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Another busy term to finish the year and a full magazine to showcase everything that has taken place.

When reading and reflecting it truly is amazing how much takes place in such a short time.

The opportunities offered and the time staff offer willingly is truly remarkable. It is hoped that the students take advantage of this to complete their petals and embrace life at Saddleworth School.

*Claire McMurdo*  
Assistant Head, Community & Operations

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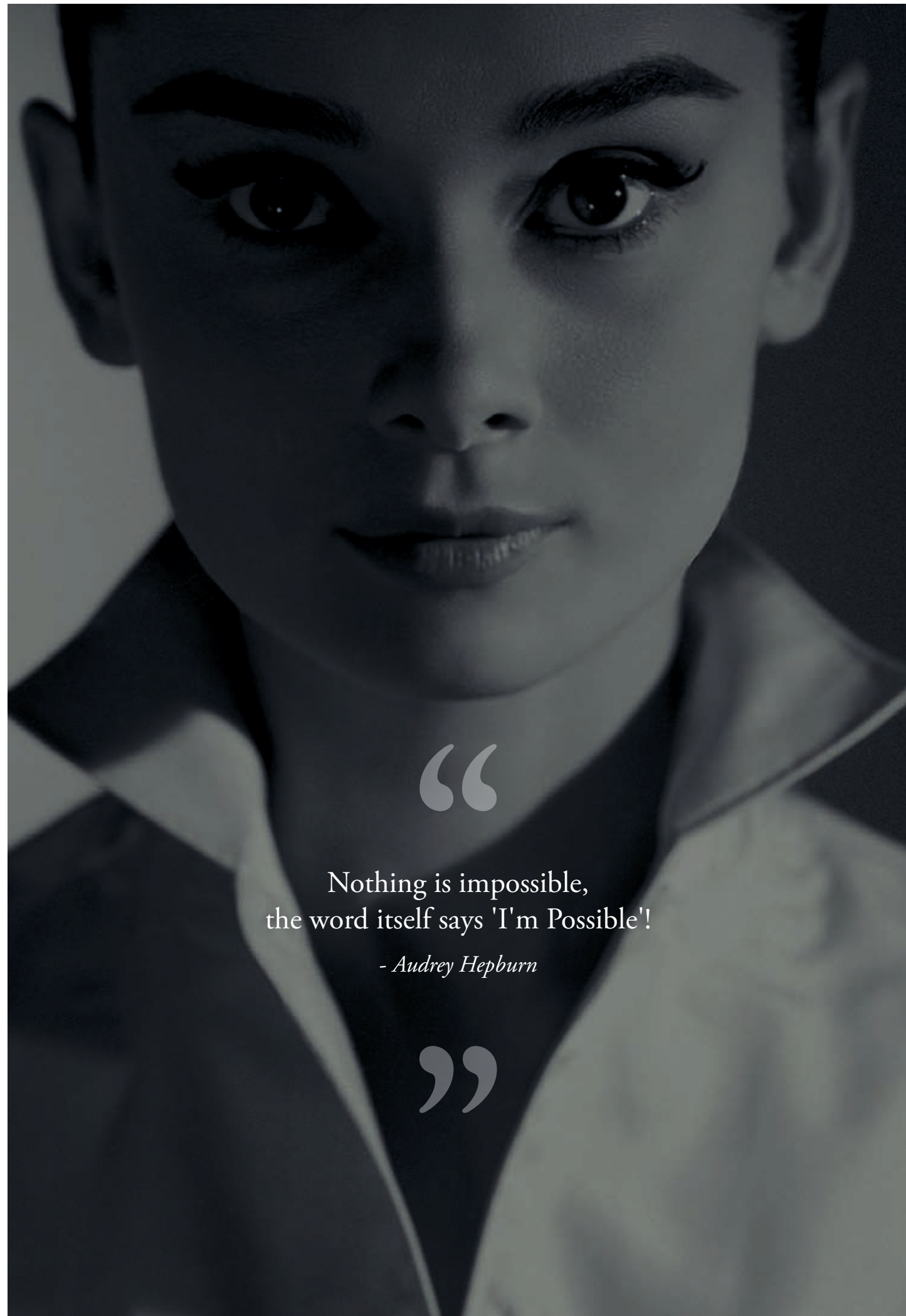
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“

Nothing is impossible,  
the word itself says 'I'm Possible'!

- Audrey Hepburn

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## - LETTER FROM THE HEAD -

One of the great highlights of the last term was the Year 11 Prom that took place on Thursday 22nd June at Rochdale Town Hall. It marked the final meeting between pupils and staff and was a complete sell out with all three hundred tickets snapped up. It was of course fantastic to see the pupils looking so grown up in their gowns and suits, however what was even more pleasing was the way in which they interacted with their teachers and all those adults who have supported them over the last five years. It's hard to express just how mature, courteous and positive the pupils were. Many of them will have had some difficult times during their secondary education and yet all of them wanted to thank their teachers who in turn paid for their tickets and gave up their evening in order to wish them well for the future.

Such mutually respectful relationships don't exist in all schools. They come about thanks to the hard work and dedication of the staff and families and the growing recognition of pupils. This summer we are saying farewell to two colleagues who have been instrumental in nurturing these very positive relationships. Mr Barker, who was Home School Leader for Year 11 has (after 19 years) decided to move on from Saddleworth and take up a post as Head of Science at All Saints in Huddersfield. Mr Barker has been a quite brilliant colleague to work with and I know numerous parents will have met with him over the years and been impressed by his thoughtful and diligent approach. We will all miss him, he's played a central part in the schools development over the last two decades.

Also moving on to a promotion is Mr Anderson. Having previously been Curriculum Leader for English for the last three years he has been the Assistant Head with responsibility for Behaviour, Attendance and Safeguarding. This is one of the most demanding roles in any school and yet Mr Anderson has developed a calm authority and has been hugely supportive of pupils, colleagues and families alike. We wish both colleagues well for the future, Mr Anderson is joining The Blue Coat School as Deputy Headteacher and will be replaced at Saddleworth by Mr Casey, while Mr Barker's role is to be taken by Ms Kay.

Prior to the Prom the Year 11 cohort approached their exams with a high level of focus and we are hoping for some excellent results this summer. Time waits for no man and our attention has had to turn to a Year 10 cohort that contains some fantastic pupils. Mr Pollard is Home School Leader for Year 10 and he had a very tough choice to choose his senior prefects. After applications and interviews our new Head Girl is Libby Collard and her Deputies are Isabelle Anastasiou and Kirsten Fletcher. The Head Boy for 2017-18 will be Samuel Smithies and he will be supported by Archie Duncan and Jude

Kehoe. The student leadership team are supported by some excellent senior prefects drawn from what is a very promising cohort.

All of us were stunned and upset by the atrocity carried out at Manchester Arena on 22nd May. Over twenty of our pupils were at the event and (although none of them were physically hurt) they indeed, as all of us were understandably distressed and shaken by what had happened. In support of all those affected by the bombing, the school gathered along with the rest of the nation, for a minute's silence. The dignity, respect and empathy that our children showed was inspiring. They came out in silence and this was observed immaculately throughout and until lessons resumed. It proved to be another moment of solidarity, when colleagues felt privileged to be working with such fantastic children.

Our job is to help young people to develop as rounded, caring human beings who are optimistic about the future. As you look through this magazine I hope you gain a sense of the great work that is going on at Saddleworth School. I would like to thank all of those who contribute to this, the pupils, the staff and of course the families who entrust their children to us.

Have a fantastic summer holiday, enjoy some down time and we shall all return to work together in the interests of the children over the next academic year.







## - BLACKPOOL TRIP -

66 Year 7 students and 6 members of staff arrived at Blackpool at 10.40am ready to follow the Maths Trail and go on all the rides from 11.00am – when the Pleasure Beach opened.

Fortunately for us the theme park was quiet so the students could go on as many rides as they wanted to and as many times as they could!!! Luke Lamb decided that the Log Flume was his favourite ride and after the third time on the ride, he was rather wet along with his friends but having a great time.

Aaron Bland won a rather large teddy bear and along with other students winning a very large banana, one eyed monster balls and a soft cuddly sword fish - it was a good job we had some spare seats on the double decker coach on the way back.

Mrs Jones and Mr Kelly were very brave and went on the 'Big One'. Miss Clarke did her best to win one race on the 'Donkey Derby' and Mr Moule got very wet on the Log Flume with Mrs Jones. Ms Sutherland and Mrs Carter looked after 'all the soft toys' as the students could not take them on the rides with them.

All the students and staff had a fabulous day and they all wished they would be going back the following day!

Thanks to everyone for such an enjoyable day.

**Miss Clarke**  
Teacher of Maths







## - O S T E R N   I N   D E U T S C H L A N D -

In the Modern Foreign Languages department, as well as teaching the pupils the languages we offer, it is also important that they understand the culture of the country, whose language they are learning.

So we teach them how Christmas, Easter etc is celebrated in different countries. One of the things I tell my classes about is how German families celebrate Easter – how they decorate their homes with beautifully



decorated eggs, which they have designed themselves. This tradition of “Ausgeblasene Eier” is something I celebrate with my classes and we had a competition to design the best one. The winner was Amy Chapman in 7T whose “Egg Sheeran” was amazing!!

Well done Amy!

**Mrs L. Minihan**  
MFL dept

## - L E X I A   U K -

Saddleworth School has been fortunate enough to be offered a free trial of the Lexia programme which is the leading technology programme for literacy and reading skills.

Using Lexia, students work independently at their own pace through individualised learning paths to develop fundamental reading skills in a structured, sequential manner. Teachers are notified when students require support or intervention and are provided with the resources for face-to-face instruction.

As students work independently in the online activities, real-time performance data is collected through Lexia’s

embedded assessment tool, “Assessment without Testing”. Here, educators can access data reports online through their, my-Lexia accounts on a browser, iPad app, or iPhone app.

A group of 12 year 7 boys were selected to trial the programme on school’s behalf to put the software to the test and discover if the programme really did what it claimed and accelerated the learning of literacy at a rapid pace. The students gave up two lunch times a week for 10 weeks to get to grips with the software and the results were absolutely amazing. Students made up to twelve months’ worth of literacy gains for decoding and sequential literacy skills in just ten weeks.



