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- WELCOME -

Welcome to our Summer edition of the Voice Magazine. As always an action packed edition that offers the opportunity to celebrate the students' hard work and achievements.

Teaching is an incredibly rewarding job. There is never a dull moment and there is always something going on. Of course, there are tough days...it's a challenging job, just as any worthwhile job should be. No two days are ever the same and that is what makes it exciting.

As you will see staff continue to give their time to offer so many additional opportunities in lessons, the extra curricular programme and the trips they offer. Their enjoyment of teaching and their desire to make a difference in children's lives shines through quite clearly

It is an honour to be in this role, to be able to capture all of this in stories and with images. I hope you enjoying reading about this terms activities within Saddleworth School and seeing the students continuing ability to amaze.

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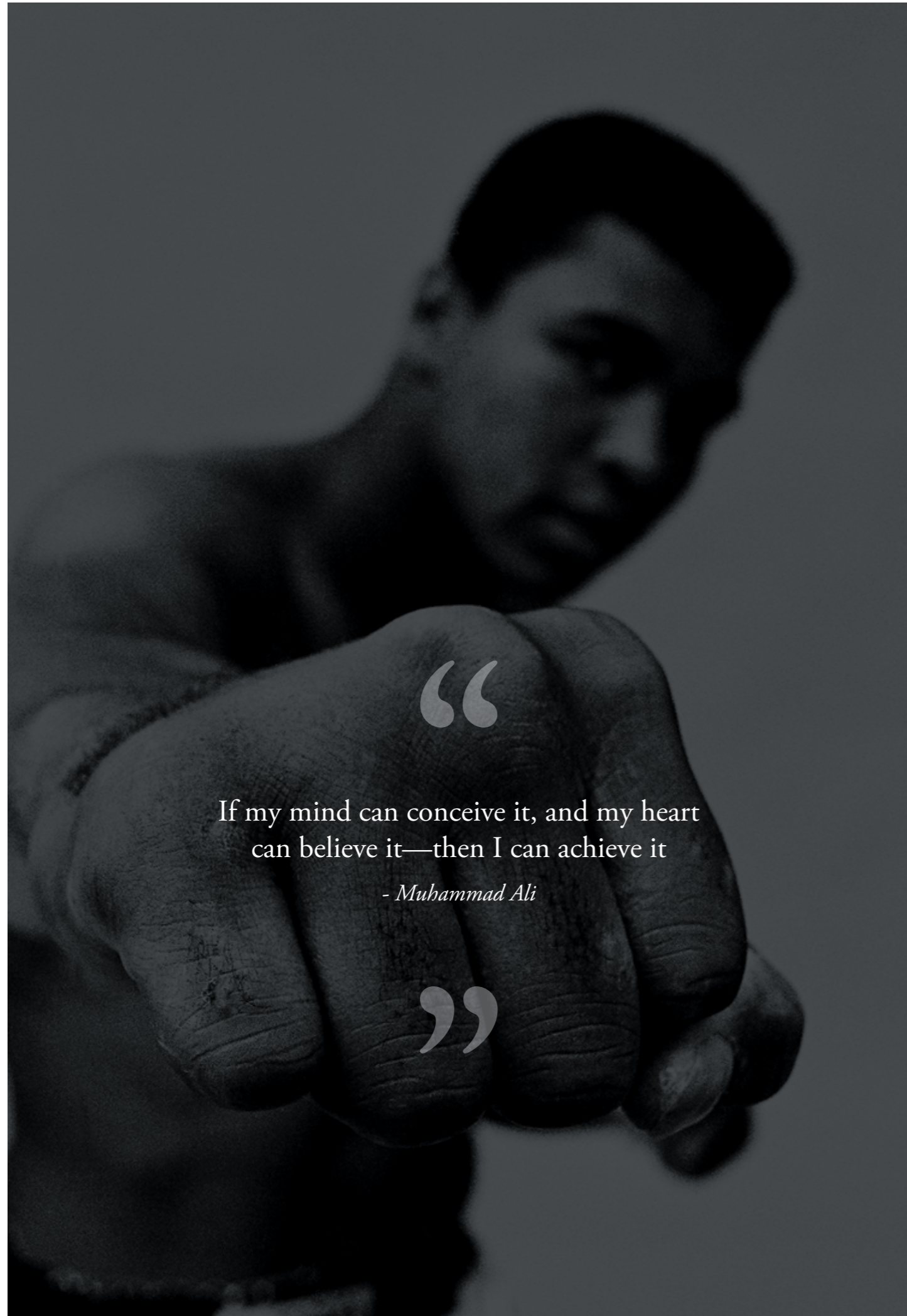
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If my mind can conceive it, and my heart
can believe it—then I can achieve it

- *Muhammad Ali*

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- L E T T E R F R O M T H E H E A D -

It is a privilege for us to work with your children here at Saddleworth School. Helping young people to develop and understand themselves and the complex world in which we live is a thrilling business. There are of course moments when it is challenging. This term we've had a couple of those moments. In recent weeks we've had to convey the tragic news that one of our Year 7 children, Tyrese Glasgow has passed away. Coming to terms with death and learning to deal with grief is part of being human. It is never easy; but it is inevitable and something that as teachers, we need to support children through. Tyrese was a wonderful young lad who was taken from us far too soon. The thoughts and condolences of everyone connected with Saddleworth School go out to his family. I hope it is some comfort for them to know that Tyrese was very much loved and highly thought of.

We have also lost a dear member of staff this term. Elaine Goodwin was a loyal and hard working colleague who worked in the schools finance team. She was diagnosed with a critical illness a few weeks ago and passed away just three days after Tyrese. Again, our thoughts are with her family. I know colleagues will want to pay their respects to this much appreciated colleague who was a central part of the fabric of the school, professionally getting on with ensuring that things ran smoothly.

These sad events have reaffirmed how strong the Saddleworth School community is. Pupils and staff alike have had to dig deep, show both sensitivity and resilience and provide tremendous support for one another. There have been many examples of this over the last week, particularly touching are the handmade condolence cards prepared by Year 7 children

and given to Tyrese's form tutor, Mrs Hughes to try and "cheer her up." Sometimes we are asked, "What do you mean by a humanising education?" The actions of these children help to answer that question. A prom which has sold out, with over three hundred staff and students who want to celebrate together is an answer to the same question. The pages of this excellent magazine will provide further examples of why we are so fortunate to learn together at such a great school.

We have some fantastic new colleagues joining us in September. They are people who have chosen to work at Saddleworth because of the unique culture and ethos that we are cultivating. As well as being fully staffed next year despite significant cuts, the schools budget is in the black and although the new building is still on hold due to a Judicial Review, the exceptional team spirit and resilience that we've shown in the face of significant challenges mean that we are in a very strong position moving into the next academic year.

Before then, we have a summer holiday to enjoy. I wish everyone connected with the school a revitalising break. Recharge your batteries and come back excited to learn, ready to develop and equipped to deal with whatever the new academic year may bring.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.





- I C E L A N D T R I P -

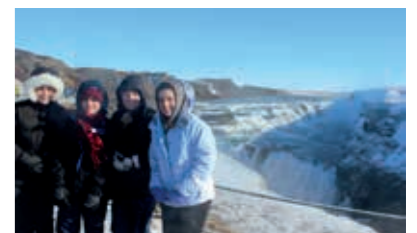
The fifth annual year 11 trip to Iceland was an amazing experience for all involved. After arriving at Keflavik airport, students were driven straight to the Blue Lagoon Spa. The 30-40°C mineral rich water in the Blue Lagoon knocked many years off the faces of the accompanying staff, whilst the students got to benefit from one of the activities related to Iceland's impressive harnessing of volcanic activity. After then driving to the hotel the students experienced the delightful sounds of 'real' Vikings singing their sorrowful songs about ravens and their Irish slaves.

The following two days were filled with exploring Iceland's extraordinary landscapes. Students visited a number of sites related to their Geography course, including: Seljalandsfoss (a waterfall which students were able to walk behind!), Kerid (a volcanic crater), Thingvellir National Park (where

the Eurasian and North American plates are moving part) and Strokkur (perhaps the most famous geyser in the world). Evening activities included ice skating where there were certainly some splitting performances!

On the fourth day students saw the Eyjafjallajökull volcano which grounded flights across Europe a number of years ago before embarking on a glacier walk. After gearing up with crampons and ice axes students explored the Solheimajokull glacier and its features including an ice cave, as well as looking at the rate of glacial retreat due to climate change.

The penultimate day involved exploring the Reykjanes peninsula and its spectacular lunar landscape where a number of films have been shot. Students visited a black sand beach where a number of

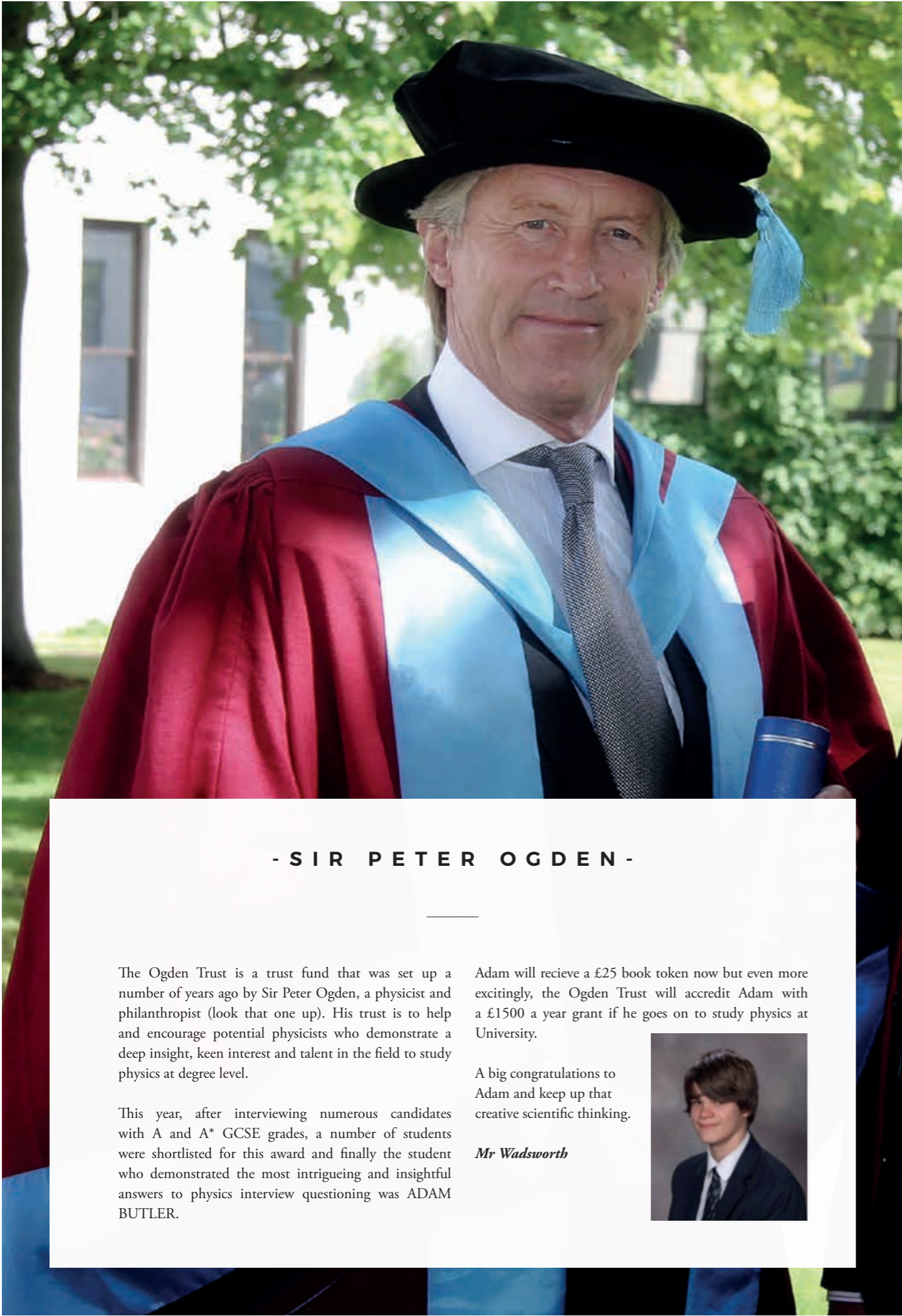


coastal features could be observed before visiting a series of volcanic areas. The smell of these volcanic areas will stay with students for ever (rotten eggs anyone?).

