

GREAT NEWS

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SADDLEWORTH
SCHOOL



The start of our journey towards being **GREAT** in all we do

GREAT News is my first newsletter as Headteacher of Saddleworth. In my newsletters I intend to not only impart important information but also to showcase this community. **And there is lots to celebrate!**

“GREAT NEWS” aligns with our Culture and Vision”

Firstly, can I say a massive and genuine thanks to parents for overwhelmingly supporting the school and its simple rules. These set the high standards that will make Saddleworth a great school. I have personally met many parents and, the interactions have been largely positive. I want to thank all the parents who have emailed the school or spoke to me personally about the positive changes that are being implemented. Over the coming months I will relish the opportunity to get to know many more parents.

Secondly, I have to say the children here are truly wonderful. They look really smart in their uniforms

and overall, their conduct and attitudes towards their learning has been good. I am delighted to report that the vast majority of students have embraced the new rules and changes. However, a small number of students are consistently not following the rules, and this will have an impact on their futures. I ask that parents impress upon their children the importance of having a great attitude towards their learning. Over the coming months I will get to know many more of the great students here.

Thirdly, after being in the school for a few weeks I am even more convinced that Saddleworth is a community with GREAT potential. The school ‘feels’ and looks fantastic and there is an atmosphere conducive to learning. All stakeholders, students, staff, parents and governors must believe in this community. The leadership and I are united in our determination to ensure the students get a first class education. The children here deserve nothing less!

Enjoy reading!



Update on Safeguarding

Firstly, I am delighted to report that we have a new and experienced Designated Safeguarding Lead [DSL], Mrs Battaglia. She has extensive knowledge and experience of this crucial role. At Saddleworth, safeguarding is our highest priority and in each newsletter updates on safeguarding will be prominent.

Our Safeguarding Team

Mrs Battaglia is supported by our three Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs), Miss J Leach, Mr M Brighton and Mr M Carey. This safeguarding team works closely with students, staff, families, and external agencies to ensure that our children receive the right support at the right time. The core principle of safeguarding at Saddleworth is that **'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'**.

Our new mantra...The 5Rs

We have introduced a new safeguarding procedure called the '5Rs'. This approach is built around five clear steps. **Recognise, Respond, Report, Record and Refer**. This mantra provides a consistent approach for staff when identifying and responding to safeguarding concerns.

We would always rather you share a concern than remain worried.

We can be contacted via email:

safeguarding@saddleworthschool.org

It's good to talk

Speak to us! If you are worried about your child, another student or anything that may affect a young person's safety or wellbeing, please contact school. We would always rather you share a concern than remain worried. We can be contacted on the following email safeguarding@saddleworthschool.org. Strong safeguarding depends on open communication between school, students, parents/carers and external agencies. By working together, we can ensure our young people are safe, heard and well supported.

Attendance

Regular attendance helps children remain connected to school, learning and support. We ask families to work closely with us where there are any difficulties or barriers affecting attendance. In essence, if children are not in school, then they are at increased risk.

Fire Drills

We have practiced safety fire-drills across the school. This ensures that in the event of a fire alarm going off, students know where they need to be and the standards that we expect. I was impressed with the maturity and conduct of the students during these practices, setting the standard ahead of whole school practices later in the year.

Safeguarding Team

We are here to listen, support and help keep you safe.



Mrs R Battaglia
Deputy Headteacher
DSL



Mr M Carey
Assistant Headteacher
DDSL



Ms. J Leach
Operational
Safeguarding Lead
DDSL



Mr M Brighton
Assistant Headteacher
DDSL

SAFEGUARDING THE 5 Rs

EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY EVERY BODY



RECOGNISE

Have you **noticed** something (different)?



RESPOND

Let the child know you are **listening**.



RECORD

Note all the **factual** information.



REPORT

Inform the Safeguarding Team.



REFER

DSL will refer if **necessary**.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE CAN THRIVE.



Introducing our New Prefects



We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Saddleworth School Prefects. Having completed their training and submitted strong applications, they have demonstrated the qualities, commitment and responsibility we expect from our student leaders. Led by our Head Girl and Head Boy, Mia and

Fraser, they will play an important role in supporting students and staff and representing our school with pride. Being a prefect is a privilege, not a right, and we look forward to seeing them make a positive contribution to our school community. **Congratulations to all of our new prefects.**



Beauty & The Beast 14th & 15th December

We are pleased to announce that we will be performing Beauty and the Beast as part of our GREAT Christmas spectacular on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December. Students in year 7-10 are welcome to come and join in on the journey every Thursday after school. Please look out for further announcements regarding rehearsals. All students are welcome to get involved in what will undoubtedly be a festive spectacle.

