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- W E L C O M E -

It always fills me with great pride when I collate the stories from staff to produce the **voice magazine**.

There are so many wonderful things taking place and so many wonderful experiences offered to our students that it is an honour to showcase these and celebrate the students' achievements.

It is also lovely when this is reinforced by those that receive it.

I'm e-mailing to say what an excellent magazine the Voice is. It is a perfect platform to show us parents what the pupils of Saddleworth School are achieving, and I look forward to receiving it and reading through it. There are so many positive things going on at school, it is a pleasure to learn about them.

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“
Change is the law of life, and those who only look
to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

- John F. Kennedy

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Fabian Bachrach

- LETTER FROM THE HEAD -

Life is a roller coaster, but I think I like it.

This has been a term of mixed emotions for the school.

Saddleworth has been successful in a bid to become a National Support School. This means that at times, colleagues from Saddleworth will work closely with other schools or academies and provide support according to what they see as their priorities. This prestigious designation has been awarded to the school by National College for Teaching and Leadership and builds upon some of the excellent partnership work that colleagues and pupils at the school have already done.

We have also moved closer to working in a formal Learning Partnership with some of the brilliant primary schools in the Saddleworth and Lees area. The family of schools (made up of nine currently) will formally commit to working together to improve the quality of education for all. Our vision is of “a strong family of inspiring schools that serve our local community and contribute fully to the provision of education in the area, collaborating to achieve common goals.” To do this we are agreeing in the next year to school improvement reviews across the partnership, scoping financial efficiencies that would enable schools within the partnership to be self sustaining, building greater resilience in staffing across schools and improving transition from primary to secondary school.

From a personal perspective these are really exciting developments that will do nothing but enhance the educational offer to the children that we serve.

You will aware that we had disappointing news regarding the new school building which is once again delayed. Of the nine challenges made to the process by opponents of the scheme, two were found to have sufficient merit to mean that the application has to be readdressed. This is clearly very frustrating, not least for the children who are being denied access to what will be modern fit for purpose facilities. That frustration was eloquently voiced by our Head Boy, **Joe Wheeler** when he took to social media to say how he felt that children at the school had been “betrayed.” The time has come for people to put aside their differences and get on with supporting the development of the much needed new school building.

As you look through this excellent magazine, I hope that you will be left with clear evidence that even without a new building ours is a fantastic school. Just imagine what we can achieve together if we had the facilities to match our ambition.

Mark Dibb



- THE BIG BANG FAIR -



The Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair is the United Kingdom's largest celebration of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) for young people, and is the largest youth event in the UK. The fair takes place annually in March at the NEC Birmingham.

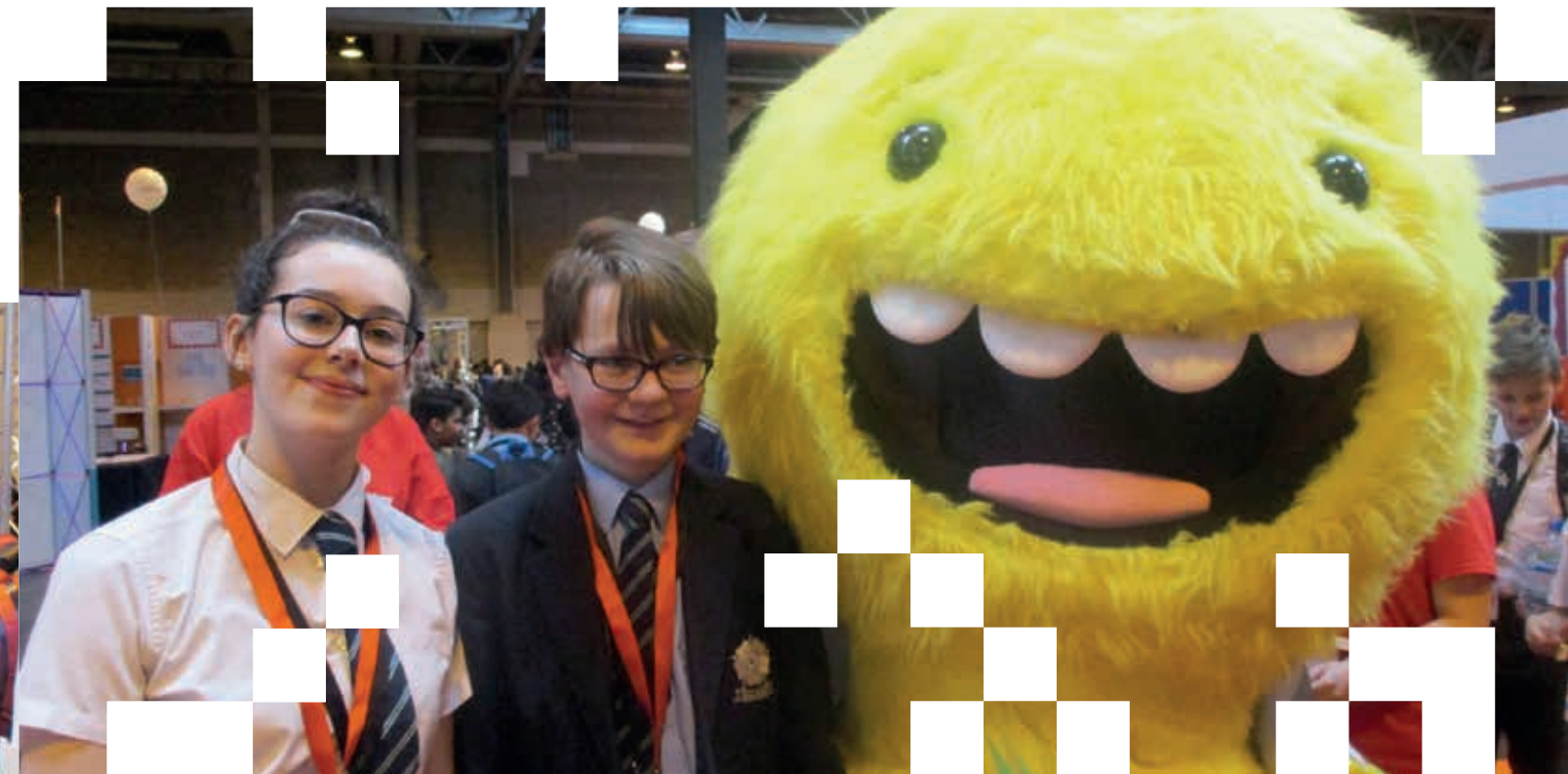
On 15th March 2017, three of our year 8 students took part in running activities for thousands of other students throughout the country that came to The Big Bang Fair.

I am proud to say that due to their exhibitor role Melissa Demstader, Olivia Blundell and George Bedford received VIP treatment on arrival and got to bypass the huge queues of schools that arrived throughout the country.

The three students were remarkable ambassadors representing not only Saddleworth School but also the BBC **MICRO:BIT** team too. Whilst leading computing activities they also managed to get a selfie with a popular children's TV celebrity, TJ Wolf from Wolfblood.

Huge thanks to Miss Campbell from the finance office; who enabled the trip to happen by supporting myself and the three year 8 students on the trip.

Mr Nazir



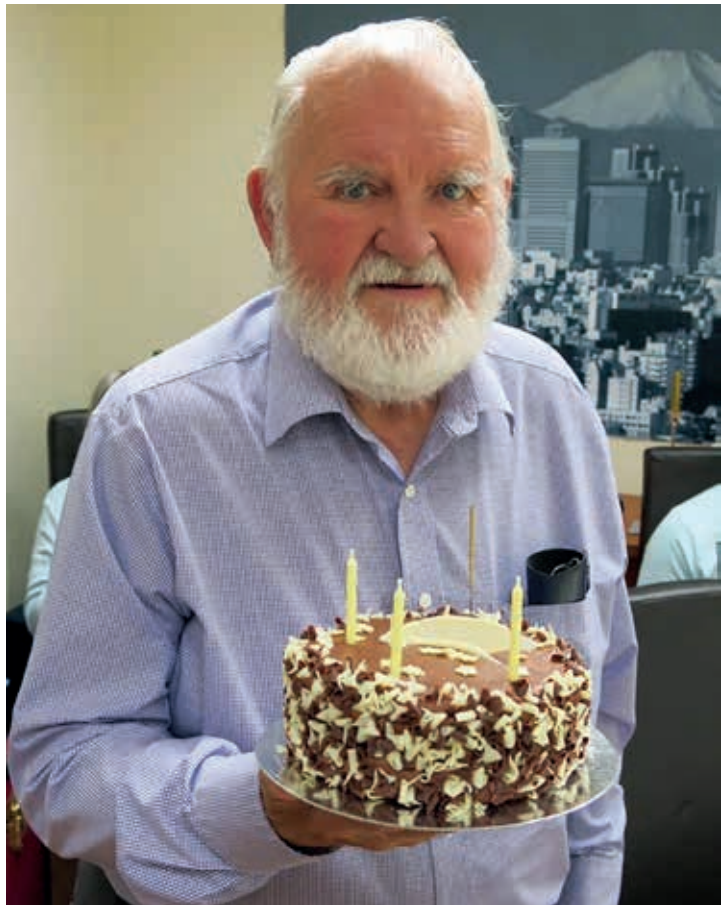
Going to Birmingham was a wonderful experience, teaching people about micro:bits. I loved learning about what people do in their computing lessons compared to ours and I learned how lucky we are as a school to be taught computing. It was amazing to see people interested and eager to learn about what we learn usually. I would really like to thank Mr. Nazir for taking us, it was amazing!

Olivia Blundell

When we went on the long trip to Birmingham, I was incredibly excited; this was a unique chance to be the exhibitors at a large event with the BBC. I haven't always been into gaming, so I'd like to thank Miss Campbell, Mr Nazir and school for giving me this opportunity.

Melissa Demstader





- M R A T A C K -

I am sure if you went to Saddleworth School you are likely to remember the character that was Mr Atack!

A truly inspirational man who touched so many lives in so many ways, whether that was his amazing fun science lessons or his booming voice or maybe even sitting outside his office when he had caught you doing something you shouldn't have been doing!

Sadly Mr Atack passed away recently. The strong community Facebook page called Saddleworth School Friends, with over 3000 ex students from many decades wanted to do something to ensure he was remembered.

Driven by ex student Kathy Wander (nee Dust) she had an idea to mark his years at Saddleworth by asking the Facebook page community to donate whatever they could for a memorial bench to remember Mr Atack. The bench is being commissioned and hand made by one of his former pupils Simon Hodgson and will be a lasting tribute to a truly amazing teacher. It is due to be presented to school in the summer term

Having exceeded their £2000 target they would also like to buy a piece of scientific equipment for future pupils to share his love in Science.

Mr Atack's family have been overwhelmed by the lovely comments that have been left with the donations. His granddaughter commented

"My family and I are so overwhelmed by your lovely comments! Reading your memories of him and seeing the impact he had on so many people's lives means so much to us."

IN MEMORY OF A GREAT MAN, WHO BELIEVED IN ME, EVEN WHEN I DIDN'T BELIEVE IN MYSELF XX

- Carol Oldham

IN MEMORY OF A TRUE GENTLEMAN WHO TAUGHT US FAR MORE THAN JUST IN HIS CLASS. TO THE WORLD YOU MAY BE JUST A TEACHER BUT TO US, YOU WERE A HERO. REST IN PEACE, SIR... AND THANK YOU

- Tony Nicolson

MR ATACK A SPECIAL MAN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE TO SO MANY.XXX

- Cheryl Irwin

RIP SIR, YOU WERE ONE OF A KIND & HIGHLY REGARDED. THINKING BACK YOU MAKE ME SMILE, THANKS FOR YOUR DIRECTION DOWN THE RIGHT PATH. LOVE TO YOUR FAMILY. JUST WISH YOU KNEW HOW MANY HEARTS YOU WARMED. X

- Rachel Wood

MR ATACK, A GENTLEMAN WHO STILL COMMENDS RESPECT FROM US NEARLY 50 YEARS ON. CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, WE WERE ALL SO LUCKY TO HAVE HIM TOUCH OUR LIVES. FOND MEMORIES XXX.

- Susan Rose

WHAT A GUY... THE BEST TEACHER EVER. XXX

- Karen Fallows

TO A MAN WHO SAW BEYOND EVERYTHING ELSE AND BELIEVED IN EVERY PUPIL HE MET. GOD BLESS.

- Tootill / Boote family

MR ATACK HAD A GREAT SENSE OF FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY, A WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING WHO NEVER GAVE UP ON US. HE CONTINUES TO INSPIRE OUR THOUGHTS & ACTIONS IN SUCH A POSITIVE WAY. RIP

- Eve Chadwick

HE WAS ONE IN A MILLION, AND IT IS SO AWE INSPIRING WHEN YOU READ ALL THE COMMENTS FROM HIS STUDENTS. A WELL LOVED AND RESPECTED MAN WHO DESERVES A MEMORIAL.

- Carolyn Alty

- S E R G E A N T T H O M A S S T E E L E V C -

Service of Dedication Report



On the 22nd of February 2017, Mr Milburn, Mrs O'Leary and twelve pupils were asked to attend a memorial service and stone uncovering in memory of the late Sergeant Thomas Steele VC.

Steele was born on the 6th of February 1891, at Claytons, Springhead. When he was just 21 years old, he joined the 1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders to contribute as much as possible for World War One. Soon after, in 1917, he was promoted to Sergeant.

On the 22nd of February 1917, Steele and his troops suffered a strong enemy counter attack twice in one day. However, he managed to save his troops from machine gun fire, injuring himself in the process.

His acts of bravery contributed to him receiving his Victoria Cross, the highest award of the United Kingdom honours system. This was given to him on the 10th of April, 1919.



Students involved:

Felix Llord, Daniel Saville, Lucy Chapman, Rachel Williams, Caoimhe Preshur Jennifer Holland, Ben Lamb, Sebastian Lowe, Sophie Percival, Eleanor Ribbitts Sophie Southern and Alfie Spurr.

