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SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL HEADTEACHER Foreword

WORDS BY **MR MILBURN**

I would like to thank all those parents and carers who took time out of their busy schedules to participate in the Pupil Driven Reviews that we ran at the beginning of July. We want the school to be a place where children are genuinely listened to and where we work closely with parents to understand where pupils are up to and what we can do together to support them further. I know from personal experience and from feedback that the vast majority of reviews were celebratory and life affirming. Some however will have been challenging for pupils, families and the school. By making time for dialogue and working together will we enable genuine progress for every pupil. Rest assured that although this time consuming process is unique to Saddleworth Schools by disaggregating INSET days, we offer the same number of pupil days as every other school.

Consultation on the new school building is now over and I'm pleased to report that thanks to the support of the local authority we've been able to incorporate some additional features into the new building that will help to make it the excellent educational facility that we all want to see. The new school hall for example will have an enhanced wooden flooring making it more suitable for PE lessons as well

as presentations and public events. It will also benefit from retractable seating for up to three hundred which will fold away electronically enabling the space to be used flexibly. We have also been able to afford a demountable wall which mean that the stage area can be separated off and used for drama lessons.

As is often the case at this time of year, we are losing some of highly talented staff team. I would like to thank **Jane Cook** who for the last four years has been the Special Educational Needs Coordinator at Saddleworth. Miss Cook has been a tremendous advocate for some of our more vulnerable pupils and has enabled many children to be included in education in a way that sadly wasn't always the case. It's a challenging role to act as a SENCO and we will miss Miss Cook's calm and professional presence. Her role at Saddleworth will be filled by Mrs Borg who will be supported by Miss Peek and Mr Anderson.

We are also saying farewell to a number of other colleagues. **Mr Morley** has left the school and **Mr Gough** is leaving after three years teaching modern languages to take up a position at Urmston Grammar School. **Mrs Di Paola** has decided to take some time out from teaching to focus on her family whilst her

daughters are young. **Miss Hollis** is relocating and has been successful in securing a job in a prestigious school in Richmond, south London. **Miss Sandler** has also gained a promotion and is to become Head of Geography at a school in Macclesfield. **Mr Butler** takes retirement after 15 years of service to the school as part of our site team. We thank all of these colleagues for the excellent work they have done at Saddleworth School and we wish them well in the future.

The government have encouraged all schools to streamline their governance arrangements and Alice Rea has led this process on behalf of Saddleworth School. We should thank those governors who have who have worked hard over the years to help the school to thrive and who are now taking this opportunity to stand down. In particular we should recognise the loyalty and commitment of **Donald Clarke** who has been a tremendous supporter of the school for over three decades. Having been the bank manager at NatWest in Uppermill, for many years Donald chaired the finance committee and ensured that the schools resources were spent in the interests of children and their education. In recognition of his service Donald has been made an Honary Patron of Saddleworth School and an award for music has been named after him.

After a year in which we have adjusted to the new school day, had a positive outcome from OFSTED and in the last couple of weeks enjoyed a fantastic Super Learning Day, a wonderful Year 11 Prom and some brilliant musical performances, as well as the arrival of our new cohort of Year 6 pupils. It's been exhausting

yet fabulous to work in such a thriving school. We go into the summer break safe in the knowledge that the school is in a strong position as we move towards the new building scheduled to open in September 2017.

School will finish at 1pm on Friday 17th July and pupils will return to school on 2nd September with Year 7 arriving at 8.45am and the remaining year groups arriving at 9.45am.

I hope you have a restful break and comeback feeling refreshed for what promises to be an even stronger year.





DEAR PARENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES AS THE HEAD BOY (**IRA WALL**) AND HEAD GIRL (**EMINE ÇAKIR**) FOR THE FORTHCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR AND TO SAY HOW PROUD WE ARE OF OUR TEAM LEADERS AND PREFECTS WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL AND ENSURE IT IS A SAFE AND HAPPY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

We would like to write this short message to inform you of who we are and what our jobs include...