Saddleworth Standards and Buses

The behaviour of children in school has been really good since we started back in September, and they should be commended for adhering to our simple rules, ensuring Saddleworth is an excellent place to learn. However, it is important to note that behaviour on the buses also needs to adhere to our GREAT expectations. We have delivered assemblies regarding our expectations on the buses and reiterated these expectations in form time. Students who misbehave on the buses will be sanctioned appropriately. I ask parents/carers to support and reinforce these expectations at home. A massive thanks for your co-operation.

I have contacted the bus company regarding these behaviours, and we are working closely with them to review any footage of misbehaviour. We have spoken to students to reaffirm our GREAT expectations. If students continue to behave inappropriately on a consistent basis, they will be refused access. The behaviour of our students in school is great and I expect the same high levels of behaviour on the buses. The actions of a small number of students is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

A reminder of the following from the behaviour policy:

16. Behaviour on Buses

At Saddleworth, our core value is respect. We strive to instil this core value in all our students. When travelling on a school bus or public bus to and from school, students are expected to behave sensibly and show respect to those around them. Students are expected to:

- Be polite and courteous towards the driver and follow any reasonable requests
- Remain seated until they leave the bus
- Take all rubbish with them as they leave
- Respond to reasonable requests made by any Prefect with regards to their conduct
- Refrain from any inappropriate behaviour.



SADDLEWORTH OLYMPICS



Showcasing our GREAT Students

Saddleworth Olympics is a local festival that is held every year at our school. It involves all of the local villages fielding teams to compete against one another in an Olympic style forum. The teams train for 8 weeks prior to the competition in sports such as football, rugby, netball, badminton and athletics.

I received lots of emails and here is a selection:

"Hello. This Saturday I had the absolute pleasure of helping at the Saddleworth Olympics which was held on the grounds of Saddleworth School. I was working with a very pleasant group of young people, Sports Leaders from Year 11, on the Standing jump event. They were very friendly, extremely well organised and basically were great in everything they did."

Particular shout out to Jasmine M who shone in a very smart group."

"I am one of the volunteers who helps run the central organising committee of the Saddleworth Olympics. This weekend we were unfortunately let down very last minute by rugby referees booked months in advance. A plea was put out to the older age groups playing at Saddleworth Rangers to see if anyone could help referee. Harold Thompson, who is in form 10 L at Saddleworth, stepped up to that plea. He came straight from his own rugby game and refereed in both the year 3/4 tournament and 5/6 tournament. He gave up 5 hours of his own time for us. He was a great referee, amazingly calm and a positive force on the pitch with the young kids, many playing rugby for the first time. He also gave coaching feedback to many of them at the end of their games. He was an absolutely outstanding ambassador for your school and I wanted to make sure school knew what a fantastic young man he is."

"In addition, on Saturday at the Athletics event, the sports leaders were all wonderful ambassadors for the school and the event couldn't exist without their help. They also displayed such commendable skills. They were quick and efficient while maintaining endless enthusiasm and good humour with the children taking part. I can't express how grateful we are to have such wonderful young people giving back so generously to this community event."

Anna Goodwin, on behalf of,
Saddleworth Olympics Central Committee

"I was proud to read all these comments and I hope you are too. This is further proof that the children at Saddleworth are great!"

Mr Logue



The 27 young leaders that supported the Saddleworth Olympics Athletics event held this Saturday were exemplary in their behaviour and conduct on the day, delivering a safe and fun event to the 1000 young people that attended the event.

All the adult activity leaders were very complimentary of the students attitude and support of the young people taking part. The day was very long and we experienced a raft of weather conditions and they kept on task and ensured that all the competitors got their chance to take part.

Special thanks to the 4 leaders that stepped in the day before the event due to others not being able to attend. (Amelia Beach / Annabel Banks / Abi Bird / Evie Barnes).