The ceremony was held at St. Anne's Church, Lydgate, on the 22nd of February (100 years after his acts of bravery.) There was a short service in which Steele's life was remembered, including poems read by members of the public and also Steele's family. After the service, we watched the unveiling of a commemorative paving stone to remember Steele's heroic acts.

After the service finished, we were all invited to have food and refreshments at the White Hart. There was a short presentation shown as we ate, which showed more detail about Steele's life before and after the war.

Overall, we are extremely honoured to have been invited to such an amazing and memorable event, so we thank those who helped make this ceremony happen.

Rachel Williams & Lucy Chapman 9T



- OXFORD TRIP -

On January 17th, twenty one year 10 pupils paid a visit to the prestigious and historic Oxford University. We spent a day at Corpus Christi College, which was founded in 1517 and spent the day learning about what it is like to be a student at Oxford.

From the moment we arrived, we were in awe of the stunning architecture and quaint cobbled streets. The college itself is set out in a courtyard, with a magnificent memorial in the middle of it and castle like turrets. The whole college had a really historical and academic atmosphere and it set us up for the day perfectly.

Our host for the day was Brendan Shepherd. He is the Outreach and Admissions Administrator at the college and is linked to the Manchester and Oldham area. As well as giving us a plethora of interesting facts about the college and university, he explained the application procedure and gave students a real insight into what life is like as a student at Oxford University.

At lunch, we were treated to a lovely meal in the Corpus Christi canteen. It was like walking onto a Harry Potter film set; polished wooden walls and gilt framed pictures of famous alumni and past Masters. It is in a new gothic

style, with the upper walls decorated in William Morris print, made from plates rediscovered in the 1960s and printed especially for the college - this print can also be found in the House of Commons!

In the afternoon we had a tour of the college and popped our heads into the magnificent library and stunning 16th Century chapel. We were then treated to a tour of the huge University College, where famous alumni include Bill Clinton, Stephen Hawking and former Prime Minister, Clement Attlee. Not only was University College much grander and larger, it also housed priceless works of art and sculpture.

This included a beautiful memorial to the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley - who was expelled from Oxford after only two terms! This tied in very nicely with what year 10 had been studying as part of their GCSE work on 'Ozymandias' and pupils were quite excited to see it.

It was a long day and we were all ready for some food and relaxation, so we headed to Nando's. On the way, we checked out some of the Harry Potter filming sites, such as the hospital where Hermione went when she was turned into a cat!



At Nando's we met up with ex-Saddleworth pupils Olivia Bescoby and Alex Dobson, who are currently studying at Oxford. They enjoyed a meal with us and spoke to everybody about their experiences of applying to Oxford and what kind of questions they ask at the interview.

George Sleight, 10N said "it was a really good experience and it has opened my eyes about the options which

are available to me after school." Sam Smithies said "It was very inspiring and eye-opening."

There was also a further session at Saddleworth School for students and parents, run by Brendan, giving guidance on how to apply to Oxford. With over 130 attending it really does show the aspirations of our students and how we are helping them fulfil their dreams.

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Dear Mrs Hughes,

I just wanted to say a massive thank you for organising the trip last week to Oxford. Archie had a wonderful time and really enjoyed the experience. I know the energy and commitment required when organising and taking students on trips and really appreciate you giving the students this remarkable day.

Kind regards

Helen Duncan

Hi I just like to say to the teacher who sent took Lucy to Oxford yesterday thank you very much it was such a long day for her. It was very much over and beyond the duties of the teacher. I really appreciated this. Lucy thoroughly enjoyed the day and I think it will inspire her to aim high.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Williams

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- MY TRIP TO AUSTRALIA -

by
Jessica Ball

On 24th of December 2016, I set off for Hong Kong with my mum and dad. Unfortunately, we had to leave our bulldog Lola at home in the kennels, which was quite hard. The flight from Manchester to Hong Kong took 11 hours and 30 minutes. From Hong Kong, we were going to go to Disneyland, so we decided to get an earlier flight to Australia, because we were tired.

The flight from Hong Kong to Australia took 7.30 hours. When we got there my Auntie Mel and Uncle Ste met us at the gate. They drove us back to their house in Perth, where we met my cousins Dan and Ben. I really liked their house; they had a pool and a ping pong table.

During the first few days, we went to see kangaroos and koala bears, went to the local marina to see boats and the local restaurants. Also, we went to the beach. On the 29th of December, it was my uncle Ste's 50th birthday, which was one of the main reasons we went in the first place and we went out for a celebration meal.

On New Year's Eve, we went to a famous island called

Rottneest. On Rottneest, there are these small rat-like animals called quokkas, which you can't find anywhere else in the world. Many famous people try to get selfies with quokkas, and it is a very popular thing to do on the island. We also saw some incredible fireworks.

Most days, we either went to the marina or chilled out at home, but on one of the last days of the trip we went to an amazing waterpark called Adventure World. It was full of loads of different massive roller coasters and waterslides. Another day we went to a beautifully furnished hotel in a place called Freemantle. The locals call it freo.

We set of home on the 12th January 2017. It took 12hrs on the plane from Perth to Hong Kong. We stayed in Hong Kong a lot longer this time than we did on the way there, which was very stressful and tiring. While we were there we went into the city, had a meal and did some shopping. The flight from Hong Kong back to Manchester took 8 hours, but I slept most of the way. I really missed all my friends while I was gone, so I was really glad to see them all when we got back home.

- PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP -

Many thanks to local photographer **Tim Simpson** who visited year 10 Photography students to share his knowledge about different types of lighting for Photography and how they might effectively apply this to a variety of subject matter. Pupils had fun learning new skills to aid them with their GCSE coursework.



- ROLLER SKATING -

On the afternoon of Wednesday 1st February 2017 the Pupil Support Centre staff took a group of students roller skating to Play World in Huddersfield.

Many of them were very nervous but by the end of the afternoon every single pupil had given it a go and actually surprised themselves! There were some pupils who had been roller skating before and were very confident showing off their skills. Some of the more confident students helped others and took care of them even though they had not met each other before the trip.

The students were able to meet other pupils from different year groups whilst having fun.

As the trip took place on Wednesday afternoon this allowed the pupils to gain their blue petal on their Saddleworth Badge.

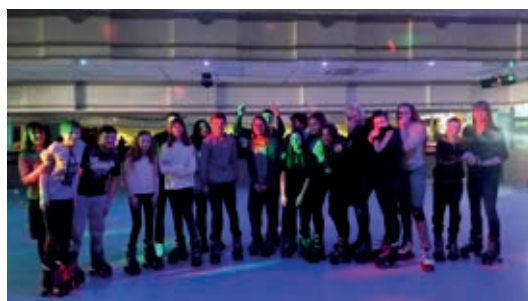
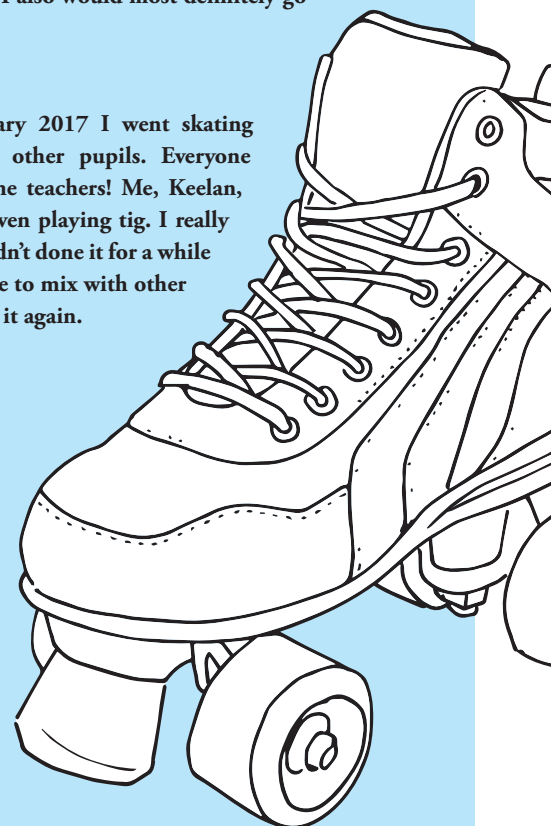
One student said;

The staff were very kind and helpful. I had a fun time and I was very tired at the end of the session. It was fun to watch other people fall and also enjoy it. The food was really nice and was at a reasonable price. The toilets were nice and clean and the place just had everything we needed. I also would most definitely go again.

A Year 8 pupil wrote;

On the 1st of February 2017 I went skating after school with 23 other pupils. Everyone was good at it even the teachers! Me, Keelan, Ryan and Kian were even playing tig. I really enjoyed it because I hadn't done it for a while and it gave me a chance to mix with other students. I'd love to do it again.

Mrs Gordon



- LITERARY FESTIVAL -

Following on from a successful inaugural literary festival in October 2016, preparations have begun for the 2nd Saddleworth Literary Festival to be held next year on the weekend, 24th/25th March 2018, in Saddleworth School, Uppermill.

The organisers of the event include Pam Byrne (Governor of Saddleworth School) and Graham Unsworth (IT Technician Saddleworth School) and they decided that holding the literary festival within Saddleworth School would give the pupils and staff a chance to showcase the school and the pupils' talents.

Ryan Barnes, Year 10N, has volunteered to create, design and maintain the website for the literary festival, under the tutelage of Mr. Nazir.

Bailey Pomfrey of Year 9V, will be reciting some of his excellent war poetry in his debut appearance at the festival.

Hopefully, Miss Flint will organise another writing competition following on from the success of Imogen Cox of year 7A and her rivetting tale of mystery and imagination, entitled – 'The Girl Who Ran', and Mr. Lucas will again encourage his pupils to attend in numbers.

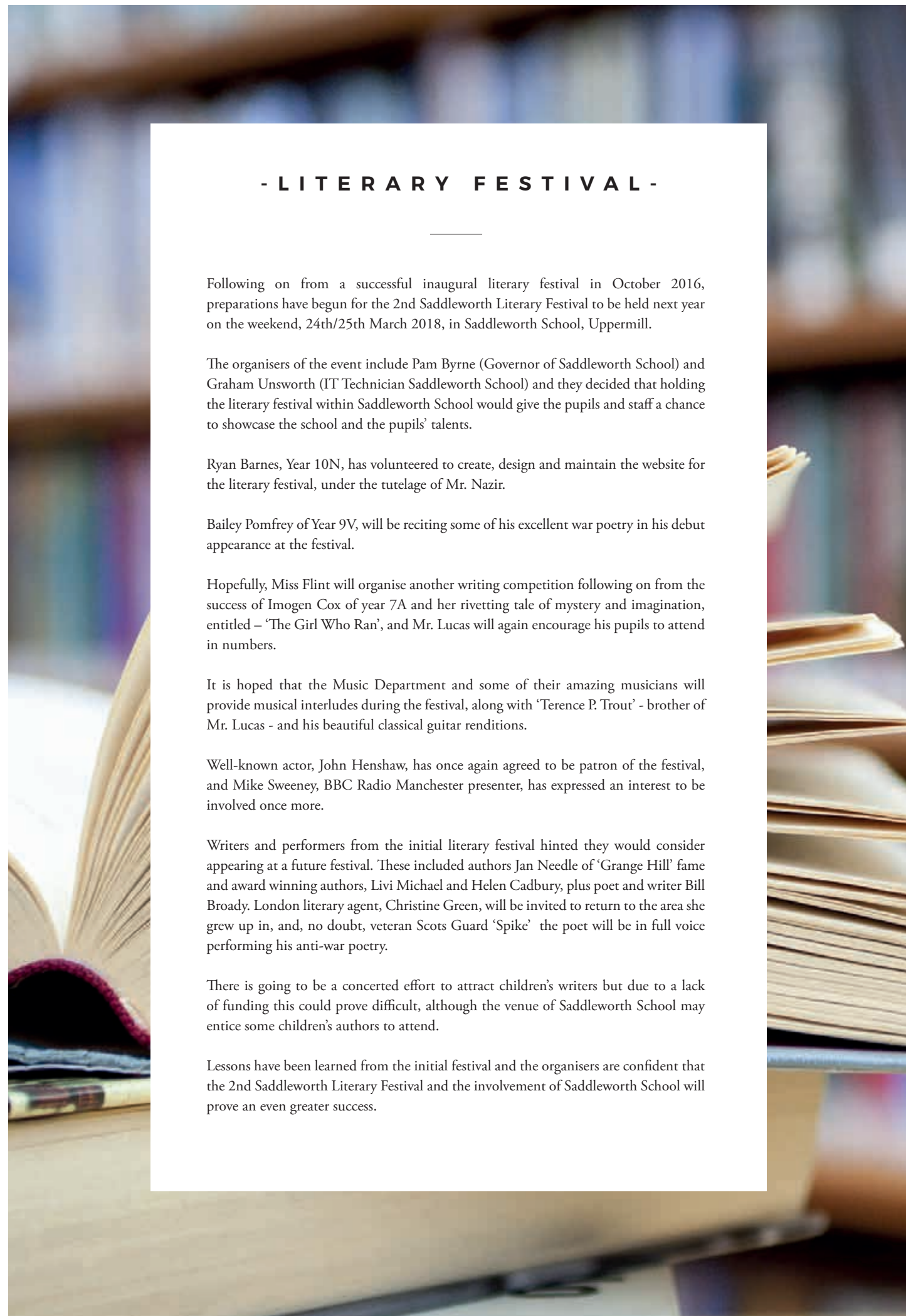
It is hoped that the Music Department and some of their amazing musicians will provide musical interludes during the festival, along with 'Terence P. Trout' - brother of Mr. Lucas - and his beautiful classical guitar renditions.

Well-known actor, John Henshaw, has once again agreed to be patron of the festival, and Mike Sweeney, BBC Radio Manchester presenter, has expressed an interest to be involved once more.

Writers and performers from the initial literary festival hinted they would consider appearing at a future festival. These included authors Jan Needle of 'Grange Hill' fame and award winning authors, Livi Michael and Helen Cadbury, plus poet and writer Bill Broady. London literary agent, Christine Green, will be invited to return to the area she grew up in, and, no doubt, veteran Scots Guard 'Spike' the poet will be in full voice performing his anti-war poetry.

