided an exciting introduction to wave behaviour and the evidence for the wave nature of light at A Level.

In Psychology, students focused on the topic of memory, exploring key theories and models while considering how memory is studied and evaluated in scientific research.

The day concluded with an insightful presentation from a Manchester University medical student, who outlined the academic requirements and wider expectations for studying Medicine or Dentistry. Students gained valuable information about A Level subject choices, entrance exams, work experience and the personal qualities needed for these highly competitive pathways.

Staff at Hulme Grammar School praised our students for their enthusiasm, engagement and exemplary conduct. We are extremely proud of how they represented the school and embraced the opportunity to experience A Level study in a new academic environment.



Youth Travel Ambassadors



On Friday 6th March, the YTA (Youth Travel Ambassadors) went to the Friend's Meeting House on Mount Street in Manchester to pitch to 3 judges that worked for Transport for Greater Manchester about our active travel plan for this year, in a Dragon's Den style. We also presented to 4 other schools; these included the Manchester Communication Academy, The Elton High School, Sale Grammar School and Wellacre Academy.

We heard all about other schools' plans and ideas to improve their Active Travel around the area, and it was nice to see a perspective of schools that are in very different areas to us. When it was our time to pitch, we were so supported by Mr. Saxon and Mrs. Reece, who were always smiling at us and supporting us as we spoke.

After our presentation, we had to wait for the judges to decide on who is to be given the grant/funding and how much, and as we are in our 4th year of YTA, our grant was £150.00. We were awarded the full grant, and there was an extra £100 to be awarded by the judges for the presentation to one school. Our school are so fortunate to have been given this extra funding, which raised our total to £250.00!



Our presentation focused on key areas, such as the number of cyclists traveling to school, and to increase the amount of people walking; we can only do this with your help, please remember we have the bike shed and we will hopefully be able to raise the quality of the air around school with more people walking, in the hope of launching our Free Fruit Friday Stall to pupils walking.

Many thanks to Mr. Saxon and Mrs. Reece for all your support with the day and the YTA team.

Lily Roberts-Cox, Year 9 YTA member





Students attend JD UP Immersive Careers Event

Year 10 students attended the JD UP Immersive Careers Event in Manchester, gaining valuable insight into the world of work through a range of real-life experiences.

The event showcased different aspects of the business, including Merchandising, Engineering, and Logistics, giving students a broader understanding of potential career pathways. It was an engaging and informative opportunity for students to explore how different roles contribute to a successful organisation.

Students also had the chance to hear from inspiring individuals who shared their personal career journeys, including the co-owners of Montirex and content creator Angry Ginge.

Overall, the event was a fantastic experience, helping to motivate and inspire students as they begin to think about their future careers.



Journalism Workshop

On Tuesday 27 January, Year 10 GCSE Media students took part in an engaging journalism workshop facilitated by The Guardian newspaper.

The workshop focused on understanding the impact of disinformation and fake news on modern journalism and current news practices. Students explored how news is produced, the importance of accuracy, and the challenges journalists face in today's media landscape.

Following the session, students have been set the task of producing a thoroughly researched, community-based news story. They presented their work during a follow-up session with Guardian journalists on Tuesday 11 February.

This has been a valuable opportunity for students to develop their critical thinking, research, and reporting skills in a real-world context.



LONDON HISTORY TRIP



Our school trip to London proved to be an unforgettable experience for our Year 10 students, blending history, culture, and a touch of mystery into two action-packed days!

We began with a visit to the iconic Tower of London, where students were immediately immersed in centuries of British history. Walking through the ancient stone walls, they explored tales of monarchs, a history of crown Jewels and the military history of the nation, both past and present. A particular highlight was the chance to engage in interactive games on the top floor of White Tower where students learned how to shoot a longbow, design a musket, fire artillery and practice their swordsmanship, really bringing history to life.

Following this historical exploration, the group made their way to the vibrant streets of Covent Garden. Here, students enjoyed some well-earned free time, browsing the unique market stalls, watching street performers, and soaking up the lively atmosphere. The energy continued into Leicester Square, where the bright lights and bustling crowds offered a glimpse into London's entertainment district. Students had time to view the amazing displays of Lego and visit the M&M shop for treats before heading to a well-earned pizza stop.

As evening approached, the tone shifted from lively to eerie with a guided Jack the Ripper tour through Whitechapel. Walking the dimly lit streets where the infamous crimes once took place, students were captivated by the storytelling and historical detail. The tour encouraged them to think critically about Victorian society, crime, and the media, all while experiencing a thrilling and atmospheric part of London's past at night.