On the last night students were lucky enough to see nature's ultimate light show – the northern lights before waking up at 4am to catch their flight back to Manchester! This brought an end to the best Iceland trip so far, with all credit due to the amazing 30 students that we had the privilege of taking.

Mr Ali
Head of Geography





- S I R P E T E R O G D E N -

The Ogden Trust is a trust fund that was set up a number of years ago by Sir Peter Ogden, a physicist and philanthropist (look that one up). His trust is to help and encourage potential physicists who demonstrate a deep insight, keen interest and talent in the field to study physics at degree level.

This year, after interviewing numerous candidates with A and A* GCSE grades, a number of students were shortlisted for this award and finally the student who demonstrated the most intriguing and insightful answers to physics interview questioning was ADAM BUTLER.

Adam will receive a £25 book token now but even more excitingly, the Ogden Trust will accredit Adam with a £1500 a year grant if he goes on to study physics at University.

A big congratulations to Adam and keep up that creative scientific thinking.

Mr Wadsworth



- R O T A R Y C L U B -

We were delighted to nominate Alanna Rudd and Kirsten Fletcher for the prestigious Student of the Year Award run by the Rotary Club. This is a prestigious award with students nominated from across Oldham.



We had 24 nominations from 9 Schools/Academies/Colleges and it really was challenging to decide upon the winners and runners up, such was the quality of the nominations.

The awards were made to:

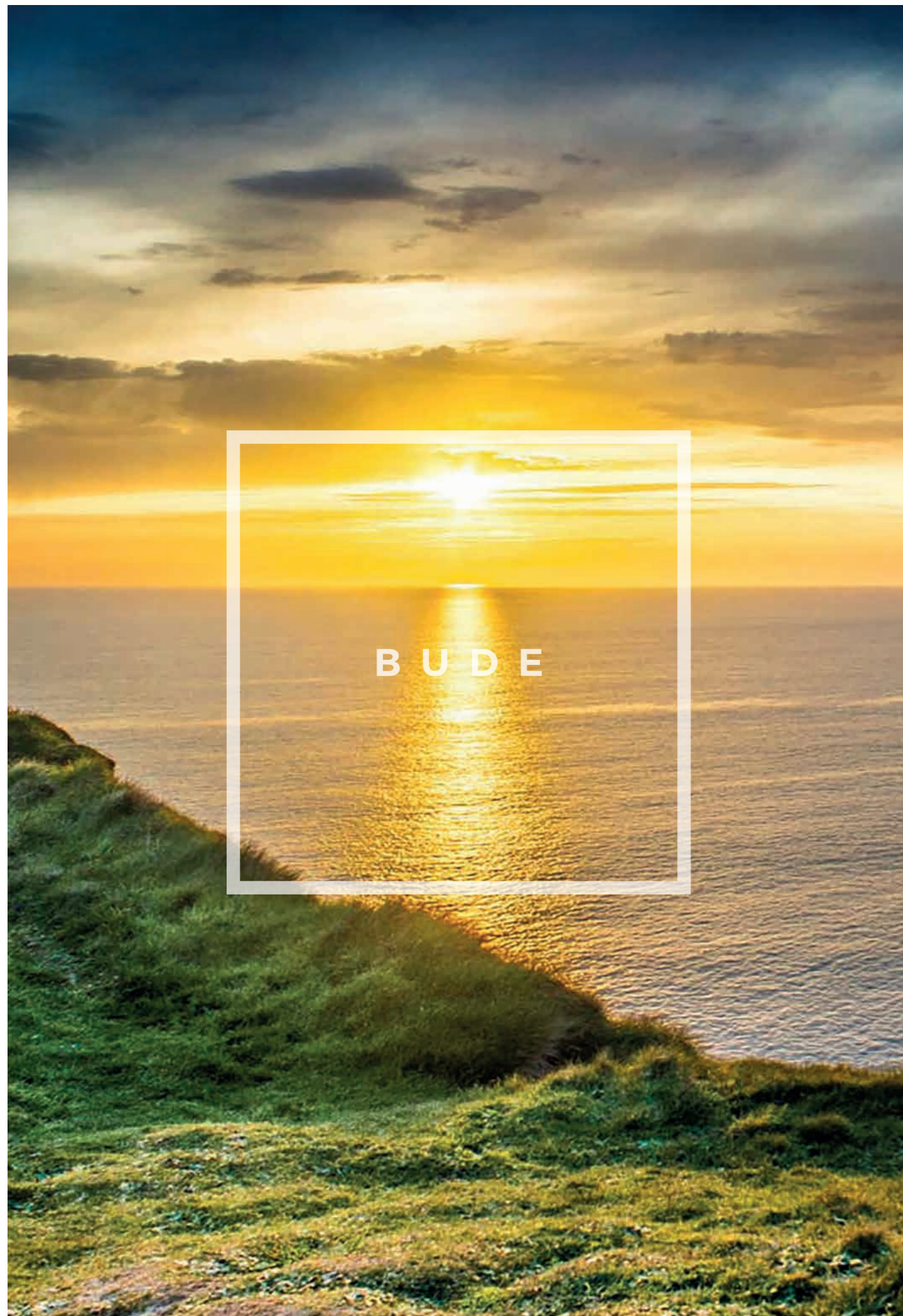
11 - 16 AGE GROUP

- WINNER **Pranay Maisuria** a student at Hathershaw College.
He received a Laptop sponsored by Oldham College.
- RUNNER UP **Alanna Rudd** a student at **Saddleworth School**.
Who received a Kindle sponsored by Oldham 6th Form College.

16+ AGE GROUP

- WINNER **Helen Schofield** a student at Hulme Grammar School.
Former **Saddleworth School** student.
Who received a lap top sponsored by Elantra Investment.
- RUNNER UP Tom Brisk a student at Oldham 6th Form College.
Former **Saddleworth School** student.

From the candidates shortlisted, Alanna was selected as the runner up which is an amazing achievement. In choosing Alanna, the judges commented on the volume of voluntary work she had done both in and out of school with her work having wide reaching effects on the local community. On top of maintaining high standards of school work, Alanna has also led the peer reading project, worked as a peer mentor and a Year 10 ambassador. Alanna is an extremely hard working and dedicated students and this award is a well earned recognition of everything that she has done.



- B U D E , C O R N W A L L -

Last half term, 30 students from years 7 to 10 went to Adventure International in Bude, Cornwall.

Mackenzie Garret – Bottle
Georgia Smith – Joker
Paul Brammer – Superstar

We spent the week doing a variety of outdoor activities such as; Body Boarding, Canoeing, Team Trail, Mountain Boarding, High Ropes, Climbing, Surfing, Kayaking, Abseiling and Mountain Biking. We were split in to 3 groups of 10, who we then spent the week with. Each group had their own instructor who helped them and showed them how to do all the activities. It was a great week! My favourite activity was high ropes and climbing because I love climbing and love the views you got from being on top of the high ropes course. The tutors were amazing and made every activity enjoyable and helped us to challenge ourselves and push our limits.

At Adventure International, there are 3 prizes to win which are awarded at the end of the week. Bottle:- Someone who has conquered a fear, Joker:- someone who has been keeping their team laughing and smiling, Superstar:- someone who has everything and been amazing all week. There is only one person from each school who can win these awards. This year our winners were:

The most prestigious prize is the Super team, only one team from that week can win this. Throughout the week, your tutors give you points on how you have done for each activity, the team with the most points win super team. This year out of over 250 pupils Saddleworth School tutor group CC won:

Alanna Rudd, Paul Brammer, Joe Kay, Brandon Taylor, Morgan McDonald, Jude Keboe, Catherine Myers, Faheem Ahmed, Connor Linskey and Kieran Chambers.

For anyone who is considering going or thinking they may enjoy the trip next year, I 100% recommend going, it is by far one of the best trips I've been on. It's that good I've been twice.

Finally I would like to thank Miss Briggs, Mr Smith and Mr Dinsdale, for without them this amazing trip would not be possible. Special thanks go to Alan!

Alanna Rudd
 Year 10



- D o f E -

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Diamond Anniversary Celebration at Buckingham Palace
Monday 16th May 2016

It was a glorious, summer's day. I'm sure they get far more of them in London than we ever experience in Oldham! As the first GCSE exam of the season was coming to an end back at school, Mr Milburn and I met with a number of other school representatives from the Greater Manchester Area outside the main gates of Buckingham Palace. It was actually my second visit to the Palace, as I had the privilege of accompanying Mr Parkin to a similar Garden Party in 2006 in celebration of the DofE's 50th Anniversary. The weather was similar on that day too! After our group had gathered, we had a few photographs taken and then showed our ID to the police on security duty in order to enter the Palace grounds.

As soon as we walked into the Queen's back garden, there was a real sense of excitement and celebration all around. A military band played with gusto and we soon found our way to one of the 50 or so huge, numbered helium balloons which identified our Greater Manchester Group. It's a testimony to the success and strength of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in our Borough, that every Oldham secondary school was represented on the day. It was good to meet with 'old' friends, some who I have known through working with the Award in Oldham for over 19 years, and to make new acquaintances with DofE colleagues from other schools in Bury, Boton, Rochdale and others in our region.

We took the opportunity to sample a royal cup of tea and a shortbread biscuit (much smaller than those on offer in our school canteen!) and soon we were called together to stand and welcome the special guests HRH Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh, HRH Prince Edward Earl of Wessex and HRH Sophie The Countess of Wessex, as the Military Band sounded out the National Anthem.

We would soon find out that Sophie, The Countess of Wessex, was to come and meet our group later in the afternoon, but before she did so, we were introduced to our 'celebrity' guest, Ben Cohen MBE, the former England rugby player. Ben gave us an insight not only into his early school life and rugby career but also into his work in recent years in setting up the 'Stand Up Foundation' to combat bullying and homophobia. He then presented a number of DofE Gold

Award certificates to students from our region and following this, presented each school's representatives with a plaque commemorating their work with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Mr Milburn and I were photographed with him receiving our plaque and I am delighted to say that it is already on proud display in the school reception area for all to see.

