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- W E L C O M E -

Despite being the shortest term of the school year, we have another action packed edition filled with lots for us to celebrate and share with you.

It fills me with pride to be able to recognise an increasing number of students for a wide variety of reasons. I thank all those that have helped in identifying these and contributing. With an increasing number of students writing for this edition, I hope it offers them a nice keepsake of their work.

In reading through this it reinforces why Saddleworth School is such an amazing place. It provides an insight into all the additional opportunities not measured by dashboard data that often unless celebrated would go unnoticed and recognised.

Our students remind us each day of the reason we all came into teaching, the chance to inspire and empower those that we work with to help make a difference. It is great to see the way they embrace this and they never cease to disappoint us.

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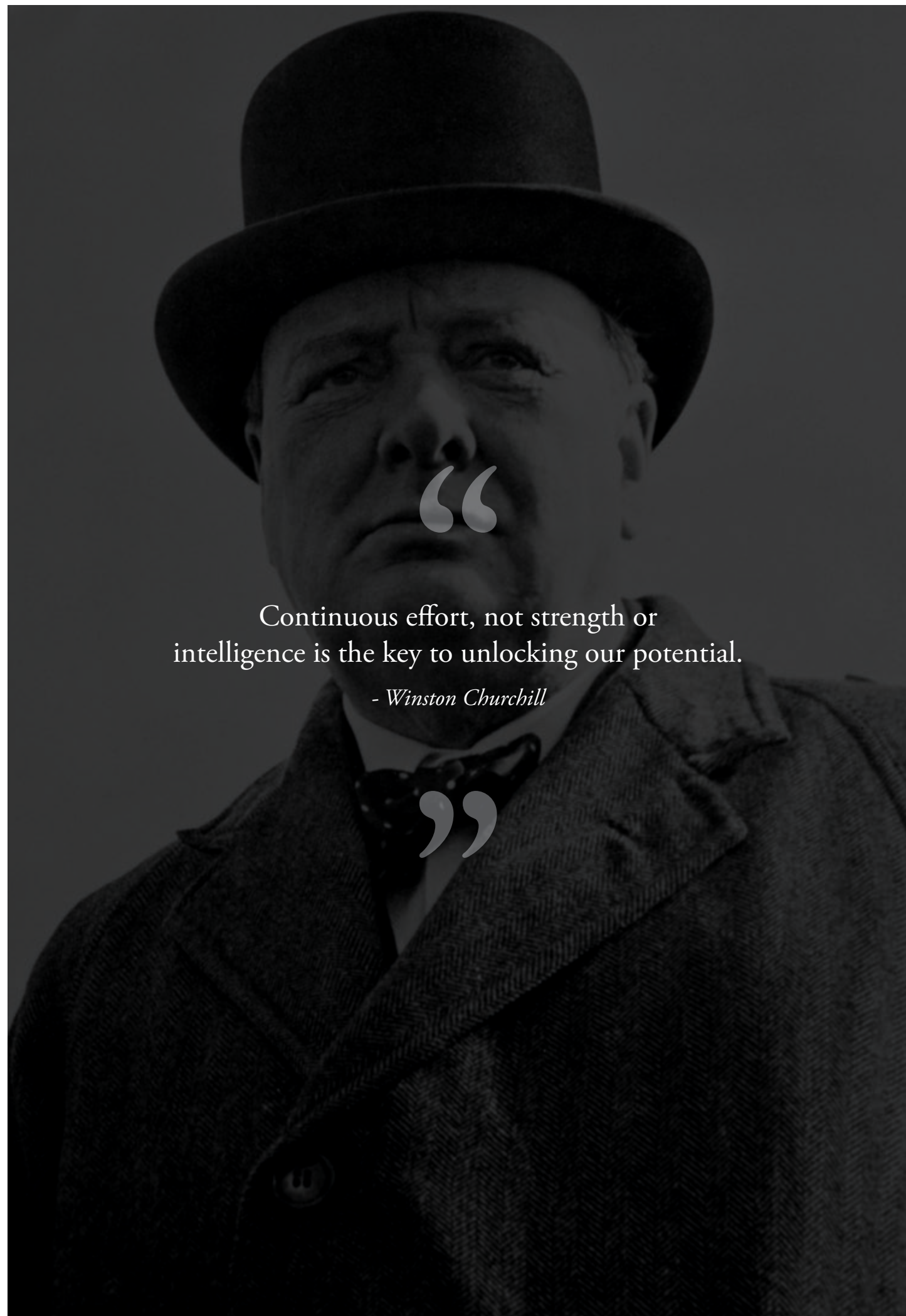
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“

Continuous effort, not strength or intelligence is the key to unlocking our potential.

- Winston Churchill

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- LETTER FROM THE HEAD -



I'd like to thank all those parents who, over the last few months, have spoken up in support of Saddleworth getting a new school building. I do appreciate it's been a contentious issue and there remain some who oppose the idea of us moving to Diggle. We shouldn't lose sight of the fact that few argue that the school shouldn't be replaced.

We heard in the first week of March that following a very late challenge, Oldham Council have decided to take the new plans back to the planning committee in order to ensure that the case is presented fairly and that the process is right. At the previous meeting the plans were voted through unanimously and although the revised version is yet to be presented, I suspect the amendments will be seen as technical and will make little difference to the final outcome. The delay however is frustrating for many, particularly those who have children in primary school and who will want them to start in the new building.

Very few people who work or learn at the school talk about the new build. Instead we are focussed on creating a dynamic learning environment where children can flourish.

We are hugely fortunate to work with such a talented team at Saddleworth. There has been a great deal written and broadcast in the media about how difficult it is for schools to attract high quality teachers. Our experience over the last few months has made it clear that the situation is tougher than ever. That said we are fully staffed with appropriately qualified and experienced

teachers. I work with some schools who are struggling to attract applicants for key posts and who are having to rely on large numbers of supply staff brought in from agencies. Thankfully that is not the case at Saddleworth although with such a large staff, there are inevitably times when colleagues are ill or have to miss lessons due to personal circumstances.

I hope very much that we have now seen the worst of the weather for this academic year. I rarely choose to close the school, however, I did on Friday 4th March due to snow. Conditions on the site early in the morning were poor. Snow was settling and the forecast was for the situation to get worse. At 6.30am, the decision was taken not open that day. This meant that staff and children knew not to travel into school. Although we do contact the Local Authority and radio stations, the very best point of information on days when the weather is inclement is the school website, which will always be kept up to date.

As you look through this excellent publication, I hope you gain a flavour of some of the amazing things that go on at Saddleworth School. Despite the challenging conditions that we find ourselves in at times, this a great school at which to study and work and it's wonderful to be in job that helps children to learn, grow and find their voice.





- H A V E A N I C E T I M E -

Really important to us at school is the effort that students apply. No matter how clever, how easy or difficult they find things, it is the one thing they are able to control. No one will ever be in trouble in school for not being good at something if they are trying their best.

A grade ‘A’ for effort on their report means: Attitude and approach to

learning is outstanding at all times. For a students to show this level of effort in every single subject is amazing and deserves rewarding.

Working in partnership with Grandpa Greene’s they will visit us at school to treat all the students that got all grade A’s for effort on their AW3 report.

Year 7

Denzil Brown, Melissa Demstader, Phoebe Fletcher, Molly Hallam, Lucy Johnson, Eloise Jones, Nina Jones, Jayme Keeley, Evie Lambert, Lily Mundy, Chloe Rowson, Lois Russell, Faith Schofield, Elise Siddiqui, Ben Slater, Sophie Sykes, Aimee Torr

Year 8

Grace Appleby, Eleanor Ball, Sky Bimpson, Lucy Chadwick, Faye Davies, Jessica Davies, Sally Gibson, Aiden Hall, Ellis Heginbotham, Hannah Kearney, Zahra Mirza, Joseph Mumford-Lloyd, Sophie Percival, Caoimhe Preshur, Maisie Reece, Poppy Shepherdson, Sophie Southern, Leah Tissington, Jodie Watson, Charlotte Whittaker, Darcy Whyatt, Ella Wild, Rachel Williams, Daisy Yates

Year 9

Delphine Alsop-Parsons, Bridget Atkin, Emily Brierley, Libby Collard, Lucy Duncan, Kirsten Fletcher, Poppy Foster, Lucy George, Sophie Glynn, Camden Griffiths, Lucy Haddock Williams, Samantha Hannah, Jude Kehoe, Lusindy Liang, Eleanor Meek, Amy Mills, Eve Moynihan, Catherine Myers, Katherine O'Donnell, Dani Rhodes, Jessica Whittam

Year 10

Katie Ball, Megan Belcher, Emma Brewster, Beth Collins, Tomas Cusack, Oliver Geener, Bradley Hampshire, Kate Hanss, Sky Hughes, Olivia Jones, Harry Kelly, Anna Leslie, Roxy Norris, Callum Ormerod, Roshni Parmer-Hill, Alanna Rudd, Daisy Shepherdson, Hannah-Louise Siddiqui, Abigail Williams, Violet Winterbottom

Year 11

David Armstrong, Megan Bradbury, Emine Cakir, Ella Carr, Megan Curley, Sam Darke-Williams, Alli Dronsfield, Beth Gillard, Philippa Hall, Saffron Hodgkins, Lydia Hood, Steven Hume, Tessa King, Frances Lambert, Felicity Loftus, Jayne Longden, Freya Mayall, Eve McGovern, Katie McGregor, Barry Mumford-Lloyd, Emily Percival, Libby Redrup, Megan Rose, Lauren Saville, Samuel Sodiya, Isabella Spurr, Charlotte Stewart, Catherine Stott, Lauren Strutt, Lauren Summerscales, Bethany Sykes, Ellie Whatmough, Elizabeth Woolhouse



- C H I P P Y C H A L L E N G E -

In school we have extremely effective methods of tracking and communicating about our students throughout each day and overtime. From lesson to lesson we can track if they have arrived on time, if they have been rewarded with a credit or they have been debited.

Form Tutors and Home School Leaders can track this information, compare students across each class and look for any emerging patterns.

If you have not had a look, then log onto the parental portal to see your child’s data profile. If you have need a reminder of your username and password then please contact Mr Healey, from the IT support team on: m.healey@saddleworthschool.org. It is great to be able to ask the question ‘have you had a good day at school’ when they get home, already knowing the answer.

And the winners are: **7V - 8A - 9T - 10A - 11D**

Home School Leaders set their year group a challenge to find out which is the best form this term. Running over the last 3 weeks of term, each student in each form collected points to contribute to their forms overall performance. Being judged on attendance, punctuality to school, punctuality to lessons, the number of credits they received and the number of debit points they lost they were ranked in each category for their overall finishing performance.

A highly contested competition with a prize envious of all. The winners of each year group will be treated to lunch out of school at **Betty’s Traditional Fish & Chip Shop**, accompanied by their form tutor and Home School Leader.





- G O O D E G G S -

It is always nice to be able to celebrate the students' hardwork and achievement. All subject areas were given a set number of Easter eggs (dependent on the number of periods they taught) with which to recognise students within their area.

Electronically controlled, once nominated the student was removed from the list of eligible students for other subjects to

select from. All staff were asked to explain the reason for their nomination and these were shown on the presentation displayed in the celebration assembly. A copy of these can be found on the new website under the 'Galleries' heading on the top menu bar.

We would like to congratulate all the students below who received subject specific awards.

YEAR 7

ART - HARRY BENTON, NATHAN BILLINGTON, MELISSA DEMSTEADER, AIMEE JEFFERSON, NINA JONES **ENGLISH & PHILOSOPHY** - GEORGE BEDFORD, DARCEY GRAHAM, CHARLOTTE HARE, TED HUNT, ELLIE MCCONVILLE, ISABELLE PENDLEBURY, THOMAS PILKINGTON, JAKE ROYLE, VINNIE VAN ENK **GEOGRAPHY** - EVAN CAMPBELL, TABITHA DAVIES, NOAH GRIFFITHS, JOSEPH SOWDEN, AIMEE TORR **HISTORY** - HARVEY GATES, BERESFORD RUDD, ELISE SIDDIQUI, POPPY STAFFORD, FINLEY TAYLOR **ICT** - ELLA BARSON, THICHA BUAPHOL, ALEXANDER JAGGER, MARIA JOHNSON, JACOB O'NEILL **MFL** - LUCY BEAUMONT, IYDAN CAKIR, ELLA DIBDEN, JOSEPH ECKERSLEY, ERIN PEREIRA **MATHS** - MYLA BAKER, REBECCA BLUNDELL, NICOLA BROPHY, LILY CHAPMAN, PHOEBE FLETCHER, MOLLY HALLAM, LUCY JOHNSON, PHOEBE MORTON, EMILY PARK, SAM RATCLIFFE **MUSIC** - OLIVER BATES, OLIVIA BLUNDELL, CHIARA ECKERSLEY, LOLA GLADWIN, ELEANOR WHITEHEAD **PE** - MAX BARRETT, JACOB DOUGLAS, MAYAH HOPKINSON, FREYA MOORES, GRACE THACKERAY **SCIENCE** - DENZIL BROWN, GRACE CHALLIS, JOE CHAPMAN, ISABELLE KOWALCZYK, PAIGE POMFREY **TECHNOLOGY** - ARCHIE CASSON, KEELAN CORRIGAN, GABRIELLE LESTER-SMITH, ALIYAH METCALF, KEELY MILLER