There is going to be a concerted effort to attract children's writers but due to a lack of funding this could prove difficult, although the venue of Saddleworth School may entice some children's authors to attend.

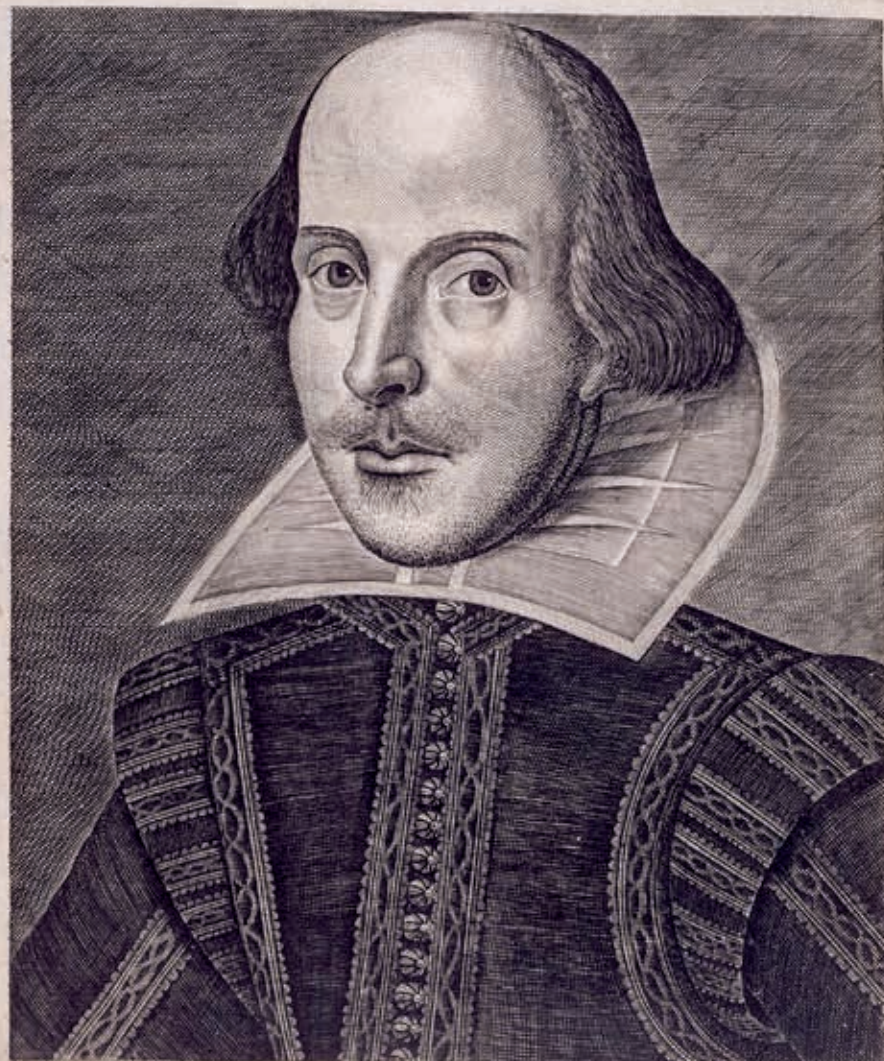
Lessons have been learned from the initial festival and the organisers are confident that the 2nd Saddleworth Literary Festival and the involvement of Saddleworth School will prove an even greater success.



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- H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y -

To celebrate Shakespeare's birthday, staff at Saddleworth will be dressing up as characters from his play. Pictures to follow in the next edition.

- D O C T O R W H O **M I C R O : B I T** L I V E L E S S O N -



36 of our year 8 students were lucky enough to take part in a "Live" lesson for the BBC devised around computational thinking skills.

They got the chance to explore search algorithms, different types of errors and the components that go into an algorithm, with guest experts from the fields of web search and computer gaming.

Using their BBC micro:bit, students were challenged to solve a fictional disaster scenario while coming face to face with one of the Doctor's deadliest foe. Below is the link to the recording of the TV programme.

Our students were sat in a key position and feature prominently as they span to the audience. As a school we were also selected to ask a question live as part of the show so keep your eyes peeled.

[HTTP://WWW.BBC.CO.UK/PROGRAMMES/ARTICLES/3YDVD6MVHL89CHVJ7F2NMZF/DOCTOR-WHO-AND-THE-MICRO-BIT-LIVE-LESSON](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3YDVD6MVHL89CHVJ7F2NMZF/DOCTOR-WHO-AND-THE-MICRO-BIT-LIVE-LESSON)

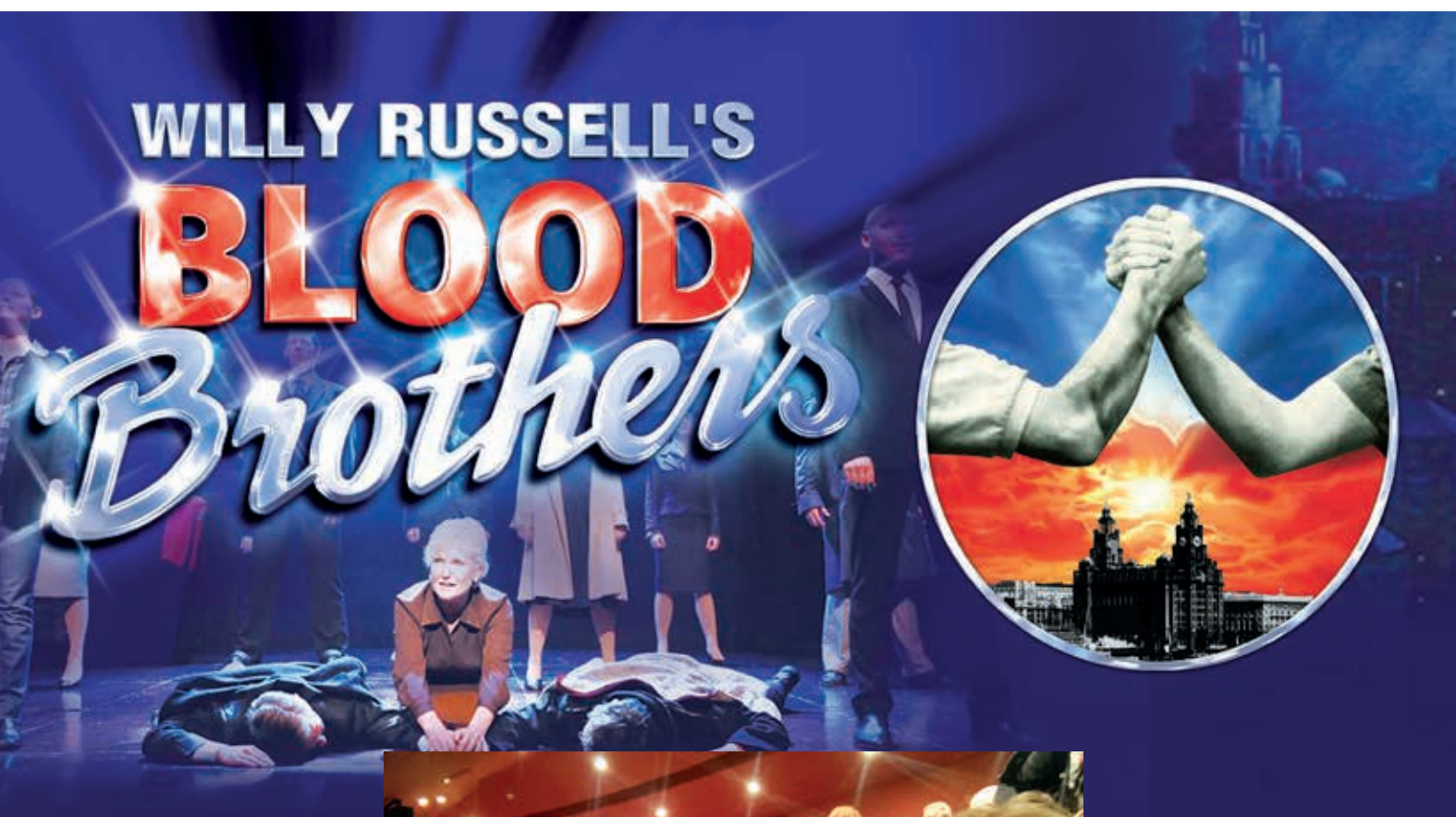
- B L O O D B R O T H E R S -

O n the 23rd January, 30 students and three staff visited the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield to see a fantastic production of the ever popular, Blood Brothers.

It's the moving story of twin boys, separated at birth and brought up in two very different families with tragic consequences.

Although the production is highly entertaining, with great musical numbers, there are underlying serious messages about poverty, social division and the consequences of politics on ordinary people.

The messages seem very relevant still today.



- R E R E A D I N G C H A L L E N G E -

Further reading in any subject is highly recommended for students wanting to stretch and challenge themselves. This can be no more true than when it comes to the RE curriculum. Consequently, the RE department at Saddleworth School have offered all pupils from year 9-11 the opportunity to participate in a reading challenge that will cover a range of subjects. Each week a new set of hand-selected news articles, book excerpts and academic papers can be found on the VLE in the RE folder under 'Reading Challenge'. For their efforts in participation, pupils can earn themselves up to 5 credits and a tasty treat!

For any further information please don't hesitate to talk to Mr James who can be found in H6.

- P E E R M E N T O R S -

PLEDGE TO PEACE

This term the peer mentors have been extremely busy. We began the year by signing the 'Pledge to Peace', making Saddleworth School the first secondary school in Oldham to have signed up.

This now means Saddleworth School has a responsibility to ensure the messages of peace and tolerance are spread throughout the school. The peer mentors are planning events to run within school and working closely with representatives from Oldham Council.

In a bid to promote peace the peer mentors organised a year 7 social event at lunch time to help students meet others in year 7 and also be made aware of who the peer mentors are. There was a lovely atmosphere and the peer mentors are planning to run another social lunch in the next few weeks.



SPREADING THEIR WORK

The peer mentors have continued to go in to year 7 form classes each week running different activities themed around self esteem, tolerance and respect for others. They have also ran several assemblies for all year groups around the theme of growth mind set.

Bradley Hampshire along with some other students has set up a handwriting club which offers support to selected students who would like or need to improve their handwriting.

TRAINING OTHERS

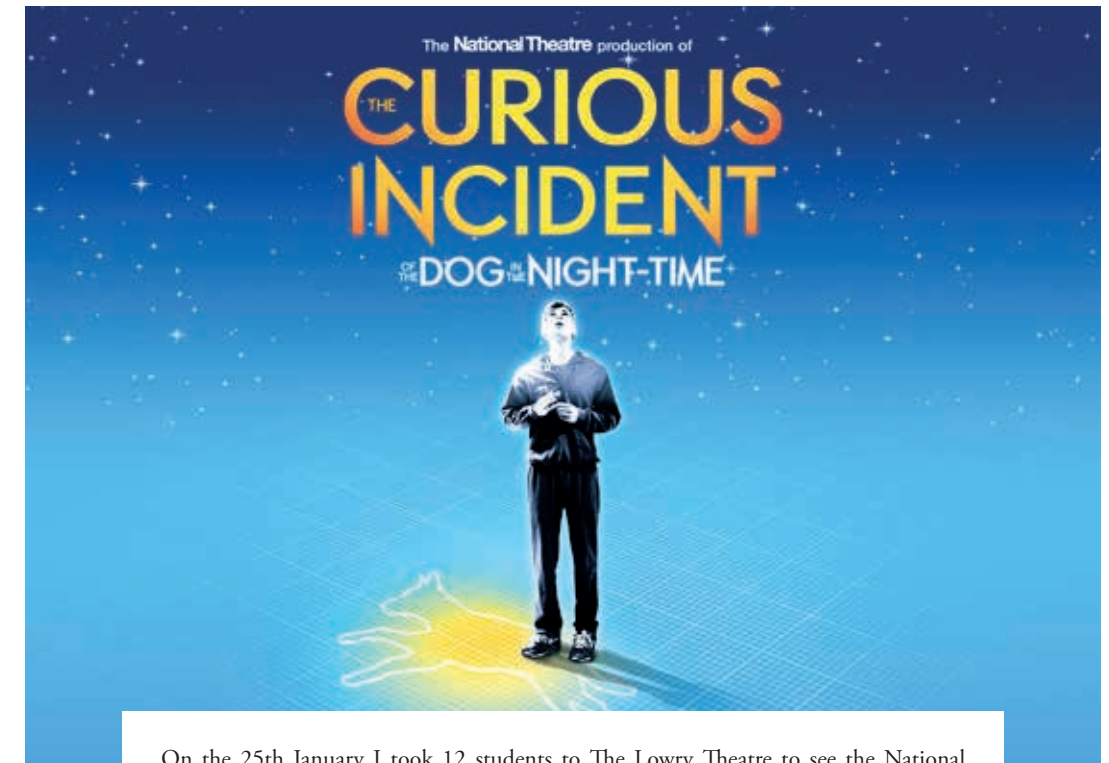
In addition to the busy term the peer mentors have had, 14 students made the journey to Lymm High School to deliver training to a newly formed peer mentor group. Our students have worked tirelessly preparing power points and activities to run with the students at Lymm. The trip was a great success, our peer mentors were a credit to the school and we hope that we have now made a strong partnership with the students at Lymm.

A massive well done and thank you to all the peer mentors for your dedication and hard work.

by

Mrs Roskin

- T H E L O W R Y T H E A T R E T R I P -

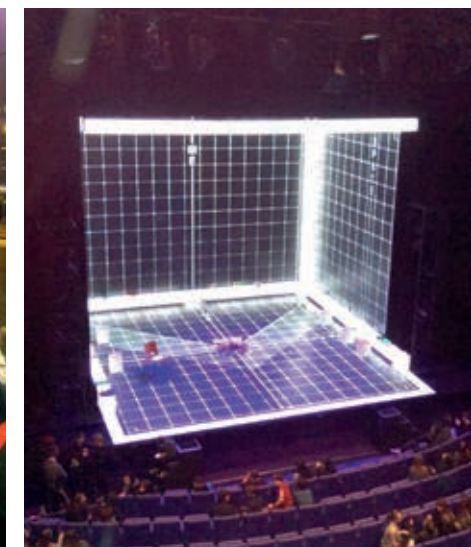


On the 25th January I took 12 students to The Lowry Theatre to see the National Theatre's production of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'.