To receive the title Head Girl has got to be one of the biggest achievements for me so far. The process was extremely rigorous and the stakes were high. Firstly, it started with a form tutor vote, around 70 candidates were selected. Next was the teacher vote, this was narrowed down to a short list of 8 pupils. After this we made a presentation on an inspirational person for the entire group of year 10. Finally an interview with Mr Milburn took place, and the decision was made. I am absolutely thrilled to be Head Girl, I absolutely love working with the team who were all worthy of the role too. I am also really proud of Ira, he is an excellent Head Boy who deserves the job entirely. I would like to thank everybody who supported me and hope that I make everyone else proud too.

As Head Boy and Head Girl we also work closely within a team consisting of the six other student leaders; this includes the Deputy Head Boy and Girl (Sam Darke-Williams and Lydia Hood), as well as the two assistant Head Boys and Assistant Girls (Tom Kehoe, Will Bartley, Catherine Stott and Isobel Hallam), this team is called the Pupil Leadership Team. It is our role to manage prefects within school, we work to make sure that all behaviour rules are followed during break and lunch times, it is also the responsibility of the Leadership team to ensure that all pupils feel they have a voice in school; we do this by listening to the concerns of pupils and making sure their opinions are passed on.

We still remember all too well the anxieties we had whilst in the lower school, and consequently we see it as our responsibility to make sure that all pupils feel that they have somebody they can talk to and ask for help, no matter what their problem may be. We understand that starting a new school can be stressful and so in September we will be on hand at breaks and lunch times to be a friendly and supportive presence around the corridors and in the playground, so that your son or daughter always has somebody to talk to for help and reassurance.

We look forward to seeing your son or daughter next September and hope that they have a great year at Saddleworth School.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE AND A LOVELY LETTER FROM SIR LENNY HENRY, THANKING THE SCHOOL FOR GOING "ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FOR RED NOSE DAY" IN RAISING £1842.23 THIS YEAR.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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DURING APRIL OF THIS YEAR THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT TOOK A GROUP OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS TO TOUR THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE SOMME AREA

Pupils visited many of the key memorials from the First World War and got to witness a moving ceremony at the Menin Gate where they heard the story of a soldier who was killed in action and was actually younger than themselves. During the trip the department were extremely pleased with the positive and sensitive manner in which they approached activities and throughout their behaviour and attitude was impeccable. Indeed members of the public approached staff to say what a credit they were to our school! Hopefully it is an experience that will stay with all pupils who attended for a lifetime.



In my EP lessons we have been making films. With year 7 we made stop motion animation films with play dough, based on some scenes from the novel we are reading "The Boy in Striped Pyjamas." In year 8 we made an advert for Amnesty International, which I then edited to include music and captions etc.

Pupils in 7D have been rolling out the red carpet in English and Philosophy last month, as they have all turned budding film makers. The creative class were given the brief of creating a movie version out of one of the scenes they have read in John Boyne's 'Boy in Striped Pyjamas.' They then made this out of plasticine and provided stage directions, camera angles and music ideas for Mrs Hughes to edit into stop animation movies.

The finished movies were superb and some of them really would have given Stephen Spielberg a run for his money!

Later that week, the class all enjoyed an Oscar style award ceremony where the video made by Olivia Pate and Olivia Prior was crowned best picture.

Olivia Pate said: *"I really enjoyed making the movies as it made me think about how we could show the emotion of characters through camera angles. It has made me look at films more analytically."*

Mrs Hughes was incredibly impressed by all of the finished films and definitely thinks there are some budding film makers ready to take Hollywood by storm.