YEAR 8

ART - JOSEPH ATKIN, FAYE DAVIES, HAZEL GIBSON, SEBASTIAN LOWE, IONA SWEATMAN **ENGLISH & PHILOSOPHY** - CHRISTIAN ARMISTEAD, MITCHELL BRYDEN, ADAM DELDERFIELD, MICHAEL FRANKOVITCH, EVIE HANSS, LUCY KAY, BEN LAMB, JOSEPH MARSDEN, JOSEPH MUMFORD-LLOYD, EVAN PARRY **GEOGRAPHY** - LUCY CHAPMAN, ADAM PILLING, TOM POTTS, ALFIE SPURR, JODIE WATSON **HISTORY** - AIDAN HALL, BETHANY SCOTT, RACHEL SHEMWELL ROSTRON, SOPHIE SOUTHERN, ELLA WILD **ICT** - ADAM CARTWRIGHT, JESSICA DEVY, MOLLY DUGDALE, DARCY WHYATT, DAISY YATES **MFL** - ROSS HEALD, TRAVIN KORALAGAMAGE, POPPY SHEPHERDSON, JOSEPH TAYLOR, RACHEL WILLIAMS **MATHS** - ELEANOR BALL, ROWAN BOAG, LUCY CHADWICK, MATHEW DAVIES, REBECCA GREGORY, TIA HENDERSON, LUKE HILL, CAOIMHE PRESHUR, JESSICA SHAW, SHNAI SMART **MUSIC** - ALEX DICKINSON, JEREMY KNIGHT, MAISIE REECE, LEAH TISSINGTON, CHLOE WHATMOUGH **PE** - EMELIA GODLEY, KATE LEDDY, SOPHIE PERCIVAL, THOMAS POTTS, BETHANY SPEAK **SCIENCE** - ABIGAIL ARMSTRONG, MORGAN DRUGGITT, SAFFRON DURR, KATIE PEARCE, OLIVIA YATES **TECHNOLOGY** - PATRICK BECKWITH, LIBBY BRADBURY, SALLY GIBSON, JOSHUA MONTGOMERY, GRACE ROBINSON

YEAR 9

ART - JACOB BUTTERWORTH, CAMDEN GRIFFITHS, CONNIE GUTTRIDGE, ALYSSA HYDE, LUSINDY LIANG **DRAMA** - ISABELLE ANASTASIOU, LEWIS FEARON, ISABELLE KINSLER, KIERAN O'REILLY, JACK SARGENT **ENGLISH** - ARCHIE PATON-MOORE, SOPHIE POMFREY, LYDIA SCHOFIELD, AMY STOTT, BENNET TUPAEA **GEOGRAPHY** - HOLLIE APPLEBY, EMILY BRIERLEY, GEORGE BROOKS, KIRSTEN FLETCHER, SAMUEL SMITHIES **HISTORY** - MILLIE BUCKLEY, LIBBY COLLARD, LUCY GEORGE, SEBASTIAN POMFREY, GEORGE SLEIGHT **ICT** - THOMAS DOYLE, MOHAMMED FAHEEM AHMED, CATHERINE MYERS, JOSEPH WEAVER, JESSICA WHITTAM **MFL** - DELPHINE ALSOP-PARSONS, RUBY JONES, JACK KENYON, THOMAS RHODES, SAM THACKERAY **MATHS** - SPIKE KNIGHT, JACK NEWELL, ALEXANDRA PETROVICS, OLIVIA POTTS, REECE WOOD **MUSIC** - BRIDGET ATKIN, CHLOE BUTLER, LEWIS FOWDEN, EVE MATLEY, LUKE TAYLOR **PE** - ARCHIE DUNCAN, LUCY DUNCAN, LAUREN MARSTON, WILLIAM MARSTON, DANI RHODES **RE** - SHANNON COOPE, JOSEPH KILLAN, ELEANOR MEEK, KATHERINE O'DONNELL, KINTENG SU **SCIENCE** - REBECCA BARTLEY, JOSHUA HILL, GEORGE HOPKINSON, NICHOLAS SCOTT, BRANDON TAYLOR **TECHNOLOGY** - LUCY HADDOCK WILLIAMS, JUDE KEHOE, AARON KENYON, AMY MILLS, JOSHUA WOOD

YEAR 10

ART - JOHNJO BECKWITH, EMILY HALL, SKY HUGHES, DANIEL MCGROARTY **BUSINESS STUDIES** - SAMUEL ACKROYD, CALESE REID **COMPUTING** - KEIR MCRAE **DANCE** - KATIE AGARWAL **DRAMA** - AMBER DELANEY, CATRINA KHAN **ENGINEERING** - ALANNA RUDD **ENGLISH** - RYAN ASHLEY, ISAAC ASHWORTH, BETH COLLINS, THOMAS FLETCHER-SAVAGE, LEAH WREN **FOOD** - GRACE MALONE, CAVAN PURTILL **FRENCH** - MATTHEW BARLOW **GEOGRAPHY** - COURTNEY HOPWOOD, ROSHNI PARMAR-HILL, TARA PHETHEAN, JACK TITLEY **GRAPHICS** - WILFRED BANGHAM **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE** - CHLOE ANDREW-WILLIS **HISTORY** - OLIVIA JONES, LYDIA KINSLER, HANNAH-LOUISE SIDDIQUI, ELIJAH WOLSTENHOLME **ICT** - KATIE BALL, CHARLIE FRANGLETON **MATHS** - DANIEL BOULTER, NATASHA JACKSON, KIRSTY JUMP, ABIGAIL WILLIAMS, REBECCA YATES **MUSIC** - LUCY FOTHERGILL, TED HAILWOOD **PE** - HARRY KELLY, ZOE MILLS, DAISY SHEPHERDSON, BILLY TRAVIS **PRACTICAL WORKSHOP** - MEGAN BELCHER **RE** - ADAM BUTLER, BRADLEY HAMPSHIRE, LUKE TOWNSEND, VIOLET WINTERBOTTOM **RESISTANT MATERIALS** - DARCY LUCAS, GEORGIA ROONEY **SCIENCE** - JOSEPH MOLDEN, MOLLY ROSCOE, LOUIS SANGSTER, ELISABETH TERRY, MACKENZIE YOUNG **SPANISH** - JOSEPH LAMB **TEXTILES** - ANNA LESLIE **TRIPLE SCIENCE** - ELLIS BROOKS, PAIJE CLARKE, STUART DOBSON

YEAR 11

ART - COLE HOWARD, FRANCES LAMBERT, FELICITY LOFTUS, ELLIE ROSTRON **BUSINESS STUDIES** - KIERAN ELKIN, FREYA MAYALL **COMPUTING** - SAM HARRISON **DANCE** - HOLLY BRENNAN **DRAMA** - SHANNON PILKINGTON, SAVANNAH SALISBURY **ENGINEERING** - PAUL MILLER, STEVEN HUME **ENGLISH** - BRITTANY CARTER, KERRY GILROY, BENJAMIN HAMPSON, ARCHIE RAMSBOTTOM, CATHERINE STOTT **FOOD** - JAYNE LONGDEN, JESSICA TOOTILL **FRENCH** - HANNAH KITCHEN, MEGAN RILEY, AINE ROBINSON, NIAMH SWEENEY **GEOGRAPHY** - EMINE CAKIR, RYAN GRANT, ALICE GRIFFITHS, ALEX SHAW **GRAPHICS** - EMILY PERCIVAL **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE** - GEORGIA WIGGLESWORTH **HISTORY** - ELLA CARR, CHLOE DAVEY, ABIGAIL DICKENS, CARLA SYKES **ICT** - AISHAH MALIK, SARHA SULMAN **MATHS** - JACK DUNNING, PHILIPPA HALL, LAUREN SAVILLE, JAMES STALLARD, CAMERON TURNER **MUSIC** - JOEL GIVVONS, ELLIE WHATMOUGH **PE** - ALISHA BARKER, BARRY MUMFORD-LLOYD, CHARLOTTE STEWART, IRA WALL **PRACTICAL WORKSHOP** - BARRON JONES **RE** - CHIARRA ABRAHAM, BETH GILLARD, JOSEPH LANGRIDGE, BRANDON ROYSTON, SAMUEL SODIYA **RESISTANT MATERIALS** - SAMUEL HATHERILL, HARRISON QUINN **SCIENCE** - AMIR AFSHARI, RACHEL MINTON, JOSHUA MOLLOY, THOMAS PADDON, BETHANY SYKES **SPANISH** - TOBIAS GREEN **TEXTILES** - ABIGAIL TOOTILL **TRIPLE SCIENCE** - DAVID ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM RICE, ISABELLA SPURR

- C H A R I T Y -

Charity is incredibly important. It teaches compassion and empathy. It makes people more aware of the world. It teaches people to care about those less fortunate than themselves, and knowledge and understanding stays with you your whole life.

We wanted to provide students with regular opportunities to get involved, whether by giving time, money, donating or purchasing items to benefit others. So far this year we have

identified a charity each month that we have supported. Response from the students has been amazing and very humbling.

We have asked the students to get involved in nominating the charities they would like us to adopt for the new year. A button on the VLE is live for students to share their ideas. Once short listed the most popular ones will be placed to the student on line vote so we can identify our future projects.



- J A N U A R Y -

L I G H T H O U S E P R O J E C T

Staff and students of Saddleworth School, along with their families, pulled together to collect an enormous amount of clothing to send to Lesvos to give to the refugees arriving by boat. The generous donations will allow hundreds of refugees the opportunity to carry on their long journey in relative warmth, giving dignity back to those who have lost everything else.

It is too easy to let the feeling of helplessness make us help less, but as a school we have made a huge impact on the families who land in Lesvos, reminding us that even the smallest of acts can have the largest of impacts.

The families on these boats should be commended for their bravery. Despite having their homes and security torn away from them they courageously risk all they have, crammed on a rubber dinghy with fifty other brave souls. The Lighthouse team recently guided into shore a boat with a five day old baby on board. The fear of a journey which has costs the lives of hundreds was overcome by that brave mother and your donations will help many more like her find comfort and hope as they come to rest on the shore.

The next step for us is to raise the funding to send the container out to those who need it and the fantastic Year 10 ambassadors have all sorts lined up to help us achieve this.

If you would like to know more about this charity please visit: www.lighthouserelief.org

- F E B R U A R Y -

D O G S T R U S T

At the end of last year, we asked the students to get involved in selecting the charities they would like to support. With an online registration facility the students embraced and provided us with lots of ideas. The one charity that came up again and again across all year groups was the Dogs Trust.

With that in mind we thought it would be a great focus for February. Students were asked to donate food and gifts for the dogs to help improve their life and support the charities' work.

A big thank you to all those that kindly brought something in. I know it will all be greatly received.

Teacher Lead: *Mr Davies*



- M A R C H -

S P O R T R E L I E F

The Challenge was to walk/run/jog 1,635 miles in a day - the distance from Saddleworth to Athens (Home of the Olympics).

By the end of the day the total miles walked/jogged/ran was:

2 2 2 0 M I L E S

(Smashing the target by 585 miles!!!)

Over **£1000** raised for Sport Relief Charity.

50 Staff and 900 students joined in throughout the day during PE lessons and other lessons with the sole aim to walk, jog or run 8 laps of the school astro-turf which had been measured out as 1 mile. The weather wasn't too kind but did not dampen the spirits of students and staff alike!

Special mention to the top 3 runners on the day, Aiden Hall 80 laps, 10 miles; Regan Taylor 72 laps, 9 miles; and Conor Flannigan 70 laps, 8.75 miles. A big thank you to all the PE staff who marshalled the runners and collated the data throughout the day, and to all the students and staff who supported this great event.



- A C H I E V E M E N T S S O F A R -

We are trying our best to make a positive contribution as a school to support projects that benefit people less fortunate than ourselves.

In addition to those highlighted above, don't forget what else we have managed to achieve so far this year.



- S E P T E M B E R -

£1062.04



- N O V E M B E R -

£1543.83



- O C T O B E R -

Over 200 Teddies and £500



- D E C E M B E R -

17 Black Bags of Toys

Please can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support when we write introducing the projects each month.



- STAFF UPDATES -

We welcome 3 new staff to Saddleworth School

- 14** *Mr Shokanmbi* - joins the Maths Department
- 01** *Miss Draper* - joins the RE Department
- 11** *Mr Madden* - joins the Business Studies Department

We say a fond farewell to

- 04** *Mrs Kernohan* - Curriculum Leader History
- 02** *Mrs Douglas* - Business Studies Teacher
- 08** *Mr Munir* - IT Support Team
- 15** *Miss Foreman* - MFL Teacher
- 12** *Mrs Richards* - Finance Team
- 09** *Mr Arthurs* - Site Team
- 03** *Miss Bateson* - Science Teacher

Congratulations on the new additions to the family

- 07** *Mr Tigbe* - RE Teacher
- 13** *Mr Hill* - Technology Teacher
- 10** *Mr Horn* - Curriculum Leader Science
- 06** *Mrs Jones* - Maths Teacher

Congratulations to

- 05** *Miss Craddock* - Acting Curriculum Leader RE

- D Y S L E X I A -

After the question is asked, I think.
The harsh, metallic sound of cogs in my head
that turn slowly and dysfunctional.
As words swim like fish on the page.

The seconds slip by so quickly, and
the words become nothing, nothing but words.
The confident faces around me.
Know nothing of my perplexing thoughts.

Those blurring words, undefined and cruel
those terrible words, that show no mercy.
And those powerful words, those mighty words
that have gained the control over me.

The written words are speaking to me, but I
cannot understand their foreign speak.
Instead, I stay silent, as silent as the grave
blocking out a thousand sadistic laughs.

Although in that room, I show nothing
Of the tumultuous ocean, raging inside of me.
Yet the sharp comments, like a knife
Sting in an agonising pain.

When I'm alone, I hear their voices
taunting me, hurting me and wrenching my hope.
“The girl with no brain” they call me
along with other words, that spiral with hates.

Later in the darkness, the violence comes.
Their hands seize me, pulling viciously at my hair.
and I believe them when they say
that I will never be successful...

After the question is asked, I think.
The harsh, metallic sound of cogs in my head
that turn slowly and dysfunctional.
As words swim like fish on the page.

by

Hannah-Louise Siddiqui 10V

- T H E B O Y I N T H E B L A C K B O X -

On Friday 26th February, we were visited by the brilliant Oldham Theatre Workshop with their metaphorical piece of theatre, ‘The Boy in the Black Box’. The play highlighted the issues of mental health and how it affects different people. A strong message throughout the play was that mental health isn't something to be ignored, it is just as important as physical health and that anyone suffering is never alone.