The play tells an unusual story. Originally a best-selling novel, it tells the tale of Christopher, an Asperger's sufferer who turns detective after discovering a dead pet (a dog, Wellington, and very dead) on the front lawn of a neighbour's property. It's a scintillating piece of theatre, full of exciting physical theatre, which deftly represents what life is like when you suffer from Christopher's condition.

Year 11 pupil, **Louis Sangster** exclaimed, "It is the best play I have ever seen."

Mrs Green



- LEAVERS 2016 SHOWCASE -



WILLIAM BARTLEY

GCSE Results: **Mathematics A*, English Language A*, Geography A*, Music A*, English Literature A, Further Mathematics A, Core Science A, Additional Science A, History A, Religious Education A, French A.**

Currently studying at: **Oldham Sixth Form College.**

Currently studying: **Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. I am also part of the 'Oxbridge' Enrichment course.**

Future Plans and Aspirations: **I am hoping to study Mechanical Engineering at a 'Russell Group' University in the near future.**

LYDIA HOOD

GCSE Results: **Mathematics A*, English Language A*, English Literature A*, Core Science A*, Additional Science A, History A*, GCSE Engineering A, French A*, Spanish A*, FSMQ Maths B, Critical Thinking AS Level C.**

Currently studying at: **Oldham Sixth Form College.**

Currently studying: **French, Spanish, Biology and Chemistry.**

Future Plans and Aspirations: **I'm still very uncertain about which career path I'd like to pursue in the future, but I hope it would involve working/travelling abroad.**

BETH GILLARD

GCSE Results: **Mathematics A*, English Literature A*, English Language A*, French A*, Core Science A, Additional Science A*, Geography A*, Religious Studies A*, History A*, Drama A, AS Critical Thinking B.**

Currently studying at: **Greenhead Sixth Form College, Huddersfield.**

Currently studying: **French, English Literature, Modern History and Philosophy with Religious Studies and Ethics.**

Future Plans and Aspirations: **I am currently booking in visits to Oxford, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Bristol and Warwick Universities and I plan to study English Literature or Classics. I hope that a week's work placement at the House of Lords in June will help firm up my future career plans in either politics, journalism or the Diplomatic Service.**

CHRISTIAN MADDOX

GCSE Results: **Mathematics A*, Computer Science A*, English A, English Literature A, Physics A, Chemistry A, Biology A, Geography A, Further Maths A, French B, Religious Education B.**

Currently studying at: **Ashton Sixth Form College.**

Currently studying: **Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.**

Future Plans and Aspirations: **Hoping to continue his education at a Red Brick University studying Chemistry and find a future in research.**

EMILY PERCIVAL

GCSE results: **Mathematics A*, English Literature A*, ICT A*, Graphics A*, Geography A*, RE A*, Additional Science A*, Core Science A, French A, English Language A.**

Currently studying at: **Oldham Sixth Form College.**

Currently studying: **Geography, English Language & Literature, French and Sociology. Working towards DofE Gold award and have signed up for the Student Ambassador scheme.**

Future Plans and Aspirations: **To attend University to study either Geography or English Literature degree. She is currently part of the Oxbridge group. Although she hasn't decided on her career path yet the careers of interest include: Police Detective and Marketing Director.**

CHARLOTTE STEWART

GCSE results: **English Language A, Mathematics A, Core Science A, Additional Science A, English Literature A, Business Studies A*, Religious Studies A, Spanish A, History A, Geography A*, Physical Education A.**

Currently studying at: **Oldham Sixth Form College.**

Currently studying: **Geography, History, Business Studies, Combined English Language & English Literature. Also doing Gold DofE Award.**

Future Plans & Aspirations: **Planning to go to University to study for a degree in International Business. This will involve a year of study abroad, hopefully leading to a career in marketing management or some other area of Business Management. Currently one of the students in the Oxbridge Group - a group set up to help students aspire to the top universities in the country.**

ELIZABETH WOOLHOUSE

GCSE Results: **Mathematics A*, Physics A*, Chemistry A*, French A*, History A*, Art A*, Biology A, English Language A, English Literature A, RE A, Further Maths A.**

Currently studying at: **Greenhead College, Huddersfield.**

Currently studying: **Maths, Chemistry, Biology and Modern History (Just got 4 A's in her A1 mocks).**

Future Plans and Aspirations: **To go on to University to study to Degree level, not decided yet but definitely science based, possibly Medical, Chemistry or Natural Sciences. She is doing her work placement at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary Oncology department in June.**



- GREASE MUSICAL -

If you weren't lucky enough to get a ticket to either of the sold out nights then you really did miss out!

GREASE

by

Erin McCorquodale and Tilly Butterworth

As I'm new to Saddleworth, I hadn't yet witnessed the true talents of some of the pupils here and the drama side of our school.

What I saw on that night was a pleasure with wonderful singing and acting shared! My friend, Tilly Butterworth, also did the journalism with me, and so I have written her notes in here too!

The classic American comedic teen production was opened by Mr. Milburn's enthusiastic speech, leading on to an exciting chant of "we want Grease!" from the audience.

The music then began. A brilliant orchestra of incredibly talented students, led by the wonderful, Mr. Beckwith. In the opening scene, we met most of the characters. This included the T-Birds and Pink Ladies, performing the song "Summer Nights" with great spirit and brilliant accents.

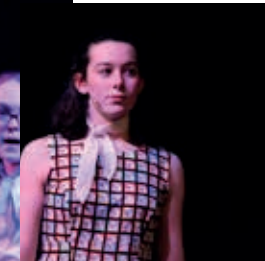
Each actor portrayed their role wonderfully and the accents were good enough to be real Americans!

As the play advanced, the audience watched in awe at the romantic scenes from Danny (Sebastian Lowe) and Sandy (Melissa Demstader). The traditional "Grease Lightning" song was performed with extreme enthusiasm from lead singer Kenickie (Megan

Bruton) along with the other T-Birds; Joseph Taylor (Doody), Kian Hurst-Conroy (Roger), Eden Potter Williams (Sonny), Sebastian Lowe (Danny), Benjamin Wylie (Johnny Casino) and Thomas Hewitt (Eugene). The energy was really high and the actors and audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy the whole song.

A favourite song for both me and Tilly was "Sandra Dee" with the brilliant singer Maddison Potter-Farrants (Rizzo) portraying her character excellently. The Pink Ladies made a real impression in the sleepover scene, with each character's personality clearly being displayed. The sweet hearted, beauty obsessed Frenchy (Bridget Belcher), bossy but hilarious Rizzo (Maddison Potter-Farrants), caring but sometimes rule-breaking Jan (Eve Matley), fancy Marty (Lucy Beaumont) and of course the good girl Sandy (Melissa Demstader). During the scene Marty went on to sing her beautiful solo "Freddie my Love" with sweet backings from the girls.

One memorable character though was the adoring teen angel, Vince, played by Saddleworth's very own, Joseph Wheeler. With regular spotlight and laughs from the audience, he was just about my favourite character. The song "Beauty School Dropout" was sung amazingly, with lovely backing singers. As well as the main characters, I would like to give a special mention to some of the



chorus singers involved in songs and scenes. There was the highly energetic Joshua Bruton and the angelic dancers Lily Wyatt, Maddison Holt, Chloe Rowbottom, Charlotte Whittaker, Zoe Hall, Ellie O'Reilly and Daisy Dewsnap. Vince was also a main role in the dance competition, in which Olivia Blundell took to the stage with her sassy role of Cha-Cha. There was also the geeky girl Patty played by Eleanor Byrom who was desperate to dance with Danny! We can't forget Miss Lynch though! Played brilliantly by Sarah Jane McDonald.

A truly brilliant performance in my opinion but what did the audience think?

We asked Kimberley Dewsnap her thoughts. "I think it's brilliant," she went to say "Brilliant actors and singing, there is no best bit for me because I loved it all. The solos were also great."

Another audience member, Duncan McCorquodale told us his thoughts. "It's excellent and I

think Rizzo is played very well and amazing at singing." Rizzo was played by Maddison Potter-Farrants, one of my favourite actors too. "My favourite song was Summer Nights."

After those interviews, Tilly and I went to ask the actors their thoughts on the performance. There was a popular comment on teamwork with most actors stating they worked very well as a team.

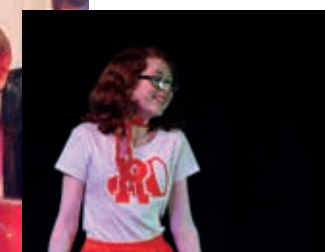
Bridget was particularly happy and said, "I would do it again and again and again!" along with Melissa who said she was, "buzzing!" to do the show. We also managed to get a great quote from Megan, "I am the girl playing the boy and I loved it!"



What a fantastic show! My thanks to everyone involved for putting on a quite brilliant production of Grease. The music was fantastic, the dance moves brilliant and the whole production hung together really, really well. Thanks also to all those students and staff who supported the production either backstage, or front of house.

It has been a fabulous team effort and as one parent said, "The children never stop amazing us. They just get better and better!" Well done team and thanks for helping showcase the hard work of our wonderful pupils.

Mr Milburn



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

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 / F E B R U A R Y -

G E M A P P E A L

One of the things that our students at Saddleworth School are spectacularly good at is raising money for charities to support those who are less fortunate than themselves. Mr Watson spoke with them through assemblies about a small local charity for which we wished to raise funds and the response was quite overwhelming!

The charity is called the GEM Appeal and is a small local charity that raises funds for research into and develop treatments for Genetic, Enzyme and Metabolic disorders.

The GEM Appeal was founded in 1994 by Karen Johnson after she was approached by Consultant Paediatrician Dr Ed Wraith with a request for money to be raised to hopefully extend the Willink Unit at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and to fund research into the disorder that her two sons Simon and Mike were dying from. At that time there was no treatment and no hope for children diagnosed with these rare genetic disorders and inborn errors of

metabolism and very little research was being done into these diseases. Karen came in to speak with students in years 10 and 11 and her very personal story had a huge impact on them.

Typically, our students came with lots of creative ways of raising money for this small charity including the ever popular bake sales and a non-uniform day. Our senior prefects took a lead role in organising activities including their own bake sale which raised over £350.

The total raised by the school amounted to a staggering **£1655.50** and Karen and the fund raising committee came into school to receive a cheque from our head boy and girl, Joe Wheeler and Katie Ball. Karen spoke to the press about the difference that amounts such as this make to the work of the charity as there are no paid employees – everyone who works for the charity is a volunteer so every penny goes into the research and building projects.

Mr Watson



Dear Mr Watson,

Firstly can I thank the school for supporting an amazing charity (my son is in 10D). I work as a senior metabolic dietitian in the adult service in Salford Royal Hospital where children from the Willink unit and all other centres in the North of England, Scotland and Wales transition to when they reach 16.

Thanks to the work of charities like GEM, clinicians (Medical staff and Dietitians) and pharmaceutical companies, the lives of so many families have changed.

Many children who died in infancy as treatments such as enzyme replacement therapy or very specialised diets (avoiding specific amino acids, fats or sugars) were not available, are now surviving into adulthood. Due

to the advances in knowledge and treatment of the 690 different metabolic conditions some of these patients are now able to have families of their own.

The Willink unit is the second largest children's metabolic unit in the world and Salford Royal's adult unit is the largest adult centre. Work and treatments developed between the two centres is improving the lives of patients all over the world.

So thank you to the school and pupils for supporting an amazing charity.

Kind regards

Diane Green

- M A R C H -

R E D N O S E D A Y

With so many great causes benefitting and so many touching stories showing the impact of the money raised, it is no wonder so many students and staff wanted to get involved.

The essence of the day is that students sign up to help make a difference and that is exactly what they were asked to do. All the activities that took place were student led (with teacher support where needed of course).



40 Saddleworth School pupils amassed 11,300 baskets in under an hour to surpass their target of 10,000 successful shots, all in aid of Comic Relief. Ethan Forster (yr 10) topped the charts with 691 baskets and with monies still coming into school an estimated £300 will have been raised for this worthwhile cause. Congratulations to all involved. *Mr Melling*

Saffron and *Amelia* in Year 7 raised **£147** by completing a sponsored run around Dovestones.

Mr Parkes and *7L* worked as a team to raise over **£70** as a form.

Erin and *Tilly* in Year 7 raised just over **£90** with their cake sale and raffle.

- A P R I L -

F R A N C I S H O U S E

When we were contacted by Sally Maher to ask if we would be able to support this great charity we were delighted.

For those not familiar with the charity it provides care for children and young adults with life threatening conditions as well as providing support and friendship for the whole family.

The service is founded on a belief in the sanctity of life and respect for the dignity of every person. Francis House values the understanding, visions and attitudes to life and death of all of the children and families who allow us the privilege of being alongside them through their times of stress, pain and confusion.

This year they ran an Easter Chick Appeal which by all accounts went egg-ceptionally well.

Hundreds of knitters put their needles to work to produce cute and colourful chicks, all of which were filled with a creme egg and sold in local schools and businesses.

The 200 we were given, lasted only a few days as they were quickly snapped up by staff and students alike. We have already agreed to continue our support next year and have suggested that we would could increase our offer and sell the same amount again.

In total the charity raised a phenomenal £27,492 through this initiative, which we were happy to have played a part.



- RE, BRINGING LEARNING TO LIFE -

INTERFAITH FORUM

The religious studies department has been fortunate enough to have several guest speakers in this half term.

Positive Steps came in to speak to Year 11 students about the law on drugs, why drugs are classified and what the main dangers are to the body and mind.