TWENTY Y10 WINNERS OF THE SIMON ARMITAGE POETRY COMPETITION RECENTLY ENJOYED THEIR VISIT WITH THE AWARD WINNING POET

Armitage delivered an engaging workshop which captivated the winners and prompted some original written work from students and staff. Students commented that they enjoyed Armitage's visit and found his approaches to creative writing useful for future pieces. **Well done Y10!**



Simon Armitage | Poet

Simon Robert Armitage, CBE (born 26 May 1963) is an English poet, playwright and novelist. On 19 June 2015, Armitage was elected **Oxford Professor of Poetry**

TRANSITION DAY

YEAR 6

OUR YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY WHERE 270 EXCITED YEAR 6 PUPILS ATTENDED THEIR NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR THEIR VERY FIRST TASTER DAY

Throughout the day the children took part in Science, Maths and English lessons accompanied by 20 of our fantastic Prefects who supported our new pupils with enthusiasm and empathy. The Year 6 pupils also had the privilege of working alongside our Year 8 and Year 9 Peer Mentors who all paired up to lead the English lessons and planned their own activities based on 'what makes you stand out'. In the afternoon, the children met their form tutors for the first time and spent some time in their form rooms getting to know the rest of their form members through involvement in team building and ice breakers games.

On the same evening, the parents of our new pupils were invited to attend the Year 6 Transition Evening. The hall was full of excited parents, albeit a little anxious, many of whom had brought their children back to experience the evening event. The parents were welcomed by the Xplosion Brass Band who played a variety of excellent pieces, giving parents a flavour of how talented our musicians at Saddleworth School are. Our Head Boy; Ira Wall and Head Girl; Emine Cakir opened the evening with a confident, well written speech and the evening then proceeded with presentations from Mr Milburn,

Mr Anderson and Mrs Blezard-Downs. Two of our Peer Mentors; Kirsten Fletcher and Joshua Hill gave an excellent speech on the Peer Mentor Scheme and explained to parents how each new Year 7 form will have 2 or 3 Peer Mentors working alongside them for the next academic year; all the Peer Mentors have been trained in anti-bullying and will act as 'buddies' to our new pupils to further help them feel settled in their new school.

We also had fantastic presentations from two of our Year 7 pupils; Molly Sheehan and Joe Taylor, who wrote their own speeches based on their positive experiences of Saddleworth School and what it was like for them when they had to make the big move up to Secondary School last September. The main presentation was concluded with a photo slide show of the Year 6 day. Parents then had the opportunity to meet their child's form tutor, enjoy our selection of refreshments, view the school uniform and speak to our SENCO; Ms Cook or our First Aider in charge of medical issues; Mrs Tissington if they wished to do so. It was lovely to see parents leaving the evening feeling happy, confident and reassured that Saddleworth is and will be the best school for their child.



On Tuesday 30th June Year 7 took part in an Inter form competition as part of Super Learning Day. Each form competed in rounders, dodgeball and Tug of water matches whilst being sponsored to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. The forms then turned their hand at a creative element of the morning designing their "making a difference" piece of work. This ranged from Jigsaw's and handprint trees to weaving and bunting. Each form designing something different but unique to Saddleworth School.

The afternoon saw our pupils in a "Pitch Perfect" style singing and performing competition whereby a song was picked and the lyrics were changed to suit the identity of each form group. A panel of judges gave scores and the whole year group watched the performances and proved a very supportive audience to their peers.

All of the points throughout the day got added up and the overall winners of the "Cook Cup" went to 7D - Miss Cradock's form!

A fantastic day was had by staff and pupils and hopefully a lot of money raised too!