Thank you again for allowing the students to support this historical local community event:

(Lily Taylor / Georgia Bradbury / Ruby Wild / Dorothy G Hadman / Belle Andrew / Liv Cooper / Eva Hewitt / Archie Irving / Ella Freeman / Lucy Jackson / Bella Walker / Elsie Chamberlain / Jasmine Mitchell / Cerys Hargreaves / Freya Wheeler/ Jessie Allan/ Lydia Smith / Nico Fernandez / Elle Aspinall / Mia daves/ Skylar Hall / Suzanne Whitfield/ Evelyn Charles).

Mrs Julie H Roberts
School Games Manager



Outstanding singers achieve Excellent Results



The vocal students of Saddleworth School have demonstrated their fantastic musical skills in their recent LAMDA singing examinations.

The annual examinations test students in their musical theatre performance skills - allowing them the opportunity to flourish and develop in their passion for singing - Miss Davis (vocal tutor at Saddleworth) commented:

"I am tremendously proud of these results and it is a real testament to the students hard work and dedication to singing at the school".

A huge well done to each and every student - long may this outstanding tradition of excellence continue to shine - the music department and the school are very proud of you.

Name	Grade
Lena Pooley	G4 distinction
Amelie Heginbotham	G5 distinction
Erin Riste	G5 distinction
Imogen Heginbotham	G5 distinction
Sophie Couper Barton	G6 distinction
Lydia Brown	G6 distinction
Scarlett Jones	G6 merit
Ava Warren	G4 merit
Charlotte Tann	G4 distinction
Elle Aspinal	G6 distinction
Charlotte Curtis	G6 merit
Layla Jameson	G4 merit
Caitlyn Batters	G4 merit
Liam Hardy	G4 distinction
Alethia Quinlivan Fallows	G5 distinction
Amber Oates	G4 distinction
Poppy Waddington	G4 distinction
Charlotte Hopwood Kenworthy	G6 distinction

Parking: A simple thank you to Parents

Thank you for considering the safety of your children and helping to prevent accidents on the school site. We have received concerns from residents living on Huddersfield Road regarding parents and carers parking in allocated residents' parking spaces during school drop-off and collection times.

We understand that parking around school can be challenging, particularly at busy times. However, please be considerate of our local residents and **do not park in or block allocated residents' parking spaces.**

These spaces are for the use of the residents to whom they are allocated, and parking in them can cause significant inconvenience and disruption to their day.

We would therefore ask all parents and carers to plan ahead and ensure that you park legally and considerately when dropping off or collecting children from school. Please also avoid blocking driveways or restricting residents' access to their homes.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us maintain positive relationships with our local community. We hope that this reminder will resolve the issue without the need for any further action.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Year 10 Target Setting

Teaching staff and the data team are currently in the process of producing subject target grades for all Year 10 students. To ensure that the grades are both challenging and attainable for students there is a rigorous process of quality assurance currently taking place. Students and parents will receive these grades at the end of November.

Form Tutor GREAT Recognition Rewards

Name	Form
Phoebe Fink	9Y
Harry Standley	9V
Adam Thornton	9O
Jessica Wells	9L
Otto Smith	9A
Sophia Atherton	8Y
Finlay Wild	8V
Oceia Jackman	8O
Freya Whalley	8N
Nell Wilson	8L
Finn Ashwell-Pugh	8G
Ava Warren	8E
Annie Harrison	8D
Nieve Orsler	8A
Emily Flatley	8T
Tahlia Neophitou	7Y
Lexie Ridgeway	7T
Oscar Asquith	7D
Una Caonway-Jones	7A
Nico Fernandez	11
Harry Bamber	11
Skylar Hall	11
Jack Bannister	11
Lewis Yates	11
Matthew Cummings	11
Amelie Fitzpatrik	11
Max Zaman	11
Harley Mills	11
Georgia Robson	10Y
Lacey Duggan	10V
Felix Turner	10V
Sienna Papaleo	10T
Lucas Broadbent-Malone	10O
Oliver Brown	10L
Rayanne Alves	10G
Charlie Broadbent	10E
Ted Boyle	10D
James Troisi	10A

As part of our new rewards initiatives, we have started our form tutor recognition postcard scheme in September and will continue throughout the academic year. One student per form is recognised each week by their tutor for demonstrating all the qualities of a GREAT learner in their attitude to learning, attendance and overall conduct around the school. So far, we have had 149 students who have been recipients of this award and we are hopeful that all of our students are in receipt of recognition for the Great things they do around school and within the community.