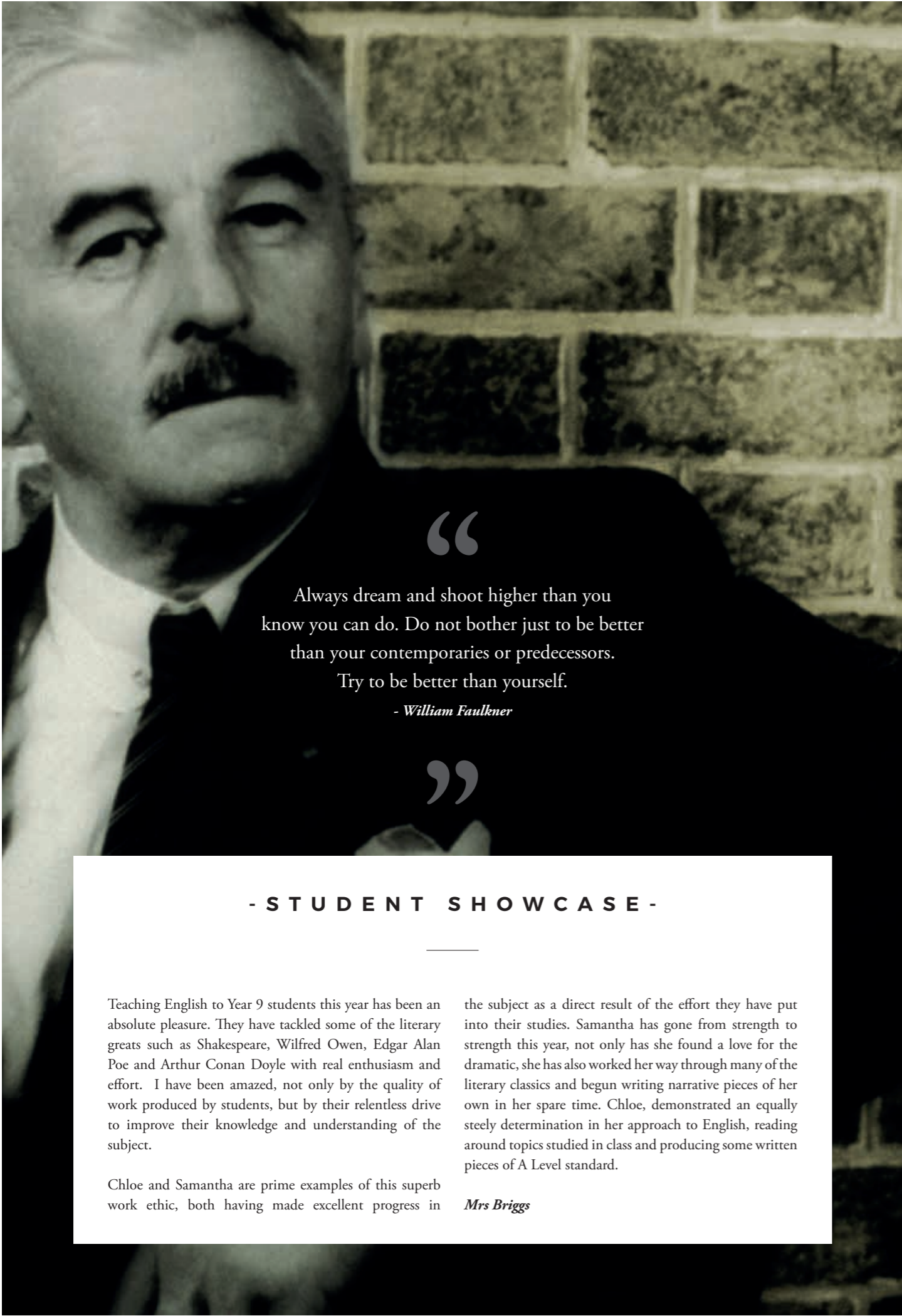
It took quite some time for the three Royals to make their way around the gardens meeting with the many groups and when Sophie arrived to speak to us, she spent considerable time chatting to the Gold Award recipients and to those of us there as DofE managers and coordinators. She showed a genuine interest in the Award programme asking some of us how long we'd been involved in the Scheme and whether it is growing in popularity and is well supported in our schools, which of course I was delighted to confirm.

Before leaving the gardens, I was especially delighted that a former pupil of ours, Jennifer Partington, and her mum, who came to speak to us. Jenny completed her Bronze and Silver Award with Mr Parkin and I when she was at school and now, as a Zoology student at Bangor University, she has recently completed the Gold Award. It is always lovely to meet up with former pupils and hear of their ongoing successes when they leave our school.

All in all, it was a delightful afternoon, in beautiful surroundings, celebrating the success of the DofE Award Scheme. But even more important was the affirmation the work that is carried out up and down the country, and indeed internationally, with many thousands of young people every year who give of their time to commit to volunteering in our communities and who learn new skills and undertake new challenges as they grow and develop into confident, well grounded, young adults. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be involved in this work at Saddleworth over the last 19 years. "A very happy 60th birthday to the Duke of Edinburgh Award!"

Mr Ceri Davies
D of E Manager





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Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Do not bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.

- William Faulkner

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- STUDENT SHOWCASE -

Teaching English to Year 9 students this year has been an absolute pleasure. They have tackled some of the literary greats such as Shakespeare, Wilfred Owen, Edgar Alan Poe and Arthur Conan Doyle with real enthusiasm and effort. I have been amazed, not only by the quality of work produced by students, but by their relentless drive to improve their knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Chloe and Samantha are prime examples of this superb work ethic, both having made excellent progress in

the subject as a direct result of the effort they have put into their studies. Samantha has gone from strength to strength this year, not only has she found a love for the dramatic, she has also worked her way through many of the literary classics and begun writing narrative pieces of her own in her spare time. Chloe, demonstrated an equally steely determination in her approach to English, reading around topics studied in class and producing some written pieces of A Level standard.

Mrs Briggs



CHLOE BUTLER

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This year, English has been a subject that I think I've really excelled in, which I believe is largely down to the fact that I've put a lot more effort in, both inside and outside of class.

For example I've challenged myself more; if I find something too easy then instead of simply doing what I've been told to do, I'll challenge myself further by perhaps researching more information on the topic, or by extending the task slightly in order to make it more stimulating for myself. Additionally, I think the fact that I read quite a lot of books (which is something that I've always really enjoyed) allows both my spelling and also my range of vocabulary to improve. This has been very beneficial for me throughout the year as both of these abilities have helped me to enhance

my creative writing, which I love doing as I feel like it's an area where you can be really imaginative and creative. One thing I've always loved about English is the fact that every piece of literature can be interpreted differently by each individual; although I might have one opinion on something, others might disagree and as long as you can justify it, everyone's beliefs are acceptable, no matter how different they are.

Overall, English has definitely been my favourite subject this year and I especially enjoyed analysing different texts like Romeo and Juliet as I found trying to interpret why Shakespeare used certain techniques really interesting.

SAMANTHA HANNAH

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When I started in year 7, I never imagined that I would like English as much as I do now and this is because I'm dyslexic. I found it hard to finish my work without worrying that I had spelt every word wrong. I didn't like reading out in class just in case I said a simple word wrong and those around me could laugh. Over the year, I became more confident in my writing due to the help from a tutor outside of school. They taught me strategies that I could use to break down words and spell them out. This helped me finish my work without worrying and built up confidence in myself. At this point I started to enjoy English and I never stopped enjoying it.

I volunteered to become a peer reader because I like to help people who struggle to read out loud since I have been in their position and know different ways to help them become more confident. I also wanted to show them and others that no matter what gets in the way you should always try something first and carry on to get to the end even if you are not the best person at it because the reward at the end is the best part by far.

Reading is not the only thing I find interesting in English. Over the years in school I have become fond of writing stories and expressing my thoughts on to paper and many of my friends will know what I mean when I say that. Writing stories means that I can develop buildings and characters, not just in my mind but to those who read about them. I don't just

write stories when told to in school but take up time at home to create adventures for people on paper. Creating stories is also a way to escape the world around me and to show how I see the world but to make it a better place as well. It is not just writing but reading can help too.

Drama has built up my confidence in School and this is due to our topic on Romeo and Juliet. When I covered this, my class did some drama work where I came out of my shell to express the characters from the play. From this I joined a workshop at Oldham Theatre Workshop which is helping me become a better actor and show me new skills to use when acting. The recognition of my skills from my English teacher (Mrs Briggs) inspired me to join which was one of the best decision I have made because not only am I becoming better at drama but my confidence in every subject has grown and I'm willing to take part in more activities.

I would recommend to those who struggle to start writing down how they feel without worrying about the spelling. Start to read books from films or TV programs you enjoy and maybe you might like reading and become more confident. You then might enjoy and listen in your English lessons more.





- L A F O S C A , S P A I N -



May half term saw 43 pupils from Yr 8, 9 and 10 head to Northern Spain by coach! 25 hours later...arriving at our warm destination, tents were allocated in our village, which was now our new home, and we all sat down for our first taste of Spanish hospitality PGL style...yum yum!!

Over the next 6 days all pupils and staff tried out the following activities, with differing levels of success, but great fun all round; Paddle Boarding, windsurfing, sailing, snorkelling, banana boat riding, sea-canoeing and sea kayaking.

A day trip to Barcelona was also included taking in the sights of Camp Nou, Sagrada Familia, the 1992 Olympic Village and La Rambla.

A great cultural day for all, with souvenirs being bought in all areas, including some Barcelona shirts and a pair of trainers!!

During the weeks' activities all pupils became much more confident in their water skills, with fewer and fewer capsize as the week wore on – even Mr Nazir and Mr Meadowcroft were able

to stay afloat for a whole afternoon without getting wet!!

Evening entertainment was provided every night on site by the fantastic PGL staff, and all pupils were able to join in the fun and frolics!

The long journey home was preceded by a fabulous day on Castelles Beach and Bay. Sea kayaking and canoeing were the activities which were thoroughly enjoyed by all in hot temperatures.

The coach was quiet all night as it headed through the whole length of France on the Friday night, Saturday morning, arriving in Calais for the early morning crossing back to Blighty!

Certificates and Awards were presented to all pupils who enjoyed a fabulous experience in the company of Miss Danby (Leader), Mr Meadowcroft, Mrs Butler, Mr Nazir and Mr Morley (aka Asa). Roll on 2018!!?