The play was performed by actors Jabez, Amy and Sophie. They were accompanied by Becky, who led a discussion afterwards about the themes and messages within the play. The very moving piece followed the story of a young character named Kaleb, who was pressured by his parents to join a troupe of travelling performers, who may have also been suffering from similar problems to Kaleb, the ringleader also pressured Kaleb into performing and the more he was pressured, the further he sank deeper into the black box in which

he was forced to sleep in at night. Kaleb sadly turned to methods of self-harm but was helped by the mysterious character of ‘the girl who could see the future’. She told him of a light at the end of the tunnel. The surrealistic aspect of the play made it easier to watch and made it so that it could mean lots of things to lots of people.

After the performance, we spoke to Jabez, Amy, Sophie and Becky and they told us that the Oldham Youth Council had helped them to devise the play and that it was written by Sarah Nelson. They told us that a message to take away from the play would be that ‘no problem is too small’ and if you do feel like Kaleb did, then there is always something you can do. They conceded that there were plenty of metaphors within the play and that the story meant something different to everybody. They came up with the idea that it would be a good idea to show to adults as well as students to help them understand things they might be experiencing or that their children



might be - especially as this sort of service has only just become available. We asked them what they thought about the pressure put on young people today and together we concluded that pressure is applied in more ways than we might guess (e.g - school, parents, clubs) and that even people applying the pressure may be feeling it themselves from somewhere else. It turned out that there was actually a whole pressurising ladder! Lastly, on the subject of their brilliant acting skills, Sophie told us that she joined drama to build confidence when she was younger and has succeeded in that! Jabez told us that he began with dancing when he was younger and later discovered acting and Oldham Theatre Workshop, where he found his place.

We also decided to ask some other audience members about what they thought of the performance, here is what Isabelle Anastasiou and Amelia Emmerson, year 9, had to say about it:

What did you think of the performance?

“A very good way of expressing to people the impact of mental health.” - **Isabelle**

“I really enjoyed it, I enjoyed how they performed it as it came across really well.” - **Amelia**

Did you think that the actors played the parts well?

“Yes. I think that they did well at playing the multiple roles and it was easy to recognise who was who.” - **Isabelle**

“Yes, there were only three of them but they acted the parts perfectly.” - **Amelia**

What did you take away from the performance?

“I took that people might not speak out and that we need to look out for friends in any way we can.” - **Isabelle**

“I took away a better understanding of mental health as I don't know what it is like to suffer from mental health issues but the performance helped me to understand what it is like.” - **Amelia**

Finally, the company told us all about a website set up for young people in Oldham called Kooth.com. Kooth is a free and anonymous counselling service wherein anyone can chat to a trained counsellor online and seek help, support and guidance. If you, yourself feel maybe a bit like Kaleb did, or even if you just want to check it out, type in Kooth.com and see the website for yourself! You are never alone!

Megan Bruton, 9L and Samantha Hannah, 9T



- S K I T R I P -

Wednesday, 10th February saw the departure of our school annual skiing extravaganza! 46 pupils from Year's 8, 9, 10 and 11 accompanied by 6 staff had a most delightful week skiing in Axamer Lizum, Austria. This resort was used for the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics.

We had five days skiing in this resort with almost no crowds, and due to our midweek departure the beginners had the nursery slopes to themselves for the first two days which meant no queueing for the lifts and of course less victims to wipe out !

For the more advanced skiers they had the mountain to themselves, I recall on one occasion having to wait almost 2 minutes to get on a chair lift! This cannot be said of other European resorts.

The hotel was welcoming, with spacious warm rooms and a never ending supply of hot food, due to our students' superb behaviour during the week we have been welcomed back anytime.

Customary for Saddleworth school ski trips

we enjoyed a day off from skiing mid-week spending our time in the beautiful city of Innsbruck, this allowed for tired legs to rest and time for sightseeing with a bit of retail therapy.

To keep the cost of the holiday as low as possible we travel by coach, during these many, many hours our students conduct was simply the best we have witnessed, we were even complemented by the UK customs at the port of Calais. Another welcome bonus for the week departure was for each leg of our journey we gained an earlier crossing with quiet dining facilities.

Notable pupils were the Year 8 boys who spent more hours climbing on the biggest pile of snow they have ever seen than skiing, and Mrs Turmeau for bringing more luggage than most of the pupils added together.

To conclude a great resort and skiing made extra special by the conduct of the students and a never ending supply of care and humour from the staff.

Mr I Simkins

I have had a great time on 3 different ski trips with school...

The first was to Jay Peak Vermont and was the most exciting destination as it is outside Europe. The resort was purpose built but everything was there, swimming, ice skating and a 5 star hotel!!! The skiing was fantastic with a large range of runs and plenty of small trails between the trees which you don't get in Europe. The trip also included a day in New York for the girls to go shopping...and the lads to see the sights.

The second was to La Molina in Spain with a day in Andorra which is fantastic for shopping and it is tax free. The ski instructors spoke good English. The slopes were good for all abilities ranging from beginners to those who wanted to ski the 'Blacks'. The hotel was a spa so there was a pool and the wifi was also good.

The third was this year to Axamer-Lizum near Innsbruck home to a ski jump featured on 'The Jump'. This resort had very challenging runs due to having hosted the olympics twice in twelve years. The snow was really good and there were no lift queues which was a bonus.

All in all don't be put off by the coach as it is fun watching films and spending time with friends, part of the holiday is the journey past different countries. The staff are not like staff at all on the trip and make sure everybody is all right.

Skiing is great you can always look back in years to come with your souvenir hoody!!

Sam Darke-Williams

- FRIENDS OF SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL -

Lucky Numbers Club

As you may be aware, Saddleworth School now have a 'Friends of Saddleworth School' group who hope to raise important and much needed funds for various projects across the year groups. Staff, students, parents, friends can all put forward suggestions for the ways in which the money raised is spent.

All monies raised will go towards projects that directly support the students.

We will shortly be launching a 'Lucky Numbers Club', where you pay an annual fee of £12.00 (£1.00 per month) and will be issued with a number for the following 12 months. Each month a number will be drawn and if it is your lucky number then you will win the monetary prize for that month! It's as simple as that! And the odds may be better than winning the lottery! Okay, so you might not become a millionaire but you can be happy in the knowledge that your participation will be going to many worthwhile causes within school.

Once you have joined you will receive your exclusive lucky number and a monthly notification of the lucky winners. Obviously the more that get involved the larger the winnings will be.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for considering joining our exciting 'Lucky Numbers Club' and if you do so, GOOD LUCK!

Kind Regards
Friends of Saddleworth School



- THE DIANA AWARD -

After weeks of hard work and anticipation, February saw the Peer Mentors, Peer Readers and Year 8 form reps welcome representatives from the Diana Award into school to run a full day of anti-bullying training. The full day of activities is a result of the school's position as a Diana Award Staff Champion for anti-bullying in the North West.

The morning session saw over 90 students working together to develop anti-bullying strategies which could be put in place across Saddleworth school. Students looked at the impact of social media on self-esteem, discussed how best to further raise

awareness of the school's zero tolerance approach to bullying, as well as learning about how to support those struggling because of bullying.

The afternoon session saw visitors from Stockport Academy come in to share their own ideas and examples of good practice.

Kirsten Fletcher, who is on the National Youth Board for Anti-Bullying, presented ideas from her recent visit to Facebook headquarters in Dublin to explore issues around cyber-bullying.



- STUDENTS' COMMENTS -

Kirsten Fletcher added: "I've also been to meetings in London and Blackpool and got lots of ideas to bring back to school," she explained. "We shared tips on how to get the anti-bullying message across, such as using music and selfies." Her presentation was followed up with further examples of good practice from the peer mentors, and a Q&A session involving staff from a number of visiting schools.

Isabelle Anastasiou said: "I found the conference really helpful as it gave me a lot of productive ideas to help me to support my Year 7 form group, and raise awareness around anti-bullying in school."

Gemma Croft added: "I enjoyed the day very much as it was fun and action packed. I enjoyed listening to the anti-bullying ideas from the visiting school and I look forward to trying out new ideas at Saddleworth School."

And **Eve Moynihan** said: "The day was a lot of fun! I learnt more about how to be a good Peer Mentor and how to be more confident. It really helped me to get new ideas."



- A S P I R A T I O N S -



CAREERS GUIDANCE AT SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL

Mrs Murphy is our Careers Adviser based in school on Tuesday and Thursday and she has been helping our Year 11 students to make plans for the future and supporting them with applications to college and apprenticeships. As the exam season starts in May she will be starting to see students from Year 10 to start the process of them thinking about life after Saddleworth School.

Students in Year 9 - 11 can ask for careers guidance, advice and information from Mrs Murphy. She is based in the MMRC office and holds lunchtime drop in clinics on Tuesday and Thursday and after school on Tuesdays. Students can also request a meeting through their form tutor or by visiting the careers link on the VLE and clicking on Meet Mrs Murphy.

Students can continue to receive help in applying for apprenticeships and colleges throughout the rest of the year and after exams, including the summer holidays. Mrs Murphy can be contacted in school on Tuesday and Thursday or via phone on 0161 6219211 or by emailing: janetmurphy@positivesteps.org.uk

Useful websites:

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

www.careerpoint-gm.co.uk

www.theapprenticeshiphub.co.uk

APPLICATIONS THIS YEAR

As Year 11 students start to approach the countdown to their exams they have been busy securing places at a range of colleges in the local area, with some still working hard at looking for an apprenticeship.

This year we currently have 154 students with a conditional offer to study at Oldham Sixth Form, with more students awaiting an interview. Students have also secured offers from colleges across Greater Manchester, including Oldham College, Hopwood Hall, Tameside College, Clarendon Sixth Form, Greenhead, Ashton Sixth Form, Bluecoat and Crompton House. We wish them the very best of luck in their future plans.

APPRENTICESHIPS

There are a number of students interested in apprenticeships who will be applying for vacancies over the next few months. Most vacancies can be found via: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

F O R M E R S T U D E N T S U C C E S S

News about students who left Saddleworth in 2013. The following students achieved awards from Oldham Sixth Form College, after completing their studies in 2015. Many of the students from this year group have progressed on to study at a wide variety of universities.

Melissa Beardmore

Award received: RE Subject prize and Outstanding Academic Achievement. Went on to study History, University of Leeds

Georgina Brook

Award received: Outstanding Academic Achievement. Went on to study Fine Art and French, University of Oxford Brooks

Emma Campbell

Award received: Drama and Theatre Arts Subject prize. Went on to study Geography, University of Manchester

Alexander Dobson

Award received: French Subject Prize and Outstanding Academic Achievement. Went on to study History, Oxford University

Courtney Fish

Award received: German Progress Prize. Went on to Public Service and Social Justice, Manchester College

Holly Frazer

Award received: English Language Subject prize and Outstanding Academic Achievement. Went on to study English, University College, London

Daniel Heywood

Award received: Geology Progress prize. Went on to study Environmental Hazards and Geology, University of Derby

Isabel Hole

Award received: Sports Prize 2015 (Netball). Went on to study Physiotherapy, The University of Cardiff

Jamie Jones

Award received: Law Progress Prize. Went on to study Law, University of Sheffield

Rachel Kilburn

Award received: Law Subject Prize. Went on to study Law with criminology, University of Sheffield

Michael Kitching

Award received: Economics Progress Prize. Went on to study Economics and Philosophy, University of Leeds

Patrick Marshall

Award received: English Literature Prize, and Outstanding Academic Achievement. Went on to study Music, University of Manchester

Kieran McGovern

Award received: Outstanding Academic Achievement. Went on to study Physics, University of Birmingham

Bethany Roberts

Award received: English Literature Subject prize and Outstanding Academic Achievement. Went on to study Law, Durham University

We also received a poster in school featuring one of our former students, Andrew Kershaw, who has excelled on his Production Arts Course at Oldham College - stating

"As an Oldham College Student, he has been the driving force of his year group, with a sheer commitment and dedication to his craft. He goes above and beyond, resulting in him gaining work experience on X-Factor and other productions".



- SECONDARY HEADS CONFERENCE -



Saddleworth School Brass Ensemble were honoured when they were invited to play at the Secondary Heads Conference in Manchester. Playing to a room filled of the regions Head Teachers they definitely put Saddleworth on the map with the standard of their performance.

Mr Milburn was inundated with praise and comments on the exceptionally high standard. He was definitely envied by many to have such a strong calibre of musicians in his school.

- GCSE MUSIC CONCERT -



On the evening of Tuesday 1st March, Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music students showcased their talents by performing either an individual piece or a group piece as a practise for their up-coming Performance exams. The evening took place in the Drama Studio and was watched by around 30 members of their families and friends. The students have worked hard in preparing pieces for this evening and for their exams and this showed in the excellent performances given. All students are wished the best of luck in their exams: Year 11 on the 7th and 8th March and Year 10 on the 23rd and 24th May.

Mrs Pickett



- HALLÉ FOR YOUTH -

Over the past few months two year seven forms, 7E and 7T, have been taking part in the Hallé for Youth Project. They have had the exciting opportunity to work alongside extremely talented dancers, musicians and an artist. The pieces of music for this year's project, which our young musicians will be working with are the "Allegro from Symphony No.10" by the great Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich and the ever popular "Ride of the Valkyries" by the famous Richard Wagner. These two classical heavyweights are also part of the brand new BBC 10 pieces for secondary initiative.

Over a series of workshops the amazing dance students from the Northern Ballet School choreographed a dance with each form to the chosen piece of music which involved every member. The dancers were enthusiastic, encouraging and very patient. The end result was spectacular!