“

Lexia is a really fun way to learn and I have really enjoyed the trial over the last few weeks. We love how quickly you improve and that you know you are getting better without having to do a test. We can really see a difference in our normal school work.”

”

**TJ Fletcher and Connor Robinson**

Based on the excellent work of the Year 7 pilot group and the feedback from the data sheets and the pupil voice, Saddleworth School has now committed £5000 to buying 60 licences for the Lexia programme across key stage 3 to ensure that every child has the opportunity to rapidly improve their literacy skills and ensure they can access the curriculum across whole school.





## - HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL 2016/17 -

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all Saddleworth School, to thank our 2016-2017 Pupil Leadership Team; Katie Ball, Joseph Wheeler, Violet Winterbottom and Elijah Wolstenholme.

To be elected for these positions was no easy task, from leading assemblies to delivering their pitch to the year group; these four were eventually chosen from an incredibly strong field by their then Year 10 peers. Since that election, now more than twelve months ago, this quartet have done a fantastic job of leading and representing all of the students in our school. As outstanding role models they have set the standard for what a Saddleworth student can aim for. They have never shied away from taking tough and sometimes unpopular decisions when leading their prefect team and they have risen to the challenge of raising an enormous amount of money for this year's

Year 11 prom. Their highlight? For me, it was their fund raising evening Puttin' on the Ritz. What an incredible evening. Nobody believed that this was an event put on by a group of students, such was the professionalism and camaraderie on show. Just this event on its own raised over £2100 and left me as one very proud Home School Leader!

To see these four, the senior prefects and all of Year 11 relaxing and enjoying their prom, was a fitting tribute to what this year's PLT have achieved and I wish them all my best wishes for whatever their future may bring.

*Mr Barker*



## - HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL 2017/18 -

As we now prepare for our final Year at Saddleworth School I am delighted to be supported by such a mature and talented Student Leadership Team. Our Head Girl, Libby Collard and Head Boy, Samuel Smithies lead a truly exceptional team. The team has many talents and I see them supporting each other and the school.

Completing the appointment process left me feeling a great sense of positivity about the future. This is because I realised that we have such a wealth of high calibre students who will no doubt make a positive impact on the world.

*Mr Pollard*

Head Girl: **Libby Collard** - Deputy Head Girls: **Isabelle Anastasiou & Kirsten Fletcher** - Head Boy: **Samuel Smithies**

Deputy Head Boys: **Archie Duncan & Jude Kehoe**

"On behalf of all of the Senior Prefects, Prefects and the PLT we are looking forward to working with the local community and the rest of the school.

The staff at our school will work closely with many of these students to ensure that any concerns from pupils or from the local community are dealt with. There will be many events over the next year that will have been organised by these year ten pupils and we hope that you will enjoy them. We all look forward to working with you for the next year."

*Isabelle Anastasiou 10T*



## - P U P I L P R E M I U M -

Are you entitled?

Did you know that registering your child for 'Pupil Premium' means that the school is able to claim funding to provide extra resources for your child?

**Register now to make sure we don't miss out.**

'Pupil Premium' funding is an extra amount of money paid direct to the school from the government for every child, who meets any of the following criteria:

- Pupils eligible for a Free School Meal (FSM) or have been during the last 6 years.
- Children adopted from care or looked after children (LAC).
- Pupils whose parents are in the armed forces or have been in the last five years.

We believe that this money can make a big difference to your child's education. In 2017-2018 each school will receive an extra £935 for each child eligible for free school meals and £1,900 for each child who is adopted or who has left care.

### How does it work?

First, check if you qualify using the three bullet points above. If you are unsure about Free School Meals, please look at the list below or contact Oldham Council for further advice. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal, extra benefits and the school gets £935 extra to support their learning. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets the funding to support their learning. Registering is really quick and easy; it's confidential and will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

### Do you qualify for free school meals?

You can register your child for free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- During the initial roll out of the benefit, Universal Credit.
- Anyone entitled to Working Tax Credit is not entitled to Pupil Premium regardless of income.

*Miss Garner*

Pupil Premium Lead - [m.garner@saddleworthschool.org](mailto:m.garner@saddleworthschool.org)

## - F O R E I G N L A N G U A G E A S S I S T A N T S -



It doesn't seem long since we were introducing our FLAs and now they have completed their time at Saddleworth and are now back home in France and Germany. We have been very fortunate this year to have had two wonderful and enthusiastic language assistants – Sebastian for German and Sarah for French. They have been a great asset to the MFL department and pupils have enjoyed the insight they have provided into the language and culture of their respective countries. Students have had the opportunity to work with our FLAs to practise a variety of skills and to improve their confidence, particularly with their speaking skills.

The assistants have made the most of the time they've spent here and have travelled all over the country and have loved living in Saddleworth and getting to know the area. They have said that they leave us with very fond memories of the school, its pupils and the staff and have found the whole experience very rewarding.

We wish them both all the very best for the future.

*Mrs Miniban*







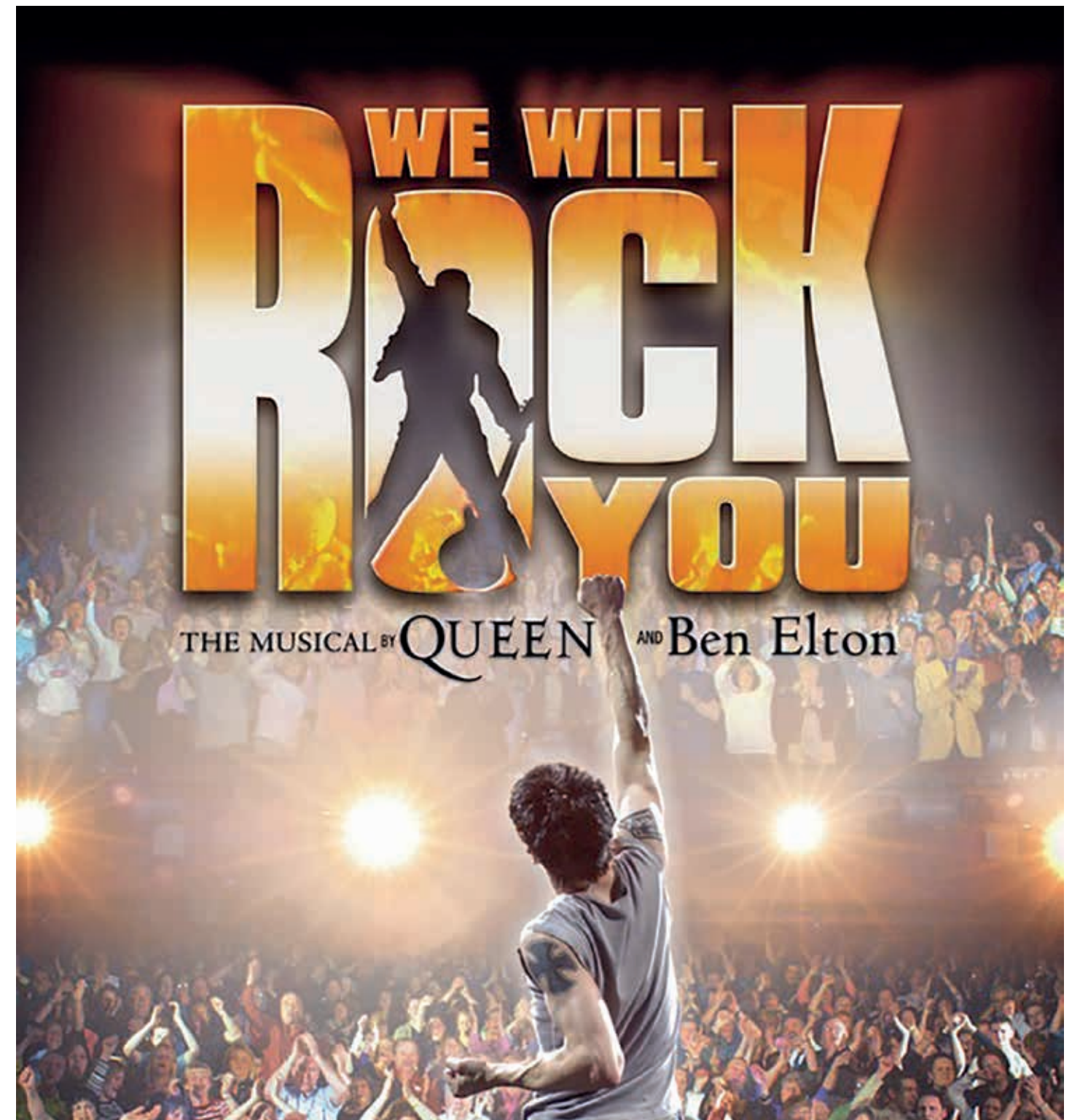
## - FOOD FOR THOUGHT -

For the past three weeks a group of year 7 pupils have been staying behind after school to take part in the food for thought project.

They have been cooking dishes from around the world including sweet and sour chicken, lamb kebabs with tzatziki, Chicken arrabiata, fajitas and chicken karahi. They selected a theme for their own 'Pop Up' restaurant and opened this to their families on Tuesday 27th June.

Pupils have had a fantastic time and worked really hard to produce some amazing dishes. They have enjoyed tasting and sharing their dishes with their families and we will be finishing the project with a visit to Nandos in Ashton. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the year 7's, myself, Mrs Healey, Mr Cree and your families are very proud of you all!

*Miss Pickering*



## - WE WILL ROCK YOU -

Following this year's successful production of Grease, recently auditions were held for the new, upcoming production of 'We Will Rock You!' This action packed musical ties together a range of hit Queen songs, such as Don't Stop Me Now and Somebody to Love. There is still time to get involved so don't hesitate to speak to a member of the production team – it promises to be equally as fabulous as last year!"