Mr Meadowcroft

- STAFF UPDATES -



Good luck on you retirement

- 1** *Mr Hartley* - Geography Teacher
- 2** *Mrs Bulmer* - History Teacher
- 3** *Mrs Scargill* - Technology Teacher

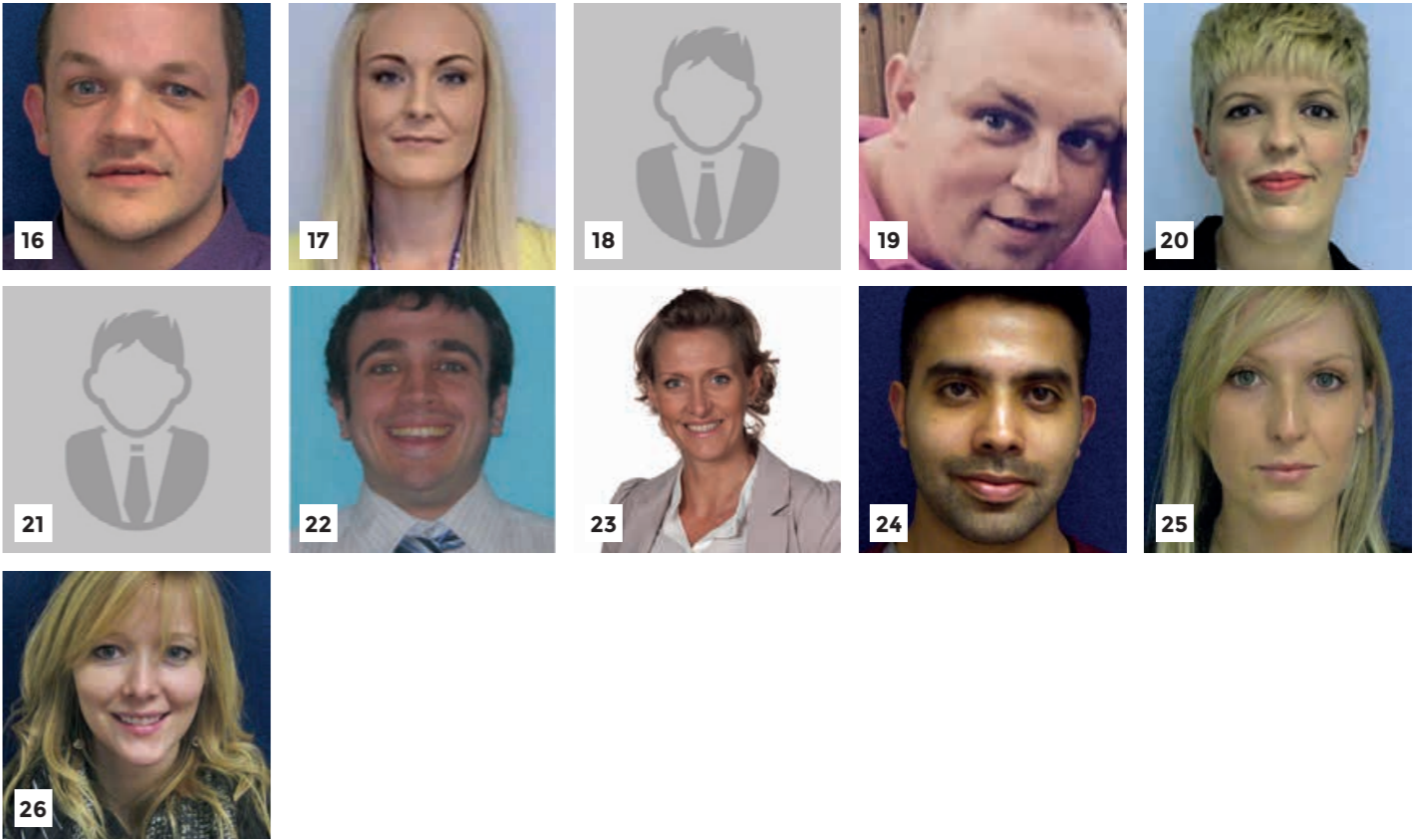
We say a fond farewell to

- 4** *Miss Craddock* - RE Teacher
- 5** *Mrs Frear* - RE Teacher
- 6** *Mr Hill* - 2nd in Technology
- 7** *Miss Morgan* - English Teacher
- 8** *Mr Kaplowitch* - 2nd in Languages
- 9** *Miss Trickett* - Curriculum Leader Drama
- 10** *Miss Caldwell* - Science Teacher

We wish those who have secured promotion good luck

- 11** *Mr Jones* - to Assistant Headteacher
- 12** *Mr Elliot* - to Assistant Headteacher
- 13** *Mrs Sarwar* - to Head of Science
- 14** *Miss Cooling* - to Head of English
- 15** *Mrs Heath* - to 2nd in Languages
- 16** *Mr LeMaitre* - to 2nd in Maths
- 17** *Miss Kelly* - to Teaching First Programme
- 18** *Mr Brooks* - to Head of IT Service Manchester Council
- 19** *Mr Dinsdale* - to Site Manager

- STAFF UPDATES -



We welcome 2 new staff to Saddleworth School

- 20** *Mrs Lees* - joins the Language Department
- 21** *Mr Newton* - joins the Science Department

Congratulations on your new post in school

- 22** *Mr Healey* - Head of IT Service
- 23** *Mrs Wolfenden* - Family Support Worker
- 24** *Mr Ali* - Head of Geography
- 25** *Mrs Clements* - ITT, NQT & RQT Mentor
- 26** *Miss Sunderland* - Inspiring Teachers Lead

Congratulations on the new additions to the family

- 6** *Mr Hill* - 2nd in Technology

Part and parcel of being a thriving secondary school is that great staff gain promotion and move on. We've lost some really super colleagues this year and whilst it's always sad to say goodbye, we wish them all the very best of luck as they stretch their wings and move on to work in their new schools.

Saddleworth is a great place to work and we have attracted some fantastic new colleagues to start or continue their careers with us. We have a number of highly experienced and proven teachers from across the country joining. For example, Carole Pounder is joining us as SENCO having been an Assistant Head at her previous school. Michelle Garner is joining us to work in Science and to support intervention work having previously been a Vice Principal. Ellen Green will teach Drama and English having previously been a Performing Arts Faculty leader. Our staff team will be significantly strengthened by such able colleagues. We are also bringing in an excellent selection of Newly Qualified Teachers who have chosen Saddleworth to start their careers. For example the very popular Mr Twigg trained with us and will join the English team and Mr Beckenham and Miss Bowskill have already made an impact this term in science and can't wait to start full time from September.

Saying goodbye to highly able colleagues is never easy but we are very fortunate to be welcoming some great new teachers who join us for the new academic year. The future is bright at Saddleworth.

- G E R M A N E X C H A N G E -

On the 9th May I set off along with Mr Barton (a former teacher at Saddleworth) and 13 pupils on the return leg of the German exchange.

Back in October, 24 German pupils from our partner school in Rietberg had stayed with their exchange partners and had a fantastic time.

We flew from Manchester to Düsseldorf and then were met by a bus which took us to our partner school in Rietberg. Pupils were met by their German exchange families with whom they would spend the next week.

The week included visits to Paderborn and Münster and trips to the climbing park, the swimming pool and the

Bible village. Pupils also visited the Mayor's Parlour and had a guided tour of the town. They were able to go into lessons with their partners and experience what school life is like in Germany.

The week finished with a celebration barbecue at the local football ground. A fantastic time was had by all and pupils were a credit to the school. Hopefully the friendships formed will flourish for years to come.

Many thanks to all who took part in the exchange.

Mrs Miniban



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I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU AND EDDIE FOR THE WONDERFUL GERMAN EXCHANGE.

ALASTAIR HAS COME BACK EXHAUSTED, BUT FULL OF STORIES AND WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES FROM HIS VISIT TO RIETBERG. I KNOW HOW MUCH WORK IS INVOLVED IN THESE TRIPS, AND I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU GIVING ALASTAIR THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY. HE SEEMS TO HAVE COME BACK MUCH OLDER AND MORE MATURE!

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU.

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Please see below for the English translation of the article

EXCHANGE PROJECT WILL ENDURE

Rietberg. They learn a new language and a foreign country: 13 young people from Uppermill, Great Britain, are guests in Rietberg this week. It will be the last student exchange in this way, as the Realschule is to be discontinued. For this reason the partnership with the British Saddleworth School will end after 30 years. The contact will survive, as the new comprehensive school will carry on the exchange.

The 12 to 14 year olds are enjoying their time in Rietberg. And there is a lot to do: A trip to Münster and Paderborn, visits to the pool, the Bible village and the climbing park. The mayor's deputy Dieter Nowak welcomes the young people in the council chamber,

before they start exploring the area. With the aid of pictures he introduces them the characteristics and sights of the town – a good preparation for the following guided tour.

The young people are hosted by their German exchange classmates. These have already travelled to Great Britain last autumn. “We want to teach the young people to be open to anything new and develop an understanding for each other. This worked out quite well in the last few years,” says Renate Krüger, English teacher at the Realschule. She is happy that the comprehensive school will continue the exchange.





Auditions have been held for our School Production of Grease. A special thank you to Miss Vandenburg, Mr Beckwith, Mrs Pickett and the Art Department leading on this.

Look out in the next edition of the magazine for ticket information.

- OLDHAM YOUTH COUNCIL -

For the past couple of months the newly elected youth councillors from across the borough have attended youth council conferences. In these fortnightly meetings we are given the opportunity to voice our opinions and have our say in local schemes and represent what the young people of Oldham want. Not only that but the council also has a certain agenda for the two year term which we will focus on to help improve Oldham for young people.

Our priorities are: health; learning for life and discrimination which all are discussed further in alternate priorities meeting that youth councillors voluntarily attend and to break down each priority further. Health, which will be split into both mental and physical, will develop on the already established 'I love me' campaign which is centred on self-esteem and mental health. One example of the work already done by the youth council is the Boy in the black box play which was performed by Oldham Theatre Workshop to tackle the stigma behind depression and self-harm. Although we are still in the early stages of planning each priority we have already begun to delve deeper into the aims and events we would like to do to help improve Oldham.

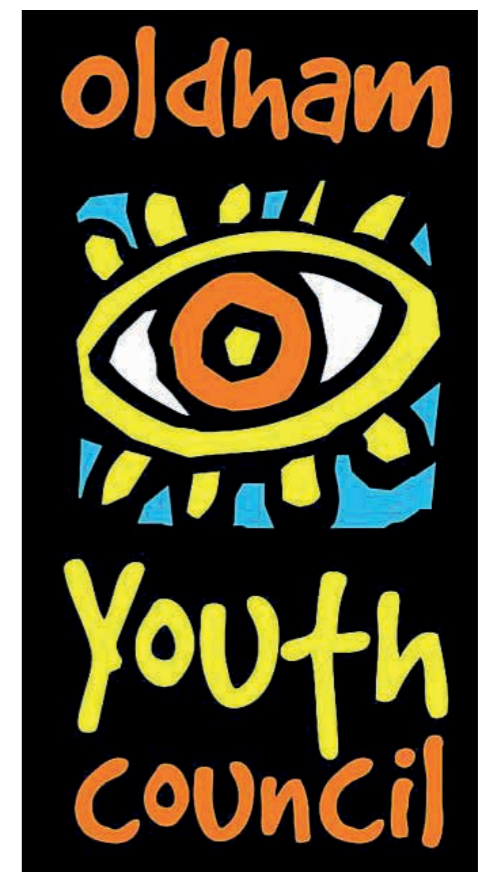
Learning for life is based on the curriculum for life which is to integrate life skills into the school syllabus such as how to take out a mortgage or write a CV. It is designed to help young people get a head start in life and understand the skills needed to complete vital jobs in the future. Finally the last priority which is discrimination, it is going to tie into the UK Youth parliament campaign of 'Don't hate, educate' that is helping tackle prejudice and discrimination across the UK.