Two brilliant musicians from the world famous Hallé Orchestra worked with each form to create their own version of the chosen piece of music. 7E worked with a cellist, Maya Kashif and percussion player, John Adendstern and 7T worked with a violinist, Catherine Landen and french horn player, Andy Maher. These musicians were very understanding of each and every students' musical or non-musical abilities and ensured every person was part of the ensemble.

7T made Viking costumes out of pieces of material and they had card crowns which was very creative. Their dancing was outstanding and they musical skills were fantastic. I was really amazed by their confidence whilst performing.

7E were either peasants or soldiers and they made their outfits from fabric, paper and card. It was very effective. The music they created was of a really high standard and the way that they danced was brilliant.

While we all enjoyed a great day off school last Friday because of the snow, unfortunately it meant that 7E could not perform in their second concert on the 4th March with the full Hallé Orchestra. However 7T went earlier in the week and said it was a wonderful experience to perform on the Bridgewater Hall stage alongside such an amazing orchestra!

Thank you to Mrs Pickett and Mr Beckwith for helping to make this happen!

by Eleanor Whitehead (7E) and Madison Holt (7E)



- MUSIC EXAMS -

Supported by Oldham Music Service we have over 150 students in school that take additional Music tuition each week.

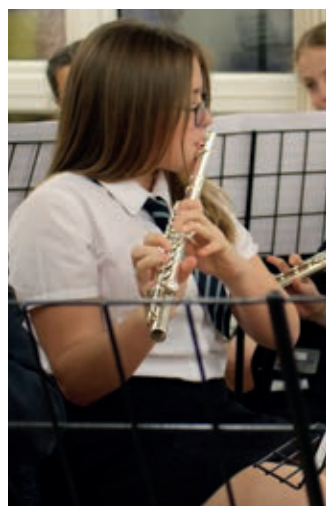
They continue to work exceptionally hard in their respective instruments, taking their graded exams to recognise their success.

We would like to recognise the achievements of the students last term that successfully passed their exam. Congratulations to you all.

If you are interested in your child taking musical tuition please contact Mrs Pickett in the Music Department s.pickett@saddleworthschool.org



- MAISIE REECE -
Year 8
138 distinction grade 3 flute.



- LEAH TISSINGTON -
Year 8
124 merit grade 3 flute.



- LUCY CHAPMAN -
Year 8
126 merit grade 3 clarinet.



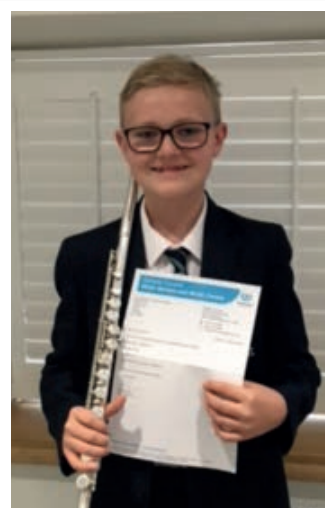
- CHIARA ECKERSLEY -
Year 7
who has gained a place in the prestigious National Children's Brass Band.



- ROWAN HEYWOOD -
Year 9
for passing his Grade 3 ABRSM Piano exam.



- LUCY BEAUMONT -
Year 7
has passed her Grade 3 ABRSM Violin exam with Merit.



- ADAM CARTWRIGHT -
Year 8
138 distinction grade 3 flute.

- NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA -



Over the February half term, I travelled down to Liverpool University for a three day residential with the National Youth Orchestra Inspire.

The orchestra was made up of over 100, specially nominated string players from across the UK, who had all come together to play challenging repertoire and receive tips from NYO tutors and musicians. We focused on playing unusual pieces that portrayed a different side to string instruments, which I found extremely interesting to learn about.

After three enjoyable and hard-working days, the orchestra performed to family and friends in the Guild building within Liverpool University.

The Repertoire:

'Mein Weg' (Arvo Part)

'The Archer and the Stag' (Freya Ireland)

Orchestral arrangement of 'The Girl with the Flaxen Hair' (Claude Debussy)

'Shaker Loops Movement I' (John Addams)

NYO Inspire has opened my eyes to orchestral music even more, and made me feel part of something exciting. Being with other people who share my passion for music is something that I will never forget; I have made so many friends as a result of NYO Inspire, which fulfilled its purpose. I am indeed inspired by this amazing experience!

by Hannah Louise Siddiqui





With modern technology developing it provides us with lots of opportunities to engage students in a very different manner. By encouraging a sense of competition it drives students to engage further, thus developing their learning further.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

A fun and interactive way to help the students learn key vocabulary needed for their mid year assessments. A homework challenge, time limited competition. Once you start competing in the challenge the scoreboard starts to fill with the names and scores.

Encouraging students to 'Aim High' students gain more points for more difficult activities.

French Textivate Challenge Winners:

1st: **Yasmin Osbourne** 7A (332463 points)
2nd: **Freya Moores** 7O (320542 points)
3rd: **Melissa Demstader** 7G (239089 points)

bonne chance

REMEMBER...
YOU'VE GOT TO BE
IN IT TO WIN IT!

FORM TIME

Co-ordinated by Miss Campbell each form group competes weekly in a quiz. Designed to cover current issues happening in the world it encourages students to be aware of the wider world around them and current affairs.

“

I LOVE THE WEEKLY QUIZ AND SOME TUTORS USE IT WITH PUPILS. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO ENCOURAGE YOUNGSTERS TO FOLLOW THE NEWS!

WE CAN EXPAND OR CONDENSE THE QUIZ AS MUCH AS TIME ALLOWS IN ANY WEEK.

A GREAT WAY TO GET THE CHILDREN INTERESTED IN CURRENT AFFAIRS

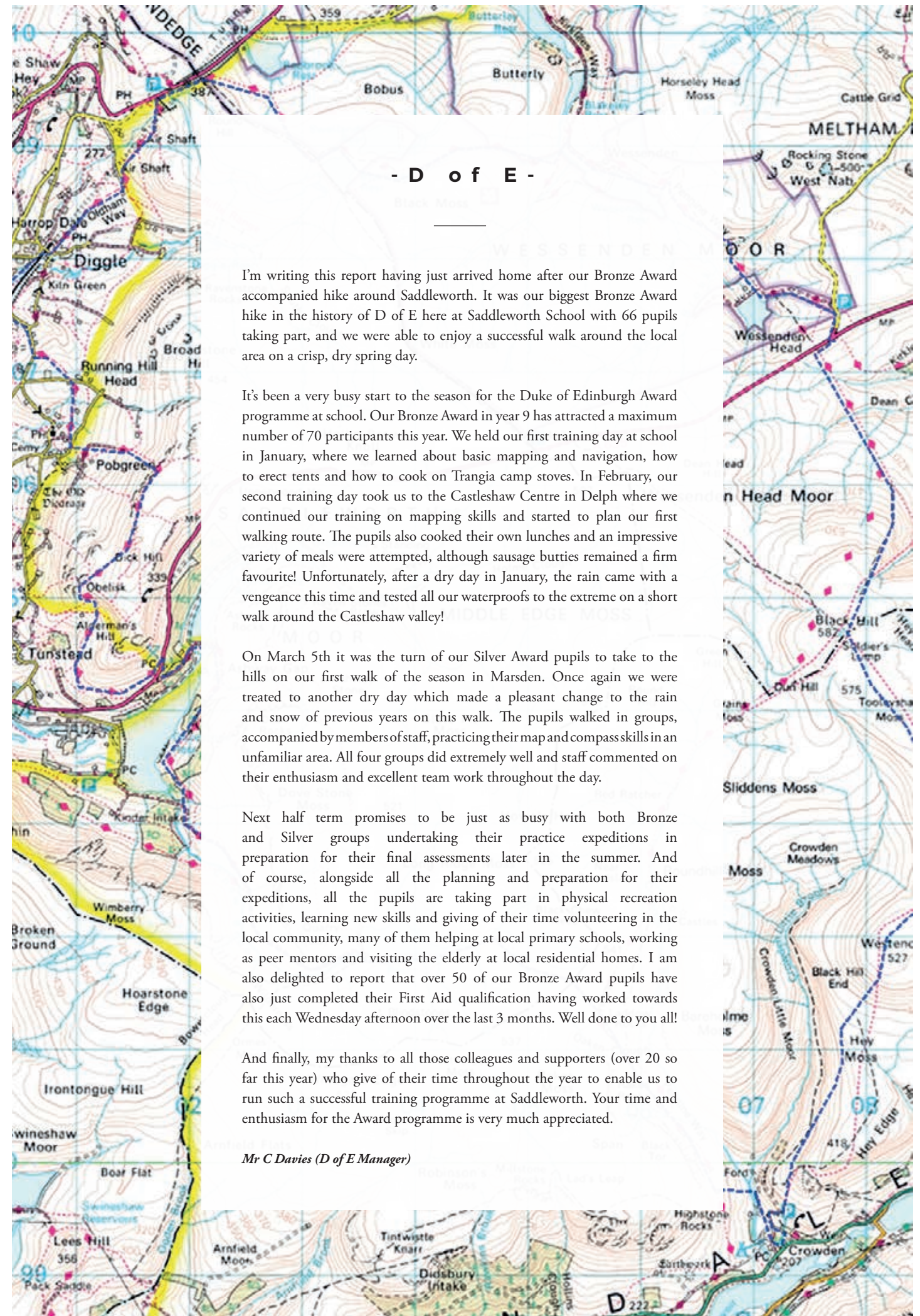
RAISES SELF-ESTEEM WHEN THEY'VE DONE WELL, IMPROVING WEEK BY WEEK.

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ENGLISH & PHILOSOPHY

In March, English & Philosophy launched their 'Subverted Fairytale Writing Competition' across Year 8. Each EP group will submit three finalists who will then compete against the rest of Year 8. The overall winner will be announced in assembly on April 20th.

Watch this space in the next edition where the winners will be announced.



I'm writing this report having just arrived home after our Bronze Award accompanied hike around Saddleworth. It was our biggest Bronze Award hike in the history of D of E here at Saddleworth School with 66 pupils taking part, and we were able to enjoy a successful walk around the local area on a crisp, dry spring day.

It's been a very busy start to the season for the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme at school. Our Bronze Award in year 9 has attracted a maximum number of 70 participants this year. We held our first training day at school in January, where we learned about basic mapping and navigation, how to erect tents and how to cook on Trangia camp stoves. In February, our second training day took us to the Castleshaw Centre in Delph where we continued our training on mapping skills and started to plan our first walking route. The pupils also cooked their own lunches and an impressive variety of meals were attempted, although sausage butties remained a firm favourite! Unfortunately, after a dry day in January, the rain came with a vengeance this time and tested all our waterproofs to the extreme on a short walk around the Castleshaw valley!

On March 5th it was the turn of our Silver Award pupils to take to the hills on our first walk of the season in Marsden. Once again we were treated to another dry day which made a pleasant change to the rain and snow of previous years on this walk. The pupils walked in groups, accompanied by members of staff, practicing their map and compass skills in an unfamiliar area. All four groups did extremely well and staff commented on their enthusiasm and excellent team work throughout the day.

Next half term promises to be just as busy with both Bronze and Silver groups undertaking their practice expeditions in preparation for their final assessments later in the summer. And of course, alongside all the planning and preparation for their expeditions, all the pupils are taking part in physical recreation activities, learning new skills and giving of their time volunteering in the local community, many of them helping at local primary schools, working as peer mentors and visiting the elderly at local residential homes. I am also delighted to report that over 50 of our Bronze Award pupils have also just completed their First Aid qualification having worked towards this each Wednesday afternoon over the last 3 months. Well done to you all!

And finally, my thanks to all those colleagues and supporters (over 20 so far this year) who give of their time throughout the year to enable us to run such a successful training programme at Saddleworth. Your time and enthusiasm for the Award programme is very much appreciated.

Mr C Davies (D of E Manager)

- CHINESE NEW YEAR -



On Thursday 4th February, Year 9 Mandarin students from Saddleworth School celebrated the Chinese New Year with a one-day trip to Edge Hill University.

Led by Ms. Fan, our Hanban teacher Ms. Chen, Mr. Dinsdale and PGCE student Ms. Nai, 21 Year 9 students set off for the university located in Liverpool by coach. After a sightseeing on the campus, students had a brief picture of the history of Edge Hill and what university life is like. Then they went to the

Chinese market held especially for the upcoming Chinese New Year, where they bought lovely souvenirs and tried a variety of interactive activities such as paper cutting, calligraphy, costume trying-on and Chinese food sampling. Mr. Dinsdale even tried playing table tennis with the boys. Before the fair closed, a lion dance was performed, which was warmly welcomed by the students.

This trip was a successful attempt to bring students nearer to a culture of the language they learned.



- PAINT A PIPE -

Three Year 9 pupils represented Saddleworth School in the "Paint a Pipe" competition in association with Manchester Cathedral, where the old organ is being replaced in a £2m refurbishment. Local schools were invited to decorate the old organ pipes with art work inspired by the theme of "Musical Manchester".