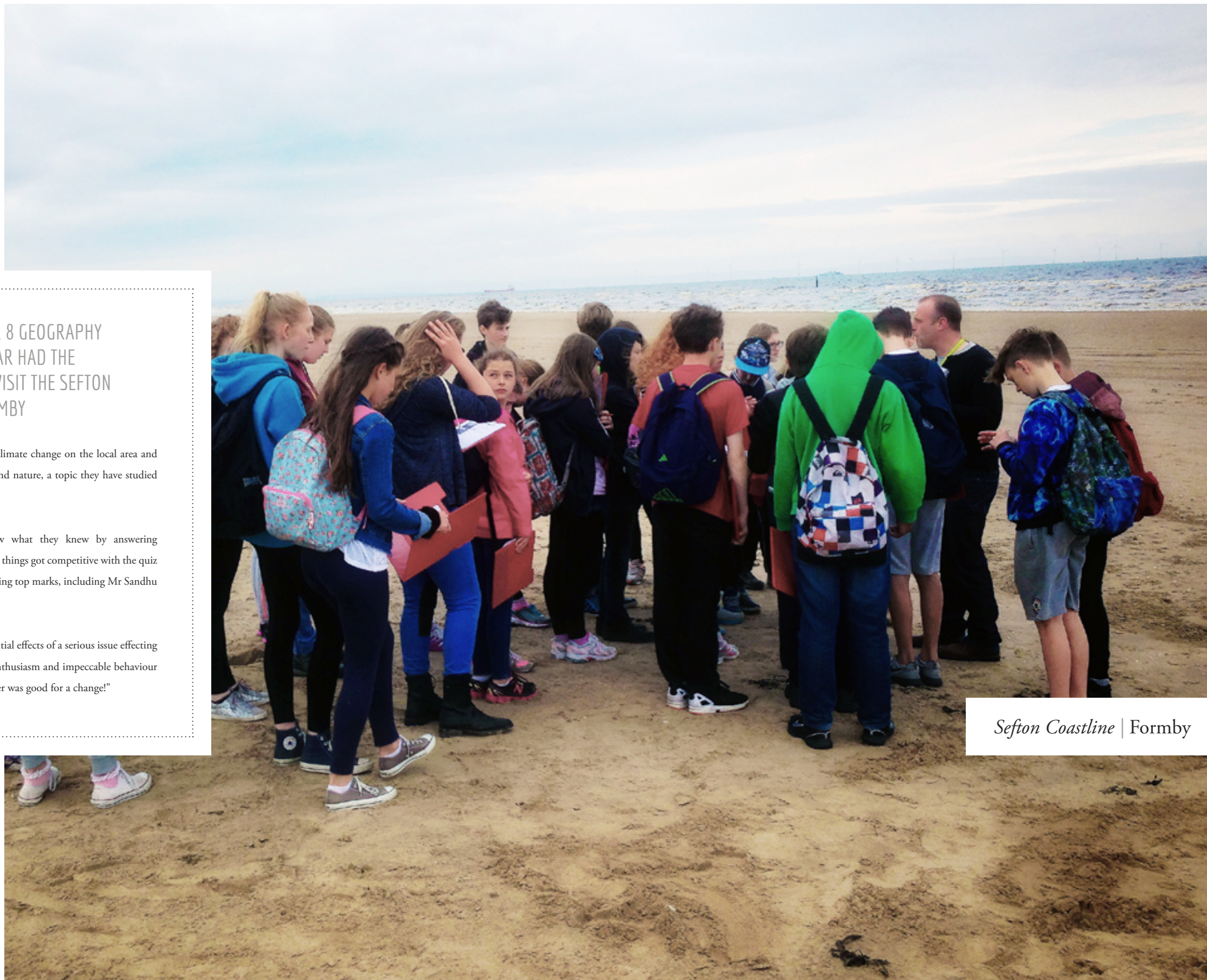


SOME OF THE YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS THIS YEAR HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE SEFTON COASTLINE AT FORMBY

They learnt about the effects of climate change on the local area and how it can impact both people and nature, a topic they have studied this year.

The pupils were keen to show what they knew by answering questions throughout the day and things got competitive with the quiz at the Eco Centre with many scoring top marks, including Mr Sandhu and Mr Ali!

A great day out to show the potential effects of a serious issue effecting us all, made even better by the enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour of the pupils. And yes, the weather was good for a change!"



Sefton Coastline | Formby



Saint-Brieuc | France



FOR THE PURPOSES OF A SCHOOL LANGUAGE EXCHANGE, THE PUPILS OF SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL ARE CURRENTLY IN THE TOWN OF SAINT-BRIEUC, FRANCE

They are being hosted by the families of their partners at the Leonard-de-Vinci school. Accompanied by their teachers, Susan and Tim, they immersed themselves in the customs and locale of the Côtes-d'Armor region, and above all the French language, which they have been studying for just two years.

Their Saint-Brieuc counterparts visited them in February.