Oldham youth council has also given vast amounts of opportunities to the youth councillors that has allowed me to understand the amount of commitment and passion people have for the campaigns.

Recently I have been given the opportunity to attend Youthforia which is a conference where all the local authorities in the North West come together to discuss what each council is doing. Youthforia also started the launch the 'make your mark' which is a national campaign that will be launching in school soon and we will be asking the young people what their top priorities are. The youth council has given all of us masses of experience and insight into the affairs of the borough and has shown us the impact we can have if we put ourselves out there.

Though I look forward to what is to come in the youth council and I hope to carry on making a positive improvement to lives of young people in Oldham.

Roshni Parmar-Hill
Oldham Youth Councillor



- WINMARLEIGH HALL -



When I first got to Winmarleigh Hall I thought that it was going to be fun, and boy was I right

After putting our stuff into our room we went off to our first activity; Archery. We were split into teams and had a competition on who could score the most points. Our second activity was quad biking. We had to measure the track and then record our timings on the laps so we could work out our speeds in the classroom session. We got to go around the track three times and I managed to crash twice. On Thursday we got to do raft building and orienteering. For raft building we had to design a raft first then make it out of barrels and rope. Our raft collapsed and we all ended up in the lake including the teachers. Our final activity was the giant swing, we had to pull each other up to the top and then they were released. I had a screaming

competition with Jayme and I think I won, although Jack screamed louder than everyone!!!

We had an activity each night. The first was "the Cube" each of us had to take part in a challenge like on the TV show the cube. I had to balance on one foot blindfold in a small hoop, I did it!

The second was my favourite activity "Robot Wars" one person in our team had to be dressed up like a robot then compete with other teams by throwing flour and water at each other.

I would definitely recommend this trip to the year 7 next year.

Bridget Belcher
Year 7E



- ARCHIE CASSON -

My name is Archie Casson and in May, I was lucky enough to travel to Germany as part of 'Team England Kickboxing' to compete in the ISKA World Championships. This was the first time that I had competed at an international level and I was very nervous despite all the training I had done.

Having checked my kit bag a hundred times I boarded the coach and we were on our way. At the sports arena there were 40 countries represented, each had their own uniforms and flags and it was a little overwhelming as everyone filed in to get settled in their areas. It was great that we had lots of supporters as wherever you were stood you could see a sea of red which was the England team colour.

After the opening ceremony we started to warm-up whilst the category sheets were published and we knew the order we were fighting in.

In the 'K-1' category, I was quite small in comparison to other competitors but managed to beat a lot of taller fighters from countries like Australia, Scotland and the Ukraine to get through to the semi-final. This category of fighting is quite new to me as you are allowed to clinch your opponent and knee as an addition to the normal kicking, punching and sweeping. In the semi final, I was drawn against one of my team mates, a boy

I had become friends with which felt really strange. I did not win this fight but was delighted to have won a bronze and a place on the podium. The cheering from everyone was fantastic, when you are fighting you can't really hear any one thing but I knew the blur of noise was for me and it really helped spur me on.

After a long wait, my next category, 'Light Continuous' began. This was my stronger category and I felt really positive. Again after a number of fights I got though to the semi-final and was drawn against a German boy. I felt really strong and with only fifteen seconds to go before the whistle would blow, I could see my place in the final – I was winning this. Then it came, I walked straight onto a front kick which hit me, with full force, straight in the face. I had been hit like this before but in the past had always managed to get up and fight on. Even with a bust nose, as long as there is not too much blood you can carry on. This time I was on the floor in too much pain, I wanted to carry on but the only thing I could think of was the pain and blood from my nose. The medic came on and the doctor stopped the fight as he thought either my nose or left cheek was broken.

I couldn't stop crying, I am not sure if this was due to the pain or to the fact that I had just missed a silver medal.



Last weekend, Archie was competing again and did brilliantly, he took gold in his two categories and won 2 British titles at the WPMC Championships. On the back of this he has qualified to join the GB team at the next world event which takes place in October.

- DIANA AWARD -

Congratulations to Kirsten Fletcher on her successful nomination for the Diana Award.

To say that Kirsten is a positive role model to others is an understatement. She is one of the most exceptionally kind, hardworking, and generous students I have ever had the privilege of working with.

In her role as an anti-bullying ambassador and a member of the National Youth Board, Kirsten has inspired those around her to go beyond their own expectations.

She has spent hours creating materials to spread the anti-bullying message both within her school and local

primary schools, as well as delivering staff training and whole school assemblies, all of which have been hugely successful.

I cannot think of a more deserving recipient for the Diana Award and know that the amazing work done so far is only the starting point for Kirsten.

The Diana Award is publishing a full list of Award Holders from academic year 2015/2016 in The Roll of Honour on our website:

www.diana-award.org.uk

Miss Craddock



ANTI-BULLYING TRAINING

The Princess Diana Award attended a training day at our school where they spoke to Peer Mentors and Readers about how to tackle bullying in school. I found the day very effective as it gave our school anti-bullying team some amazing ideas of how to tackle bullying.

During the day my peers and I had chance to do a presentation about how our Peer Mentoring team try to make our school a bullying free zone. We spoke about how we did an assembly during the Christmas period about how people can feel lonely and have nobody to talk to around that time of year. The Peer Mentors led year seven forms and made Christmas Cards that we sent to the elderly who wouldn't have anyone to be with at Christmas.

The reaction we got was incredible and we shared this in the presentation. We also said how we have done other activities such as 'The Kindness Challenge' where we went into the year seven forms and asked them

to do random acts of kindness. These consisted of smiling at someone in the corridor, baking a cake for their next door neighbour.

Also during the day the Diana Award staff spoke to us about many different techniques that we can apply to our role and make more people happy in school. Another thing they spoke to us about was how little things like playing your favourite song can change people's moods and said how we can do something like that to make our visits into year seven forms much better. On the day we were joined by pupils from other schools in Oldham and they gave a presentation also on how to tackle bullying.

I really enjoyed this training day as it was really helpful and gave my peers and I, great new creative ideas.

Isabelle Anastasiou



- BTEC HOME COOKING SKILLS GROUP -

The year 11 Jamie Oliver group had the unique opportunity to look behind the scenes at Jamie's Italian restaurant in Manchester. On Friday 22nd April 2016 the group, along with Mrs Brooks and Mrs Butler spent the day with the head chef Jimmy Carr (not the comedian) who showed the group all the hard work that goes into running an extremely busy top restaurant.

Jamie's Italian is set in the heart of Manchester, the restaurant occupies a magnificent grade II listed building dubbed the 'King Of King Street'. With room for up to 240 people on the ground floor and mezzanine of this old bank, many of the original features and fittings have been kept and it was amazing

to be shown around the magnificent building. Students were shown around the original vaults which are now used for private bookings.

The morning included hands on cooking where we made fresh pasta and delicious focaccia. It was surprising to see how small the kitchens were for such a large restaurant. On a busy service up to fifteen chefs work together in there under lots of pressure in a very hot kitchen. All the staff were enthusiastic, friendly and as passionate about food as Jamie Oliver.

We were then treated to delicious Italian lunch of Bolognese, salad and focaccia bread. It was a very inspiring and memorable day.



- E U R E F E R E N D U M -



This year, several groups of students have been visiting forms, bringing with them the opportunity for a mock EU referendum.

“The EU referendum is such an important decider for the future of Britain and the school saw the importance of a mock referendum to educate students on something which will have a huge impact on our future”

Eden Potter Williams Y 9

The form-visiting process involved a discussion of for and against arguments so students had the opportunity

to find their own opinions on what should happen - in or out; helping students to understand what to do in future situations such as this and therefore help them secure a future that they believe in.

‘I think it is important to have a referendum in school because we can learn about the rights of people if we leave or if we stay and discuss the overall opinions of everyone. I enjoyed expressing my opinion and having my voice heard.’

Olivia Blundell & Erika Bychowiec-Smith Y 7

RESULTS:

58% REMAIN

42% LEAVE

Many thanks to all students who have taken part, especially to those peer mentors who gave up their time to lead the debate.

- S P E C I A L M E N T I O N S -



PRICE HOWARD

My name is Pryce Howard from form 9L and on the 15th May 2016 (this was my Nan's birthday) I shaved my head for cancer as a tribute to my Nan passing away on March 17th 2015. I did this with my uncle and we managed to raise £2600 for Dr Kershaw's hospice. I think that my Nan would have been very proud of me and I am sure that the money I have raised will help lots of other people who are suffering from cancer.

Pryce Howard Y9



VARICH OAKES-GARNE

Passed his Grade 1 Violin exam with Highly Commended.

Well done.



SINEAD SIMPSON

Congratulations to Sinead Simpson Year 11 for gaining a place in the production of Green Day's American Idiot which will be taking place at Grange Arts Centre from Tuesday 26th July to Saturday 30th July.

Well done Sinead!



ABIGAIL BARRACLOUGH

Abigail Barraclough (7D) has had her story selected to go through to the next round of the BBC's 500 words competition.

120,000 or so other stories didn't get that far so it's a huge achievement!

- D o f e A W A R D S C H E M E -



Since my update in the last edition of 'Voice', we have had a very busy term with our Duke of Edinburgh Award participants. All of our Bronze and Silver Award students have undertaken their Practice Expedition during May and June. For many pupils, this is one of the most enjoyable aspects of the Award programme but I think all the participants would agree that it's the most challenging.

Our Bronze Award programme has been so popular this year that we decided to run two practice expeditions, both in the local area. We are very fortunate to live in an area with such stunning scenery and with excellent facilities for outdoor pursuits. Once again, we used the Castleshaw Centre in Delph and Moorlands campsite in Denshaw as our camp locations for our Bronze expeditions and in stark contrast to last year's Bronze practice, this year the pupils enjoyed almost perfect weather conditions...dry with some sunny spells, but not too warm. Perfect, that is, apart from the windy conditions at Denshaw, where pitching the tents was more of a challenge than it was in

the Castleshaw valley. Too often, we refer to our expeditions being successful only in terms of the weather and sometimes forget to acknowledge that for many of the pupils at Bronze level, this is the first time they have ever camped in a tent and for all of the pupils it's the first time they have ever walked 25 km over two days, carrying their entire kit and being self-sufficient for two days. Having completed the same exercise myself on a training programme some years ago, I know how much of a challenge this is, so I never fail to be impressed by the students' resilience and determination in completing the expedition. This year, some of them even had enough energy to play a game of 'roll-mat' rugby on the campsite while Mr Dinsdale and Mr Moule acted as referees!