Attendance

Saddleshworth's vision is to be GREAT in all we do. In essence this means that we want our great children to leave fulfilling their academic potential and to be educated on core values so that they live their lives to the full and contribute to society. A major aspect of developing your child academically and socially is to ensure great attendance. To support attendance, form tutors delivered a values and well-being session on the importance of attendance and 'going for 100%', focusing on forming positive habits. As part of the session students were asked to explain how Aristotle's quote; **'We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit'** linked to attendance at school. I ask that parents support the attendance team in ensuring that your child's attendance is high.

EVERY DAY MATTERS

GREAT ATTENDANCE • GREAT ACHIEVEMENT • GREAT FUTURES



Congratulations to Form 7T who all have 100% attendance.

Communication with parents/carers

To enhance communication with parents I am streamlining communication channels. This is so that queries and issues can be dealt with in a timely manner and by the appropriate member of staff. I ask that you **do not** email staff directly as they may be teaching, busy or not in school.

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS	
General information	info@saddleworthschool.org
SEND	send@saddleworthschool.org
Safeguarding	safeguarding@saddleworthschool.org
Complaints	complaints@saddleworthschool.org
Headteacher	headspa@saddleworthschool.org
Attendance	attendance@saddleworthschool.org

If parents use the above email addresses, we will be able to read and respond to your email in a more efficient manner as these email inboxes are being monitored frequently.

Following my Headteachers surgery in September, I will be having another surgery for parents on **Wednesday 21st October from 6.30am until 3.30pm**. This is an opportunity to meet me. Please email headspa@saddleworthschool.org to arrange a time.

Tours of the school

Every Friday morning from 9.15am -10am there will be a tour of the school. This is for prospective parents and current parents. I want to show off the Saddleworth way where there is a calm environment which is conducive to learning. If you would like to have a guided tour, please contact headspa@saddleworthschool.org

EXTRA TOURS OF THE SCHOOL	TIME
Tuesday 29th Sept	9am - 10am
Wednesday 30th Sept	10am - 11am
Tuesday 6th Oct	9am - 10am
Wednesday 7th Oct	10am - 11am

Parental Information Evenings

Following on from our enhanced communication with parents, several Parental Information Evenings' have taken place.

YEAR 9

This session discussed what is 'new' as well as having a big focus on the very important KS4 Pathways process this academic year. The importance of independent learning and the importance of not relying on AI were highlighted, as well as the My Child at

School (MCAS) app, which will keep parents/carers informed of what they need to know. Our high standards were explained, including our GREAT mantras for attendance and behaviour. The importance of attendance was a key focus; with Yr9 attendance being shown to all in attendance for the first week. Rewards were then discussed before finishing with a Q&A session for parents/carers to have any queries answered.

YEAR 11 UPDATE

Study Support

Most students are demonstrating a commitment to their studies as seen by the encouraging number of students attending Study Support at lunchtimes and after school. This engagement with Study Support is monitored throughout the year. Each student has a personalised Study Support timetable. These timetables will be reviewed after the mock examinations. Please contact Mrs Hargreaves if there are any issues.

Revise. Repeat. Remember. Succeed

Attendance at Study Support isn't a replacement for revising and working at home. Students have been provided with Revision Planners. A regular revision routine will build confidence, strengthen memory and get students ready for their exams.

Every lesson counts

Good attendance is a pre-requisite for achievement. Students who are absent or late miss crucial lesson time which may not be repeated. Each morning in form time, students are preparing for their exams. All students must aim for 100% attendance, being resilient and determined to succeed during this important final year.

Mock exams

Students must be preparing for their forthcoming mock exams which begin on 9th November.

Prom reminder

I have reminded students that an invitation to Prom is not an automatic entitlement. Before invitations are issued, students' conduct, attendance, punctuality, and engagement with Study Support will all be taken into consideration. Please also be aware that if a student has been excluded from school on two occasions, they will lose their invitation.

Support at home

Teachers will be sharing revision lists and resources to help prepare for interim assessments and mock examinations. Parents and carers can help Year 11 students by:

- Ensuring they use the revision planners to develop a revision routine.
- Providing a quiet space to study.
- Keeping phones away from study time to avoid distractions.
- Checking in on how homework and revision is going – letting school know if there are issues.