Fazal and Mufti from the Oldham Interfaith forum came to talk with students about what it really means to be a Muslim in Britain. Pupil voice indicated students learned a great deal and some of the myths about Islam were dispelled. As one student said “That is completely different from what I thought it would be. They were really funny and their faith is peaceful and caring”



THE SALT CELLAR

The Salt Cellar also visited our Year 10 students to explain their beliefs about the relevance of Jesus today. They taught mini lessons asking students to rate whether celebrities were ‘good’ or ‘bad’ people and then explored concepts about judgement, heaven and how these beliefs impacted on their lives.

The Salt Cellar then talked to some of the Year 7 classes about the Christian view of the afterlife. This supported their philosophical understanding of themes raised in ‘Ways to live forever’.

Students impressed our visitors asking high level questions such as ‘Is Christianity sexist?’ and ‘Why does God allow evil?’. Needless to say our visitors earned a rest after the grilling.



Mala Tribich
Holocaust Survivor

Year 11 GCSE History students joined together in the school hall to watch the talk given by a Holocaust survivor. The behaviour of those pupils in the hall was exceptional and all treated the matter seriously and sensitively. Hopefully they found it brought this difficult topic to life for them.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2017
Live Webcast with Mala Tribich

- P U T T I N ' O N T H E R I T Z -

Like always at this time of year, the student leadership team started to think ahead to their Prom as something nice to look forward to after their exams. Even nicer, they wanted to look at ways of raising money to ensure this was accessible to all.

When they asked if they could organise an event the answer was of course yes. As a school we offered to support but

quite literally they organised and coordinated absolutely everything from start to finish themselves. In the regular meetings anything suggested had already been considered and was already in place. They simply were amazing.

The evening was a great success and richly deserved following all their hard work.



from **Joe Wheeler - Head boy**

Puttin' on the Ritz was held on the 10th of March in order to raise money for Saddleworth School's prom 2017. The night was planned by the Pupil Leadership Team alongside the help of staff and pupils at the school and was a great success by raising £2055.

Our deputy head girl, Violet Winterbottom, spent hours and hours designing and she was responsible for the amazing posters that were plastered all around the school and local community. The whole of the leadership team worked incredibly hard together to create an unforgettable evening for all who attended. Year 11 pupils also helped to come together on the night by acting as waiters and waitresses on the evening.

A giant part of the evening was the public's help. We were massively helped by local businesses in terms of donations towards the evening's raffle. We were also fortunate enough to have the event sponsored to ensure all the money raised went to our cause.

On behalf of the whole of Year 11, the Pupil Leadership Team would like to thank everyone for their extraordinary efforts in making the evening come together as well as it did. Thank you especially to the evening's vocalist, **Graham Wheeler** and to the catering staff at Saddleworth School for providing and serving the food.

Katie Ball, Joe Wheeler, Violet Winterbottom and Elijah Wolstenholme.

from **Daniel Whatmough - Senior Prefect**

On the 10th March a hand full of Year 11 students held a prom fundraising event at Uppermill civic hall, a jazz swing night that was very successful.

As me and fellow Year 11 students served a 2 course meal for the people of the Saddleworth community and our very own jazz singer, Mr Graham Wheeler made the night worth while for the public as he sang different jazz and swing music and a surprise duet with our head boy Joe Wheeler.

Members of the community had nothing but praise for the year 11 students that took part on the night, the teamwork that was shown and how professionally they were at ensuring everyone was happy and satisfied.

It was a great night which included a raffle where members of the public could win prizes given from different company's for the night, as well as other games. To top the night off Mr Graham Wheeler got all the students up on stage to sing and dance, insisting everyone else joined the dance floor in support.

As a student that had the chance to take part in the event I was very honoured to be part of Saddleworth School and the Saddleworth community. Our efforts were rewarded when members of staff and the community all had brilliant things to say about the event.

Q U O T E S F R O M S T A F F

I went on Friday night - I turned up early to lend a hand - but quickly found that I was completely redundant. They were super organised, they had teams working the raffle, teams taking food orders and serving each table, everyone knew what they had to do and when - the funniest part was when Mr Barker was told he needed to stop chatting and get downstairs and do his job on the door! A very slick team indeed - in fact they could teach a few organisations how to run an event. The chairs and the table settings looked amazing. Joe was made to sing by his uncle and considering he was put on the spot he coped amazingly well, a born presenter! Joe's uncle was a fabulous act, which was made even better when he said he was donating his fee for the evening to the prom.

A very enjoyable evening - but next time tell them not to bring in the professional dance team - it made the rest of us look bad! :)

Mrs Pounder

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Just a little line about Friday night. As a member of staff, I was so proud of all the Yr11's that were involved as they pulled off a phenomenal night that was full of laughter and dancing from start to finish. They all worked so hard and it was lovely to have members of the public say to us how well mannered and presented the children were.

As a parent I was speechless as to how a small group of 16 year olds could arrange such a fantastic night and how proud I am of each and every one of them. Such a great evening paid off for all the hard work that was put in.

Mrs Booth

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I really enjoyed this evening that full of music, dance, fun and laughter. It's inspiring to see the way in which the senior prefects ran the event and enabled so many within our community to have a great time. The hall was beautifully set up, the service by students was excellent and the food delicious. Graham Wheeler sang with confidence, passion and a joy for life and the musicians from school played brilliantly. Mrs Milburn had more than one go at rolling her pound coin to get it close to the Prosecco, in fact, we appear to be clean out of change...

A night that will last long in the memory. Thank you to the many students and colleagues who enabled this fantastic event to happen.

MR MILBURN

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Dave and myself had a lovely evening, it was really well organised, and lots of little surprises. There was a really nice atmosphere, and lots of people up dancing and obviously enjoying themselves. The evening went really quickly, and they deserve a big well done.

Mrs Roberts

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Joe worked so hard , wanting everything just right , in the 2 weeks prior he came to see me most days regarding the food, what was being put on, accompaniments, crockery, cutlery ...he wanted everything JUST SO. Alongside Elijah and Daniel they loaded up cars and made sure that Lisa and Jackie had everything they needed in order to serve the food as smoothly as possible A job well done by a team of young adults...a MASSIVE well done.

Mrs Speakes

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I am so proud of what the Year 11 leadership team Katie, Joe, Elijah and Violet achieved on Friday night. To organise and run an event such as this takes a huge amount of work and commitment. I was honoured to be there and to see our prefects serving food, selling raffle tickets and talking and laughing with people in our community. It was a wonderful night and one I will always remember. I won a raffle prize as well tea and scones for two in Scona!

Mrs Reece

- W O R L D B O O K D A Y -

Early March saw the twentieth anniversary of World Book Day, an annual event celebrating the value and joy of reading for pleasure. Several classes took part in writing a review of their favourite book of all time, inspired by an activity undertaken nationwide in a project called 'Writes of Passage'. The World Book Day official website heralds the results of their survey as 'Fifty books which will change your life' and includes titles such as 'Of Mice and Men', 'War Horse' and 'The Fault in Our Stars'. See the whole list at www.worldbookday.com/writes-of-passage

1. **Wider general knowledge.**
2. **Greater insight into human nature and decision-making.**
3. **Better well-being and mental health.**
4. **Improved reading attainment and comprehension skills.**
5. **Improved writing ability and more accurate spelling and grammar.**
6. **Increased breadth of vocabulary.**

More on the benefits of reading can be found on the National Literacy Trust and The Reading Agency websites.

How can you help your son or daughter to read more?

The importance of parents reading as role models is a key factor in encouraging young people to read. 'Save the Children' have promoted this in a video on the impact of reading for just ten minutes a day. See their film at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Orb6xXPPBKo

Boys in particular often struggle to see the value in reading as they get older. If you're having difficulties encouraging your son to read, visit the Oxford Owls website, where Gary Wilson (who has visited our school in the past) has

Why is Reading for Pleasure so important?

It is sometimes difficult to foster a love of reading for pleasure in a world so full of other distractions.

However, as well as all the joy a good book can bring just by transporting us to another world, much research has been done into the impact independent reading can have on educational outcomes and our development as well-rounded people. These include:

created an advice video on how you can help:

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/expert-help/encouraging-boys

Even listening to audio books can harness some of the benefits of reading, including the development of the imagination. On the World Book Day website, you'll find thirty-seven excerpts from a range of books for different age groups. Check this out in the 'World of Stories' section on their webpage.

Tips from our students to encourage reading for pleasure include:

- **Reading favourite film / sports stars' or (the latest trend) YouTubers' autobiographies.**
- **Reading sports reports in different newspapers / magazines.**
- **Reading a book which has also been made into a film (and deciding which is the best).**
- **Reading for just ten minutes every night before going to sleep.**
- **Reading the same book as a friend and setting up a mini book group to discuss it.**

Alternatively, have a competition to see who can complete it first (honestly of course!).

S T U D E N T R E V I E W S



The David Walliams Collection

I like this collection of books because they are compelling though all of the story lines are more or less the same. I would recommend these stories to 7-13 year olds as they are humorous and they have made films of some of the stories: 'Mr Stink', 'Gangsta Granny', 'The Boy in the Dress' and 'Billionaire Boy'.

Freyja Salisbury



Mucky Mable by Jeannie Willis

I loved this book because it was one of my childhood books that mum used to always read to me. I thought it was really entertaining and funny. When I tried to get to sleep it used to be always at the side of my bed. I thought it reminded me of myself and I could relate to it.

Annalise Miller



Green Eggs & Ham by Dr Seuss

My chosen book is 'Green eggs and ham' by Dr Seuss. The book is about Sam who gets harassed by Tiny 1 and 2. He keeps on denying to them that he doesn't like green eggs and ham. At the end he tries it and loves it. It shows not to judge a book by its cover. I liked the book because of the repetition and persistence of the characters. It brings back memories for me.

Harry Reeves



Wonder by R J Palacio

The book 'Wonder' by R J Palacio is about a boy called August who has never been to school. August has a deformed face and is therefore bullied for his appearance. I enjoyed this book because it had lots of meaning behind it and it is also compelling. If you're looking for a book that will toughen your heart and also make you cry, this is the book for you!

Faith Bardsley



The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton

I like it because it has a great sense of adventure (as do many of Enid Blyton's books) and is very evocative. It always involves the adventures of five children climbing up a large tree in their back yard and going through the clouds into magical worlds. I think it is aimed at young children even though it has some challenging language.

Poppy Stafford



Ruby Redfort by Lauren Child

My favourite book is about a teenage girl who is asked to work undercover in a secret agency called Spectrum. She has to solve different mysteries and crimes and try to defeat the villains. I like this book because it has a lot of action in it and there are lots of cliff hangers. I would recommend this book to people who are between eleven and fourteen who enjoy mysteries and adventures.

Erin Pereira



The Divergent Series by Veronica Roth

The 'Divergent' series is a trilogy set in a futuristic Chicago. The city is divided into five factions: Abington, Amity, Candor, Eradite and Dountlessw. Everyone fits into a category except Tris. When the children turn sixteen they have to choose their faction rather than living in their parents' factions. However if they transfer, they betray their family. Permanently, Tris makes a choice that shocks everyone, including himself. This book is futuristic action book/film and anyone who loves adventure will enjoy this book.

Aimee Torr

- A R T -

On 14th March OSFC came into the Art department to talk to Year 10 Art and Photography students about the possibilities of future careers.

Anupa Joshi and ex-student *Annie Gill* delivered some insightful information about the wealth of Art Courses at Oldham Sixth Form College such as Textile Design, Graphic Design, Fine Art, Art and Design and Photography.

The year 10 students were also able to look at Year 12 and 13 sketchbooks in each of the areas of study.



- SADDLEWORTH DRAMA -

Saddleworth Drama Centre will be performing 'Putting it Together' at the Oldham Coliseum Theatre on 15th July at 2:15 and 7:15 pm.

Showcasing the talents of Saddleworths best young actors:

**Joseph Taylor, Kian Hurst-Conroy, Benjamin Wylie, Lexi Gorton
Molly Riley, William Whiteley, Millie Flynn, Samuel Taylor
Eleanor Chambers, Grace Walton and Finley Killan**

Good luck to all performing in this show.

SADDLEWORTH DRAMA CENTRE PRESENTS

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- CAREERS WEEK -



On Thursday 9th March, Lewis Entwistle from OSFC visited our MFL department accompanied by the head of Languages at OSFC and 3 students (2 were ex Saddleworth students). They came to promote Language department during Careers Week at Saddleworth.

The team visited two year 9 German classes and one year 10 French class whilst they were here. The classes were given lots of information about careers in languages and why

skills learnt through studying foreign languages are important and useful in many different fields of work. Pupils were actively engaged in the sessions and seemed to gain a lot from them.

Many thanks to Lewis and the team from OSFC for providing our pupils with an enjoyable and informative visit.

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- GOOD EGGS -

It is always nice to recognise and reward the students for their hard work and continued effort. Being Easter it seemed only fitting that these 'Good Eggs' should be rewarded with an Easter Egg.

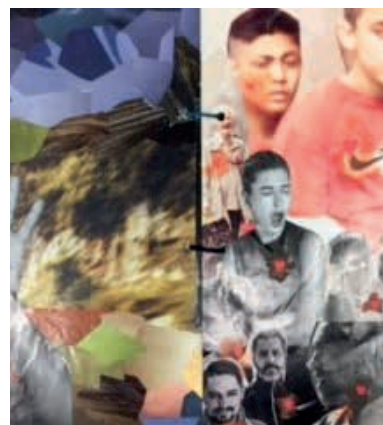
After a busy shopping spree, each year group were allocated 125 eggs to award to their deserving recipients. Well done to all those students that were selected.



- SPIRITED ARTS -

Year 7-10 students took part in a National Spirited Arts competition. The RE department were overwhelmed by the depth of thought, uniqueness and creativity demonstrated by students. We are only able to enter 10 as a school and have the tough task ahead of deciding which ones to submit.

The judging panel are lined up to meet before Easter to decide on the school finalists. Although the winners have not been decided, here are a couple of entries to give you a flavour of the calibre of work.