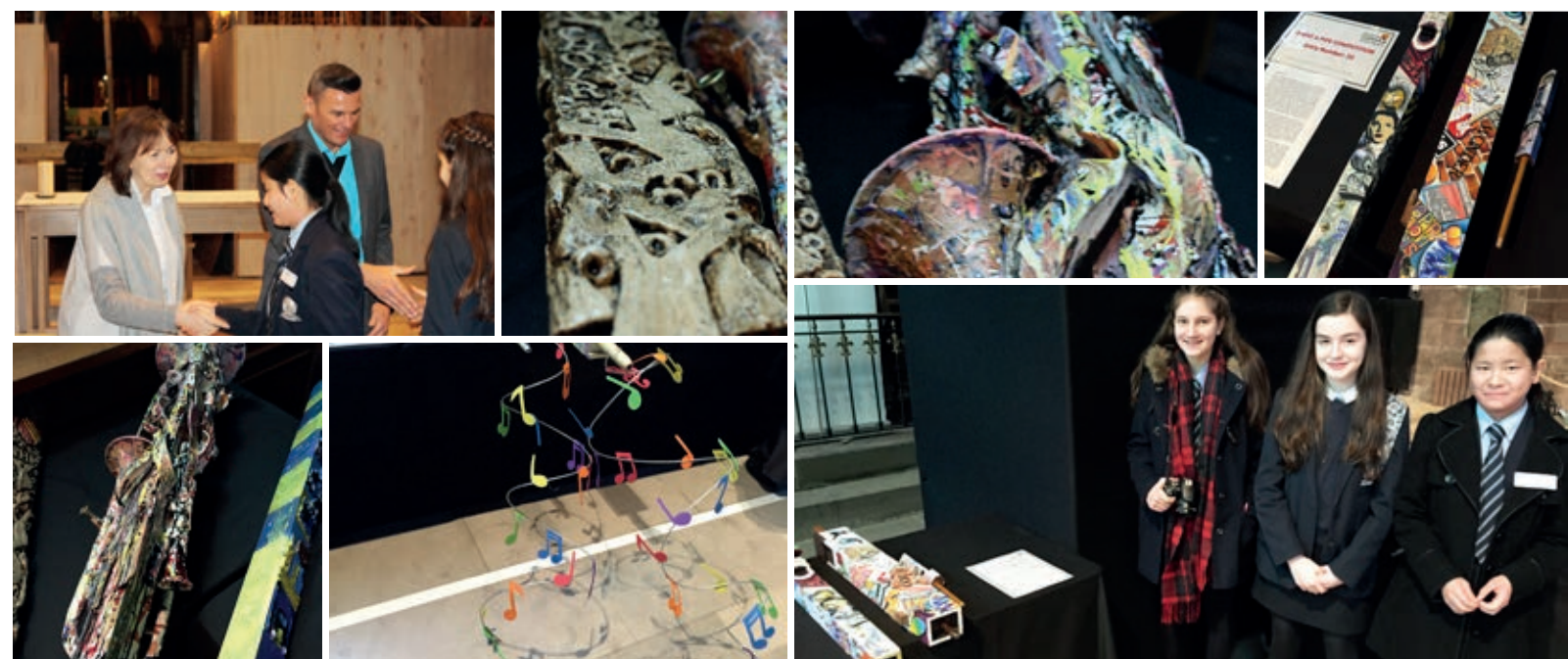
Lusindy Liang, Lucy George and Katherine O'Donnell each produced stunning artwork in response to the brief.

The pupils drew on a wide range of pop culture references from 60s bands such as Herman's Hermits, through to the Madchester Days of the Hacienda and the Stone Roses

as well as inspiration from Musical Theatre and Classical genres.

Pupils were invited to a Buffet Lunch, where they were presented with a certificate for their involvement. Pupils also received a tour of the Cathedral and participated in musical workshops.

The finished pipes will form part of an art installation in Manchester Airport along with the other entries from various schools within the borough. When on your holidays this year be on the lookout for the artwork as your pass through Manchester Airport!



“Musical Manchester has something for everyone, as I discovered when I interviewed members of my family.

Although their responses are so diverse, from classical, opera, hip hop, indie to good old 'brass', they all have the all important 'dimensions of music'. As I tried to interpret each dimension in my art form, I discovered that although I needed structure to convey my message, I could also experiment with texture, colour, line, shape and form. Music and Art are connected in this way.

This connection is evident in the work of Manchester born, Peter Saville, a designer who interests me, whose twenty-five year practice spans the fields of graphics, creative direction and art. As I researched his recognisable album covers of all time, for Joy Division and New Order, I realised how creative direction can have an impact on music production and performance. With this in mind, I tried to use my skills from the disciplines of art, design and textiles to make my own interpretation of the Opera House, musicals, operas

and drama, Factory Records, independent bands, concerts and street music.

I have used Madama Butterfly as the central focal point on my pipe, to link the butterflies with the garden growing around the handle, to symbolise music growing and becoming diverse like a garden.

I have included a painted trombone and a tuba on the 'Take That Circus Tour' section, because my brother and I play these instruments and it reminds me of the 'Whit Walks', which are filled with singing and brass bands playing.

Of course I have included my mum's favourite bands of 'James', and the musical giants 'Take That', who both convey two poignant messages of 'COME HOME' and 'NEVER FORGET'. Music evokes memories and can give us the inner peace and security of home.

Lucy George

- ON THE STAGE -

STARLIGHT EXPRESS

Mossley Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society.

Their most recent musical being Starlight Express rock musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The actors famously perform wearing roller skates. In the story, a child's train set magically comes to life, and the various engines compete to become the "Fastest - Engine in the World". The underdog, Rusty the steam train, has little chance until he is inspired by the legend of the Starlight Express and ultimately defeats his arch-rivals Greaseball and Electra before going on to win the hand of the lovely first-class coach, Pearl.

After auditions and castings took place, the cast immediately went to 'skating school' at Roller City in Rochdale to learn the trickiest aspect of the show - the Roller Skating. They attended skate school for 8 weeks throughout their summer before going on to rehearse at Mossley's studio in Woodend Mill. There they worked for 4 months on every routine in the show before performing to sold out audiences at the George Lawton Hall, Mossley at the end of January.

Members of Saddleworth School who performed:

Megan Curley, Thomas Kehoe (Electra)

Violet Winterbottom (Voice of Control)

"The experience of doing Starlight Express is like none other; nothing can match the amazing sense of achievement after every performance when you go out and meet the audience members after the show. It was great to get the audience so involved and learn new skills and develop old ones. From the show I learnt enlightenment into how tough shows can be and made so many new friends. It was brilliant to know that so many of us overcame our trepidations and worked as one team to put on this spectacular show (one of the first of its kind). I will always look back on Starlight with fond memories and I wish anyone who is going to be a part of the show the best of luck, trust me, you will need it."

Megan Curley



ASHTON BATHS

New beginnings at the old baths

To celebrate the transformation of Ashton Old Baths becoming Tamesides new business hub for digital and new media companies hundreds of local children performed.

Stalybridge Old Band, who had played at the first opening ceremony in 1876, performed on the evening which was a very fitting tribute.

Members of Saddleworth School who performed: **Ellie Wolfenden** and **Lucy Duncan**.

Congratulations on your successful auditions to be selected as part of the celebratory performance. **Well done.**



WHITE CHRISTMAS

Dukinfield Amateur Operatic Dramatic Society

A sell out show saw the George Lawton Hall in Mossley full to capacity.

Members of Saddleworth School who performed: **Megan Curley** (Gloria) and **Lucy Duncan**

White Christmas is by far one of the best shows I've ever had the privilege to be a part of. The cast possessed an amazing range of talent with Ben Drane (Phil Davies), David Noble (Bob Wallace), Carolynne Jones (Betty Haynes), and Amy Turner (Judy Haynes) performing to sold out crowds night after night. One of the best things about the show was the cast and crew. This was my first Dukinfield show and the cast welcomed me with open arms, as I was a latecomer brought in to fill a part. They were some of the most benign people I've ever had the pleasure to work with and many cast members had me laughing until my sides were sore. White Christmas, although performed in October, has left me with such a profound effect: "To count my blessings instead of sheep."

Megan Curley

JOSEPH TAYLOR

Coronation Street

A name to remember and a star in the making. Already at such a young age he has a great portfolio of work and achievements. With scheduled TV work and regular stage performances, he is destined for great things

"I'm Joseph Taylor in form 8L. When I'm older I want to be an actor. I have just finished a job at the Royal Exchange Theatre Manchester called 'Husbands and Sons' with Anne-Marie Duff (who played my mum), and in 2013/14 I was also in 'That Day We Sang.' In October I was in 'An enemy Of The People' at Bolton Octagon.

I have recently just finished filming for Coronation Street and that was aired on the 4th of April at 19:30, the 6th of April at 19:30, and the 18th of April at 19:30 and 20:30."



- C O M M U N I T Y W O R K -

Putting our community at the centre of everything we do

Community is important to us at Saddleworth School. We would like to ensure that we are able to offer something positive to our local community and can support it in anyway possible.

We would love for Saddleworth School to be a community hub for the village and we are looking for ways to further enhance this. If you have any way in which we can help, any projects that we can support or any opportunities for us to get involved please let us know as we would be keen to do so.

The students at Saddleworth are truly inspiring and we would love to work with you to show you why.

L I G H T U P L I L Y ' S L I F E

Supporting a local family

Touched by the story of a local baby we wanted to do something to help.

Lily was a happy, healthy baby up to being 7 weeks old, where at home on the 20th September 2015, she suffered a seizure She was taken to hospital where their world was turned upside down within minutes.

The CT Scans confirmed there was a bleed on the brain and a lesion. A MRI showed Lily had Vain of Galen Malformation which affects 1 in 5 million.



Only two hospitals in the country Scotland hospital (Glasgow) for sick children or Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital were able to carry out such treatment and operations. Whilst Lily was in Scotland she suffered 69 seizures, which left her with brain damage on both sides of the brain.

She also has a condition called visual sight delay, which means she can see one or two items, anything more she can't see and moving objects, she can't see.

She is on anti epileptic drugs to control the seizures, her head is still getting extra fluid and they are awaiting a further brain operation to place a shunt to help reduce this. Needing her to recover fully from the last 2 brain operation first it is still a long wait and difficult time.

The family are hoping to raise money for the necessary medical equipment to help Lily and improve her quality of life at home.

Thank you to all pupils who donated to Baby Lily. The total raised was £210. A fantastic amount from just the Panto collection.

The money was greatly received by the family at this difficult time. It will help fund the medical equipment she so desperately needs.

C L E A N F O R T H E Q U E E N

Helping to tidy up our communitiy

As part of their Community Contribution the year 7 students are getting involved in this National Campaign.

Clean for the Queen is a campaign to clear up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday, which will be officially celebrated in June 2016.

With the campaign scheduled to take place across the country (4th-6th June) we designated Friday 4th as our contribution to this. Having attended the local launch with other key community groups to help identify our priority areas to compliment the wider work taking place over the weekend we were all set to go.

All form groups were scheduled to donate 1 lessons (55 minutes) to help make a difference. We calculated that by the end of the day we would have contributed as a school just over 250 hours to making our local community a better place.

The student ambassadors had prepared and practised their presentation to their peers to showcase the importance of what we were doing. Our special purple refuse sacks and protective gloves had all been delivered but unfortunately we were hit with the bad weather and heavy snowfall that closed the school.

Sadly this meant that this could not take place. We have therefore decided to postponed this until the summer term where we will link this to when she officially celebrates her birthday.



- TEA FOR TWO -

On the 9th of March I, Paige Clark, Niamh Burns, Ellie Fletcher and Leah Wren hosted an intergenerational event which was part of a CMI Qualification we are all completing in which we had to write an essay on working relationships and leadership roles.

We were also invited to workshops in which we were able to develop our leadership skills and a residential that both incorporated the practical and academic side of the qualification. Although, the final piece was to produce an event which we would have to work as a group to organise and host, each of us had a different role to complete from publicists to head of decorating. After hours of work over the half-term holidays making bunting and gift days the day finally came. We treated the guests to an amazing array of talent that sang, danced and played throughout the whole event.

However the most integral part of the event was for us to get to know everyone, it was an

amazing opportunity as everyone was able to talk about themselves and their past experiences making the event truly unique. The responses were very complimentary.

"WELL DONE to you all. A wonderful afternoon. You are all a credit to the school."

Mr Broadbent, Patron of the School.

Another stated 'What a great idea! Friendly, fun loving pupils. Delicious food and a variety of entertainment. Haven't played bingo in years!! Loved the brass ensemble.'

Finally, I would like to thank: all the acts that took part and performed beautifully; the helpers who selflessly volunteered and served all the food; Sue and Cath for helping us throughout the whole qualification and Leah who was unable to attend the final event but helped out with all the decorating and with everything from bunting to scones!

Roshni Parmar-Hill 10D



- VOICE FOR SADDLEWORTH -

YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE. MAKE IT COUNT

OLDHAM YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to all the students that stood in the Oldham Council Youth Election. It was amazing that 22 young people put themselves forward.

Creating their own manifestos they spent 3 weeks campaigning for the students votes. Booking themselves into assemblies and form time, creating visual posters to display and distribute they shared their vision with the other students across school before the election.

Every student in school was issued with a vote and asked to cast their choice on their voting slip. Collected in the ballot boxes they were collected and taken for counting and verification by the council.

We are pleased to announce that after the much anticipated verification process 7 students were successfully elected onto the Oldham Youth Council:

Isabelle Anastasiou
Niamh Byrne
Paije Clarke
Melissa Demstader
Roshni Parmar Hill
Eden Potter Williams
Maddison Potter-Farrants

Well done to you all. The hardwork and fun now begins as you continue to represent the young people of Saddleworth and voice their beliefs and vision.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all the young people who got involved in the elections. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a MASSIVE well done and congratulations for being the school with the highest number of young people voting in the whole of Oldham so really well done!"

Areeta Iqbal, Integrated Youth Team

- C U R R I C U L U M -

At Saddleworth School we are always looking for opportunities to enhance our student's learning through visits, visitors and experiences beyond the classroom.

We believe that these opportunities bring learning to life and should be an important part

of every child's education.

This last term we have been fortunate enough to be supported by our local community to make this possible. A big thank you to all those highlighted who allowed them to learn beyond the classroom.

Supporting the work taking place in Year 7 English and Philosophy, St Chads, Saddleworth Church kindly opened its doors to welcome our students.

'Saddleworth School Year 7 pupils walked up to St Chad, Saddleworth Church, which was fitting as this is how St Chad himself would have arrived 800 years ago - on foot.

To be out of school for a visit to somewhere new is exiting and this is how the pupils arrived especially as they were to finish their visit with their picnic in the church.

They entered the church to the sound of monks chanting- which would have been the music of the day when St Chad arrived to start his church there 800 years ago.