Further resources about exams and leaflets given out at the Parents' Information Evening can be found on the School website here: www.saddleworth.oldham.sch.uk/exams/Year 11

YEAR 7 UPDATE

A **GREAT** start to their five year journey



I am delighted to report that Year 7 students have made an exceptional start to their Saddleworth journey. They have adapted well to lesson transitions, extra-curricular and completing homework. Staff voice has been hugely positive, remarking on their impeccable manners and enthusiasm for learning new things. Well done!

Here are just a few quotes from the Year 7's;

“

I really loved rugby in PE and I was really good at it. My teacher said I was listening well, not holding back but tackling safely. I've never played rugby before but now I think I'll join the school team. (Lewis)

”

“

I was the only boy who came here from my primary school, but I've made lots of new friends, like I've found the missing pieces of my puzzle. We're all a bit different but we fit together well! (Noah)

”

“

I LOVE the extracurricular clubs because I can get to know lots of new people and try new things. So far, I've done netball, badminton, dance, dodgeball, volleyball and cheerleading! It's so much fun. (Natalia)

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Year 7 Parental Information Evening **Wednesday 21st October**

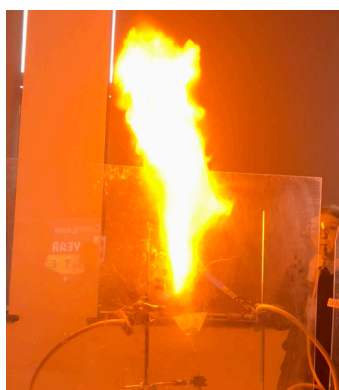
This takes place on Wednesday 21st October 5-7pm. I ask parents make every effort to attend to ensure you are fully informed about the important and exciting year ahead. I look forward to seeing all Year 7 parents at the evening.

We can't wait to see all our Year 7's joining in at least one extra-curricular club to be 'Great in all we do.

OPEN EVENING 2026

Thursday 24th September 2026

A **GREAT** START...A **GREAT** FUTURE



WOW. What a night! This was my first open evening at Saddleworth. I was blown away by the number of prospective parents that were extremely positive about the school. Over a **thousand** parents attended and the staff said it was one of the best attended in recent memory. This evening is at the start of our journey to become exceptional and to realise our vision, which is to be **GREAT** in all we do. As a parent, I can honestly say that I would have sent my 2 children here! This is a school with a **GREAT** future.



I think this school will make me great.
Doing art makes me great.
Eliza Head



Protected Characteristics Assembly

This month, students took part in an assembly exploring protected characteristics, equality, respect and the impact of harmful language.

The assembly linked closely to our Six Rules, particularly our expectation that students treat people with respect. Students

considered why protected characteristics are important, how prejudice and discrimination can affect others, and what they can do if they see or hear something that isn't right.

The key message was simple: respect everyone, challenge harmful language and use your words carefully.



*"No one is born hating another person...
if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love."*

– Nelson Mandela (1918 – 2013)



**SADDLEWORTH
SCHOOL**

6 SIMPLE RULES

- Correct Uniform
- No Jewellery/Make-up
- On Time with Correct Equipment
- No Mobile Phones/IT Gadgets
- Eat only in Designated areas
- **RESPECT EVERYONE**



Meet the Saddleshworth Senior Leadership Team

I am pleased to introduce the Saddleshworth Senior Leadership Team. They have embraced their new roles and responsibilities with vigour. Individually and collectively. They are committed to ensuring that Saddleshworth is a great school. A biography of each member can be read on the website by clicking <https://www.saddleshworth.oldham.sch.uk/senior-leadership-team/>



Miss Evans
Deputy Headteacher
Leads on achievement
and curriculum.



Mrs Battaglia
Deputy Headteacher
DSL



Mr Brighton
Assistant Headteacher
Leads on attendance



Mr Carey
Assistant Headteacher
Leads on behaviour &
attitudes to learning



Mr Quaynor
Assistant Headteacher
Leads on Personal
Development



Mrs Sunderland
Assistant Headteacher
Leads on Teaching &
Learning



Mr Airnes
Assistant Headteacher
Leads on pupil premium



Mr Casey
Assistant Headteacher
SENDco



Mr Richardson
Business Manager

Year 7 Supporting Kevin Sinfield's 7 in 7 Challenge

On Thursday 1st October, our Year 7 cohort will have the exciting opportunity to show their support for Sir Kevin Sinfield as he passes Saddleworth School during his inspiring 7 in 7 Challenge, raising money and awareness for those affected by Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

During Period 2, students will be escorted to the front of school and will line Huddersfield Road to cheer Kevin on as he undertakes this incredible fundraising challenge. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to witness first-hand the power of resilience, determination, and community spirit while supporting a cause that has touched many lives.