- 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



- ERIN PEREIRA -
Year 8
Grade 4 Flute - Merit



- ISABELLE KOWALCZYK -
Year 8
Grade 4 Flute - Distinction



- LOLA GLADWIN -
Year 8
Grade 4 Flute - Merit



- TABITHA DAVIES -
Year 7
Grade 4 Flute - Distinction



- ELEANOR WHITEHEAD -
Year 8
Grade 3 Flute - Merit



- LILA ROBINSON -
Year 7
Grade 3 Flute - Pass

National Teaching School designated by



National College for Teaching & Leadership

Saddleworth School has been selected for a top role supporting schools in challenging circumstances.

Matthew Milburn is one of more than 70 headteachers to be appointed to the role of national leader of education (NLE) in the latest recruitment round.

NLEs along with staff in their school - designated a national support school (NSS) - use their success and professionalism to provide additional leadership capability in other schools.

NLEs are deployed to suit the needs of each school needing support. The type of support provided is flexible and can sometimes involve NLEs becoming executive headteachers.

They also have responsibility for developing the next generation of NLEs and national support schools.

Mr Milburn said: "I'm thrilled for the pupils and staff at Saddleworth School. They have worked tirelessly to ensure the school is in a position to be given this prestigious designation by the National College for Teaching and Leadership.

"We take seriously our aim to empower and inspire and

we have done a great deal to work with other schools locally to ensure that we benefit from the best practice right across the region.

"My sincere thanks go to the wonderful children and fantastic staff who have been so supportive of our school and made this important designation possible."

Many NLEs/NSSs report improved outcomes at the schools they support.

Roger Pope, Chair of the National College for Teaching and Leadership, said: "It's fantastic that heads like Matthew Milburn have the passion and ambition to help improve the life chances of young people, not just in their own but in other schools as well.

"The aim of national leaders of education is to drive improvement in underperforming schools. We now have over 1,200 NLEs and we're working to increase this number to spread educational excellence everywhere."

Successful heads have been invited to attend a formal induction and training event for the role in driving school improvement.



Aiming High and creating links with University.

Saddleworth School teamed up with the various universities in Manchester to promote students going on to study at Higher Education. GMU invited a group of students to visit the University campus where they had a tour with a treasure hunt, listened to guest speakers in a lecture theatre and watched a drama production about Option choices for Year 9 students (very apt indeed considering the group were about to embark upon their option choices in school).

The students thoroughly enjoyed their day (especially the choice of food available in the University canteen) and are now hopefully focussed on the subjects that they wish to study at key stage 4. We hope that this visit has also given the group the inspiration to go onto further education after they leave Saddleworth school.

GMU then came into school to deliver an assembly to the whole cohort of Year 9 about Universities within the areas and the types of courses that can be studied once you leave school. The visitors then held two workshops with some of our Year 9 students which was a life size board game on Option/career choices and pathways. We hope to work with GMU again in the very near future.



OLDHAM SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

When we contacted Oldham Sixth Form College they were extremely proud to share the student destinations and their continued area of study with us.



Taylor Alderson	Manchester	Metropolitan University Psychology
Mariah Babar	University of Salford	Criminology
Thomas Bainbridge	Manchester Metropolitan University	Computer Science (Foundation)
Joshua Barlow	Boarshurst Building Contractors	Joiner
Owen Barlow	University of Bristol	Liberal Arts with Study Abroad (4 years)
Natasha Bennett	University of Manchester	International Management with American Business Studies
Sean Bergin	Edge Hill University	Criminology
Georgia Bradley	Manchester Metropolitan University	Criminology and Sociology
Thomas Brisk	Taking a year out	University in 2017
Amy Buin	Liverpool Hope University	Education and English Language
Georgia Cain	OCL Leisure Centres	Leisure Attendant
Remy Carey	Leeds Metropolitan University	Criminology
Elisha Carpenter	University of Chester	Law and Criminology
Jade Carter	Taking a year out	University in 2017

Victoria Chapman	University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne	Government and European Union Studies (4 years)
Catherine Chapman	Taking a year out	University in 2017
Jacob Charnock	Leeds Metropolitan	University Computer Forensics and Security
Claire Colley	University of Birmingham	International Relations with Year Abroad
Rachael Collins	Manchester Metropolitan	University Primary Education with QTS
Jordan Crossley	University of Manchester	Business Studies
Bradley Cullen	Taking a year out	University in 2017
Joseph Curley	University of Central Lancashire	Audio Engineering and Production
Laura Dale	University of Leeds	Law
Adrian Dorobat	University of Plymouth	3D Design
Ruby Duncan	University of Leeds	French
Abigail Fairfoull	Manchester Metropolitan	University Fashion Business and Management
Sophie Fairhurst	University of Nottingham	Psychology
Jennifer Fitton	Leeds Metropolitan University	Business Studies
Megan Fletcher	University of Manchester	Adult Nursing
James Fletcher	University of East Anglia	History
Megan Frazer	University of York	English Language and Linguistics
Paige Gardne	Leeds Metropolitan University	Business Studies
Kate Gardner	Liverpool John Moores University	Pharmacy
Rebecca Gartside	University of Liverpool	Geography
Andrew Gidney	Edge Hill University	Computing (Application Development)
Amelia Gill	Oldham College	Art & Design Foundation
Alexander Gilroy	Company Unknown	Personal Trainer
Oliver Gladwell	University of Liverpool	Business Management with a Year in Industry
Oliver Hailwood	University of Huddersfield	Software Engineering
Caitlin Hall	Leeds Metropolitan University	Politics
Andrew Hargreaves	University of Nottingham	English
Jack Harper	Professional Actor	Cold Feet
Emma Harrop	Edge Hill University	Geography
Aaron Harrott	Taking a year out	University in 2017
Sarah Heywood	University of Salford	Human Biology and Infectious Diseases
Frank Higgins	Lancaster University	Philosophy
Ryan Horridge	University of Liverpool	Accounting and Finance with a Year in Industry
Kirsten Hughes	University of Liverpool	Hispanic Studies and Communication and Media
Olivia Hurley	Batley School of Art	Art & Design Foundation
Thomas Ireson	University of Sheffield	Civil Engineering (4 years)
Roxanne Johnson	The Open University	
Holly Jones	Bolton Institute of Higher Education	Psychology, Psychotherapy and Counselling
Lydia Keane	University of Edinburgh	Geography

Daisy Keep	Leeds Metropolitan University	Psychology
Holly Kershaw	Taking a year out	University in 2017
Rohan Khiroya	University of Liverpool	Law and Film Studies
Samuel Kitchen	University of Huddersfield	Music Journalism
Sophie Laing	University of Nottingham	Veterinary Medicine including a Gateway Year
Harry Lavin	British & Irish Modern Music Institute	Music Journalism
Antonia Lloyd	University of Liverpool	Law
Allistair Lloyd	Foot Asylum	Sales Assistant
Alexander Loughlin	University of Bradford	Civil and Structural Engineering
Eve Maher	Leeds Metropolitan University	Childhood Studies
Roisin Massey	Taking a year out	University in 2017
Josie McCune	Leeds Metropolitan University	Events Management
Ciara McKeown	Oldham Chiropractic Clinic	Chiropractic Assistant
Saphina Mohammed	University of Sheffield	Law (with Spanish Law)
Lily Moss	University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne	Politics and History
Jayme Moyler	University of Gloucestershire	English Language and Linguistics
Maryum Munir	Taking a year out	University in 2017
Victoria Nash	Leeds College of Art	Photography
Maisie O'Donnell	University of Bristol	English
Luke O'Reilly	British & Irish Modern Music Institute	Professional Musicianship
Matthew Partington	ThinkADesign	Graphic Designer
Maciej Przewdziecki	University of Huddersfield	Sport Science
Amy Ramsey	Apprenticeship at the Skills Company	Business Administration
Lucy-Anne Ready	Taking a year out	University in 2017
Gabriella Samuels	Liverpool John Moores University	Law
Eleanor Saxon	Taking a year out	University in 2017
Daniel Scott	Oldham College	Art & Design Foundation
Ruby Strahand-Upshon	Nottingham Trent University	Spanish and TESOL (4 years)
Adam Stretton	University of Salford	Music with a Foundation Year
Olivia Taylor	University of Huddersfield	Photography
Ruth Teal	University of Manchester	Civil and Structural Engineering
Chloe Thomson	Co-op	Stores Sales Assistant
Matthew Thorpe	University of Leicester	Chemistry (with a foundation year)
Adam Tither	University of Birmingham	Chemical Engineering
Emily Tromans	Taking a year out	University in 2017
Matthew Tuersley	Edge Hill University	Geography
George Vick	Crane Payment Innovations	Production Operative
Daniel Walsh	Heriot-Watt University	Chemical Engineering
Nathan Ward	Edge Hill University	Computing (Information Systems)
William Wilson	University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne	Geography
Annabel Winterbottom	University of Leeds	Social Science
Charlie Woolridge	University of Huddersfield	Psychology with Counselling

GREENHEAD COLLEGE

It is always lovely to find out about the success of our students and what they have gone on to achieve after they finish College.

When we contacted Greenhead College they were extremely proud to share the student destinations with us.



Gabrielle Anderson	University of Cambridge
Lewis Barlow	Employment
Samantha Biddlestone	Loughborough University
Hannah Bradbury	Durham University
Thomas Bradnum	University of Hull
Thomas Clowes	Manchester University
Florence Davies	University of Bristol
George Kilgour	University of Bristol
Harry Lord	Oxford Brookes University
Alexandra Ransome	Gap Year
Hazell Ransome	University of Cambridge
Kenneth Scott	University College London
Mark Williams	Gap Year
Paige Wolstencroft	Oldham Council

- T E A P A R T Y -

Primary School Tea Party Event

The primary tea party is an event organised by Saddleworth School to help ease the transition between primary and secondary school. We ask your primary teachers to come along and see how you have got on at Saddleworth School so far. There have been several different gatherings for each primary school in the Saddleworth area. Even if you are the only one from a primary or if there are only a few of you, you still get the chance to join in with a tea party. Mrs McMurdo will organise an allocated date for your primary school and she will give out letters telling your parents when it is. All you have to do is get your parents to sign the slip and give it back to school.

Our tea party was a great success, and everybody enjoyed themselves. It was great to see two of our old teachers, our head teacher and our year six teaching assistant. As soon as school finished, we made our way to the canteen to help set up the cake and drink tables. The cakes were all neatly presented on lovely cake stands and the tea cups were all set out in several neat rows.

Then at approximately four o'clock our teachers, friends and family arrived. Here are what some other people involved had to say:

It was great to see how much fun everyone had and to recall how far we have come since primary school. Everyone had a great time and we'd like to thank Mrs McMurdo and Mr Cree for organising this.

Jess Leigh 7N and Zoe Cummins 7A



Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed last night at the tea party. It was lovely to have the opportunity to speak to the children who left last year.

They are clearly enjoying their time at Saddleworth and are enthusiastic about their lessons and teachers. It was great to see them. Thank you so much for organising it.

Kind regards

Liz Travis

Holy Trinity Dobcross

Thank you for inviting the staff from St Agnes to the 'Tea Party' it was really nice to catch up with Emily and Sapphire. I am always very pleased with how well you look after the children that come to Saddleworth School and help them to continue on their learning journey. Keep up the good work and thank you for organising the event.

Kind regards

Kirsten Swift

St Agnes C of E Primary School

- L I V I N G F O R S P O R T -

Friday, 10th March was an exciting day for some of the Year 9 students who spent the morning with an Olympic Sports woman. Sophie Cox has competed in two Olympic games in Judo and is a Grade 4 coach.

She works in collaboration with the Sky Sports for Living programme which sees athletes going into schools and working with students to build on communication, resilience and self-esteem.

The idea of linking up with the Sky Sports for living programme was to allow two workshops to occur with our Sky sports team building group and also our High Flying Boys group. Every Friday morning a select group of Year 9 students come to school at 8am to participate in various sporting activities and games for 30 minutes before lessons even begin. So far the students have worked on team building skills and indoor cricket and they seem to be loving every minute of it. The High Flying boys group have previously

visited Manchester University to hopefully inspire them to go onto Higher Education after leaving school.

Sophie started the workshops with a practical session focussing on a team building session, as well as some Judo to that she could show the students exactly what it is like to overcome barriers and the importance of training hard and having self-discipline in order to get to the top of your chosen career path. The students then took part in a discussion where they had the chance to listen to Sophie's life story and also understand some of the difficulties that she encountered along the way.

The group had the opportunity to ask questions and will work with Sophie again on her next visit to Saddleworth School. We look forward to welcoming Sophie back into our school where she will talk to the whole year group on the importance of chasing your dreams and working hard in order to reach your goal.



Sophie Cox, an Olympic Judo competitor, came into school this week to give us an insight on what it takes to become an Olympian.

She told us that it takes skill, determination and commitment. She said she pushed through the hard times so that it would pay off. She wanted to be an Olympic athlete to push herself and test what her boundaries were, and to overcome the challenges that were in place, whether that be injuries or the tough opposition. She said she always did her best at whatever she did and that is what we should do.

by *Jeremy Knight*

- 5 STAR RATING -

The catering staff at Saddleworth School work tirelessly to serve the students and staff with fresh and healthy food each and every day. As you can appreciate in a school of our size this is no easy task.

Each year the Environmental Health visit to assess the quality of provision and once again we have retained our 5 star rating. This is richly deserved and provides recognition for the service they provide.



- ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE of MUSIC -

by

Imogen Cox

Over the winter, a group of musicians (including myself and a number of Saddleworth School players) from Oldham Music Centre came together to create an orchestra called The Lyceum Strings.

This orchestra was a mixture of the Intermediate Orchestra first violins and cellos, and the Youth Orchestra violins and cellos. This meant we ranged in ability from Grade 4 to Grade 8.