Sitting quietly while this music played in the background I gave a brief introduction about the present church and gave them clues to some of the answers to the questions on their sheets. I also of course had some mistakes which some alert pupils picked up on.

Mr & Mrs Hall were also on hand to answer many questions and with their great experience in the history of the church and RE were invaluable.

It was interesting to me how pupils approached some of the

questions. Some read from the sheet, others said what they thought they had read from the sheet and to others it had to be explained what the question meant.

The reasoning and intelligent answers that came show just how bright many of our year 7's are.

These visits are a wonderful opportunity both for the school and church to expand their community links especially as many residents will have seen them walking in the village together and up to church.

I hope that the Year 7 visits will continue and that the church can expand its interests in other areas with the school.

Pam Byrne

Church Warden

Saddleworth School Governor



C A L L I N G A L L D E S I G N E R S

Competition time

Ever wanted to re brand a business, well now is your chance. From business cards to flyers, letterheads to banners a full corporate identity is being offered.

Owner of the Remedial Massage Therapy Business, Vicky Griffiths is offering you this wonderful opportunity. She will set the design brief, provide the elements pack of texts, colours and imagery for all those wishing to enter. Shortlisted enteries will get a chance to pitch their design to her, before being artworked ready to go to print.

Imagine the pride as you pass the banner you designed, you see an advert in local magazines that is your work. Imagine the opportunity that this offers you to add into your portfolio for a school course or college course.

All information will be shared in the bulletin so keep your eyes open over the next few weeks. The winning design will be showcased in the Summer Magazine.



B U S I N E S S L U N C H

with a Barrister

Our very first Business Lunch was held in school on Thursday 25th February. We were very grateful that Mr Rob Kearney, a local Criminal Barrister with many years' experience, was able to come into school and speak to the students about his career and profession. He provided a valuable insight into the job and was able to answer the students questions on a typical day in the life of a barrister, his career pathway, workload and some of the past cases he had worked on. He also talked about the history of the job and how he progressed from University onto 'The Bar'. He explained the necessary steps towards this career path, how and when you need to

take them, and where you can find support along the way. He expressed the need to concentrate on achieving good grades, but also that it was important to remember that chambers will be looking for other skills and experiences which make a student stand out.

He asked them to consider what impressive or unusual outside interests they enjoy which might make them a more desirable and rounded candidate. It was a very enjoyable lunch and extremely informative.



N E X T U P

Future business lunch

The next Business Lunch is in April where we will be joined by Ms Melanie Buchanan who is a Commercial Airline Pilot. If you are interested in this career or finding out more about the airline industry then this offers you a great opportunity.

T E S C O

Business Studies visit

The local Tesco store at Greenfield have once again welcomed our business studies students to visit their store.

This offered them the opportunity to gain an insight into a business set up, providing a real life context to the theory they are studying and bringing their learning to life.



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On Thursday 25th of February I and a handful of other students were given the opportunity to have a business lunch with a barrister, it was very interesting as we got to learn all the different aspects of his job which was working with criminals.

He had many stories to tell us about his job and it was very intriguing to learn what it is like to work in this environment, as criminal law is

what I and many other people have an interest in.

I feel as if this experience was very useful as I was able to learn the different routes there are into becoming a lawyer if this is something I'd like to do as a career in the future.

Lauren Summerscales

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O L D H A M C O L L E G E

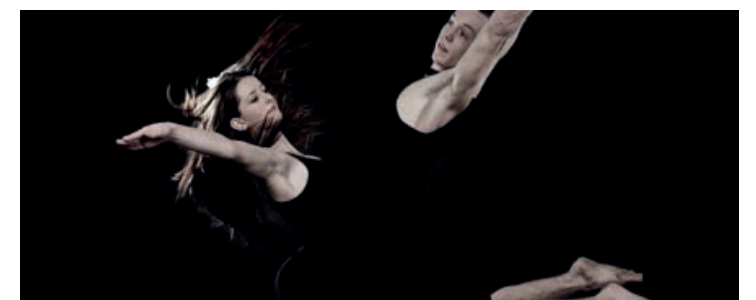
Summer Festival Showcase

Our Year 10 BTEC Dance class were invited to take part in an exciting and fun project run by the BTEC Level 3 Dance Students of the Oldham College.

The workshop included a short performance by Oldham College which gave an insight into their annual Summer Festival showcase, which will be performed in full at the Grange Theatre in May 2016.

The college students then lead a practical workshop to our pupils to develop their contemporary and ballet dance skills and the Year 10 pupils had an opportunity to learn original material that will be featured in the college showcase.

This was a fantastic experience for the pupils to gain an insight in to studying Dance at further education.



- PRIMARY LINKS -

Working together to build a better future

At the end of last term we wrote to you to talk about Saddleworth and Lees Schools Collaboration. We already work together closely for the benefit of children, young people and families. This helps to support children through their journey from primary school to secondary school and out into the wider world.

Although we are looking at the possibility of joining together more formally, we wanted to showcase some of the partnership activities that are already taking place.



- EVERTON FC -

The children of all Oldham Schools were invited to an Everton FC Primary Schools Football Tournament hosted by Saddleworth School. The tournaments ran over three weeks for children in year 1, 2 and 3.

There was also a fun night for reception children that involved fun games and coaching. The winning

teams from each tournament have been invited to Finch Farm to compete in a primary schools North West tournament, with the winners from this getting to play at Goodison Park.

Winning schools were: Year 3 - St. Chad's, Year 2 - St Pauls, Year 1 - St Edwards.



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The children of Oldham were given a great opportunity to be part of this tournament.

Children who participated had a great time and the standard of football was excellent! Many thanks to Saddleworth School for kindly hosting the tournament.

Charlotte Kipling
St Mary's Greenfield

- LEADERSHIP ACADEMY -



The first session of the Leadership Academy has taken place here at Saddleworth School.

Supported by Vicky Dean, Oldham's Primary Development Manager, talented leaders from our Year 7 cohort and Year 6's across our local primaries came together to receive additional training.

Students from across the schools worked together to develop and lead activities. They also looked at competition organisation and over the coming sessions that will take place this next term they will have the opportunity to put the skills into practice.

It is not only a great opportunity for all students personally but it also provides a great opportunity for all students to interact and develop their confidence in leading as well as forging new friendships.

- CHETHAMS STRING PROJECT -



When we were lucky enough to secure a visit from Chethams School of Music we were very excited. With aspirations that one day we also will have a full school orchestra carrying our own transitions programmes across our partner primaries, we wanted to share this special experience with them so they could also be inspired in our future direction.

I just wanted to drop you a message to say a massive thank you for helping to organise the visit of Violetta to Saddleworth School. As you are well aware the Saddleworth area is historically a hub of activity of brass band and brass playing activity so projects like this are doing wonders to help further our Saddleworth Strings project. It is my aim to have a functioning school orchestra by 2018 and we aim to inspire and enthuse as many string and woodwind players as possible in the sort of transition project you carried out at the school yesterday.

I would be very grateful if you could pass my sincerest thanks on to everyone involved in yesterday's concert especially the students who performed - the ensemble gave a fabulous performance with clear insight into each section of the string orchestra introducing and

describing the qualities associated with each particular string instrument. Owen Cox hosted the event with true professionalism displaying a great rapport with the audience. The standard of performance was truly outstanding and something I am very glad the young musicians of Saddleworth and our local primaries were able to experience first-hand in a LIVE capacity. The feedback from the primary schools was very positive and I have had a number of Saddleworth School brass students speak to me this morning telling me how much they "really enjoyed the event and would love to see more events like the Violetta performance at the school in the future". Maybe this is something we could pencil in to the calendar as an annual event to inspire, engage and promote string playing in our partner primary schools in the Saddleworth area? I am certain this could be a good thing for all parties involved.

I do hope the students enjoyed visiting our school and once again thank you for all your help and vision to make this project a reality - I hope we can work together again in the future.

Garrath Beckwith
Curriculum Leader of Music Saddleworth School

- WORLD BOOK DAY -

Teachers at Saddleworth School celebrated World Book Day in style this year with a fancy dress theme, celebrating their favourite book characters.

Most of the English department donned their magic capes and dusted off their magic wands to be characters from JK Rowling's Harry Potter series, while Miss Parr in Maths got into the spirit of things by dressing up as house elf, Dobby. Even Mr Milburn himself dressed as famous detective Sherlock Holmes and could be seen in reception at break, inspecting student's uniforms with magnifying glass in hand!

For reading lovers, World Book Day is a chance to celebrate your love of a good story and spread the word about your favourite book. Reading is such an important skill to have across all GCSE subjects and there is definitely a correlation between high achievers and those who read often. So pick up a book and be transported to another world today!



OUR FAVOURITES

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets By Sarah Gregory
And Then There Were None By Kate Hanns
Suicide Squad: Kicked in the Teeth By Archie Richards
Cherub: The Recruit By Cavan Purtill
Divergent By Thicha Buaphol
Diary of a Wimpy Kid By Max Williams
Maze Runner By Cameron Steventon
Stormbreaker By Lewis Leigh
Girl Online By Daisy Richards
Spooks Apprentice By Harvey Wilson
Pride and Prejudice By Mrs Byron
To Kill a Mockingbird By Miss Armstrong
Oh the places you'll go By Mrs Heath
The Man Who Fell To By Mr Healey
Jane Eyre By Mrs Foley
A Thousand Splendid Suns By Miss Vandenburg
The Pied Piper of Hamelin By Rev. Sutcliffe

- ACT OF KINDNESS -

Recognition & Rewards

We believe that the world will be a significantly better place if we encourage the spread of kindness in schools, communities and homes.

Kindness is contagious - it is truly a win/win/win situation. The person you are being kind to benefits through your help. You feel good for having helped someone. And the world is a better place through your kindness.

How great is it that random acts of kindness and good deeds can make someone else's entire day.

Kindness has a ripple effect that multiplies as it travels. Started by one the effects continue to touch many others, making a positive difference to their life. We would like to highlight 4 special individuals, who through their acts of kindness have made a big difference to others.



NIGEL SKINKIS

Java Bar Espresso

Prefects at Saddleworth School have been set a challenge this year by Year 11 Home School Leader Miss Campbell; to raise enough money to make the Prom 2016 affordable for all students.

Head Boy, Ira Wall, pictured here with Nigel Skinkis of Java Bar Espresso, has picked up the challenge with his Pupil Leadership Team. Ira approached the café bar entrepreneur for advice before asking the business community in Saddleworth to support a sponsorship offer, and with the benefit of Nigel's expertise the students have prepared a plan to get local businesses involved.

"We were concerned that some students may not be able to afford the full cost of the event, and didn't want to see any of our friends left out. Nigel's support has been invaluable as he helped us understand what businesses need from this sponsorship deal, and best of all he got us going with a generous donation of £100 as our first Premium Sponsor", Ira said.

Nigel from Java Bar Espresso commented "It's been a pleasure helping Ira. We're more than happy to help within the local community especially if that means pupils at Saddleworth School are able to have an affordable prom evening. I hope other businesses get involved and help our local school out."

A big thank you to Nigel for not only supporting financially but for giving his time so generously to support and empower our student leadership team. It really has meant a lot to them. It not only helped inspire them in their work but helped provide them with a clear vision and plan.



AMY KAY

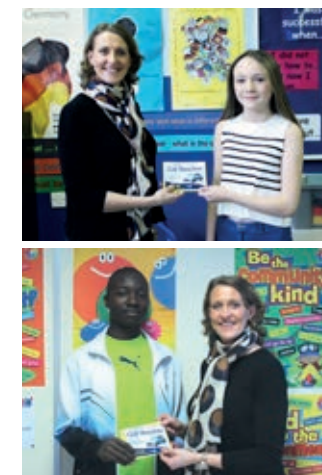
Learning kerb

Amy Kay, on behalf of Learning Kerb very kindly donated 2 free driving lessons to the Year 11 Pastoral team to use as a reward for 2 deserving students of their choice.

Shannon Pilkington and Samuel Sodiya were selected as the lucky recipients and we wish them lots of luck and fun as they get behind the wheel and take their first driving lesson with them.

Offering the young driver training scheme to students from the age of 14 they will be able to take advantage of this whenever they like. On their purpose built facility they are able to learn the basics of driving, experience everyday hazards without the risk.

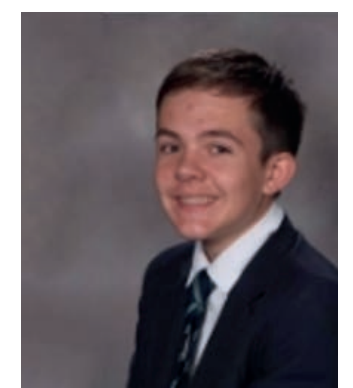
Both are deserving students and being able to recognise this with such an amazing opportunity is fantastic. Thank you to Learning Kerb for this act of kindness.



ARCHIE RICHARDS

Making the right choice

Archie Richards in 10N recently found some money on the drive and dutifully handed it in to be claimed by its owner. As no one has come forward to collect it, Archie has offered to donate it to the Year 11 Prom fund. Thanks Archie for your honesty and kindness!



MICHELLE

Sainsburys

When we were contacted by the family of **** in Year 11 with the offer of some sport relief goodies, we were really grateful of their kindness.

Utilising their links with Sainsbury's they offered to donate a range of sport relief merchandise to be able to reward students with at our Sport Relief event.

When Michelle came in to make the delivery we were totally blown away with their generosity. Saddled down with boxes upon boxes we greatly received over 250 items including mugs, drinking cups, sweatbands, wrist bands, yo-yo's, pin badges, stickers and bunting.

A heart helped thank you for making our event even more special.



CONNOR WYATT, HARRISON HAMER, JEREMY KNIGHT, SAM BROADHURST & LEWIS WILKINSON

Epilepsy Society

Year 8 students have been in training for a 5mile run on the 26th March 2016 around Dovestones.