This event holds particular significance for our school community, as Kevin Sinfield is a former Saddleworth School student. We are also proud that his children attended Saddleworth School and continue to support our community as School Ambassadors, making this a special opportunity for our students to celebrate one of our most notable former students and his family's ongoing connection with the school.



We look forward to joining the local community in supporting Kevin Sinfield and helping to raise awareness for the important fight against MND. We know our Year 7 students will give him a warm Saddleworth welcome and create a memorable atmosphere of encouragement and support.



Give as you Live
Donate

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/7-in-7-the-grand-finale>



Lewis Jagger's Rugby Journey



Lewis Jagger left Saddleworth School in 2024 and has gone on to pursue a career playing professional rugby league for Huddersfield Giants. Lewis came in to give us one of his rugby shirts so that we can display this on the PE corridor Hall of Fame. Lewis was a conscientious, determined student who was a great ambassador for our school. We wish him all the best in his sporting career and hope that he continues to go on to achieve great things.



Oldham Music Service 

Are you our next soloist?

We're looking for solo singers to perform *Walking in the Air*, accompanied by a professional orchestra, in The Snowman Tour at The Loom, Oldham

Auditions taking place on
Tuesday 13 October
Time: 4.00–6.30pm

Held at: **Oldham Music Centre**
Lyceum Building, Union Street, Oldham OL1 1QG
(entrance at the rear on Firth Street)

Closing date: **Monday 5 October at 5.00pm**

For performances on
Monday 30 November (10.45am | 1.30pm)
at **The Loom, Oldham**

You will receive an audition time by: **Thursday 8 October**

2026 TOUR

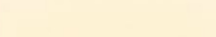
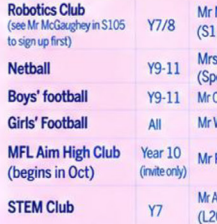
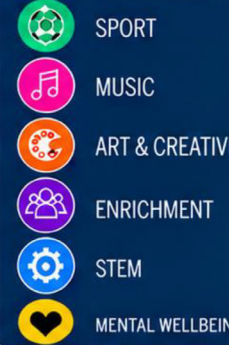
The Snowman™
WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

APPLY ONLINE

We are looking for young singers with an unchanged voice, aged 7–17, for this incredible opportunity