*Miss Green, Mr Beckwith & Miss Vandenburg*



## - O H , W H A T A N I G H T ! -

On Thursday 22nd June I woke up with a smile on my face knowing that I had been part of something very special the previous evening. Year 11 truly did us all proud! If you have ever doubted any of them, being there last night would have restored your faith completely. They arrived in style! They looked amazing! Their behaviour and attitudes were brilliant all night! They all made the most of their prom - this is a year

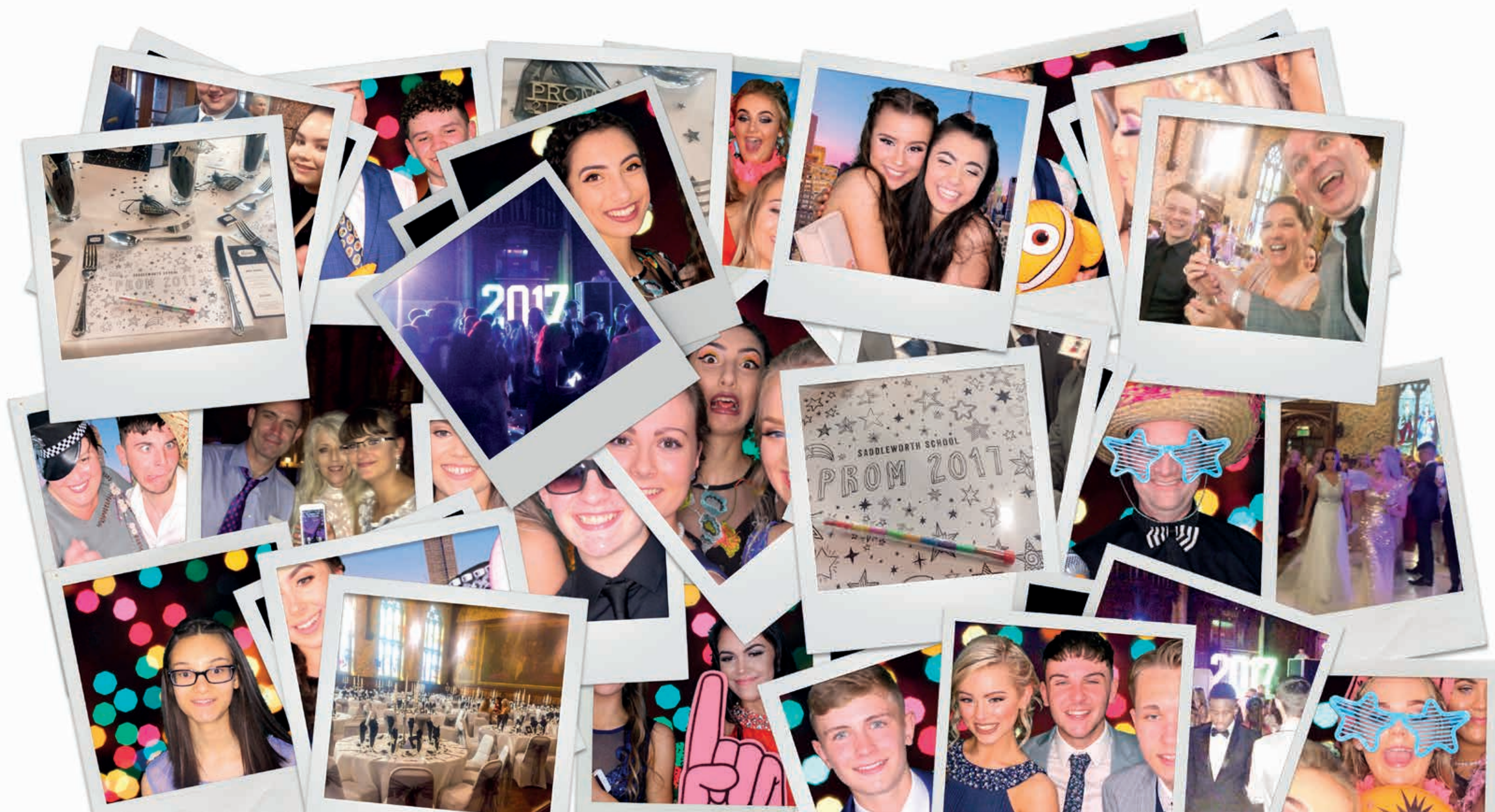
group that knows how to party! When I walked into the room it honestly was one of those jaw dropping moments. All the handwork that been done over the last 12 months by our pupil leadership team, our senior prefects, and everyone else who contributed to raising money for the prom - it was justified in that instant. The room looked spectacular and every little detail had been covered, even including flip-flops for those who

couldn't take the pain of their designer shoes any longer (Pen' Sharp's favourite part of the night apparently). Year 11 were treated, amongst other things, to a giant '2017' light display announcing their arrival, candyfloss on glowing sticks, a lit up dance floor, a pick and mix stand, popcorn, a DJ who knew what songs they'd like (not always guaranteed), a magician

circulating around the tables and my personal favourite, the fancy dress photo booth (the staff were in that more than the kids!).

To take a quote from the evening: "It was awesome!"

*Mr Barker*





## - OLDHAM NETBALL -



### - UNDER 14 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS -

Kate Leddy and Zahra Mirza have won u14 national netball title with Oldham netball club. Unbeaten throughout the competition, over 5000 teams take part from all over the country.

Two years of playing aiming to be the best in Oldham, the best in Manchester, the best in the North West.

Two weekends ago they then competed against the best 18 clubs in England. Not conceding a game all weekend and being crowned well deserved winners.

Squad: Alex Martin, Berri Neil, Ellie Williams, Kate Leddy, Frankie Southern, Georgia Southern, Niamh Taylor, Kasmin Narnor, Zahra Mirza, Millie Marsden, Stacey Tankoua, Hannah Diamond.

Results of the competition:

- v 31-7 Leeds
- v 44-12 CFX
- v 39-5 Oaksway
- v 34-13 Yendy's
- v 33-14 Matrix
- v 25-19 Turnford
- v 34-21 Chester

### - UNDER 15 COUNTY CHAMPIONS -

Final: v Bury

Score: 47-46

After a very tightly contested final between 2 previously undefeated teams Oldham were crowned U15 County Champions.

Player of the match: **Kate Leddy** WA

Shooting stats:

**Alex Martin 30-33 - 91%**  
**Berri Neal 17-20 - 85%**

Squad: Millie Marsden, Keegan Rattigan, Jess McDermott, Nell McKee, Laura Mallinder, Rachel Diamond, Kate Leddy, Kasmin Narnor, Berri Neal, Alex Martin.



## - RAISING ASPIRATIONS -



In June over 120 students visited Oldham Sixth Form College to take part in taster sessions. Some of the subjects were new to the students such as Economics, Psychology, Sociology and Electronics.

The students were able to experience life as a 'Sixth Form' student and see the facilities offered to students when they leave Saddleworth School next year. The students behaved in a mature and respectful manner

throughout the day, clearly showing their readiness to move on to the next stage of their study.

In July, we will also be taking a group of students for a 'Taster Day' at Oldham College.

The college has recently been modernised and boasts some excellent facilities in many areas such as the Arts, Business and Technology to name just a few.



## - R E M E M B E R I N G   T Y R E S E -

On Thursday 15th June we held a balloon release in fond memory of Tyrese Glasgow who sadly passed away a year to the day. It is very important to us as a year group that we keep Tyrese's memory alive and that we plan opportunities together to celebrate his life and to reflect on our own special memories of the times we shared with Tyrese.

The whole of the Year 8 cohort gathered on the astro turf for the afternoon on the 15th June, along with 60 members of Tyrese's family. The helium balloons were ordered in blue and purple as these were Tyrese's favourite colours. Each balloon had an environmentally friendly dove attached to it and the pupils had spent time

beforehand writing their own personal message to Tyrese. The doves contain seeds so wherever they land there is a message on the back of the dove asking the finder to plant it into soil or grass, so that flowers can grow. It is hoped that there will be lots of flowers blooming in many different places now in memory of Tyrese.

We released 300 balloons in total and the pupils then got the opportunity to spend some time reflecting with each other and with Tyrese's family. We raised £88 through holding this event and that money will be presented to the Healthy Young Minds Charity on behalf of the school.

*Mrs Blezard-Downs*

The untimely passing of Tyrese Glasgow last June was a shock felt by the whole school, and a heartfelt loss to his form 8D. To mark the first anniversary, the pupils of Year 8 and members of Tyrese's family gathered together on the astro-turf to release balloons as a mark of remembrance.

The balloons were released in unison and as they soared towards the heavens we all took a moment to remember Tyrese. It was a very moving experience for everyone present.