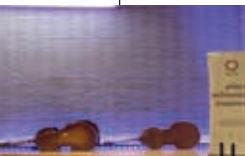
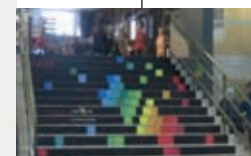
We worked for about six weeks on some pieces to play at The Greater Manchester Strings Showcase concert that was to be held at RNCM (The Royal Northern College of Music) on the 17th January 2017. The concert featured String orchestras from Oldham, Bolton, Salford and the Greater Manchester Youth String Orchestra.

The day of the concert quickly arrived, and we

took a coach to RNCM. The building was so amazing, with everything from chandeliers to rainbow steps. We were also in awe of the hall where we played. The tiered seating rose high above us, with the enormous pipe organ behind us. We rehearsed in this hall, and watched some of the other orchestras rehearse. When the concert arrived, we sat in the audience and watched them again. Then our turn came. It was a big privilege to play in front of an audience at the RNCM.

Everything went smoothly and we enjoyed every moment. It was amazing when all four orchestras joined at the end to play together. We were shocked by the amount of talent we could see, and playing alongside them in the mass items was an amazing experience.

My experience at RNCM with The Lyceum Strings is something I will never forget. I will cherish it in my memory.





This year Saddleworth hit the mountains high above the beautiful city of Innsbruck, 39 of our pupils from all year groups spent 5 days skiing, a days sightseeing and shopping excursion.

The 4* Alpeenkönig Hotel was warm and welcoming and provided the students with large rooms for 5 pupils or duplex apartments for groups of 7. The pupils had breakfast and their evening meals in the hotel with hot lunches eaten at the resort.

The resort Seefeld was a five minute drive from the hotel and had superb facilities with a range of skiing ideal for the beginner and intermediate skiers, whilst the advanced ones were quickly off up to the top of the mountain via a funicular train and cable car.

As we travelled mid week, this gave us access to an early ferry going and coming back, with immediate access to the food courts. In the resort our beginners had two days with almost empty nursery slopes, this enabled rapid progress of their skills and confidence.

Conditions were simply amazing, clear blue skies, and full sunshine every day, meaning in the afternoons the snow softened allowing for slightly slower skiing with easier turns. The pupils made excellent progress and by the end of the week, all pupils had been to the top of the mountain to admire the incredible view with only four opting to get the train down rather than simply plummet on skies.

As the week progressed we received many compliments about our students conduct from all of the ski instructors. They commented on their keenness to learn and general cooperation with assisting each other.

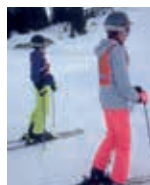
Personally I managed to ski with most of the pupils during the week, but spent a most enjoyable last two days with what started as the beginners but ended up as an intermediate group,

The main driver Jamie Cass, the owner of the coach firm, went as far to say that its been a privilege to have our group, the pupils have been one of their best and clearly enjoyed all aspect of their holiday. He also was most complimentary of the organisation and friendly approach to student supervision made by the staff, we were simply the best he had worked with!

In conclusion, would we return to this resort and hotel? definitely, and were already getting asked about 2018, to me proof that the pupils have made the most of this amazing opportunity.

Thank you to all the fantastic pupils and the brilliant staff team.

Mr Simkins

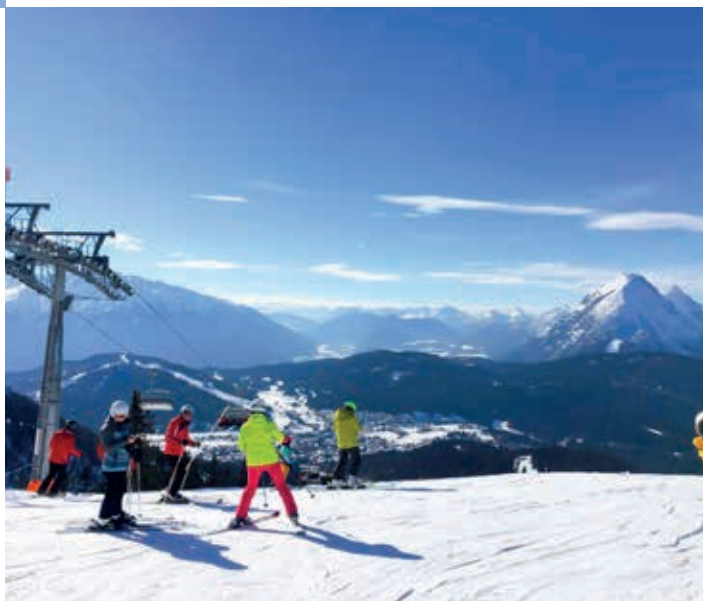


- STUDENT QUOTES -



I am definitely going again next year!!!
The best part of the trip was challenging ourselves on the steeper red slopes.

Penny Beardmore



I really enjoyed the coach ride there and back. There was lots of entertainment from our music to films put on by the teachers. Skiing was really fun up on the high slopes and the views were amazing. Even though I fell over most of the time, it was amazing.

Yasmin Osborne

The ski trip was a great experience which I would recommend to anyone. Although it is a lot of money you really get a lot out of it. I made loads of new friends and had a great time on the slopes. I enjoyed it very much.

Ryan Blackhurst



I really enjoyed the ski trip. It was one of the best holidays I have ever had. The best bit of the trip was when we went on the red slopes and everyone fell over, except Mrs Turmeau, who walked down. I will definitely be asking to go again.

Betty Troisi



- YOUTH COUNCIL -

by

Isabelle Anastasiou

Recently I attended The Mayors' Charity Ball at the Queen Elizabeth Hall where I went on behalf of the Oldham youth council as a representative. The Mayors' Ball is a charity held event that happens every year.

The money that is raised goes to the Mayors' appeal fund this year, the appeal fund is supporting Macmillan cancer support which is one of the largest British charities and helps to provide specialist health care, information and financial support to those who are being affected by cancer. Also Francis House Hospice who provide care for children and young adults that may have life threatening conditions and also as many other local charities as it can.

After the meal the Mayor made a speech which was all about the charities and how much of an incredible event it really was. The night was also accompanied by The Saddleworth Boarshurst band who were the entertainment for the night.

The night was an incredible experience it was amazing to be around so many inspirational people who are a credit to Oldham. Seeing so many people come together for such incredible causes is truly amazing and shows how dedicated the people of Oldham really are. I really enjoyed the night and hope to have more of these experiences in the future. I also want to thank the Oldham youth council for choosing me to attend such an inspiring event.

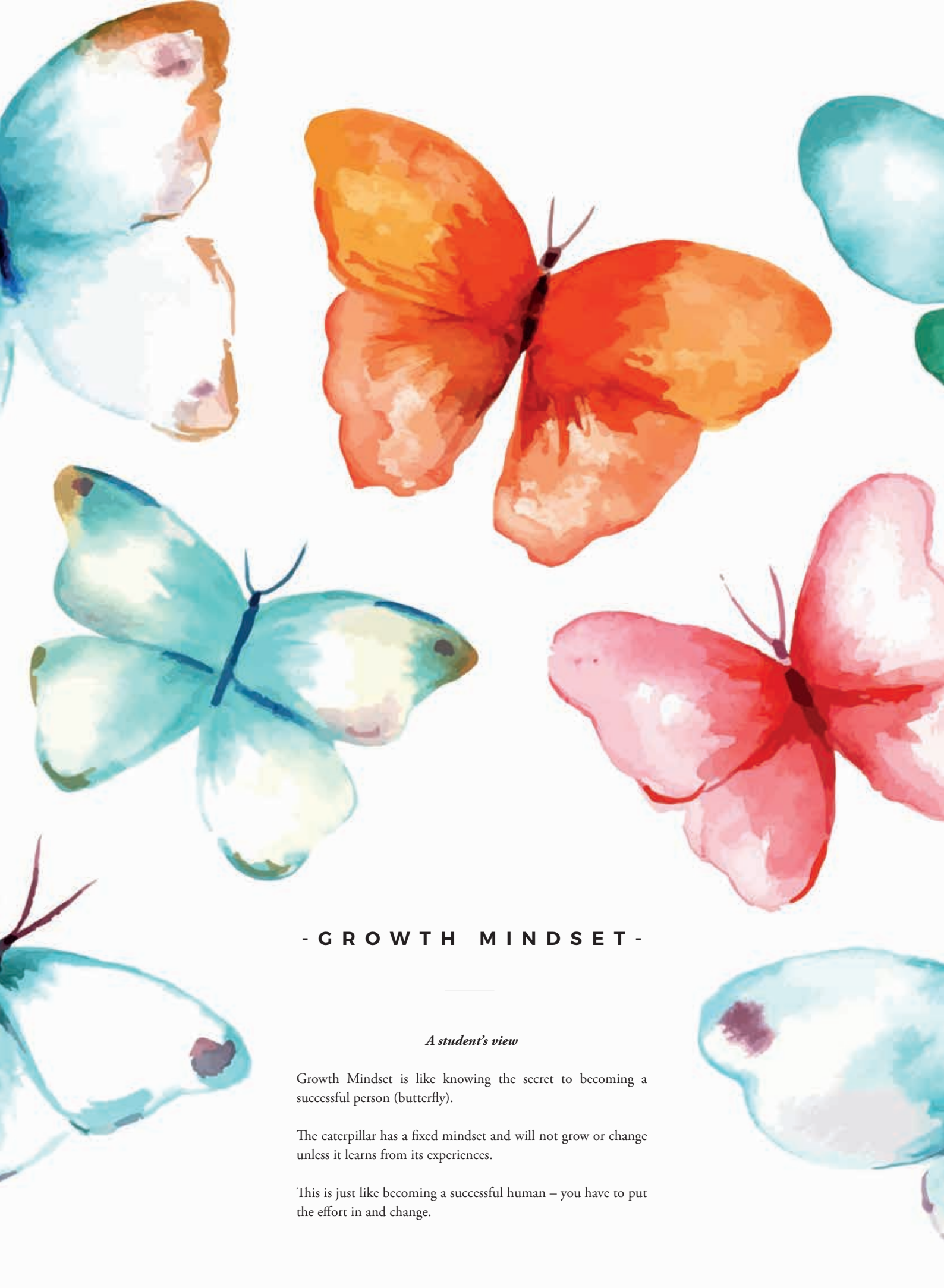


The following students will be performing in front of 85,000 people alongside Xfactor 2015 winner Louisa Johnson, this is taking place at the Aviva Premiership Derby between Harlequins and Saracens at Wembley Stadium.

**LUCY WALSH, EMILY BRADBURY, ERIN WOLFENDEN, REBECCA GREGORY
CHLOE WHATMOUGH, NIAMH SIMPSON, LUCY DUNCAN, EMMA GREGORY
ELOISE JONES, MOLLY ALLARD**

Pro excel is running this event, it is a national organisation promoting children's involvement in sport. The students have rehearsed for a total of 24 hours over 4 days. The match took place on the 8th of April.





- G R O W T H M I N D S E T -

A student's view

Growth Mindset is like knowing the secret to becoming a successful person (butterfly).

The caterpillar has a fixed mindset and will not grow or change unless it learns from its experiences.

This is just like becoming a successful human – you have to put the effort in and change.

- E A L T R I P -

On Monday, 30th January, Ms Fan and Mr Parkes took a group of EAL (English as an Additional Language) pupils from years 9, 10 and 11 to Oldham College to get a taste of what life is like after Saddleworth School.

Our pupils were firstly given presentation about the college by Sonya Dewan, an EAL Teacher and received goodie bags. Following that they went into an English lesson and spoke to current students of the college about their experiences.

We also went on a tour of the campus, where we got to go into the Health and Beauty Department, which included a real hair salon, a make-up studio and even a spa which had a hot tub and a sauna! We were also given a talk in the Plumbing Department, before seeing the Media and Design Departments too.

Oldham College was a very welcoming place where the common room area had an Xbox, TV and even table tennis tables. This is what our pupils had to say about their experience:



I like Oldham College. I enjoyed talking to the pupils on the ESOL course (English for Speakers of Other Languages). I am looking forward to studying and having my new life with my friends there.

Adrian Balaban

I loved my trip to Oldham College. I like the English lessons in College because they are very helpful. I also like the ICT room there.

Vasile Majaru

- 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.

WARBURTON COURT

We received a letter from Mr and Mrs Hindle, residents at Warburton Court asking for support to help improve the issue of litter around the turning circle and the local wooded area.

We contacted them to discuss this and Mr Madden kindly went to meet them and arranged for the students taking their ASDAN qualification to go and complete the Community element of their assessment by making a difference

On return into school the students were treated to hot chocolate and were touched to be delivered some chocolates and a note brought into school from Mr and Mrs Hindle thanking them for their work.

We also received a lovely email from the House Manager to thank them.

On behalf of all the residents and the Directors at Warburton Court I would like to thank you for organising the Litter Pick today. Great Job, and a big thank you to the students who took part.

Kerry Healey

House Manager - Warburton Court

We have made a commitment as a school that this will be a regular event to ensure that we support the local community and ensure our local surroundings are litter free.



AVALON PARK

We received a lovely email from Amanda Roberts, activities co-ordinator for HC-ONE Avalon Park care home in Salem , Oldham.

"We would love to have a visit from any bands you have or even love to be able to bring a group of residents to you , please let me know if you think you can help at all. It would mean such a lot to us"

Some of our residents love music and I would love to be able to offer them the opportunity of listening to childrens bands' playing . We have had a particular interest in brass music ."

Well music is something we definitely do well and something we love to showcase. We contacted them back and have already set up links. They have already attended a school event where they were able to listen to The Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland, University of Salford Symphonic Wind Ensemble and our School Concert Band.

Thank you very much it was very emotional evening for our new resident, he is an ex army man of 25 years and he was so impressed. We are looking forward to seeing what other events you have to offer and hoping this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.



I personally believe that social links with the community are very important to our residents well being.

Thank you from all of us at Avalon Park.



BROWNHILL CENTRE

We received a lovely email asking for our support.



Oldham Council's Parks department and Athene Environmental (a local social enterprise, www.atheneenvironmental.org.uk) are planning to revitalise the local wildlife garden at the Brownhill Visitor Centre, to increase its' value to wildlife and enhance the garden as an educational resource. We are presently at the planning stage, with implementation to begin this spring.