After a deserved nights rest at Chessington safari park, we

visited the London Dungeon. This immersive attraction combined live actors, special effects, and interactive storytelling to bring some of London's darker history to life. From plague outbreaks to infamous criminals, students were both entertained and educated as they journeyed through a series of dramatic and engaging scenes.

Throughout the trip, students demonstrated excellent behaviour and enthusiasm, embracing every opportunity to learn outside the classroom. Whether exploring historic landmarks, engaging with cultural hotspots, or stepping into the shadows of London's past, the experience provided a valuable and memorable addition to their learning for our GCSE course.

Overall, the trip was a resounding success offering not only educational enrichment but also the chance for students to build independence, confidence, and lasting memories in their country's capital.



MFL EVENT

BRIAN CLARKE SCHOOL



Where Can Languages Take You?

Students attended the Where Can Languages Take You? event at Brian Clarke School, run by the Languages Hub at the Cranmer Trust. The students represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent behaviour and engagement throughout the day. They attended an inspiring talk from David Binns, UK and Ireland Director of Sanako, who highlighted the value of languages in the

workplace. The event also featured a careers fair and a workshop exploring how language skills can open doors to exciting opportunities in the future. It was a fantastic experience that showcased the real-world benefits of learning languages!

AVRO Intervention



The school has established a partnership with Avro Football Club, giving a group of students the opportunity to visit The Vestacare Stadium every Thursday. During these sessions, they take part in a range of work experience activities and develop valuable life skills alongside Avro staff. The students showed great determination and worked hard despite the challenging rainy conditions.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Cross Country Championships

Huge congratulations to Year 11 pupil Austin who represented Greater Manchester at the English Schools' Cross Country Championships recently, finishing an impressive 134th out of 335 runners in the intermediate boys' race.

Jacob also competed in the English Schools Cross Country Championships in Liverpool and the Inter Counties Cross Country race in Nottingham racing against top athletes nationwide and even running up an age group - he put in fantastic performances in both events!



Rugby Practice

Huge congratulations to these amazing girls for their dedication to attending rugby practice every Tuesday from 3–4pm! Their hard work and commitment have led to fantastic progress, and they're now gearing up for a match next term. So proud of how far they've come - keep it up!



Oldham Schools League



The year 8 boys football team have continued to put all of their effort into the Oldham Schools league, this term has seen three games against Brian Clarke, Failsworth and Blue Coat. There has been opportunity for some new students

to put the Saddleworth jersey on from their commitment to regularly turning up to training. One more fixture to go after the Easter break. Well, done for an incredible season!

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

U14's Sisters in Sport National Finals



Congratulations to our U14s netball team, who finished 4th in the Sisters in Sport National Finals.

The girls were a real credit to the school and had a fantastic day and experience. Reaching this stage of the competition is a huge achievement in itself, and finishing 4th in the country is something very special.

We are incredibly proud of you all. Well done, girls!



Year 8 Netball Team Show Great Effort

The Year 8 netball team were in action in a league fixture against Newman College, taking part in a closely contested and competitive match.

Despite a strong performance and excellent teamwork throughout, Newman College narrowly secured the win with a final score of 11–7.

Well done to all players for their effort and determination. A special mention goes to Player of the Match, Abigail Holloway, for her outstanding performance.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 10 Football Team Reach Cup Final



The Year 10 football team delivered an excellent performance in the semi-final of the Oldham Schools Cup, securing a 4–2 victory over Crompton House.

The team showed great determination, teamwork, and composure throughout the match, earning a well-deserved

place in the final. All players contributed to an exciting and competitive game, demonstrating both skill and resilience.

Congratulations to the squad on this fantastic achievement, and we wish them the very best of luck in the final.



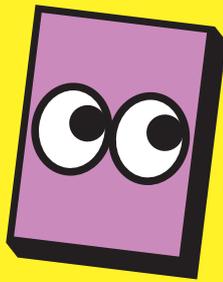
Year 9 Teams Celebrate Outstanding

Congratulations to the Year 9 A team, who have been crowned both League and Rally Champions in the Oldham Schools competitions an exceptional achievement.

The Year 9 B team have also enjoyed a fantastic season, finishing 2nd in the Oldham Schools' Rally and 3rd in the League, demonstrating great consistency and determination throughout.

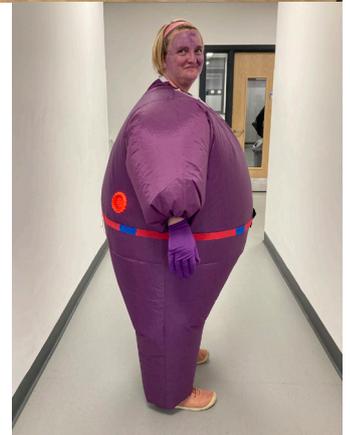
We are incredibly proud of this year group. Their commitment, teamwork, and high level of performance across the year have led to some truly outstanding results. Well done to all involved!