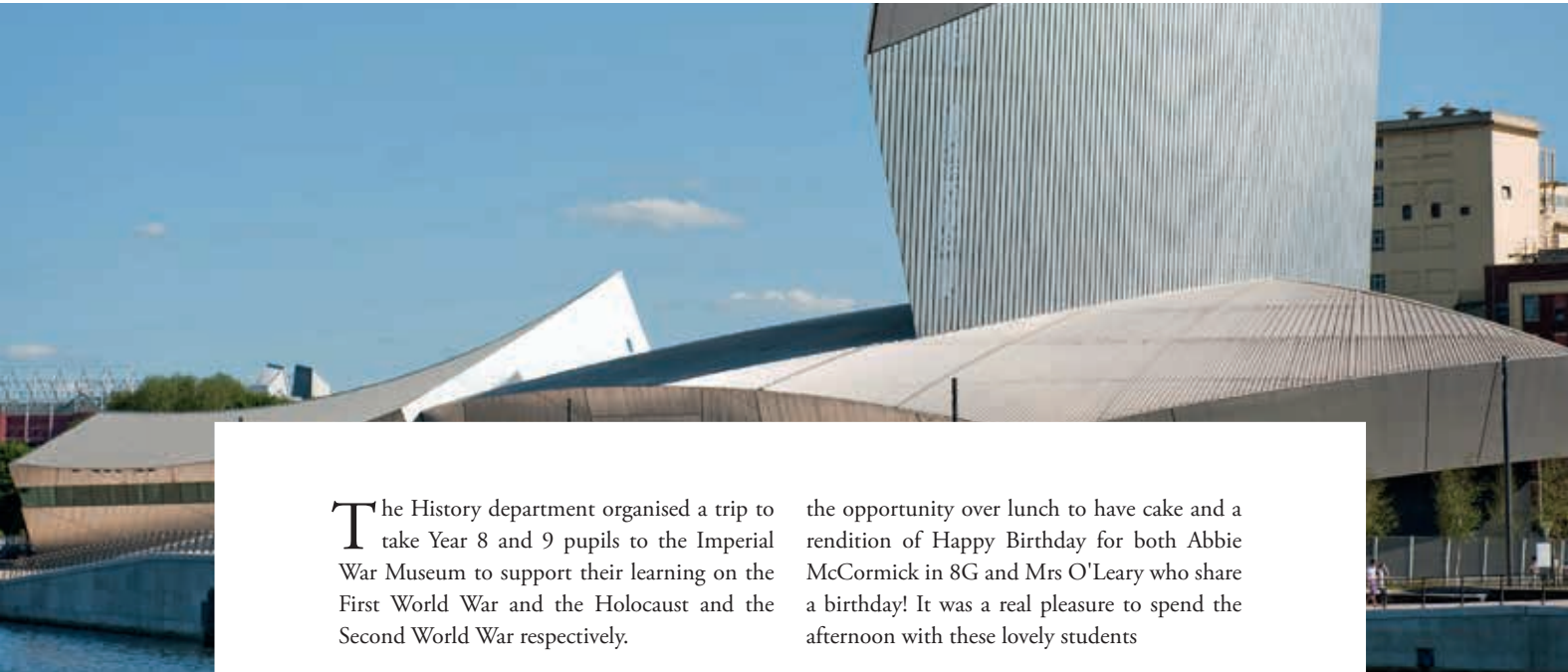
Each eco-friendly balloon had a little card dove tied to it, on which we wrote heart-felt messages. The dove was special as wild flower seeds had been embedded into the card so wherever the balloon eventually landed, new life would grow. Several balloons made their way back to school where Mrs Blezard-Downs planted the doves in the field areas in the school grounds.

While his smile and laughter will no longer be heard, he is not forgotten, and the balloon release, along with the special award in his name, will ensure he remains with us forever.

*By Eleanor Whitehead*



## - IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM HISTORY -



The History department organised a trip to take Year 8 and 9 pupils to the Imperial War Museum to support their learning on the First World War and the Holocaust and the Second World War respectively.

It was a pleasure to organise the trip and all 38 students were a credit to the school. The staff in the museum complimented the Year 9 students on not only their attitude and behaviour but also their knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust as they were taken on a guided tour of the exhibits related to this important historical topic.

Behaviour of all students was exemplary and it was really pleasing to see Year 8 pupils actively engaging with the WWI exhibits to explore what life was like for soldiers in this conflict. Many students also took the opportunity to try on the uniform British soldiers use to experience the weight of them as you can see in the photograph. We even had

the opportunity over lunch to have cake and a rendition of Happy Birthday for both Abbie McCormick in 8G and Mrs O'Leary who share a birthday! It was a real pleasure to spend the afternoon with these lovely students

"On Thursday the 15th June we went to the Imperial War Museum North for the afternoon and it was an amazing experience and everyone really enjoyed it. Firstly both year groups were split up as the year 9s had a teaching session while the Year 8s went to the main exhibition area with a work book to complete.

We answered many questions about the First World War and what we had been learning in lessons. Overall I really enjoyed the experience and I will definitely go to the museum again!"

*Katie Lee (8D)*



## - STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD -



On Thursday 27th April Mr Moule and myself had have the privilege of accompanying Katie Ball and Joe Wheeler from our forms to Oldham Civic Centre, as they were finalists on the Rotary Clubs - Student of the year award.

The ceremony was held in the Court room with refreshments afterwards in the Mayors parlour, Katie and Joe were joined by other students from other schools in Oldham, quite simply the best of the best, all competing for Student of the year and runner up.

As the announcements were made and Katie's name read out I don't know who was most proud, Katie, her mother or myself, what an incredible accolade for a delightful young lady.

Following the ceremony I asked the chairman of the Rotary club what was it about Katie's nomination that stood out, he said that it was her support for her peers, the community and the charity work that she has done during her five years at Saddleworth School.

I have to also mention her fellow nominee Joe Wheeler, although he did not win he was one of the finalists from across the whole of Oldham, and achievement in itself.

Well done to both of them, as they are true ambassadors of the school.

*Ian Simkins*





Mr Melling, a PE teacher at Saddleworth School since 2001, recently appeared live on Sky Sports when he was touch judge in the Bradford Bulls versus Hull Kingston Rovers match as part of the Blackpool Bash. The voice magazine caught up with him to pose a few questions about his involvement in the sport of rugby league.

#### When did you first become interested in rugby league?

I can remember my dad taking me along to watch Oldham RLFC every Sunday from when I was about ten years old and I suppose my interest in the sport originated there. I loved watching the matches from on top of the dug out where the players and coaches sat. Oldham had a pretty good team back in the late eighties and early nineties and I started following them home and away. They never quite got to Wembley and I saw them lose in four Challenge Cup semi-finals which was heart-breaking to watch as a kid.

#### Did you ever play competitive rugby league?

I used to attend rugby camps in the holidays and captained my school team at Royton and Crompton School. I played a few games for one of the local amateur sides (I won't reveal my allegiance!) but I wasn't really quick enough to play on the wings or big enough to play in the pack so I had to develop my game as a half-back known for a bit of guile and skill. I played with and against some lads who went on to have fantastic careers in the game, such as Iestyn Harris, but in

reality I didn't play very much after the age of about sixteen as my golf game took over and the County team didn't really want one of their players getting injured or having his head taken off on a Sunday morning.

#### What inspired you into becoming a match official?

When I started working at Saddleworth School I already knew that it was an area with a rich tradition in rugby league and consequently that I would be required to referee school matches on a regular basis. I remember one of my first games in charge being between Saddleworth and Couthill Year 11's and it was quite a fiery encounter and a real baptism of fire. Over time my confidence in the role grew and a few people started to comment that I was a good referee and that maybe I should take up the whistle properly. Although older than most other referees starting out in the game I decided it was worth giving it a try (no pun intended!) so I went along to a meeting at the local RL referee's society and the rest as they say is history!

#### What are the important skills you require to be a good referee or touch judge?

I think the most important aspect is subject knowledge; an official has to be confident about how to apply the rules and know any changes to the laws of the game inside out. Communication, common sense, control, consistency and commitment make up the 6 C's that match officials are taught when they start out in the game and I don't think you can go too far wrong if you are able to abide by these principles in each and every game.

#### Have you ever officiated in games involving any of our former pupils and what was that experience like for you?

With Saddleworth being a hot-bed of rugby league talent it is no surprise that I cross paths with some of our former students quite regularly. I have touch judged games involving James and Joe Greenwood, Josh Johnson, Ben White and Ryan Maneely; all players who are doing really well in the professional ranks at the moment. The key from an official's point of view is to treat them just like any other player. No-one gets preferential treatment out on the pitch but it is always good to have a catch up chat with them after the game is over.

#### How do you utilise your involvement in the RFL to help our pupils?

Ever since I became a match official within the RFL it has enabled me to develop stronger links with coaches such as Steve McNamara (current Scotland coach) and clubs like the Wigan Warriors. This has helped the school gain accreditation to the English Training Programme pathway. We have some very talented lads at the school right now such as Sam Thackeray and Kieran O'Reilly in Year 10 and Tom Whitehead and Gabriel Payne in Year 9. If my contacts in the rugby league community can help nurture the talent of these boys in any small way then I will feel proud of this involvement.

#### How do you handle the backlash from spectators when you are officiating a match?

I think this aspect is part and parcel of any sport these days, with the stakes so high due to promotion and relegation and all the financial ramifications that this then has. I have had to have a skin like a rhino's hide at times to ignore some of the things that are said towards me during, after or even before a game! I try to remember that these fans are entitled to an opinion and are usually looking through "rose tinted" glasses and have a vested interest in one team or the other. As long as I am fair in the decisions I give and I am confident in the way that I apply the rules of the game then I am big enough and old enough to let it slide that someone in the crowd has recognised that I am follicly challenged. I do have to laugh inwardly though each and every time a voice shouts "should have gone to Specsavers!" I must have heard that one a thousand times and they still think they are being original.

#### What has been your most enjoyable moment as a match official?

I honestly enjoy it the most when I am being appointed to matches at different grounds in the country. I went to nearly every professional ground as a spectator when I was young and to do them all again, with a few of the new ones thrown in,

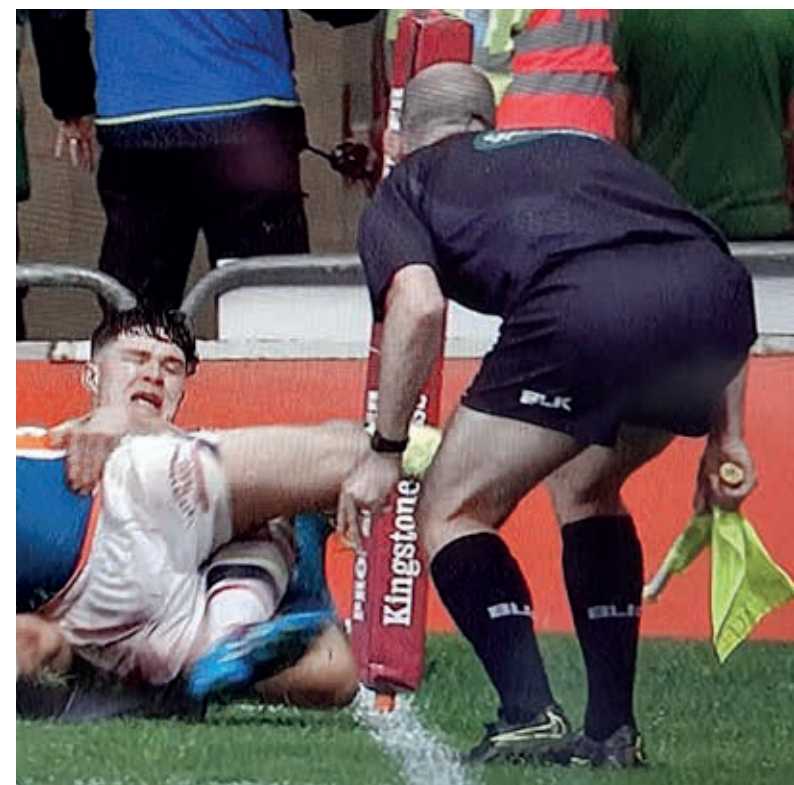
and be on the actual pitch, is something I will be able to look back on when I have finished officiating. There are different roles within the RFL, whether that be as a reserve referee, an in-goal judge, touch judge or actual referee and I enjoy each of them equally but differently if that makes sense.