I am aware that your school endeavours to be involved in community projects and therefore, I would be very grateful if you would let me know if your school would like to be involved in the project.

Warm regards

Alan Price

Of course the answer was yes. We have been to meet Mr Price at the Brownhill Centre to discuss how we would be able to support and have things planned for the summer term.

SUPPORTIVE PARENTS

A big thank you to *Shane Wilson* and *Kevin Sinfield* who in Mr Mellings absence ensured that the Year 7 Rugby team were able to fulfil their fixture.

Both parents, qualified Rugby coaches, took the day off work to take the students and coach them to their victory.



GEORGE HILL

Paul Greenwood (manager) of George Hill Timber and Building supplies has kindly said he will donate materials for our KS3 students. His kindness wouldn't fit into Miss Danby's car and she had to go back with the mini bus. Absolutely amazing and will allow so many exciting projects for our students.



NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

6TH – 10TH MARCH 2017

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WORKING?

WHAT SKILLS/ QUALITIES DO YOU HAVE?

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HOW SUBJECTS CAN HELP IN YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT FUTURE CAREER YOU WANT? HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT?



SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL

‘National Careers Week’ gave students at Saddleworth School in Years 7-10 the opportunity to think about their career aspirations and future.

In school, past students and teachers from Oldham Sixth Form College visited classes to speak to students in Art and Modern Foreign Languages and what careers students who have studied these subjects have gone on to do.

Students were able to learn about the ‘Minimum Wage’ in the UK and laws surrounding employment. They discussed ‘what employers are looking for’ in school leavers. They were

able to prepare CVs and covering letters and apply for a job. They also understood the three main pathways that students at Saddleworth follow when they leave school.

Teachers were able to discuss with students their careers before entering the teaching profession. The roles and responsibilities they held were varied and students were interested to hear their stories.

It was a pleasure to hear students talk about the work they do now and what they want to do in the future.

- 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 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 multiples 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 special individuals, who through their acts of kindness have made a big difference to others.



SADDLEWORTH WALKERS

It is always a pleasure to receive positive emails into school. We posted a copy of the last magazine to the Saddleworth Walkers to thank them for the email they sent in that featured in the last magazine.

Margaret Lang emailed to thank us and also commented:

"We encountered more politeness from 4 of your younger male students last Wednesday (who had obviously been doing some games, as they were dressed in shorts) who held back whilst we boarded the bus before them."

The group meet weekly on a Wednesday, a day when our students finish early from school. It is nice to know whilst we undertake CPD within school that our students continue to be a credit to us.



RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS

I have just found a large group of Saddleworth school pupils (girls and boys) on the pavement on Delph New Road just across from where I live on Station Approach. I went over to check that everything was ok and I was informed that one of the girls had had a fall and the ambulance was on its way.

I wanted to get in touch with you as I was very impressed with the young adult I came across. They were very polite and friendly and they had dealt with the situation in a very mature, confident and calm way. They had contacted parents and an ambulance had been called. They were all looking out for each other and because the injured girl was on the wet ground the other girls had also sat on the ground and huddled around her to comfort her and to keep her warm.

I have just found out today that the first of my three children is going to be attending Saddleworth School in September. I am extremely proud that these kids attend a school where my kids will be attending and I will be thrilled to bits if my kids turn out as well as these kids have. Well done to the parents for their great up bringing and well done Saddleworth School for helping them grow up to be such fantastic, well rounded young people.

Many thanks and kind regards

Alex Flitcroft

I am pleased to let you know that the student hurt, although she suffered a broken arm is well and has returned to school. The student in question that had impressed Alex Flitcroft so much was Leah Blackmore, Year 9. Thank you for being so caring and responsible. Clearly a credit to our school.

ANONYMOUS PARENTAL DONATION

The Year 11 Pupil Leadership Team would like to say a massive thank you for the generous anonymous donation of £300 given towards the event 'Puttin' on the Ritz' event to raise funds for the Year 11 prom.

What is even more humbling, that students wouldn't know, is that the kind person does not even have a child in Year 11.



- FRENCH THEATRE TRIP -

by

Megan Bruton

On Wednesday 1st March, myself and 12 other year 10 French students travelled to Oldham Sixth Form College to watch the 'Pickles Theatre Company' perform their show, entirely in French! Before we went, we didn't know anything about the show, although Mrs Hunt who accompanied us had a little bit of information, we didn't have much time to find anything out.

We needn't have worried! When we got to the college we were greeted by staff and we took our seats in OSFC's theatre. The actors were really brilliant and we managed to follow some parts of the story - with Mrs Hunt, fluent in French to help us! I admired them for their expressiveness, making it easier for us to understand the situations and the characters they were playing, even if we didn't understand their exact words.

To outline it simply, the show was a detective story about two cousins reunited on an island, one of

whom goes missing, but is found at the end. There were four actors in total who all introduced themselves afterwards and told us about their company. Their repetition and movement meant we could understand what they were telling us and they had so much energy and enthusiasm! Maybe the most memorable moment from the trip was when George Sleight in 10N participated in the show by telling one of the characters (in French!) where the missing cousin could be. The actor improvised along with him and it was really entertaining for us and the rest of the audience!

Going on the trip helped me, as immersing yourself in hearing and speaking a language is the best way to learn it. For example, I would hear phrases which I'd recognise and understand after a couple of seconds of thought, only to realise that the characters had now moved on and were talking about something else! However, it was satisfying to hear French I recognised. Libby Collard in 10E quoted "The French trip was a great experience to help improve my listening and speaking French skills. The play was really fun to watch and all the actors played amazing roles! I was very thankful for the experience and would love to have more opportunities like this in the future."

Overall, we realised we have a lot of work yet to do on French listening, but we definitely enjoyed our short trip and would recommend the experience to anyone learning a language.



- NETBALL -

by

Grace Spurr & Maisie Reading

These last few weeks have been a triumph for the Saddleworth School, Year 7 & 8 netball team. All of the teams were undefeated and played magnificently, making the school extremely proud. They showed what Saddleworth School is made of!

For starters, we had the Year 8 netball team bringing back another win to add to the schools' collection. The team made up of Maya Hopkinson, Olivia Maders, Lily Mundy, Keely Miller, Ella Dibden, Grace Martin, Ellie Brennan, Sarah Gregory and Isabelle Kowalczyk. They all played excellently, representing the school superbly. The Year 8's are now representing school in the county under 13's. They were also crowned Oldham's Schools Netball Champions.

Now for Year 7, they have had only 2 games and have won both of them by a mile. Beating both Hulme and Crompton House, with an extravagant amount of goals. The team with a mixture of experienced and less-experienced players, then went to a tournament. This took place on Tuesday 14th March. It consisted of lots of teams, including:

Bluecoat, who we beat 11-9
N. Chad, who we beat 15-3
Crompton House, who we beat 17-1
Newman, who we beat 15-4
Hulme, who we beat 17-9

The team consists of Evie Clarke, Maya King, Penney Beckwith, Lila Robinson, Lily Sculthorpe, Isabella Cook, Maisie Reading, Olivia Forster, Amy Chadwick, Georgia Taylor and Ellie Pierre. Also on the team is Grace Spurr and Evie Brierley, who are both out of netball due to injuries. This is a fantastic result for the girls, who then went on to win the competition. All 11 girls played fantastically!

Big thanks to Mrs McMurdo for organising all our games and giving up her time to coach the Year 7 team every Friday. Also to Mrs Blezard-Downs who does the same for her Year 8 girls every Thursday! We appreciate all the effort you put in to make us the best we can be and to reach our full ability. Also a thanks to Newman College for hosting the Year 7 tournament.
Well done girls! (they look pretty happy don't they?)



Year 7 - Oldham Schools' Champions



Year 8 - Oldham Schools' Champions



Year 9 - Oldham Schools' Champions



Year 10-11 - Oldham Schools' Runners-Up

- OLIVIA FORSTER -



Dancing

Olivia Forster started dancing when she was 3 years old at Caroline's School of Dance'. She began doing tap and ballet and did her first dancing show with them just prior to her 4th birthday. When she was 7 she began doing street dance.

Since then she has performed in 4 dancing shows with Caroline's School of Dance and has been selected to be in the elite competition team. Olivia has competed around the North West and is the previous and current winner of Oldham street dance championships. In 2016 she auditioned for the Oldham Coliseum pantomime and gained a place in the blue team with some other students from Saddleworth School. In 2016 Olivia also auditioned for a Liverpool based youth company called 'Are You A Wharmby'. The principal's for this company perform as professionals on National TV shows such as 'Dance, Dance, Dance', 'Dance mums UK' and the 'X-factor'. Olivia and some others were selected to be part of the commercial youth company from over 100 participants and she attends a full day of training each half term in Liverpool.

Olivia has always attended Caroline's School of Dance until this year where she now also attends 'Infinity' as well as Caroline's School of Dance. She has five lessons a week - 2 street dance, 1 tap, 1 modern and 1 competition team session.

Basketball

Olivia began playing basketball at Oldham Ball Hall in Hollinwood at the age of 6. Olivia began playing as her older brother was already playing at the same place. The first team that she played for was Hollinwood Bucks in the Y2-4 Oldham league and she played for them for 3 years winning 3 league championships along the way.

At 9 years old Olivia moved to Chadderton Warriors, winning two further league titles in the Y5/6 Oldham league.

Up until 2016 Olivia had only played in boys teams including playing for Manchester Giants National League U12's boys team in the 2015/2016 National League.

In April 2016, Olivia moved and began playing for Manchester Mystics U14's at the age of 11. This led to Olivia being asked to trial for the North West U13's. Olivia was selected and again played her first game at aged 11 for the North West U13's against Ireland and Wales U17's. Olivia played in the National U13's tournament in Sheffield in 2016 where she scored a game high 21 points against the South West. Olivia played in every game for the North West who finished 5th in the tournament and 1st in the skills test.

Olivia has played again for Manchester Mystics U14's in the 2016/2017 season. They have finished top of the North Conference having secured a home draw for the National Playoffs. Olivia has scored over 100 points over the season so far.

Olivia hopes to one day make the England team and then hopefully make the Great Britain Olympic team for the 2024 Olympic Games.

Other sports

Olivia has also swam for Royton swimming club for 7 years, she only stopped when she moved to secondary school due to clashes in training. She has also attended Eclipse gymnastics club from the age of 4 to the age of 10 and was part of the elite team. Again she had to give it up as she couldn't fit in the amount of training needed with the other sports she did. Olivia also joined Saddleworth netball club for a year and played for the premier team but again the training clashed. She would love to start playing netball again but doesn't have the time to commit to training due to the other sports she does.

- 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 include 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: c.mcmurdo@saddleworthschool.org



TOM POTTS

He is about to start his 4th season at Lancashire County Cricket club, he was selected for the under 10's squad whilst in Year 4 at primary school and he has maintained his position in the main squad ever since. He is a spin bowler and last season he was the leading wicket taker in his age group. At the presentation evening in November he received special recognition for his performance in a county match against Cumbria where he had figures of 5 for 6 off 7 overs, these are the 3rd best figures for someone of his age at county level. He is also the captain of Uppermill and Oldham District under 11 teams.



DAISY SHEPHERDSON

After her final gruelling training session in Wolverhampton on Sunday, Daisy has just found out she has been selected for the England Rounders Elite squad!

The top 10 players of the whole squad are selected to play all the big international matches.

She is absolutely blown away!



NATHAN HOPKINSON

Unfortunately his season was cut short this year due to his fractured foot injury. Nathan has not been able to train with his team and now the consultant has said he is not allowed to compete in the British Championships in April. So for the next few weeks Nathan will have to take up the role of coach's assistant and be in charge of the radio and team mascot!



JACOB BUTTERWORTH

Very modest and a hidden talent. Jacob has been selected to compete at the British Paragliding Championships. The sky really is the limit for him. We wish him lots of luck at this event and will share with you his success in the next edition.

- RESULTS -

BADMINTON

Congratulations to the Ks3 and KS4 teams who both qualified to represent Oldham at the Greater Manchester School Games



BASKETBALL

Thank you to Mr Melling who organised the Oldham Schools Basketball Tournament for all age groups.



Well done to all our teams that played in these, especially the year 7 and 9 team that finished 3rd.



Saddleworth GCSE leaders officiating expertly at the Oldham Schools' basketball tournament

FOOTBALL



Staff v Bluecoat 5-3 MOM Miss Cook

GYMNASTICS

On the 12th of February two of our gymnasts represented our school in the British Gymnastics Prelims. They competed their grade 3 balance routine to 'Jai Ho' in a huge category of 38 partnerships and overall Saddleworth were placed 5th in North West.



NETBALL

Year 7

v Bluecoat 11-9
v N. Chad 15-3
v Crompton House 17-1
v Newman 15-4
v Hulme 17-9

Oldham Schools Netball Rally Winners 2017

Year 8

v Radclyffe 24-0
v Blue Coat's 10-6
v Waterhead 23-1
v Oasis 18-1
v Hulme 19-8
v Failsworth 18-1
v Crompton House 18-1
v Newman College 7-4

Oldham Schools Netball Rally Winners 2017

Year 9

Oldham Schools Netball Rally Winners 2017

Year 10/11

Oldham Schools Netball Rally Runners up 2017

U16 Netball

Semi finalists at NW Regional Finals



RUGBY



Year 7

v Hope Valley 36-0 in National Rd 1
v St Peters. Defeated in the National Quarter Finals of the Champion Schools' Cup

Year 8

v Oasis Academy 60-20 MOM
Dylan Turner

Year 10

v Crompton House 18-10 MOM
Reece Burr



SWIMMERS



Oldham Schools Swimming Championships. Congratulations to all those that represented school. We are still waiting on final placements and times but some great performances in the pool and medals brought home.

Full break down in the next edition.



“
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.

If you know anyone that might be interested please ask them to get in touch at: c.mcmurdo@saddleworthschool.org so we can send them a free business information pack providing more details.



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