carrotproductions.com/auditions

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

 SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL		ACHIEVE BELONG THRIVE		EXTRA-CURRICULAR		TO BE GREAT IN ALL WE DO									
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY							
LUNCHTIME		LUNCHTIME		LUNCHTIME		LUNCHTIME		LUNCHTIME							
Dodgeball	All	Mr Wilson (Sports Hall)		Dance / Cheer	All	Mrs Blezard-Downs (Sports Hall)		Volleyball	All	Mr Cooney (Sports Hall)		Badminton	All	Miss Cook (Sports Hall)	
Photography (GCSE only)	GCSE	Mrs Leitheiser (F107)		Art Club	KS3	Ms Tweedale (F203)		Chess Club	All	Mrs Powell (L103)		Enterprise Club	All	Miss Dempster (F209)	
Brass Xplosion	All	Mr Beckwith (F102)		Pokemon Club	KS3	Miss Pamham (F210)		Hausaufgaben / Devoirs Club!	All	Mr Ratajczyk (F211)		BrassXplosion	All	Mr Beckwith (F102)	
Year 7 Band	Y7	Mr Bayley (F103)		Drama Club	All	Mr Leitheiser (Drama Studio)		Drama Club	All	Mr Leitheiser (Drama Studio)		 AFTER SCHOOL Badminton All Mr Wilson (Sports Hall)			
Keyboard/Piano Support	All	Ms Wilson (F101)		Art Coursework (GCSE only)	GCSE	Mrs Leitheiser (L208)		Brass Band	All	Mr Bayley (F103)					
Spax Homework Club	All	Mrs Powell (S110)		The Social Group	All	Mrs Limer (L107)		Rock School	All	Mr Beckwith (F101)					
Debate Club	KS3	Mr McCol & Miss Hussain (F207)		Reading Club	Year 8	Miss Graham (F110)		Production Singers	All	Mr Beckwith (F102)					
Mindfulness Mondays	KS3	Mrs Ward (S107)		Reading Club	Year 7	Mrs Milton (L108)		 AFTER SCHOOL Robotics Club (see Mr McGaughey in S105 to sign up first) Y7/8 Mr McGaughey (S110)							
Debate Club (fortnightly)	KS4	Miss Kelly (F106)						Netball	Y9-11	Mrs Bentley (Sports Hall)		Boys' football	Y9-11	Mr Conney (Astro)	
 AFTER SCHOOL Year 7 Football Y7 Mr Cooney (Astro) Year 7/8 Rugby Y7/8 Mr Hemmings (Grass) Year 7/8 Netball Y7/8 Mrs Blezard-Downs (Sports Hall)		 AFTER SCHOOL Gardening Club All Miss Davies (L201) Year 8 Football Y8 Mr Wilson (Astro) All Years Basketball All Mr Hemmings (Sports Hall)		 AFTER SCHOOL Girls' Football All Mr Wilson (Astro) MFL Aim High Club (begins in Oct) Year 10 (invite only) Mr Ratajczyk STEM Club Y7 Mr Alsopp-Johnson (L201)		 AFTER SCHOOL MFL Aim High Club (begins in Oct) Year 10 (invite only) Mr Ratajczyk STEM Club Y7 Mr Alsopp-Johnson (L201)		 AFTER SCHOOL SPORT MUSIC ART & CREATIVE ENRICHMENT STEM MENTAL WELLBEING							
ALL WEEK		ALL WEEK		ALL WEEK		ALL WEEK		ALL WEEK		ALL WEEK		ALL WEEK		ALL WEEK	
Astro	Y8 / All welcome	Astro	(Lunch / All week)	Packed Lunch Room	All	Head of Year (Year Group Landing)	(Lunch / All week)	Library – Reading and Homework Completion	All	Mrs Bundy (Library)	(Lunch / All week)				
Outdoor Table Football	All	Mrs Sunderland (Top Yard)	(Lunch / All week)	Homework Room	All	Head of Year (Year Group Landing)	(Lunch / All week)	Thrive @ The Gateway	All (by invitation only)	Ms Brooks (L111)	(Lunch / All week)				
Outdoor Table Tennis	All	Mrs Sunderland (Top Yard)	(Lunch / All week)												

I am delighted to have launched our new Saddleworth Extra-Curricular Programme on 28 September, offering students an even wider range of opportunities to develop their interests, discover new talents and make the most of life beyond the classroom. With activities including sport, music, art and creative activities, enrichment, STEM,

academic support and mental wellbeing, there is something for everyone. We encourage all students to get involved, try something new and make the most of the opportunities available to them. Taking part is a great way to develop confidence, build friendships, learn new skills and be part of our wider school community.

The Saddleworth Culture

Just a reminder about the Saddleworth Way. This is our culture and underpins our desire to provide a GREAT education. In essence, this is the way we do things at Saddleworth. At the heart of our school are the great children here. We will be ambitious for them all and teachers are focused on ensuring that they get a rounded and holistic education. That is what will make this school great!

We are here to **serve** our **G**reat students, **academically** and **pastorally**.

Our core **value** is **R**espect and we live it out through our **actions**.

Ambitions and **E**xcellence in **learning** are at the heart of what we do.

Students and staff are true **A**mbassadors for the Saddleworth **community**.

Working as a **strong, united, and accountable** **T**eam is the only way to achieve our **vision**.



CAREERS INFORMATION

Careers Fair

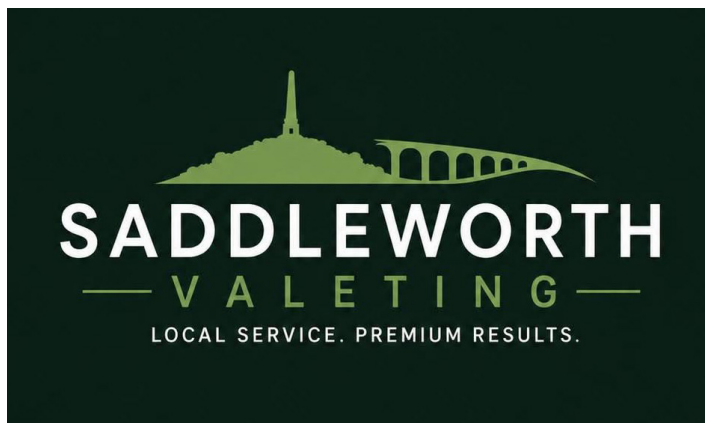
The Careers Fair this year takes place on **Friday 16 October from 3.15pm – 4.30pm**. This event is open to Year 10 and Year 11 students/parents/carers and will provide further information on post-16 options.