Connor organised the run for the Epilepsy Society and asked his friends to do it with him as his sister has Epilepsy.

'I'm really proud of him, he's very helpful to his sister' - *Mrs Wyatt*

So far they have raised over £400 for this great cause which I know will be greatly received.



LIBERTY EATON

What a lovely surprise!

The admin ladies received a lovely surprise when Year 9 pupil Liberty presented a 'random act of kindness' and gave the ladies some home-made bread with jam in a lovely basket. I am sure it would not be long before Mr Lucas smelt the bread and came looking for his share!

Many thanks Liberty from the School Office. It was a lovely thought that was greatly appreciated.



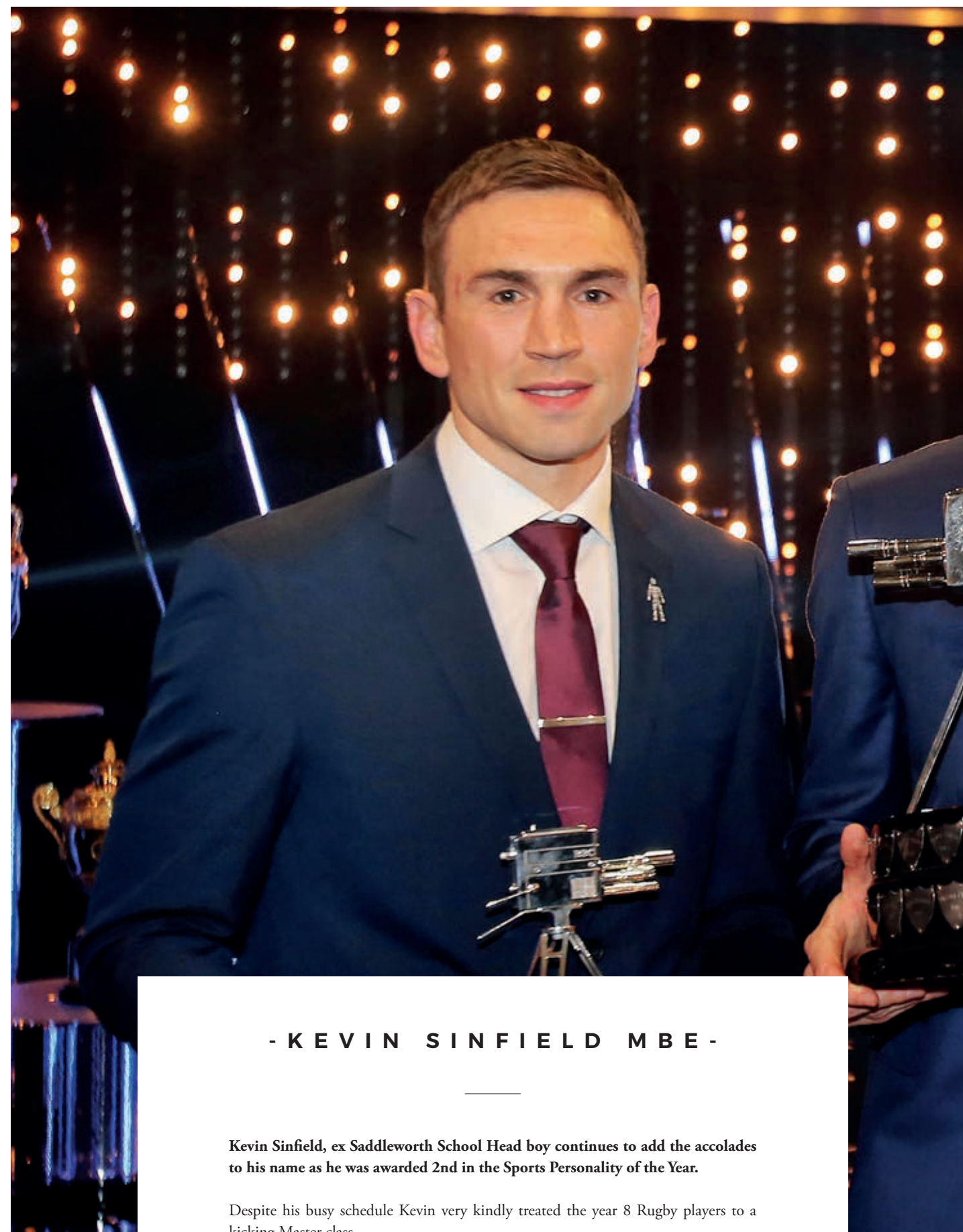
COURTNEY DEAN & LOUISA BARRATT-MAHER

Makeover team

Both girls have very kindly given their time to complete an artwork project, transforming the dance studio into a visually stimulating teaching space.

This will be enjoyed by all who work in this space and will hopefully inspire them to excel.

Thank you girls for your hardwork and kindness.



- KEVIN SINFIELD MBE -

Kevin Sinfield, ex Saddleworth School Head boy continues to add the accolades to his name as he was awarded 2nd in the Sports Personality of the Year.

Despite his busy schedule Kevin very kindly treated the year 8 Rugby players to a kicking Master class.

We thank him for his generosity of time to help inspire the younger generation of today. I am sure this is a memory that they will carry forward with them for a very long time.

- SWIMMING SUCCESS -

Brown Shield Team retain the trophy for the 3rd Year running

We are very fortunate here at Saddleworth with the calibre of swimmers we have. Obviously without a pool this is not something that we are able to deliver. That said it is testament to the commitment that they show day in, day out to achieve the standard they do. We are just fortunate at school we are able to offer them the opportunity to showcase this in the Oldham School Championship.

Swimming has probably one of the most intense training schedules across all sports. With early morning swims, often a 2nd pool session some days, dry land fitness based training. . .it really does require a great deal of dedication and drive. To help provide us with an insight I asked each girl to highlight their recent swimming activities and achievements.



GEMMA CROFT

Year 9

I swim for Oldham aquatics and Oldham Seals. So far this year I qualified and swam in the county championships, swimming 6 different events. I have also qualified to swim in the Regional Championship later this year in 2 events; 800m freestyle and 400m freestyle. I am also hoping to add a 3rd qualifying time in the 50m freestyle.

Oldham Seals who I swim league galas for are also training me as a coach and I have been helping with the coaching for the last 5 months.

CHARLOTTE BACON

Year 9

I currently swim for Stockport Metro and Oldham Seals. When I joined my first advanced training quad I started to train every night, swimming 25,000 metres a week. I managed to make my way up to the regional squad and then decided to make an even better change and move to Stockport in May.

It was a big challenge and also very hard, the sessions moved to every night and also two mornings, the week included two gym sessions that I had never done before.

In October 2015 Oldham Seals went to Torremolinos for a swim camp. It was really fun and I enjoyed swimming in the sun and the hard sessions sometimes.

KATE LEDDY

Year 8

Over the last month she has been competing in the Lancashire County Swimming Championships at Manchester aquatic centre and the Greater Manchester age groups held at Wigan.

She qualified for 6 events for the lincs champs including 50m and 100m Backstroke, 200 Individual Medley, 50m, 100m and 200m Freestyle, she made 2 finals in her favoured 50m and 100m freestyle finishing 4th in the 50m and 5th in the 100m events at the Greater Manchester meet she won X3 gold medals for 50m and 100m freestyle and 50m Backstroke and a silver for the 200m freestyle she has also qualified for the summer Regional swimming champs to be held at Liverpool and Manchester aquatic centres for 50m, 100m and 200m freestyle also the 50m and 100m backstroke.

RUBY JONES

Year 9

I started swimming at Oldham Seals when I was 10. My coach put me forward for a trail at Oldham Aquatics and whilst I was there I trained 5 nights a week and took part in small competitions but wanted to get better and improve my times.

Last year I moved to a bigger club, Stockport Metro. I began training with the regional squad with my coach Stuart and he helped me with my freestyle taking my 200m time down to 2m13 from 2m 27.

I have now moved up to the National squad where I train 7 times a week and some mornings I am up at 4.20am to go training. All this has paid off though as I am ranked 10th in the north west for 100m and 400m freestyle and 12th in 200m.

- MOLLY ROODHOUSE -



Ranked 3rd in Great Britain for the 400 Individual Medley and has qualified for 2016 Olympic trials in 4 different events

A typical day for Molly begins at 4.30am as she needs to be in the pool over at Grand Central in Stockport for 2 hours training. Molly will then go straight to school and at 3.30pm she will go back over to Stockport for another 2 hours training.

Molly does 18 hours a week in the pool and 3 hours of land training. She will normally compete once a month at a swimming meet on Saturday and Sunday in various locations across the country.

Recently Molly has just returned from her 1st international meet in Slovenia where she gained a silver and bronze award.

So far Molly has qualified every year for the ASA National Swimming Championships and her best achievement so far was last year winning the silver medal in the 400 Individual Medley event.

She also qualified last year for the World trials in London and again this year she has qualified for the 2016 Olympic trials to be held in Glasgow in April in 4 events, 200 breaststroke, 200 Butterfly, 200 Individual Medley and the 400 Individual Medley. This event will probably be televised so please keep an eye out for her

Molly's best event is the 400 Individual Medley where she currently sits in 3rd position in the rankings in Great Britain.

- SPORTING SPOTLIGHTS -

We are very lucky at Saddleworth that we have the privilege of working with so many talented students. It never ceases to amaze me though when we find out about some of the hidden talents they have. Inspired by this we thought we would be some mini spotlights on students and their achievements outside of school.

I am confident there will be many more hidden talents in school and we may need your help to find out about these.

Please keep us updated so we can recognise and celebrate this in school by emailing me on: c.mcmurdo@saddleworthschool.org



KATE LEDDY

Excelling already for school, Kate is part of the winning U13 Country team. She has also been recognised and acceptance to Manchester Thunder youth academy. Well done.



HAYDEN ENZIANO

Recognised for his leadership skills he was nominated to join the leadership academy. To support him in this he has completed his Level 1 Sports Leadership qualifications during the Easter holiday.



MATTHEW HEGINBOTHAM

Matthew has been training with the British Skiing Team out in France this last term. Competing in the prestigious English Alpine Championships he won the Under 16 English alpine overall title which is a fantastic achievement. Well done Matthew.



NATHAN HOPKINSON

In December Nathan was selected to be part of the British Junior Snowboardcross Squad and will be spending time over the Spring term training with the team. We wish him lots of luck in this very exciting venture.

His Career highlights to date include:

1st - British Indoor SBX Championships, GBR, 2015

2nd - English SBX Championships, GBR, 2015

- TALENTED ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2015/16 -

Grants of up to £250 are available for talented athletes in full time education competing at Regional or National Standard in a Sport England recognised sport. Maximum of £150 for Regional standard (representing county or wider) and £250 for National standard (representing their country).

So whether you need support with equipment, specialist clothing,

travel costs, accommodation costs. . .this hopefully will help you fulfil your potential. Even if we have helped you in the past you may still be eligible, if it is not within a 12 month period.

For more details or an application form please contact **Mrs McMurdo** at: c.mcmurdo@saddleworthschool.org

- LEEDS UNITED FC -

EWAN MCFARLANE

Almost a year ago, aged 13, we got a phone call to say I had been spotted whilst playing for Uppermill, by the head of recruitment at Leeds United Academy and they wanted me in for a trial. I went along a few days later, feeling very nervous! Leeds academy have impressive facilities and the grounds and building were nothing like my experience at any other club! I started training with them but as it was near the end of season I was thinking 'will they ask me back next season?' They seemed to see enough to want me back and after a short break we returned in August 2015. I worked hard over the summer with my GK coach to keep up my training and fitness. Leeds academy was going through some changes of its own with new staff etc but eventually the new season started to take shape. I loved the academy; the staff and my new surroundings. I wanted to work hard to stay there. I travelled the 108 mile round trip 4 times a week for training. The club understood the unique position of a goalkeeper, the need to develop within that role, physically and mentally. I was a 13 year old GK who had stepped up from grassroots football, to a category 2 championship league club... A huge leap! Especially as most of the other lads there had been there since they were 6 years old!

After playing a few games for them, they finally decided to offer me a contract until the end of the 2017 season. I was thrilled! I'd worked so hard and was enjoying my time there so much, I didn't want it to end!

Now I'm playing games against clubs such as Man City, Man United, Middlesbrough, Liverpool and Everton, as well as Huddersfield, Sheffield United and many other clubs. I am very lucky to play at such a level.

On mid week training days (mon, tue, thur) I leave Uppermill at 3.25pm and don't get home until after 9pm. On Saturday morning I'm up at 7.15am to get to training for 8.45am and finish about 11am. I now train 5 days (once with my GK coach, 4 times with Leeds) a week and have 1 or 2 games a week also, which could be at home, which is the Leeds Academy training ground at Boston Spa, Wetherby, or away at Manchester United, Sunderland, Middlesbrough or Liverpool or any other ground. I have a personal fitness coach at the academy and there are many physios on hand should I need a massage or advice on tired muscles! There's a swimming pool, hydrotherapy pool, jacuzzis, hot tubs, steam rooms and gym to help me relax and recovery from a tough training session.

A typical training session will begin with me working on my personal targets for 45mins, then an hour in the gym going

through the session my GK and fitness coach have set; working on explosive power. Then an hour GK training and an hour training with the outfield lads, followed by a half hour cool down with the fitness coach. On match days it's different. I have some time in the gym stretching out beforehand, then a warmup session with the GK coach, a quick dip into the physios to get my wrists and fingers strapped up and off to the pitch for a pre match warm up. After the game it's a cool down with the fitness coach, shower and a debrief of the game with the coaches, then home! I love just being at the academy, which helps as I spend so long there! The surroundings, the building and facilities are amazing and the staff are very supportive, easy to chat to and have a laugh with as well as encouraging during training and games. All of which makes me feel very relaxed and happy.