Our Silver Award Practice expedition took us further down into the White Peak area, beginning in Hathersage for some groups and the nearby village of Calver for others. Regrettably, apart from the first hour or so, this group experienced a damp start to their expedition with some

heavy showers on and off all day. The Silver Award expeditions take place over three days and two nights with the pupils walking 48 km in total (or sometimes a little further if they wander off route!) After a very wet first night, we were all very impressed by the positive spirit and great teamwork shown by all four groups as they cooked breakfast and packed away for a very challenging second day. Day two is always the longest walk and the most challenging from a navigational point of view and with the exception of just a couple of wrong turns later in the day, the groups coped well with the very changeable weather and terrain and only one or two moaned about the uphill stretches. It's amazing how rewarding a chocolate Hob-Nob is after nearly 8 hours' walking! Day three begins with some spectacular views from Monsal Head and a delightful walk through Cressbrook Dale. But after a lunch stop in the idyllic village of Foolow, the route has a final uphill challenge to Abney moor before finishing in the Hope. Once again, every student completed the practice expedition, some with more aches and blisters than others, but all successfully. The

only remaining challenge, back at school, was how to dry out 14 tents in the typical Saddleworth summer rain!

Well done to all 93 pupils involved in the practice expeditions this year and thank you to the many staff and volunteers who enable the training programmes and expeditions to continue to successfully. Good luck to you all for your Final Expeditions and fingers crossed for some good weather for us all!



- HEADINGLY TRIP -



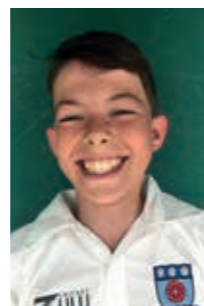
Sixteen talented cricketers from Year 7 and 8 took part in the annual cricket roadshow at Yorkshire Pro Coach, Headingley.

The boys enjoyed a three hour top class coaching session from the Yorkshire academy staff at their indoor centre which covered fitness, fielding, bowling and batting. A special mention to the Saddleworth White rose society who helped fund this magnificent opportunity for our

young cricketers who all left feeling inspired and full of confidence.

The boys were also privy to a behind the scenes tour of Headingley Stadium and guided tour of the magnificent museum steeped in the history of Yorkshire Cricket!

Mr Cree



“IT WAS THE BEST DAY EVER UNTIL MR CREE BOWLED ME OUT WITH AN ABSOLUTE PEARLER, HE REALLY IS MY HERO! IF I HAD TO GET OUT I’M GLAD IT WAS TO HIM!”

Tom Potts Y8

- FULL SWEEP FOR SADDLEWORTH -

Saddleworth School have definitely stolen the show this year winning all 4 of the Oldham Schools Rounders Rallies.

Not only was every year group crowned Champions but every year group managed to do so without conceding a single game.

It is an amazing reflection of the wealth of talent we have here at school, the commitment the students

show training each week and the pride they have in representing school.

Our title hopes have not finish there as Year 7 and Year 10 have also been crowned the cup winners too, again undefeated all season. We wish Year 8 and 9 the best of luck as they have reached the finals in the cup but these have yet to be played. Here’s hoping we take all 4 titles in this competition too.



Year 7

Paige Pomfrey, Mayah Hopkinson, Ella Dibden, Hannah Stewart, Lucy Johnson, Grace Woodcock, Isabelle Kowalczyk, Ellie Brennan, Shauna Kenyon, Melissa Demstader, Ella Barson, Molly Bardsley Sam Laister, Myla Baker, Immogen Merrington, Keely Miller, Yasmin Osbourne

Undefeated all afternoon



Year 9

Yasmin Roebuck (Captain), Dani Rhodes, Alice Green, Nicole Gardner, Alyssa Hyde, Lucy George, Jessica Whittam, Holly Beckwith, Amy Stott, Isabelle Kinsler, Alisha Willey, Megan Harrop, Olivia Potts

Unbeaten all afternoon



Year 8

Beth Speak, Poppy Shepherdson, Sophie Southern, Ellie Matthews, Sky Bimpson, Jodie Watson, Georgia Smith, Maddison Fish, Maddison Potter-Farrants, Hannah Williams, Niamh Simpson

Unbeaten all afternoon



Year 10

Lia Bottomley, Zoe Parry, Daisy Shepherdson, Emma Brewster, Tara Phethean, Rhiannon Armstrong, Mackenzie Young, Eve Douglas, Grace Malone, Zoe Mills, Molly Rosco

Unbeaten all afternoon

- GRENADIER GUARDS -

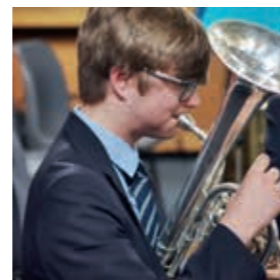


We were very fortunate to have the GUARDS BRASS ENSEMBLE visit school on Friday 29th April.

The ensemble comprises professional military musicians from the Household Division Military Bands (the ones you see on TV and outside Buckingham Palace) – the Grenadier Guards, the Coldstream Guards, the Irish Guards, the Welsh Guards and the Scottish Guards.

This was the first time the 13 piece ensemble have performed in the North of England and this is a wonderful opportunity for our young musicians to experience professional music making of the very highest quality. This is potentially a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The entire project was a tremendous success! During the morning session approximately 220 primary school children (from Delph Primary, Diggle Primary, Holy Trinity Dobcross and St. Chads Uppermill) visited Saddleworth School to hear the performance given by the Guards Brass Ensemble. Many children experiencing a brass ensemble live for the very first time – the audience of primary students were blown away by the Guards Brass Ensemble! Many students and teachers expressed how wonderful the performance was as they left the hall trying on the soldiers Bear Skin displayed by visiting Military personnel.



The instrumental workshops delivered in the afternoon session really engaged and inspired the 50 or so Brass and percussion musicians at Saddleworth School. This was the major part of the day allowing our young musicians the opportunity to work with and gain first hand advice about their playing from some of the very best in the business – I really hope this sort of experience will stay with our musicians for the rest of their lives.'

The final performance of the day showcased two Saddleworth School brass ensembles: The Brass Xplosion (10 piece brass group) and the Saddleworth School Brass Quintet as well as the terrific Guards Brass Ensemble. Another large and appreciative audience were treated to an exceptional performance by the Guards

Brass Ensemble – the quality, virtuosity and flair demonstrated by these musicians is a real credit to the bands of the Household division.

It is hoped that a repeat venture will take place at the school in the future to further engage and inspire musicians from the Saddleworth and Oldham area. The music department of Saddleworth School were delighted to host these phenomenal professional musicians at a rare performance outside of London and it is my hope to bring more exceptional live musical experiences to Saddleworth School in the future.

Mr Beckwith



“ THE WORKSHOPS WERE FANTASTIC AND THE TIPS GIVEN WERE REALLY HELPFUL TOWARDS MY PLAYING. THE WHOLE DAY WAS REALLY INSPIRING.

Chiara Eckersley Y7



- COMMUNITY WORK -

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.

OLDHAM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Miss Craddock leads a trip to the Oldham Council Chambers to allow students the opportunity to get involved in a debate.



BRITISH RED CROSS

The British Red Cross came into school to support the RE curriculum. Delivering 1 hour workshops with students in Year 10 looking at refugees and how the Red Cross offers support.

OSFC

Lewis Enthwistle from OSFC came into school to speak to some of the year 11 French classes about studying MFL at KS5 and the opportunities this would give them for future study/employment etc.

We look forward to welcoming him back in the new year to meet our year 10 German classes as part of a collaborative project we have invited to be part of.



DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

The Brook service come in to lead talks to KS4 students to raise awareness and safety.



GRANDPA GREENE

Business studies students have visited Grandpa Greene to help bring their learning about business set up and structure to life.

I think also incentivised by the promise of an ice cream.

CREATING LINKS

We are always looking to enrich our students experiences and bring learning to life. If you have any contacts that you think would be able to support this then we would love to hear from you.

c.mcmurdo@saddleworthschool.org

MOSES VISIT

This term we also welcomed Moses, head of Kingston School in Uganda to Saddleworth. Having established previous links it was great to welcome him back.

It's always really beneficial for our pupils to have interaction with another culture, particularly one where the young people have to fight for an education.

Moses supported the curriculum in many ways, offering a cultural perspective for our students to consider.

Working in PE he led African dance sessions.

Working in Music he led African drumming sessions.

Working in English and Philosophy the students were able to explore their theme of 'is the world a fair place' with real life stories about education and living conditions in Uganda.



- R E I K I -

We would like to say a special thank you to Lisa Butterworth and Catherine Florence for supporting a group of our year 10 ambassadors by offering a 6 week course of Reiki. Conscious they offer an awful lot in school we wanted to offer something to them that would help them balance the busyness of school and the pressures of exams.

Feedback from the girls has been amazing. The difference between the pre and post results shows the impact this has had and the change in outlook the girls have shared.

As part of their final week students were asked to share their teaching by leading a session to a group of 10 staff.

They were confident in their delivery and positive in their discussion when asked about what they had gained.

Since the initial programme, Lisa and Catherine have been back into school to work with our BTEC Dance cohort and our staff



- S U P E R L E A R N I N G D A Y -

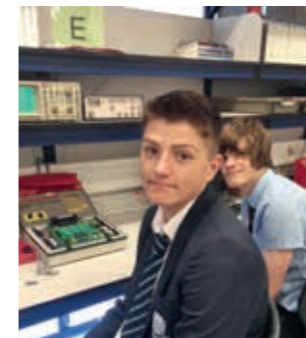
At the end of each year we host a Super Learning Day.

This year we have added a community focus asking our students to make a positive contribution to benefit others. The day itself fell after the print deadline for this magazine so we will show in the next edition what our students got up to and the difference they made.

In advance of that I would like to thank the following community groups who offered support to us to make this successful:

* Warburton Court * Brownhill Centre
* Style and Salvage * Uppermill Association
* Delph Community Association * Environmental Team
* Housing 21 * Brook Services * People First
* New Bridge School * GB Teakwondo

- T A S T E R D A Y -



A group of nearly 130 students from the school visited Oldham Sixth Form College on Tuesday 21st June. The 'Taster Day' gave the students the opportunity to experience what college life would be like when they start in September 2017.

The day started with an introduction from the Principal Jayne Clarke who welcomed students to the college and provided an overview of college facilities and some information on entry requirements. The students then went to three lessons, each lasting 40 minutes.

Many students got to try subjects that are not available at Saddleworth such as Ancient History, Economics, Law and Psychology to name just a few. Some just wanted to get a

feel for subjects they enjoy but at a higher level. The final session was about the enrichment offered at the college and the importance of getting involved in college life beyond the classroom.

As well as experiencing the 'Taster Sessions' students got to meet the staff at the College and find their way around the four separate buildings. Although the college was quiet as Year 13 had left or were doing exams there was still a real buzz to the place. By taking part in the Taster sessions students at the school will hopefully make more informed decisions in the near future.

Can parents/carers of the current Year 10 students please look out for the Open Events that usually take place from September onwards.

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

We were delighted to invite Ms Melanie Buchanan to the school to speak to a group of students about her career as a Commercial Airline Pilot.

She enthusiastically talked about what it takes to become an airline pilot and the on-going training required to ensure that pilots are able to deal with a variety of situations to ensure the safety of all the passengers and crew. The job itself is very demanding yet extremely rewarding. A typical day would include an early meeting with the crew, prior to the flight, to discuss the flights, weather, passengers etc.