WORLD BOOK DAY[®]

5TH MARCH



World Book Day was a fantastic success, filled with smiles, curiosity, and a real buzz about reading across the Saddleworth School. The pupils loved exploring new stories and sharing their favourite books, while staff joined the fun by dressing up as some brilliant literary characters. A special honour-

able mention goes to Mrs Bundy, whose outfit was a clear highlight of the day! With an exciting book giveaway, our mysterious Masked Reader challenge, and plenty of wonderful stories shared throughout the day, it was a joyful celebration of books and the magic of reading.

A Great Term of Fundraising for FoSS

It's been a busy and successful term for Friends of Saddleworth School (FOSS), with events bringing students, families and staff together while raising valuable funds to support students and enhance school life.



Love to Quiz Afternoon

Families and friends put their brains to the test at our Love to Quiz afternoon. Teams competed across rounds of general knowledge, picture challenges and Valentine-themed questions, adding a fun seasonal twist.

Laughter, friendly rivalry and a few tricky questions made it a great afternoon. Thanks to everyone who took part, the event raised an impressive £355.77 for the school.



WHERE THE FUNDS GO

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, this term FOSS has been able to fund:

£500
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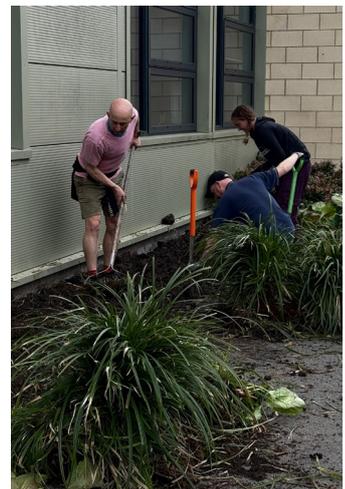
Find the Golden Egg

Find the Golden Egg event offered plenty of Easter fun, with more than 50 prizes to be won, including Easter hampers, gift vouchers, an amazing chocolate bouquet and eggs of all sizes.

Students had the chance to win by spotting golden eggs hidden on chocolate bars and sweet packets. Last year the event raised over £400, and we're hoping for another fantastic result.



TREE PLANTING



Saddleworth School recently hosted a hugely successful tree planting and gardening day, bringing together students, staff, and members of the local community for a morning of teamwork and environmental action. Despite taking place on a Sunday morning, the event saw an impressive turnout of 40 dedicated volunteers who generously gave up their time to support the school's outdoor spaces.

A major highlight of the day was the planting of 90 new trees near the all-weather pitch. Kindly donated by the Woodland Trust, these trees will not only enhance the landscape but also contribute to local biodiversity and provide a greener environment for future generations of students. Volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure each tree was carefully planted and well-positioned, creating a lasting impact on the school grounds.

In addition to the tree planting, significant efforts were made to revitalise the front of the school. The area was thoroughly tidied, with new bedding plants introduced to add colour and vibrancy. Fresh bark and mulch were also laid, giving the space a neat and refreshed appearance. The transformation has made a noticeable difference, leaving the entrance looking brighter, more welcoming, and full of life.

The school would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Tesco in Greenfield for their generous donation of cakes and pasties, which were greatly appreciated by all volunteers and helped keep energy levels high throughout the morning.

Overall, the day was a fantastic example of community spirit in action. Saddleworth School is extremely grateful to everyone who contributed their time and effort to make the event such a success.

COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

TAMESIDE COLLEGE

OPEN EVENT
2026

Beaufort Road
Ashton-under-Lyne
OL6 6NX

Tameside One
Wellington Road
Ashton-under-Lyne
OL6 6BL

Monday
20th April
5pm to 8pm

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- Electrical Engineering
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Monday 20th April
5pm to 8pm

OPEN EVENT
2026

Clarendon
Sixth Form College

Clarendon Sixth Form College
Camp Street
Ashton-under-Lyne
OL6 6DF

0161 908 6800



Forthcoming Events



SADDLEWORTH
SCHOOL

Year 7 Parents Evening

Wednesday 6th May
16.00 - 19.00

GCSE Exams start

7th May - 24th June

Year 10 Mock Interviews

24th & 25th June

Year 11 Prom

Thursday 25th June
White Hart

Art Festival

29th & 30th June

Year 10 College Taster Day

Thursday 2nd July
All Day

Year 6 Transition Day & Parent Meeting

Thursday 2nd July
6.00 - 8.00pm

Enrichment Week

Monday 6th July -
17th July



**The Blue Coat
Sixth Form**

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