I've worked very hard over the last 12 months and continue to do so. I have also had to give up a lot, not having much free time to spend with friends and work hard keeping up at school. But football is what I love doing so isn't so bad. I know it's highly unlikely I'll make it as a footballer as it's such a competitive field, but I've been given this chance, and seeing how far I can take it. I've already experienced much more than I could have imagined!

As the head of coaching said when Leeds signed me on: "There's 98 academies in the country, only 29 of them are category 2. Each one having 1 or 2 GK per age group... do the maths and be proud! It's a massive achievement!"

Even more so now they are hoping to becoming a Category 1 academy from next season! Exciting times!

Although I'm realistic, I am proud! And even if it all ends tomorrow, I know I've been lucky to play against world famous teams with the renowned Leeds United Academy!



- DOUBLE VICTORY FOR COUNTY TEAMS! -



- THE UNDER 13 COUNTY NETBALL TEAM -

Crowned North Manchester League winners after remaining unbeaten all season in the GMCNA U13 North Division League. Results for the season were as follows:

v Crompton House: 42-4
v North Chadderton: 21-2
v St Cuthbert's: 50-2
v Hulme Grammar: 32-14
v St. Matthew's: 35-8

The team then went on to represent North Manchester in the play-off finals held at Wright Robinson School against the South Manchester League winners; Withington Grammar.

Saddleworth played an outstanding game to beat Withington 31-21, crowning them the Greater Manchester County League Champions 2015-2016.

Well done to all the players on such a fantastic Netball season.

Kate Leddy - Captain, Zahra Mirza, Abigail Kennedy, Kelsie Green, Natalie Woolhouse, Bethany Speak, Sarah Gregory, Mayah Hopkinson, Ella Dibden, Olivia Maders, Grace Martin



- THE UNDER 14 COUNTY NETBALL TEAM -

Crowned North Manchester League winners after remaining unbeaten all season in the GMCNA U14 North Division League. Results for the season were as follows:

v Crompton House: 46-1
v Hulme Grammar: 28-14
v Cardinal Langley: 31-9

The team then went on to represent North Manchester in the play-off finals held at Wright Robinson School against the South Manchester League winners; Stockport Grammar.

Saddleworth worked so well together as a team and showed fantastic netball talent throughout every quarter to beat Stockport with an impressive score 44-18 to become the U14 Greater Manchester County League Champions 2015-2016.

Well done to all the players on such an amazing Netball season.

Dani Rhodes - Captain, Yasmin Roebuck, Nicole Gardner, Charley Ward, Alisha Willey, Alyssa Hyde, Jessica McDermott, Katie Mundy, Alex Molloy, Amy Stott, Eleanor Meek, Lucy George, Lauren Sculthorpe

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ATHLETICS

Year 7 Oldham Schools' Indoor Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls and boys indoor athletics team, who were crowned Oldham Schools' Indoor Athletic Champions.

Well done to all athletes who played their part, either in the running events or on the field. Pupils will now go on to represent Oldham later on in the year at the Greater Manchester Schools' Indoor Athletics Championships.

Great work by all involved.

Girls: Freya Moore, Grace Martin, Isabelle Kowalczyk, Elise Siddiqui, Lola Gladwin, Sarah Gregory, Mayah Hopkinson & Keeley Miller.

Boys: Evan Campbell, Jacob Douglas, Greg Huntington, Zach Eckersley, Bradley John, Jack Livesey, Max Barrett & Marcus Partington.

BADMINTON



KS3 School Games

Congratulations to the KS3 Badminton team who qualified to represent Oldham at the School Games. The standard of competition was exceptionally high but the students did themselves proud.

Saddleworth KS4 Girls reach Greater Manchester School Games Final.

A fantastic achievement by Emma Brewster, Tara Phethean, Daisy Shepherdson and Grace Malone on reaching this. We wish them luck.



BASKETBALL

Year 7

Following intense weeks of training on a Monday night the Year 7 basketball team have finally tasted victory at the fifth time of asking. A much improved display of passing and shooting resulted in a 24-4 defeat of Radclyffe school. Saddleworth, the visitors, defended with much more resolution than in previous games with strong performances from Isaac Pomfrey and Harvey Wilson.



Year 8

Saddleworth reached the semi-finals of the Oldham Schools' basketball tournament as Crompton House were crowned champions, defeating Hulme Grammar 20-8 in the final of the Year 8 Cup at the Ball Hall in Failsworth. Having topped group A, Crompton House were victorious 28-10 in their semi-final against Saddleworth. In the other semi-final Hulme overcame group B winners North Chadderton 16-6.

Eight schools in total attended the successful event with the pick of Saddleworth's players on the afternoon being Tom Whitehead, Charlie McManus and Gabriel Payne.



Saddleworth registered victories over Newman College and Royton and Crompton with a narrow 8-6 defeat at the hands of North Chadderton leaving them the tougher semi-final.

Year 9 Basketballers Champions of Oldham

The Saddleworth School yr 9 basketball team are the new Oldham Schools' Champions after they defeated:

Radclyffe
 Crompton House
 Hulme
 Bluecoat

Unbeaten in all six of their matches the team were triumphant in the final against Radclyffe 20-12.

Thirteen boys represented the school with credit on the afternoon, with several making their debuts and five Year 10 GCSE students ably assisted as referees throughout the tournament. Well done to all of the lads involved.

Year 10-11

Great Effort in Manchester Championships Qualifying group games saw Saddleworth undefeated in their 4 games

vs Canon Slade (Bolton)
 vs Kingsway (Stockport),
 vs Urmston Grammar (Trafford)
 vs Golborne (Wigan)

Semi Final

vs Philips School (Bury) 16-10

Final

vs Wright Robinson 20-24

Leading 18-6 at one point it looked like the Manchester outfit were heading for a facile triumph in the final until the resilient qualities of Saddleworth's Will Marston, Elijah Wolstenholme and Ira Wall spearheaded an unlikely comeback. With the scores locked at 20-20 and the game entering the final sixty seconds the title was still up for grabs. Wright Robinson emerged victorious, however, with two late scores in an extremely entertaining game of high quality.

Saddleworth Senior Basketball Team Progress in Nationals

The Saddleworth Senior school basketball team secured an impressive 52-32 victory over Kings College, Chester in the last 32 of the English under 16s national championships. A strong overall team

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performance from the travelling side set up a tie against Wright Robinson College in



the last 16. Top scorers on the afternoon were Ethan Buckley with 11 points, Elijah Wolstenholme with 11 points and Will Marston 8 points.

CROSS COUNTRY

Greater Manchester Schools' Cross Country Championships 2016

At Longford Park, Stretford where several of our pupils were chosen to represent the town team. The conditions were horrendous, wet, cold, windy and muddy, true cross country conditions, however despite this our pupils who competed raced exceptionally, against some strong runners, so well done to all athletes.



FOOTBALL

Year 7

vs Bluecoat 9-3
Man of the match - Zack Eckersley

Year 10

Semi Final vs Bluecoat 7-0
Man of the match - Laurence Gibson

They have now reached the League Final at Boundary Park for the 3rd year running.

NETBALL

Year 7

Both our year 7 A & B netball teams have been extremely successful this season, winning near enough everything they have entered.

Year 7A team were also crowned league champions and Oldham Schools' Netball Rally winners.



As a result they were selected to Represent Oldham at the Greater Manchester School Games. Led to victory by team captain Mayah Hopkinson, the team are undefeated and win the title of Greater Manchester School Games Champions.



Year 7B netball team were crowned Oldham Schools' Netball 7B rally winners and runners-up in the league cup, only losing one match all season against Newman College. Year 7B were without Chiara Eckersley for the rally due to an ankle injury but Melissa Demstader stepped up to the mark and was a great assist to the team. Well done all players: Erin Pereira (captain), Molly Bardsley, Emily Park, Ellie Brennan, Hannah Sheehy, Lola Gladwin, Chiara Eckersley, Olivia Quinn, Amelia Redford and Melissa



Demstader.
What a great end to a fantastic season.

Year 9 take the Oldhams Schools 'A' League Title

U13's

vs Crompton House: 42-4
vs North Chadderton: 21-2
vs St Cuthbert's: 50-2
vs Hulme Grammar: 32-14
vs St. Matthew's: 35-8
vs Withington 31-21

U13 Greater Manchester County League Champions 2015-2016.

U14's

vs Crompton House: 46-1
vs Hulme Grammar: 28-14
vs Cardinal Langley: 31-9
vs Stockport Grammer: 44-18

U14 Greater Manchester County League Champions 2015-2016.

RUGBY

Year 9

Continue to progress in the Carnegie National Schools' Cup. They have reached the 3rd round and are still going strong

Round 1 vs Q3 Academy (Midland) 62-4
Man of the match - Sam Thackeray

Round 2 vs Cwn Rhymini School (Wales) 16-14
Man of the match - Bennett Tupaea



SWIMMING

Oldham Schools Swimming Championship

2 great nights at the new Oldham Sports Centre pool. A big thank you to all the students that swam and for their families that supported them.

Stand out Individual Results include:
Johnny Marston, Year 11 (1st Freestyle),
Molly Roodhouse, Year 11 (1st Butterfly)

George Sleight, Year 9 (Breaststroke),
Luke Jones, Year 8 (Breaststroke),
Kate Leddy, Year 8 (1st Freestyle),
Regan Taylor, Year 7 (Freestyle)
all swam brilliantly to achieve Gold and set new Championship records.

Team Results:

Year 7 Boys - 2nd
Year 7 Girls - 4th

Year 8 Boys - 2nd
Year 8 Girls - 1st



Year 9 Boys - 4th
Year 9 Girls - 2nd

Year 10/11 Boys - 6th
Year 10/11 Girls - 2nd

Overall School Position:

Girls 2nd
Boys 4th

In addition to the year specific races, 4 KS3 swimmers are invited to combine in a 4 x 50 metre relay for the Brown Shield Trophy.

Girls - 1st
Charlotte Bacon, Kate Leddy, Gemma Croft, Ruby Jones

Boys - 3rd
Adam Pilling, Euan McCorquodale,
Luke Jones & Ross Heald.



TENNIS

Gold at School Games for Saddleworth KS3 Students

Saddleworth School represented Oldham Borough in the KS3 Inclusive Tennis Competition at the Winter School Games 2016 held at the Etihad Campus.



After enjoying an Opening Ceremony at SportCity, Freya Knight, Isabelle Anastasiou, Faheem Ahmed and Ben Hill-Wilson competed against 4 other Boroughs at Short Tennis and a Skills Circuit. All 4 players were undefeated during the Competition and were rewarded with Gold Medals at the end of the day.

Year 10 GCSE students were also present helping officiate the tennis competition, gaining valuable experience.



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It's okay if you try and fail but it's not okay if you fail to try

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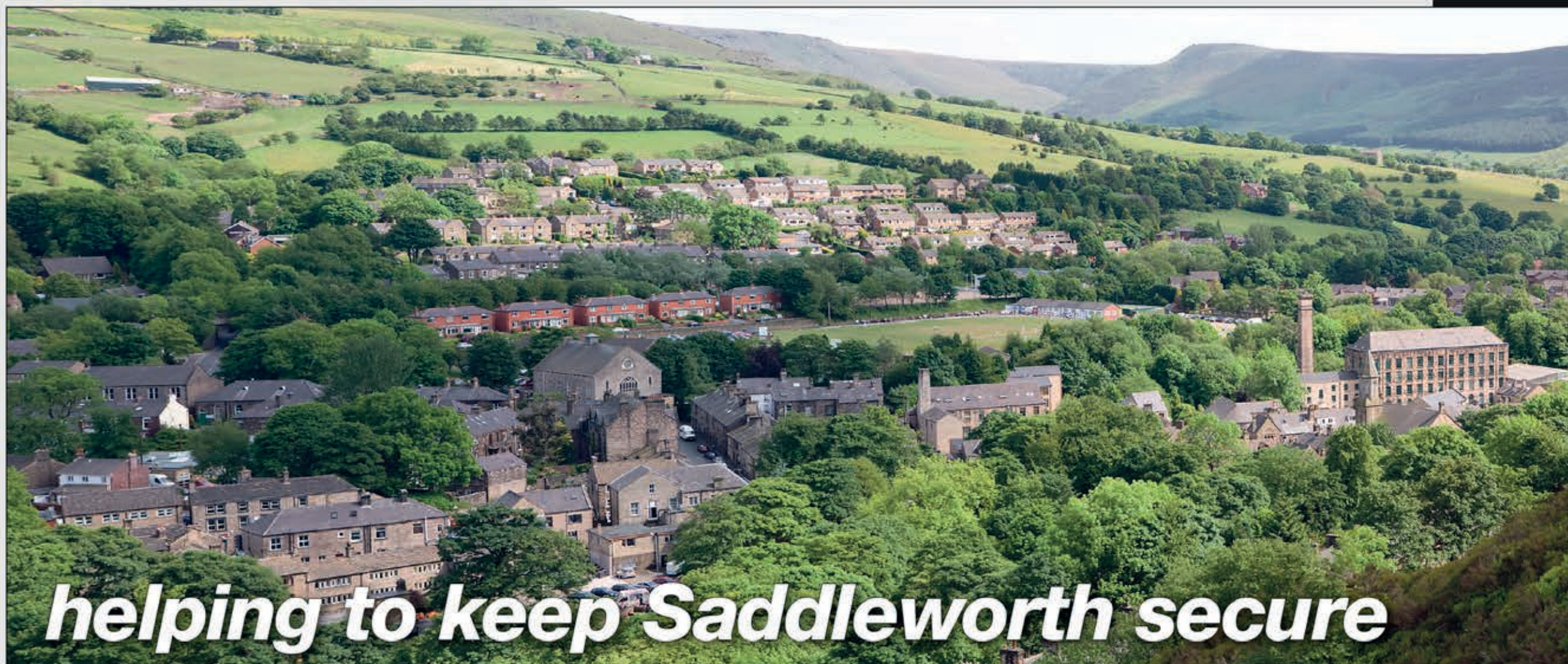


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