#### Do you have any ambitions left to achieve with your officiating?

As I said earlier I probably got involved in the game a little bit too late in life to make a full career of it or referee in Super League. I did set myself goals at the outset and they were to touch judge at the highest domestic level and to appear in a live television match. This year I have achieved these targets as I have been reserve referee for the Wigan Warriors v Catalans Super 8 match, touch judged the Vince Karalius Cup between St Helens and Widnes and appeared on live television twice (Oldham v Haydock on the BBC and Bradford v Hull KR on Sky Sports). Just as I would recommend to any of my students it is now time for me to set some fresh goals so watch this space!

#### Would you recommend becoming a match official to our students?

Most definitely Yes! In fact a good number of our GCSE PE pupils have passed the foundation course and are qualified to referee local junior matches. Officiating can be a decent source of income for a young person and will certainly improve their fitness level. It can be a very grounding and humbling experience being in sole charge of a rugby match. The life-skills a person can learn from officiating can range from tolerance to compassion. My advice to any referee would be to remember that no matter how challenging the situation there would be no game in the first place without YOU!







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

*by*

*Luke Worrall*

This year I went to Bude with school. It took us 8 hours to get down there and finally when we got there the instructors were so nice. In the first day we were put in rooms I was in a room with 4 other people called Ewan, Marcus, Max and Lois. That night we were put into groups my instructor was Willow and the other two was Jon and Mike.

During the week we did the following activities: Kayaking, Climbing, High Ropes, Surfing, Body Boarding and Mountain Boarding. All of these were fun and we were able to work on or team building skills.

One of the days was fancy dress, I was dressed as Ewan Frost and he was dressed as me and the teachers well they were dressed as Toy Story. And the second to last day we all took a picture and it wasn't the best picture in the world.



## - BIG THINK CONFERENCE -



Saddleworth students from Years 9 and 10 joined three other Secondary schools from Oldham at a 'Big Think' RE conference. National speaker Lat Blaylock facilitated high level thinking about the worst evils in the world, responsibility for terrorism and possible answers to ultimate questions. Students took part in a range of activities that required dialogue and debate such as 'Philosophical speed dating' and a 'Pie of responsibility'. They were introduced to the work of philosophers such as Nietzsche in order to question 'Is God dead?'. During a reflection quiz students were asked to analyse their personal beliefs about God and the world, then using a key scored how much of an atheist they were. Interestingly as a group of 80 students from Oldham there were representatives from all groups from 'absolute atheist' to 'devout believer' and everything in between.

For many the day was an opportunity to experience what learning at University would be like; extended periods of listening in lectures, group work and synthesis activities. Students had to step out of their comfort zone during philosophical speed dating and were asked to demonstrate high level listening skills; being able to respond with personalised questions and feedback to a larger group the views and justifications of others.

Many students found inspiration when learning about Mark Stroman. A man who carried out random attacks on 'suspected Muslims' in response to the 9/11 terrorist attack. He was shown compassion and

forgiveness by one of his victims Rhais Bhuiyan who campaigned for his sentence to be reduced from death row to life imprisonment. After the care shown by Rhais and the education he had since received, Stroman reflected "Hate is going on in this world and it has to stop," Stroman said in his final moments. "Hate causes a lifetime of pain." This sentiment resonated with many students after the recent sad events and made us all question how we can do more to stop hate.

Students ended the day by considering how they could make the world a more peaceful place and many noted on their course feedback that they would now become a 'peacemaker'.

### STUDENT VOICE:

**'I liked the speed dating game. It was fun and interactive and we got to meet new people'**

**'It opened my eyes to how religion influences the world. There will always be people who take beliefs to the extreme and use 'religion' as a mask for committing crimes'**

**'The day was a taster for University and further education. I now want to go to University and may even study RE / Philosophy'.**



## - 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](mailto:s.pickett@saddleworthschool.org)



**- LOUIS BARRASS -**  
Year 9  
Grade 4 Tuba - Merit



**- OLIVER BATES -**  
Year 8  
Grade 4 Tenor Horn - Merit



**- ALEX DICKINSON -**  
Year 9  
Grade 4 Tuba - Pass



**- ELLIOT JONES -**  
Year 8  
Grade 4 Cornet - Pass



**- LUCY BEAUMONT -**  
Year 8  
Grade 4 Violin - Pass



**- IMOGEN COX -**  
Year 7  
Grade 4 Violin - Merit



**- BRIDGET ATKIN -**  
Year 10  
Grade 6 Piano - Merit

Music Centre internal assessments:

**KATIE LEE** Step 2 Saxophone - Commended

**HONEY MARLAND** Step 2 Oboe - Highly Commended



## - Y O U T H   B A N D -

Together with five other Brass players from Saddleworth School I was invited to the Awards Ceremony at Huddersfield Town Hall, where we were presented with our certificates for the Bronze Arts Award. We were part of the first group to take this award with the Yorkshire Youth Brass Band (and Black Dyke Band).

The ceremony took place during the Black Dyke concert and we went on stage one by one. The people who were from Saddleworth School who completed it were Bridget Atkins, Connie Guttridge, Ben Hill-Wilson, George Sleight, Sam Smithies and myself.

It was very nerve-racking going on a stage in front of a huge hall full of people, however I was pleased that after all the hard work we'd done, it was finally over and we were being rewarded.

The Arts Award is a nationally recognised qualification by the Trinity College London. It gives you the chance to develop your arts skills, which for me is playing my instrument, but it could be dancing, art or drama. You had to plan how you were going to do it and then record what you did and what you learned in an Arts Award booklet. In the evidence, you could include videos, pictures, or audio clips and there was an online space where you could record it all, called the 'arts box'. The Bronze

award has four parts. Each part looked at the arts skills from a different angle. In part A, you learn or improve a skill. Part B looked at music from a spectator point of view; you had to describe being part of the audience at a concert and share the review publicly. Then for part C you had to research somebody who was an inspiration to you. The final part D you had to pass on your skills and teach somebody or a group.

The Bronze arts award took 6 months to complete and it was a lot of hard work, especially part A as we had to record a lot of evidence in videos and pictures so it took the longest amount of time and the most effort had to be put in. However, there were easy parts. For example, I found part C easy as all we had to do was research someone and get others views on that person.

Doing an arts award, no-matter whether it is gold, silver or bronze, is definitely worth the hard work. It gives you UKIP points which are points that go towards University and they give you a higher chance of getting in.

At the time of writing, some of us have already started on the next level, the Silver Arts award. This is supposed to be more detail and will probably take most of the year to complete.

*Chiara Eckersley*



## - E L E C T I O N -



Over the past few weeks there has been a lot of voting going on in England. So Saddleworth School also decided to stage a vote. Every form group from Year 7 – 10 had a chance to listen to campaign videos and choose who would represent their form. Each student had a chance for their voice to be heard!

Here are 3 people, the group they voted for and why:

### YELLOW STARS

"I voted for the Yellow Stars because they are very good to the environment. I think the environment needs some attention as it gets no attention over the years. There is too much litter so if you want to look after our planet vote for the Yellow Stars!"

*Rebecca McWhirter*

### PURPLE PARTY

"I voted for the purple party because of the free Wi-Fi. Personally, I think it would be safer because if you come to the UK on a business trip or holiday and you get lost, there is always google maps to help you, but you need Wi-Fi for that, that's why free Wi-Fi everywhere would be good."

*Eleanor Brelsford*



### RED DRAGONS

"I voted for the Red Dragons for two reasons, the main one being there plans to give the NHS lots of money. Over the years more and more hospitals are having to close, and doctors, or any medical care around the UK when these places are some of the most important in England. We need places like this but the NHS aren't getting enough money these days so they can't keep them open!"

*Emily Wild*

Eventually the Purple Party managed to secure the election with a majority. Other groups like the Red Dragons and the Blue Parrot Party managed to gain some seats, but the Purple People Party managed to get over 300 votes from across the school and were crowned winners!

**Who did you vote for and why?**





## - A GOOD DAYS WORK -

Again the Year 8's have been exemplary whilst on their day's work experience in the school office. They really strive to 'get involved' with all aspects of a busy office and their support throughout the day is greatly appreciated. Often this is the only experience some students have of a 'real job' before they start college and it does give them some understanding of some of the skills and qualities employers are looking for.

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**I REALLY ENJOYED IT BECAUSE IT KEPT ME BUSY AND I WASN'T BORED. IT BOOSTED MY CONFIDENCE. (GRACE CHALLIS)**

**I ENJOYED IT BECAUSE IT WAS HARD WORK AND I GOT TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY. (PHOEBE MORTON)**

**IT WAS A REALLY GREAT EXPERIENCE. (LILY MUNDY)**

**A GOOD PART OF THE DAY WAS GETTING A FREE DINNER AND GETTING NEAR THE FRONT OF THE QUEUE. (JACK LIVESEY)**

**I VERY MUCH ENJOYED DOING THE RECYCLING AND EVERY OTHER JOB AND THERE WAS NOTHING I DIDN'T ENJOY. (LAITH STOTT)**

**I REALLY ENJOYED LEARNING HOW TO WORK UNDER PRESSURE AND HOW TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF, BUT I ESPECIALLY ENJOYED THE FREE DINNER! (CAITLYN BURGESS)**

**I REALLY ENJOYED IT TODAY BECAUSE WE WERE REALLY BUSY. (AMELIA REDFORD)**

**OVERALL, I ENJOYED THE EXPERIENCE, THE FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY (IN A GOOD WAY) WAS NICE. THE JOB IS QUITE TIRING THOUGH AFTER WALKING UP TO THE ENGLISH FLOOR A FEW TIMES. (MARIA JOHNSON)**

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exceptionally useful personal development decision making confidence  
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## - YOUNG WRITER AWARD -

### National Young Writers Award: Regional Winner!

My name is Daisy and I am in Year 7! Recently I entered a story-writing competition called National Young Writers Awards, as I love to write stories! The competition was being judged by Steve Backshall (a TV presenter and animal expert). It was ran by Explore Learning and I just happened to see it on the internet! Everyone had to write about The Future, here's a bit of what I wrote:

**BLEEP! The vulgar sound echoed through my head. It was the start of another day. Why did I always get woken up so dreadfully early? Oh, yes I remember - because of all those careless people in the 21st century. They'd used their phones whenever they wanted to and they hadn't even thought about the fact that each time they turned those irritating social-transmitters on they were, in fact, controlling and creating a new life!**

Whoever had generated me had decided that they would have an alarm go off every morning at 6:00am! They had also decided that I had to sit on a kitchen worktop all day with a 'charger' (I think that's what my father called it) making me more and more energetic and helpful. Well, I don't think so!