In attendance will be local colleges, apprenticeship training providers and other organisations and is therefore an ideal opportunity to drop-in and find out more about the options available from experts in post-16 provision. In addition, we have organised TWO sessions for parents/carers to attend, that will provide information on pathways, the college/apprenticeship application process and how to support your child this year. These will take place at 3.30pm and 4.00pm. To confirm your attendance at these sessions, please click on the link below:

[Careers Fair Information Sessions – Fill out form](#)

The Careers Advisor, Mr Dan Leach, will also be in attendance on the evening should you wish to speak to him.

Ex-student success



Congratulations to former students Evan Douglas and Reuben Green, who have spent their summer holidays turning an idea into a growing business venture.

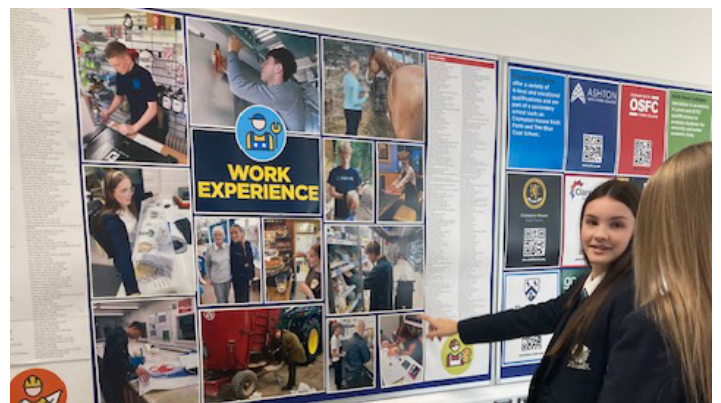
The pair launched their own valeting company by knocking on doors and offering their services locally. Through their professionalism, hard work and commitment to delivering a quality service, they quickly gained repeat customers and have steadily grown their customer base.

Demonstrating excellent entrepreneurial skills, Evan and Reuben reinvested their earnings back into the business, purchasing their own equipment and materials, developing a professional brand identity, and managing all of their marketing and promotion through social media.

It has been fantastic to see their determination and hard work rewarded. Good luck in the future.

To find out more about the services they offer, visit Saddleworth Valeting on Facebook or follow @saddleworthvaleting12 on Instagram.

Work experience



Work experience will take place for Year 10 students on 12 - 16 July 2027. We expect all students to find their own placement by contacting local companies and asking family/friends/neighbours and so on. This will be launched to students after October Half Term and details of their work placement will be logged via a system called UNIFROG. Students will receive access to the platform on the first of our GREAT Days on Friday 16 October. We always encourage students to find a placement as early as possible so why not start now! The Careers area on Friarmere 2 landing has a comprehensive list of companies that have previously offered a placement to a Saddleworth student. It was great to see some of our Year 10 students already looking through the information.



We are pleased to announce that we will be performing

Beauty and the Beast

as part of our **GREAT** Christmas spectacular on

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December

Students in years 7-10 are welcome to come and join in on the journey every Thursday after school.

Please look out for further announcements regarding rehearsals.

All students are welcome to get involved in what will undoubtedly be a festive spectacle.

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS



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COURSE ADVICE MORNINGS

Saturday 4th October
Saturday 15th November
From 10.00am

■ PRESTON ■ WARRINGTON
■ LIVERPOOL ■ MANCHESTER

The North West centre for land-based & sports education



OPEN EVENTS



Saturday 26 September
Monday 5 October

OLDHAM SIXTH
OSFC
FORM COLLEGE



COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

MIDDLETON



ROCHDALE

OPEN DAYS AT HOPWOOD HALL COLLEGE

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER
10am - 1pm

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER
4:30pm - 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER
4:30pm - 6:30pm

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