Ms Buchanan works for Flybe airline with most of the flights she now does are domestic. She explained that although the industry is predominately male, the number of female pilots is increasing and should be a career that girls should consider. She is very keen to challenge stereotypes that exist in terms of careers and jobs and would be happy to come into school again to speak to more students who didn't get the opportunity to attend this lunch.

Samuel Smithies Y9

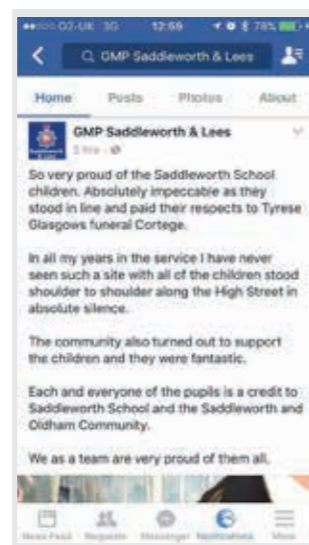


- S U F F E R I N G W I T H L O S S -

This term has been extremely difficult for us at school, losing both a work colleague and a student within days of each other. Not only has school come together as a community to support each other, the community as a whole has come together to support us and their families.



We would like to thank everyone for this support, their kind words and acts of kindness shown at this difficult time. It really has been appreciated.



- 1 0 0 0 M I L E C H A L L E N G E -

In April 2016 I set myself a challenge to run 500 miles over a 12 month period. This was partly because next year I reach a certain mile stone in my age but mainly because I want to raise money for a charity in memory of my dad who died last year. I have now raised my target to 1000 miles.

The charity I have chosen is WaterAid.

Around 315,000 children under-five die every year from diarrhoeal diseases caused by dirty water and poor sanitation. **That's 900 children per day.**

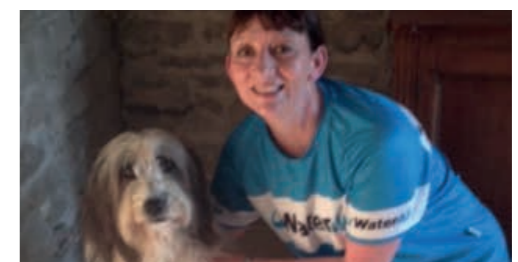
WaterAid is an international charity that transforms lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation. £472 will buy a well and rope pump which will provide fresh water for 120 people. As little as £15 will provide access to fresh water for one person. I have just completed week ten and have run 185.5 miles. It has not been an easy ten weeks. It is always either too cold, too windy, too wet or even too hot. I suffer from arthritis in my feet and this week my hayfever has really kicked in. And the hills of

Holmfirth seem to get bigger every week. But my dog keeps me company and more importantly I have already raised over £100.

My students keep encouraging me and many have already given me donations. In September I am hoping to launch some fundraising activities across the school. It would be fantastic if as many pupils as possible could raise £15 by doing their own challenge.

Make a difference – raise £15 – save a life.

Mrs Burgess



PETRONELLA'S STORY

Petronella's village in Zambia is in a remote area where spare mechanical parts would normally be tricky to track down. Rather ingeniously this rope pump was built in her village with recycled parts, which are easy to find in the local area, meaning Petronella and her whole community have a sustainable solution to sanitation and safe water.

And there's more good news...since the rope pump and well were installed in the village, everyone can now drink and wash their hands with safe, clean water, so there is less disease and sickness!

- COLOGNE , GERMANY -

- RHINELAND TRIP -

On the 28th June , Mrs Minihan, Mr Douglas, Mr Barton, Mrs Hughes and Miss Poppleton accompanied a group of 43 year 8 pupils to the Rhineland in Germany. We set off in the early hours of Friday morning on the long journey by bus and ferry which would take us through France and Belgium in to Germany. We arrived at our destination - Linz am Rhein on Friday afternoon and settled in the hotel and made use of the huge garden at the side of the hotel to play football and rounders.

Saturday started with an early breakfast and then a mini cruise down the River Rhine from Lahnstein to St Goarshausen . On board the children were able to practise their language skills by ordering food and drink in German!! They were also able to appreciate the beautiful sights this magnificent river has to offer. We then travelled on to Rudesheim - a beautiful town on the banks of the Rhine where pupils visited a museum and had the opportunity to do some shopping.

Sunday started off in Cologne and a visit to the very impressive cathedral. This was followed by a visit to the Lindt chocolate factory where lots of presents were purchased!! We then spent the rest of the afternoon in the theme park Phantasialand . Despite the weather, everyone had a great time! We then went on to spend the evening at the bowling alley.

Our final day was spent in Linz am Rhein where pupils completed language tasks and did some final shopping before visiting the local Freibad (open-air pool). We then headed home!! Pupils were a credit to the school and a great time was had by all!

My thanks to the staff who accompanied me on the trip - they were amazing!

Mrs Minihan



- 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.



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Primary students come to back to Saddleworth School to work alongside our Year 7 students as part of a joint leadership programme. It is lovely to see the collaborative work between all the students as they develop their skills and gain valuable experience.



TRANSITION CONCERTS

Our Music students have been out in our feeder Primaries performing. Showcasing their talents and inspiring others.

Transition Concert at Friezland

Hannah Louise Siddiqui, Elise Siddiqui, Edward Warrington, Varich Oakes-Garnet, Delphine Alsop-Parsons, Libby Collard, Lucy Beaumont, Lewis Fowden.

'Thank you very much for this afternoon's performance. It was lovely to hear the group play and many of our children seemed inspired.'

Thank you for bringing your group - don't think we've ever had a group of such polite pupils; thanking me for allowing them to visit!

Kindest regards

Tracey Meadham

Headteacher at Friezland School

Most recently the following students completed a Transition Concert at Knowsley

Lucy Chapman, George Bedford, Katie Atkin, Adam Cartwright, Lola Gladwin, Maisie Reece, Leah Tissington, Rosie Naylor, Tabitha Davies, Erin Pereira, Eleanor Whitehead, Olivia Pate, Chloe Whatmough, Niamh Simpson



BTEC DANCERS LEAD THE WAY

Year 10 BTEC dancers have completed their leadership placements in some of our local feeder primary schools. The girls planned and delivered a 5 week scheme of work, visiting every Wednesday morning over the half term block.

Not only did it offer them great experience, it offered the students within the primaries a chance to develop their dance skills.

It was well received by all the primaries and some thing we hope we can replicate in years to come.

MOSES

Valuing the opportunity to enrich our curriculum that Moses visit offered, we wanted to share this with our feeder Primary schools. Moses visited a number of schools during the week conducting drumming and dance workshops to the primary students.



GRENIER GUARDS

When we were lucky enough to host the Grenier guards it was a once in a life time opportunity for our students. Wishing to share this with others our local primary schools were invited. Over 200 primary school children were fortunate to gain this wonderful experience and we thank the primary staff for bringing them to do so.



- Y6 TRANSITION DAY -

We work incredibly hard in the build up to the students first day with us here at Saddleworth School to make this as smooth as possible.

Mrs Aucherloine the Pastoral Assistant for Year 7 and Transition Coordinator visits and works with every single child over a number of weeks to support them. They complete a programme titled 'Big School' where they look to address and questions they have and give them a real insight into secondary school.

We also welcome them to spend the day with us. During their transition day they get a sample of school life as well as a chance to meet their new form tutors and Pastoral team. The day is so wonderfully supported by many of our own students in the capacity of Transition buddies, Peer Mentors and Prefects.



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I JUST WANTED TO SEND A QUICK EMAIL TO THANK YOU AND THE OTHER TEACHERS WHO PUT MANY PARENTS MINDS AT EASE LAST NIGHT.

THE EVENING WAS FANTASTIC, AND MY FEARS AS A PARENT HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH EXCITEMENT FOR THE 5 YEARS AHEAD.

THE BIGGEST THANK YOU MUST GO TO THE STUDENTS WHO REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL LAST NIGHT- IT WASN'T THE PROSPECTUS THAT SOLD THE SCHOOL TO ME LAST YEAR, IT WAS THE STUDENTS ON OPEN EVENING. SEEING SO MANY HAPPY, POLITE, AND HELPFUL YOUNG PEOPLE BLEW ME AWAY AND I KNEW I'D BE SO HAPPY IF MY DAUGHTER BECOMES JUST LIKE THEM IN THE COMING YEARS. THE STUDENTS LAST NIGHT WERE AMAZING, AND I JUST KNOW THAT WITH THEIR GUIDANCE, MY DAUGHTER WILL SETTLE IN FAST AND FLOURISH TO BE THE BEST PERSON SHE COULD POSSIBLY BE.

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JUST TO SAY JOSHUA HAD A BRILLIANT DAY AT SADDLEWORTH YESTERDAY, SO MUCH SO THAT HE DOESN'T WANT TO GO BACK TO HIS PRIMARY TODAY BUT WANTS ANOTHER DAY THERE! WE ALSO ENJOYED THE INFORMATIVE PARENTS EVENING AND ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO HIM JOINING HIS SISTER AT YOUR SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER,

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“

THANK YOU FOR A POSITIVE , INSPIRATIONAL , PARENT INFO EVENING YESTERDAY.

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A big thank you to the Saddleworth students that supported this day:

Amelia Emmerson, Benjamin Thomas, Bradley Hampshire, Caitlyn Metcalfe, Denzil Brown, Eleanor Whitehead, Elijah Wolstenholme, Elise Siddiqui, Ellie McConville, Emily Brierley, Erin Russell, Eve Douglas, Eve Matley, Eve Moynihan, Gemma Croft, Georgia Singleton, Grace Illingworth, Grace Woodcock, Hannah Yates, Harry Reeves, Imogen Merrington, Isabelle Anastasiou, Jack Kenyon, Jake Robinson, Jamie Scott, Joseph Weaver, Joseph Wheeler, Josh Hill, Katherine O'Donnell, Katie Ball, Kayleigh Crowther, Kirsten Fletcher, Kiyan Hussain-Pilkington, Kyle Kovacs, Lauren O'Brien, Lewis Fowden, Libby Collard, Louis Milburn, Lucas Hammond, Lucy Whitworth, Luke Townsend, Lydia Kinsler, Megan Bruton, Melissa Demstader, Natasha Jackson, Nina Jones, Noah Griffiths, Oliver Bates, Oliver Geener, Olivia Maders, Paije Clarke, Paul Brammer, Poppy Foster, Rebecca Bartley, Rebekah Frankell, Reece Wood, Rose Bradburn, Roshni Parmar-Hill, Ruby Penrice, Ryan Tuersley, Sam Ratcliffe, Samantha Hannah, Samuel Ackroyd, Sebastian Pomfrey, Tabitha Davies, Thicha Buaphol, Vinnie Van Enk, Violet Winterbottom

- GOODLUCK Y11 -

This term we say farewell and good luck to our Year 11 students as they finish their 5 years with us here at Saddleworth. Miss Campbell wrote...

I am writing this good luck message is with mixed emotions; I am feeling proud, sad and excited all at the same time.

Proud - you are a wonderful year group, I am proud to be your Home School Leader, you are fantastic role models to younger students in school

Sad - I will miss you, I am already tearful thinking of you leaving Saddleworth for pastures new.

Excited - you are all about to embark on the most wonderful adventures - whilst your lives will take different paths, I know along the way, there will be so much joy.