I ended up being a regional winner; therefore I got a medal and a certificate! The rest of my story was about where the protagonist started at secondary school and it was very different to how it is today!

*by Daisy Dewsnap*





## - L I T E R A R Y F E S T I V A L -

Response to the 2nd Saddleworth Literary Festival, taking place within Saddleworth School on the weekend 24th/25th March 2018, has been fantastic. Performers signed up to appear at the festival whose patron is well-known actor, **John Henshaw**, include:

**'Buzz' Hawkins** – writer, singer, and the voice behind 'The Bradshaws'.

**Alex Wheatle** – YA Author and winner of the Guardian's Children's Fiction Prize of 2016 for his tales set on the South Crongton council estate.

**Catherine Barter** – YA Author with her debut novel, 'Troublemakers' a novel set against the backdrop of terrorism and political activists in London.

**Christine Green** – London Literary Agent

**Emily Midorikawa & Emma Claire Sweeney** – co-authors of 'A Secret Sisterhood' a tale of the hidden literary friendship between Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte,

George Eliot and Virginia Woolf.

**Phaedra Patrick** – author of 'The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper' and 'Rise and Shine, Benedict Stone'.

**Jan Needle** – author known for his 'Grange Hill' and 'Tucker's Lot' TV series.

**Bill Broady** – author, poet and a very eloquent speaker.

**Mike Sweeney** - BBC Radio Manchester presenter, has once again expressed his interest to be involved and it is highly likely that well-known actor and author, **George Costigan** will be appearing.

We are also hoping that Children's Horror Author, **Darren Shan**, will have his diary free the weekend of the festival. We will know more when we contact him again in the Autumn.

As well as these professional writers and speakers, we have a host of local writers and poets who will be performing or running workshops. All in all it promises to be a very eventful and interesting weekend and we hope a good crowd will turn out to support these names and the festival.

*Mr Unsworth*



Why not check out the website for the festival at: [www.saddleworthlitfest.co.uk](http://www.saddleworthlitfest.co.uk)

*Created by Ryan Barnes, Year 10*

## - D I F F E R E N C E , N O T D E F I C I T . . . -

*by*

**Luke Worrall**

Year 10 Drama GCSE students were recently treated to a fantastic performance entitled "Difference, not Deficit..." devised by Oldham College drama students.

The play explored the perceptions society has of people with conditions such as dyslexia, autism and dyspraxia. It was also a great opportunity for Year 10 to learn more about the devising process and to inspire them to be even more creative in their own work.

In discussions with the college students after the show Year 10 discovered that several of the actors had these conditions themselves, which made the performance even more powerful. Thank you Oldham College!



Recently Year 10 Drama GCSE pupils had the opportunity to take part in a writing for drama workshop run by students from the prestigious Central School of Speech and Drama in London. The workshop was fun and practical giving Saddleworth pupils a plethora of ideas and techniques for how to get started with writing. There was also an opportunity to talk to the workshop leaders about further education in drama and theatre and careers in the industry.



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



During May half term forty year 8 - 10 pupils and five members of staff set off on a journey to La Fosca, Costa Brava for an exhilarating water sports programme on the Mediterranean.

Led by Miss Danby, the Saddleworth crew arrived at the tented villages and set up camp in preparation for some ultimate challenges and once in a lifetime experiences. The action packed week was set out on the beautiful sun kissed beaches of Palamos, Platja d' Aro and the pretty cove of Castells.

With a team of enthusiastic and expert instructors to greet us, eager sailors were soon on the Med sailing, snorkelling, kayaking, windsurfing and canoeing.

There was excellent tuition on how to paddleboard too. As confidence grew Saddleworth pupils soon got to understand how perseverance led to success. Soon there was a magnificent and memorable scene of yellow and blue picos and funboats gliding in uniform around the sea with some very proud sailors onboard.

The PGL catering team worked around the clock to ensure we were all full of energy and hydrated

through the provision of delicious food eaten either on the beach or back at the camp.

The trip also included a visit to FC Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium where there was time to shop and a chance to take in the atmosphere of the famous football ground. In the afternoon there was free time to amble down Las Ramblas with friends. Some went to purchase souvenirs or have cartoon portraits sketched or simply soaked in the busy electric vibrancy of the busy boulevard whilst enjoying a cool ice cream.

Evening entertainment included beach games and a disco. Pupils also enjoyed splash time in the onsite pool and a chance to relax in the glorious sunshine.

Most of all, each and every one of the Saddleworth entourage benefitted from the opportunities to learn new skills, experience a new environment, work as a team and make new friends. There was a real sense of achievement as we loaded the coach for our return journey after what can only be described as a fantastic week!

*Mrs Butler*

## QUOTES FROM THE STUDENTS & TEACHERS

The funniest moment was when we all made Mr Healy get on the banana boat and we had to pull him up because he couldn't get on.

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I loved it all except when Chloe and Holly drove the topper into my boat. Jess's bedtime stories are the best. Thank you for such a good week.”

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“To the teachers thank you for putting up with me every morning and trying to wake me up and because of you I tried every activity - thank you.

Thanks for organising this amazing trip as it was really fun. My favourite part was the snorkelling! Hopefully I will be able to come next year.

“I enjoyed getting to know loads of new people including the teachers. You're all amazing, cheers!”



I have loved that everyone has come so close together and looked out for each other. The funniest moment was when Ellie fell off the Pico boat as we were turning and the boom hit me! She fell off again so I had to go back and save her.

I loved it when everyone was really nice and caring to me when I was ill. The funniest moment was when I couldn't get in the speed boat so josh pulled me up and I landed on the boat then fell out the other side head first.

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I have loved making lots of new friends and how nice everyone has been. I have decided karaoke in a boat is better than in the shower.

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Mrs Carter said, “It was nice meeting students that I haven't worked with before and seeing a different side to the pupils that I do know. I was impressed by the impeccable behaviour of all the pupils on the long coach journeys. I would recommend this trip to all students.”

Mrs Butler added “It was an honour to be with such amazing young people and seeing the sense of achievement as they came off the water activities. It was also very heart-warming seeing the older pupils watching out and caring for the younger ones.”



## - 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.

Like always we run initiatives as a school and since the last magazine have supported Francis House, Comic Relief and the Manchester Bomb appeal.

This edition I would like to showcase a number of students that have done something amazing in support of their chosen charity.

### KIAN LEWIS

Set up a weekly stall selling ice pops and things he had made to support a local charity that works with children.



### PAUL COOK

A big thank you to Paul Cook who raised money by shaving his head for Charity.



### YEAR 7 BOYS

Congratulations to the following students who completed a sponsored run for charity:

**Ben Hadfield, Rory Brown, Lex Whiteley, Scott Kingston-Taylor, Harry Rushworth and Henry Taylor.**



### REGAN

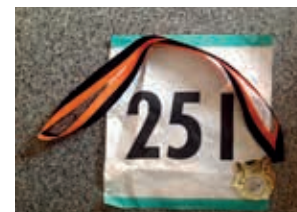
On the 1st July my parents, sister and myself walked up Mount Snowdon in Wales to raise money for The Christie. My mum is treated there and they do amazing work to help people with cancer. The hike along Penny Pass we ascended was very steep in parts and more of a climb, but the weather was fantastic and it helped to motivate us to get to the top where we queued to touched the top of the mountain (yes there were that many people there!) The view from the top was amazing and I really enjoyed the experience.

On Sunday 2nd July I entered my first triathlon which was in Blackpool. I swam 400 metres, cycled 8000 metres and ran 2400 metres. In my age group of 13/14 I came 40/59 (male 25/34) my total time was 36:12 and I was very pleased with this! I'm looking forward to competing in more triathlons in the future.

**WE HAVE CURRENTLY RAISED £620!!!**

If you would like to read more about this amazing campaign to help others or feel that you are able to support this great cause then please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/j-taylor14>





**AIMEE**

Year 8 pupil Aimee Torr to take on 108-mile walking challenge for Francis House.

Aimee Torr (8L) will take part in a five-day trek from Hawes to Edale this July with her Dad to raise money for Francis House Children’s Hospice. Aimee has been very busy training over the past six months, taking part in a series of short and long walks to build up to the 21 miles a day target for the trek.

Aimee’s idea to complete 108 miles for charity was inspired by her Mum: “My mum Nicky ran the Spine Mountain Rescue Challenge last year and I supported her, travelling alongside in the van 24 hours a day and helping with refreshments. That inspired me and I decided I wanted to do something myself. So I’ll be walking the same distance – 108 miles – over five days, and camping overnight. I’m raising money for Francis House Hospice as I think the work they do is really important. They are funded by donations so I want to do my bit to make sure it continues”.

Well done Aimee on showing so much courage, effort, selflessness and dedication to train towards such a hard challenge for a very worthwhile cause. This commitment to charity embodies the Year 8 mantra to ‘Make a Difference’ and what a difference Aimee is going to make to Francis House. We are so proud of you and wish you lots of luck for the 5 day challenge.

Anyone wishing to donate to Aimee’s Challenge108 please see Mrs Blezard-Downs.



**AVALON PARK CARE HOME**

On the Friday 16th June, the School’s Brass Ensemble visited Avalon Park Care Home to play at their Open Day. The afternoon consisted of various groups from around the area performing for the residents, who enjoyed arrangements of ‘The Three Sea Shanties’, ‘McArthur Park’, and ‘Time to Say Goodbye’ to name just a few, which we played for them. Several residents even got involved by singing along to some of the pieces played, and we could all agree it was an enjoyable afternoon.



**THE SAURUS**

The English department were very lucky to receive a generous donation from Saddleworth Parish Council which we used to purchase much needed class sets of thesauruses.

The newly appointed Head Boy and Girl, along with their deputies, went to Uppermill Civic Hall on the 15th May to receive the donation. Lessons have subsequently been enhanced by pupils’ extensive vocabulary and we look forward to continuing our synonym journey in the next academic year.

Thanks so much to Pam Byrne and the Saddleworth Parish Council for their support and their obvious passion for education.

**What did the thesaurus have for breakfast? A synonym roll!**



**COACHING BATON**

Ex student Erika has successfully passed the Greater Sport baton onto Mackenzie, inspiring her to continue and gain her coaching awards.

**THE LORD RHODES AWARD**

The Lord Rhodes Award is an annual award presented by Saddleworth Parish. It is a wonderful opportunity for Home School Leaders to identify students that are deserving of special recognition for their hard work and positive attitude towards school.

Those nominated are considered by the Chair of Saddleworth Parish and a winner selected. All those shortlisted were invited to attend a celebration lunch with Pam Bryne, Chair of Saddleworth Parish where the winner of this award was announced.

For the 9 student shortlisted it is a great accomplishment and a richly deserved acknowledgement.

Erin McCorquardale, Liam Badby, Isabella Sanderson, Eleanor Byrom, Mitchell Bryden, Jeremy Knight, Joseph Lamb, Alanna Rudd and Georgie White.

Unable to select a single student, the award this year was presented by **Joseph Lamb** and **Georgie White**.







## FoSS

Friends of Saddleworth School are a PTA organisation who are celebrating their first year of raising money for the school.

We are a committed and dedicated group of parents, carers and friends who run events for the enjoyment of children and adults alike and also raise funds in the process.

During the last year we have managed a number of events including a Christmas party for years 7 & 8, a fashion show for Saddleworth Boutique, ensured refreshments were available at all parent's evenings, hosted the Treasure Hunt Monopoly Challenge, provided tea and coffee at the memorial for Mr Attack.

### Why not join us for a meeting?

The date will be in the School Bulletin in September. We look forward to seeing you there.

## MONOPOLY CHALLENGE

### The Treasure Hunt Monopoly challenge:

A massive well done to those who took part in the annual school Treasure Hunt Monopoly Challenge. Thankfully we were blessed with great weather and the challenge was won by Melissa Dempstader. All money raised will go to FOSS which in turn will be benefitted by all at the school.



## THE BENCH

On Saturday 1st of June a memorial to a past teacher, Mr Attack, was arranged and delivered by Kathy Wander, an ex pupil, in the school hall. On hearing of the passing of a retired Saddleworth School teacher she remembered how influential he'd been and asked on Facebook if anyone would like to contribute money to buy a bench to remember him by.

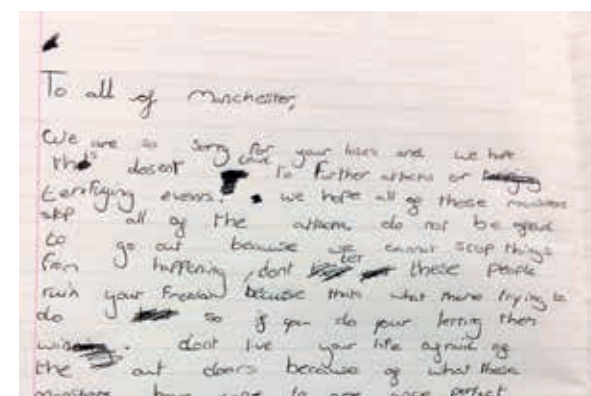
The response was overwhelming raising £2169.05. Simon Hodgson, another former pupil designed and made the bench from oak adding inscriptions to remember Mr Attack as he was such an excellent science teacher. The presentation of the bench to the school was made by both Kathy and Simon in the presence of Mr Attack's immediate family and many former pupils. A great tribute to a great man.



## I HEART MCR

Following the terrible attacks in Manchester we came together as a community to support each other and those around us. As well as observing the silence immaculately, staff also provided students the opportunity to work collectively on reflective pieces of work

Year 7 are further supporting this great cause in their Super Learning day and their enterprise challenge to raise money.





## - PRIMARY LINKS -

Working together to build a better future

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

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



## MUSIC

Brass Transition afternoon to Holy Trinity Dobcross.

On the 15th June, the Saddleworth School Brass Ensemble, accompanied by Mrs Pickett, took a trip to Dobcross Primary School with the aim of providing some master classes and a concert to the children. The brass musicians' instruments were a cornet, horn, euphonium, trombone and tuba, and they had been selected as having the most promise with their craft. The afternoon began by getting to know the fantastic young players with some clapping games to break the ice, such as rhythms made by a leader that the group joined in with. After this, each brass ensemble member took one or two of the Primary school children to a different area to give each one a more in depth master class on their specific instrument. During this time we each took the players through the piece they would take part in during the concert. Once the piece had been practised, we continued by passing on knowledge that we were taught, such as breathing and technique exercises. Finally, to wrap up the day, the Brass Ensemble gave the rest of the Primary school children, teachers and parents a short concert containing a varied repertoire. Before the last piece was played, the Primary brass players joined us on stage for the piece they had learnt that day. In the end, the day was an interesting and successful day for all involved resulting in the Primary children being even more enthused about learning their instruments!

*by Sam Smithies*



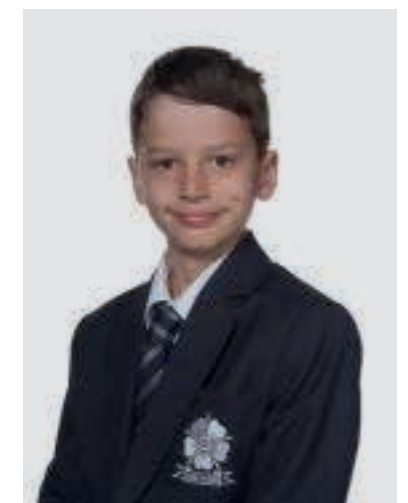
## VOLUNTEERING

On Wednesday afternoons, I go to Diggle School (my old primary school) and sign in as a visitor. I then go to class 4 to help two students with reading and english composition, maths and science. I also help with PE. I really enjoy helping at the school as a mentor because I know that the students I am assisting are using less of the teachers time, so that the teacher can focus on helping other students.

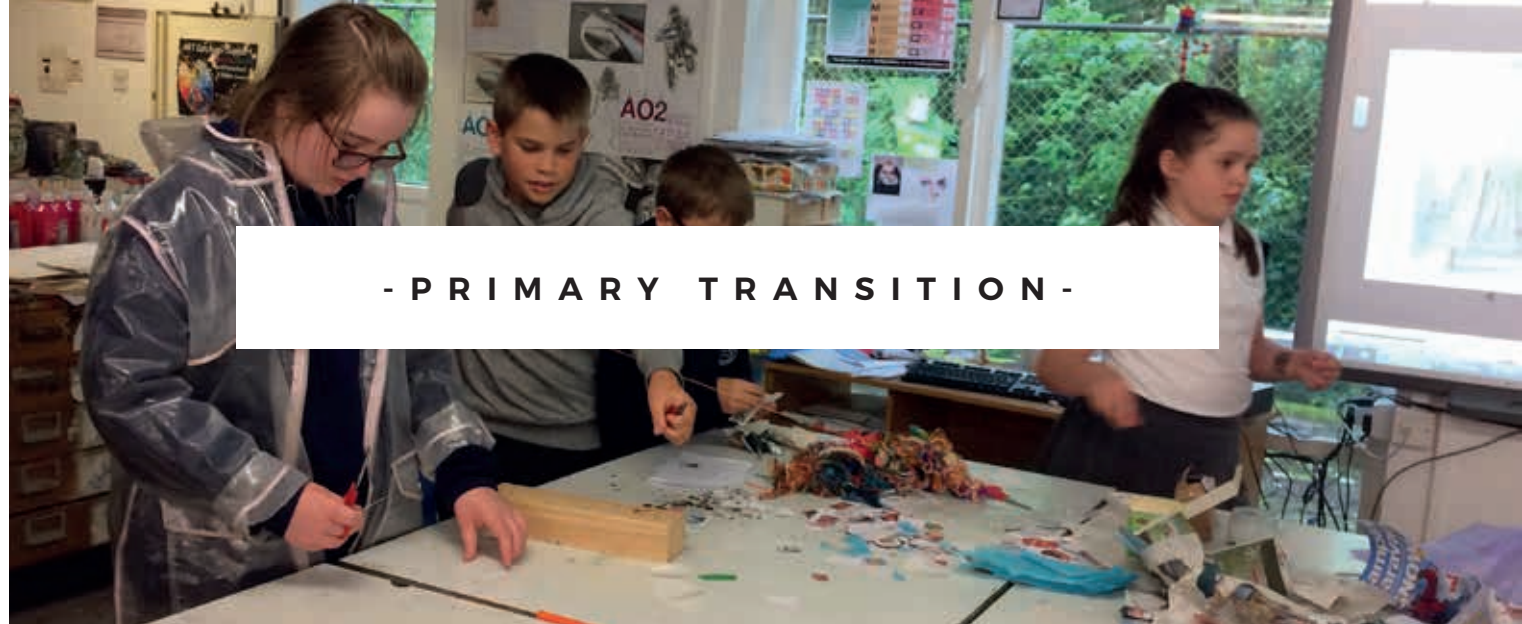
The students also react differently to someone who's closer in age, for instance one student doesn't like to ask the teacher if they need help but they talk to me because I'm relatable to. I like going there as it boosts my confidence to help people and because I talk in front of 26 children.