Every single one of you will always have a special place in my heart. I have had the privilege of watching you grow into the young adults that you are today, keen, ready and eager to enter the next stage of your lives.

It is clear to see from the students comments (shown overleaf) how much they thought of the staff that gave so much of their time to support them in their journey here at Saddleworth.



WHICH TEACHER HAS HELPED YOU THE MOST? HOW?

Mrs Roberts (Isabella Spurr)
Helped me plan for the future and made me realise that I could easily be a doctor.

Mrs Brooks (James Stallard)
She helps with homework.

MRS PICKERING (ABIGAIL TOOTILL)
CARING AND GIVES THE BEST ADVICE.

Miss Parr (Alli Dronsfield)
I really liked maths and I think that was because she made her lessons so interesting. I feel that kept me interested/involved.

Mrs Blezard-Downs (Erin Marshall)
Encouraged me through dance.

MR SIMKINS (PAUL MILLER)
JUST HELPED IN EVERYTHING.

Mrs Owen (Lydia Arthurs)
She's really smiley and positive and makes me in a really positive mood when I see her in form.

MRS PICKETT (TESSA KING)
BUILDING MY CONFIDENCE.

MRS COATES (ELLIE ROSTRON)
FOR HELPING ME WITH WORK AND BEING INSPIRATIONAL.

Mrs Jones (Alisha Barker)
Mrs Jones for helping me actually learn maths, whilst understanding it.

MISS FREAR (Beth Gillard)
She is amazing. She has been an absolutely incredible teacher and has faith that I can achieve whatever I want.

Mrs McMurdo (Alivia Ferguson)
Helped me with things not just related to her subject.

Mrs Briggs (Brittany Carter)
Always ensured that I complete all my coursework no matter what I've been through.

Mr Smith (Karis Glover)
Always helps me and makes me understand things that I never understood before.

MRS BULMER (CATHERINE STOTT)
FOR SHOWING ME THAT I'M ACTUALLY A DECENT HISTORIAN.

MR ELLIOTT (WILLIAM RICE)
HE MAKES LESSONS FUN AND DEDICATES AS MUCH TIME AS YOU NEED IF YOU WANT HELP.

Miss Sarwar (Jonathan Marston)
Always helps out, very committed and puts in lots of extra time for us.

Miss Poppleton (Jayne Longden)
Miss Poppleton because she is always helpful and does the best for the class and deserves to be recognised.

MISS MARSDEN (BETHANY SYKES)
ENCOURAGING ME TO DO MY BEST.

Mr Perry (Ben Hampson)
For improving my maths grade quite a lot.

MISS BORG (Georgia Wigglesworth)
Helped me through a lot.

Mrs Hart (Saskia Gibson)
Like my second mum at school.

Mrs Healey (James Rice)
She's really nice and caring

MRS HEGARTY (SAM HATHERILL)
HELPED ME ON MANY OCCASIONS TO HELP ME ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST GRADE.

Mr Hill (Daniel Ward)
He stays back everyday to help with the subject.

Mr Wadsworth (Michael Walsh)
Helps me to understand Physics and always makes me laugh.

I don't have a specific teacher but I am proud to say that all my subject teachers, Home School Leader, Pastoral Support Assistant have helped me. They gave me courage to move on with my goal and I really appreciate their help. (Sodiya S Ayomide)

Mr Lucas (Nathan Ardrey)
I used to struggle with English but now I'm more confident.

Mr Kelly (Abigail Tootill)
Helped me loads in the last 5 years.

Mr Melling (Charlotte Stewart)
His supportive postcards.

Miss Cook (Alisha Barker)
Miss Cook for being amazing, funny and supportive.

Miss Craddock (Holly Brennan)
Always willing to help/offer support.

MISS BRIGGS (HAMMAH JONES)
ALWAYS MAKES SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND GIVES HER OWN TIME UP.

MRS HUGHES (DAVID KERSHAW)
SHE HAS HELPED ME INCREASE MY ENGLISH GRADE MASSIVELY.

Mr Jones (Felicity Loftus)
He always encouraged me and inspired me to do my best.

MR MOULE (KATIE RICHARDSON)
I AM A LOT BETTER AT MATHS NOW THAN I USED TO BE AND I ENJOY THE SUBJECT MORE.

Miss Vandenburg
Helped me improve my grade in English.

Mr Sandhu (Richard Wilson)
Can go to him.

Mrs Mitchell (Lydia Hood)
An inspiration to teachers and pupils alike. Teaching must be a rewarding job because she's always smiling and upbeat. Not only has Mrs Mitchell enriched my knowledge but she has shaped me as a pupil. Her charisma is contagious and has given me the drive to work hard and achieve. I didn't know that a person could be a teacher, mentor, philosopher and support all in one! A sincere 'Thank you'!

Mrs Murphy (Harry Fox)
Helping me sort out my college application.

Miss Campbell (Niamh Sweeney)
Always wants you to do your best and makes you laugh.

- RESULTS -

ATHLETICS

Year 7 Quad Kids Championships

Congratulations to the year 7 athletes who competed in the above event last week at Radclyffe athletics track, where they were crowned champions, qualifying to represent Oldham in the Greater Manchester Schools'.

Greater Manchester Schools' Games

Congratulations to the year 7 athletics quad kids team who took part in the Greater Manchester Schools' Games, where they were placed 2nd overall, a great achievement.



Team: *Evan Campbell, Jacob Douglas, Greg Huntington, Bradley John, Zach Eckersley, Lucy Johnson, Freya Moores, Isabelle Kowalczyk, Sarah Gregory and Penny Beardmore.*

Super 8 Athletics

A mixture of the year 8 and year 9 athletics team who competed in the Super 8 Athletics Championships at Radclyffe track. Each pupil had to compete in a track and field event. Outstanding performance goes to Ayla Hewitt in year 8 who won the long jump with 4m66 and an impressive time of 45.15 in the 300m. Well done to all of the athletes who competed.



Girls team: *Nicole Gardner-Garforth, Nancy Holden, Alyssa Hyde, Yasmin Roebuck, Kate Leddy, Erin Wolfenden, Alice Green and Ayla Hewitt.*

Boys team: *Luke Taylor, Rory Thompson, Adam Jones, Tom Sefton, Lucas Clarke and Lewis Smethurst.*

ROUNDERS

Year 7

Win the Rally and the cup to remain undefeated all season.

Year 8

Win the rally and await to play the final of the cup. They remain undefeated all season.

Year 9

Win the rally and await to play the final of the cup. They remain undefeated all season.

Year 10

Win the rally and the cup to remain undefeated all season.

RUGBY

Year 7

The Saddleworth School Year 7 rugby league team were crowned champions of Oldham with a convincing 48-0 win over a spirited Royton and Crompton side. Leading 24-0 at the interval through tries from Zach Eckersley, Bradley John and Evan Campbell (2) the Saddleworth outfit added another 4 tries in the second stanza courtesy of Sam Ratcliffe, Harvey Wilson,



Kaden Connolly with Campbell completing his hat-trick. The team were faultless with the boot converting all 8 tries with John (3), Eckersley (3) Ryan Hibbert and Fin Ashton performing the duties. The team will now represent the borough in next year's prestigious Champion Schools' competition.

Year 8

Gabriel Inflicts Payne on Croft in Rugby Epic! Gabriel Payne scored four tries as the Saddleworth Year 8 rugby team defeated Manor Croft School from Dewsbury

30-28 in a pulsating Carnegie Champion Schools' National quarter final tie. The game ebbed and flowed throughout with Saddleworth leading 12-10 at the interval courtesy of tries from Lewis Smethurst and Payne's opener. The visitors grew in confidence in the second half and looked the likely victors as they led 28-24 with only two minutes remaining. However, another inspired individual run from the right centre, Payne, resulted in a try in the far corner and left the scores locked at 28-28. Having been faultless with the boot so far, Jack Kenway then stepped up to majestically stroke home another nerveless touchline conversion to send the home side through to the national semi-finals where they will now face national champions, Glentaf School from Wales. Well done to all of the boys involved on the afternoon and special mentions to Evan Campbell and Zach Eckersley who stepped up ably from the Year 7 team.

Year 8

Year 8's humbled by Crompton House The Saddleworth Year 8 rugby league team were defeated 38-24 in the final of the Oldham Schools' cup losing their two year unbeaten tag in the borough. Crompton House looked the more determined side in the early stages of the encounter with Saddleworth unable to contain the pace and athleticism of their opponents. Trailing 18-12 at the interval there was still a way back into the match for the defending champions but this hope was quickly extinguished with two additional Crompton House tries within minutes of the second stanza. A late Saddleworth rally with tries from Lucas Clarke, Cameron Haigh and Lewis Smethurst ensured some respectability to the score line on a hot afternoon at Counthill.

Year 9

Year 9's Shot Down at Arrowsmiths The Saddleworth Year 9 rugby team failed to emulate the success of the Year 8's twenty four hours previously as they were comprehensively defeated 38-4 by national champions St Edmund Arrowsmith School in the quarter final of this year's event. Missing several key players due to injury, the Saddleworth outfit faced an uphill battle from the outset but kept to their task

gallantly registering their only try in the final few minutes, touched down by Sam Thackeray. Lewis Hulse was awarded the man of the match accolade for the visitors on a hot, tiring afternoon.

Year 10

The Saddleworth School Year 10 rugby league team won the Oldham Schools' title for the first time in three years as they defeated old adversaries Bluecoat 30-12 in an entertaining encounter at St Anne's RLFC. A hat-trick of tries for Jack Harrison-Brown paved the way for the success avenging defeats at the



hands of Bluecoat in the final of this competition for the past two seasons. Newcomer Joe Williams, Oliver Griffiths and Hayden Enziano were Saddleworth's other try scorers with the talismanic Johnjo Beckwith kicking three conversions. Bluecoat, missing several key players out with injuries, battled bravely until the final whistle but it will be Saddleworth that will represent the borough as Oldham champions in next year's Carnegie Champion Schools' event.

TENNIS

Saddleworth star in Tennis Triumphs

Congratulations, firstly to Ellie Matthews and Sophie Southern who defeated Sky Bimpson and Olivia Pate in the Final, 6-4,



to be crowned Junior Girls Champions, and then secondly to Sam Darke-Williams and Matthew White who beat Crompton House in the Senior Boys, also 6-4.



A magnificent achievement by all players who represented the school over the past few days, Poppy Shepherdson and Katie Pearce (finished 3rd).



Adam Jones and Jude Kehoe (who lost to Sam and Matthew in the semi-final) and Niall Grant & Faheem Ahmed.



In the Junior Boys Championships Aidan Hall and Harvey Napier finished Runners-up losing narrowly to Bluecoat, 6-3 in the final.



Other players were Danny White, Euan Dean, Harry Reeves and Tom Mitchell.

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

- O U R S P O N S O R S -

As we continue to grow from strength to strength we have made a promise that we will continue to get this printed so we can showcase our students achievement.

That said, it is an additional financial commitment we never had. To help us meet this we will be looking for local businesses to offer sponsorship in exchange for advertisement. With space starting at only £15 we hope this is something businesses of all sizes are able to take advantage of.

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