The reason I started to help there is because I think I'd like to work in education preferably in the maths department.

*by Ned Warrington*







As always we invest lots of time in our transition programme to ensure that the students moving up to us in September are well prepared and feel excited. Mrs Auchterlonie conducts a 6 week 'moving up' programme in our feeder primaries for all of our students, the SEN team complete an additional number of visits for those that they work with and we hold special lunch visits for those with dietary requirements.

This year we also hosted a 4 week transition activity programme offering a chance to try new things and meet new people. Running every night there was a menu of activities including Coding, Journalism, Art, Technology, Scrapbooking, Languages, Cricket, Football, Tennis, Music Badminton and Rounders. In total 33 sessions were offered and 673 bookings made.

We hope it helps them feel settled and have made lots of new friends.



### YEAR 6 BECOME ROVING REPORTERS

For the last five weeks, year 6 students from our feeder primary schools have been creating a Saddleworth School newspaper at a weekly journalism club. Ex BBC and News of the World journalist, Mrs Hughes, put the journalists through their paces when they had to work to tight deadlines and uncover exclusives,

Activities included, interviewing teaching staff, the Head Boy and Deputy Head Boys and going to watch the year 7 football team for the sports pages.

At the end of the four weeks, students got to take their completed newspapers home with them as a memento of their time at the club. We are really looking forward to seeing them all again in September!



## - 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 do some mini spotlights on students and their achievements outside of school.

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

Please keep us updated so we can recognise and celebrate this in school by emailing me at: [c.mcmurdo@saddleworthschool.org](mailto:c.mcmurdo@saddleworthschool.org)

### HARVEY WILSON

Part of the U14 Manchester Giants Basketball team, Harvey has just come back from a tournament in Barcelona. Competing against teams from Russia, France, USA, Ireland and Spain it was a great opportunity. They progressed out of their group to the semi finals and played exceptionally well.



### EBONY WARBURTON

Boxing is a competitive sport and also a painful one but you become better and you get to meet your targets like me. I am fighting for the north west region now. My trainers motto is 'work hard, fight hard'.



### JACK LIVESY

I am extremely proud to tell you that he has been selected for the Lancashire U13 Cricket Development Squad. A wonderful achievement and opportunity.



### FRANKIE FUDGE

In Gymnastics, it can be a very competitive sport with all the routines and the fights to gold. I recently entered a gymnastics tumbling competition at my club, Eclipse Acro Gymnastics competing against 7 others and achieved second place, Silver!

On Sunday 2nd July 2017 my club entered the North West competition and myself and my partner got Silver in the Women's Pairs Tariff 15 Grade 2 category.



## - TALENTED ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2016/17 -

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

So whether you need support with equipment, specialist clothing,

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

For more details or an application form please contact Mrs McMurdo at: [c.mcmurdo@saddleworthschool.org](mailto:c.mcmurdo@saddleworthschool.org)

## - MY SPORTING STORY -

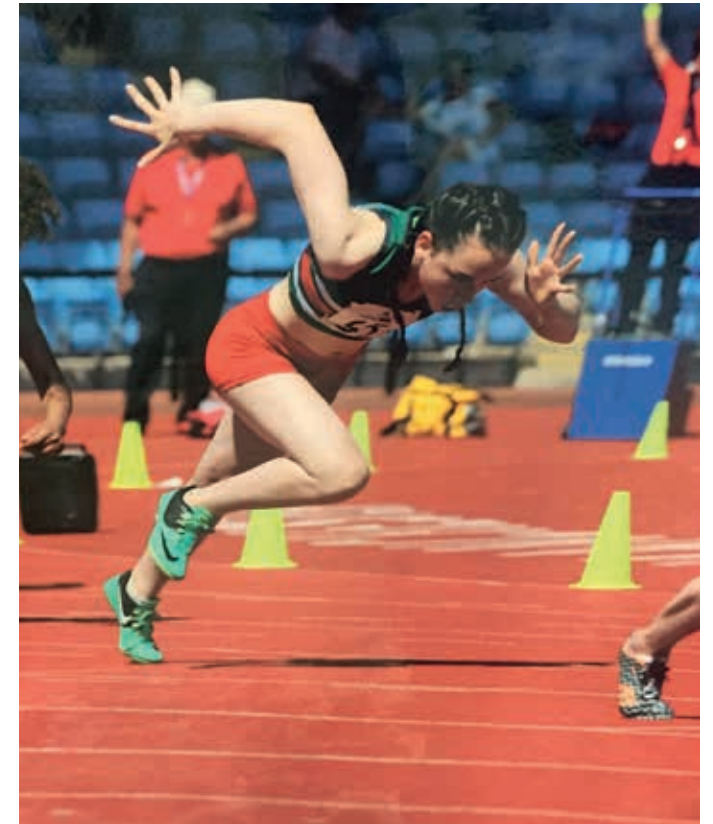
### AYLA HEWITT

My athletics journey started at Saddleworth Olympics when I was 9 years old and I was spotted by a coach from Sale Harriers who sent me to a one to one sprint coach who then decided that I should join the club. I now have 2 main coaches; Anita Richardson is my sprint coach and Jessica Taylor-Jemmet who achieved a bronze medal in the last Commonwealth Games in Glasgow for heptathlon, is my long jump and hurdles coach.

I am currently the defending champion of Oldham school cross country which I have won for 2 consecutive years. In years 7, 8 and 9 I am also the defending champion of Long jump and the 200m. I am the captain of the cross country team which we have won every year and the captain of the athletics team too.

However, my proudest moment has to be winning long jump in the national final 2 years ago in Birmingham, with Sale Harriers also winning the overall event. Another proud moment was winning the bronze medal in the Greater Manchester Schools 200m this year. An event where all the fastest runners from across the county race. I wasn't really expecting to get a medal as this isn't my distance, so I was very proud of myself! It took me a lot of hard training and dedication to get on the podium as I train 3 times during the week and also during the weekend. Between these sessions I also have to go on distance runs and swims too.

I really enjoy athletics and I can't imagine my life without it. Next year I am hoping to get to the national standard in 300m hurdles which will get me to English schools where you compete against the best athletes in England at that event.



### SOPHIE SOUTHERN

Over the last few weeks I have been helping at St. Chads Primary School, Years 5&6, netball training for the volunteering section of my Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In order to support the team, I have travelled to many of the matches and competitions with them. I was able to do this as transport could be easily provided as my sister plays for this team.

It was at the Oldham Primary School Games heats that I was asked to umpire for all the matches due to a shortage of umpires. St. Chads came in the top 2 and qualified to go through to the Oldham Games Finals. I was asked to come back and umpire, which were the qualifiers for the Manchester Games, with the top 2 teams going through.





## - RESULTS -

### ATHLETICS

#### Greater Manchester Schools' Athletics Championships 2017

Congratulations to two of our pupils who were selected to represent Oldham in the Greater Manchester Schools' Athletics Championships held at Longford Park last weekend. Ayla Hewitt in year 9 competed in the 200m and gained a bronze medal as well as achieving a personal best time of 27.2 seconds and Zach Eckersley in year 8 competed in the 100m. Well done to both athletes, a great achievement.



#### Oldham Schools Athletics Championship

Well done to all pupils who represented the school on Monday 19th June at the annual Oldham School's Field championships, some outstanding performances. Overall there were 14 medals won, 7 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze.

Congratulations to the following pupils who were medalists on the night:



**Gold:** Zach Eckersley in year 8 – Long Jump, Tom Hattersley in year 8 – Shot, Ayla Hewitt in Year 9 – Long Jump, Erin Wolfenden in Year 9 – High Jump, Lewis Smethurst in Year 9 – Triple Jump, Poppy Shepherdson in Year 9 – Discus and Sophie Glynn in Year 10 – Shot.

**Silver:** Lila Robinson in Year 7 – Javelin, Lucy Johnson in Year 8 – Long Jump, Reeves Burr in Year 10 – Long Jump and Marshall Miller in Year 10 – Shot.

**Bronze:** Jacob Douglas in Year 8 – High Jump, Grace Martin in Year 8 – High Jump, Alice Green in Year 10 – High Jump and Jessica Whittam in Year 10 – Javelin.

### BASKETBALL



Congratulations to the talented **Year 11** basketball team who vanquished the staff team 43-18 in the annual charity match. The Year 11's were far too strong for the beleaguered staff members who did not even have the luxury of any substitutes! Many thanks to the staff and pupils who supported this event.

### CRICKET



#### Year 7

Quarter Final V Royton & Crompton winners by 8 wickets and 86 runs.

Semi Final v Hulme winners with 7 overs remaining.

#### Year 10

Quarter Final v Waterhead Academy winners by 8 wickets.

Semi Final v Bluecoat.

Unfortunately edged out of the semi final by 18 runs.

### FOOTBALL



#### Year 11

Oldham School's B League Football Champions 2017, beating Radclyffe 4-2 on pens, after 3-3 draw in normal time.

### GOLF



**Mr Melling** is the Oldham and District Scratch Golf Champion and officially the best amateur golfer in the borough as he shot rounds of 70 and 68 gross to be take the trophy in the annual event.



Staff Golf team are runners up at the Oldham Schools competition scoring 81 points. Well done to Mr Smith, Mrs Pickett, Mr Kelly and Mr Meadowcroft.

### ROUNDERS

With a number of Rallies still to play we are hopeful of some additional trophies after a strong start to the season.

#### Year 7



Rally still to be played

#### Year 8



Oldham Schools Rally Winners  
They have also reached the final of the cup which is still to be played.

#### Year 9



Oldham Schools Rally Winners  
Oldham Schools Cup Winners

#### Year 10



Oldham Schools Cup winners  
Rally still to play due to weather

### RUGBY



**Year 11** rugby team were beaten 24-22 by Bluecoat in the final of the Oldham Schools' Rugby League cup.  
MOM Isaac Lowe and Hayden Enziano.

### TENNIS



Well done to the Junior Boys Tennis team that competed at the Regional tennis centre.

Congratulations to Dan White & Keaton Sloane who were runners up at the competition.



All other age groups and teams are due to compete over the coming weeks.

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

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