Form tutor very approachable and interested. Fantastic feel that myself and * have both benefited from the day and agreed achievable targets

Deeper insight into my child's learning.

I think it's great. It gives us a chance to really get to grips with what our girls have achieved at school. Some lovely surprises in their presentations - great to see how much they enjoy school.

A proper time to reflect, think and ask questions. As good as it gets - Fantastic.

I saw a different side to my child that left a positive impression. good idea. Teaches people to self reflect, take constructive criticism and develop relationships with peers.

Well done. It really makes everyone think.

Informative, interactive, organised, constructive.

Enjoyable, I feel more involved in my children's learning.

This year's pupil driven review days saw all pupils taking part in a review. Students in year 7 and 8 completed an extended essay as part of their EP course and reviewed their year so far. Pupils in year 9 discussed their options and reflected on what they needed to do to become ready for GCSEs. Year 10 pupils reflected on their progress this year and considered the important year ahead and their college options.

The quality of presentations given by the students was exceptionally high this year, with many teachers describing seeing the presentations as the highlight of their year. It was wonderful to see the confidence and enthusiasm of students and how eloquently they talked about their experiences over the last 12 months. Well done to all the students for the quality of reflection and level of work they have put in this year.

Thank you to parents for the overwhelmingly positive feedback provided after the PDRs. The most common comments on the feedback forms from parents were 'so proud' and 'gave me a real insight into my child's education'. One parent said 'It was lovely to see how she has grown in confidence over

the year and to hear her talk so enthusiastically about her learning/school life. The teacher was very encouraging and helped my child to set targets for the next year. The hour felt like a celebration of my child's achievements. I think it is excellent as the preparation develops many skills and encourages children to reflect on their learning, progress and attitude to school.'

Some parents queried why we had taken 4 days out of the normal school week for PDR and were concerned that learning time might have been lost. All schools are required to have 190 pupil days and 195 teacher days. Most schools use the 5 extra teacher days as training days (INSET days) for teachers. Instead of using the non pupil days for staff training we have used them for the PDR days, meaning that students did not have any fewer days in school than in any previous year.



Winmarleigh Hall | Maths



We took 24 year 7s on a 3 day residential to Winmarleigh Hall run by PGL as a Maths themed activity centre.

Pupils had the opportunity to get involved with activities such as Giant Swing, Jacob's Ladder, Orienteering, Problem Solving, Archery and a muddy assault course. Two of these activities were linked into the Maths behind them, with bearings, scale, averages and heartbeats discussed in the classroom. Pupils had to work on both their teamwork and leadership skills.

In the evening we took part in "Capture the flag" and "The Cube" activities. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we're looking forward to running next year's year 7s in June 2016.



MATHEMATICS

MATHAMAGIC

8 Year 10 pupils went on the mathamagic trip where they attended workshops about maths in technology, moebius strips, and squaring squares. They then took part in a challenge where they were grouped with other schools and answered maths and logic puzzles.



BIG BANG FAIR

43 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 attended the Big Bang Fair at Aintree races last week. This is a STEM fair, with lots of hands on activities for the kids to get involved in to try to give them an insight into the various career prospects, and possibilities that are available through science, technology, engineering and maths.

INTER SCHOOL QUIZ

Congratulations to the year 8 boys who won the maths competition against Failsworth, Waterhead, North Chadd and Royton and Crompton.

And the winners are...

JUDE KEHOE JACOB BUTTERWORTH BRANDON TAYLOR REECE WOOD

They competed in several mathematical thinking challenges using logic, strategy and teamwork including making a car which was powered by a balloon.



YEAR 11 COMPLETED THEIR ASDAN VOLUNTEERING FOR AN EVENT AWARD BY GIVING UP A WEEKEND TO HELP CLEAN UP THE FISHING LAKE AND DIG OUT THE FEEDER STREAM

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ATTENDING STUDENTS WHO ALSO COMPLETED WIDER KEY SKILLS AND A CERTIFICATE IN EMPLOYABILITY AT LEVEL 2

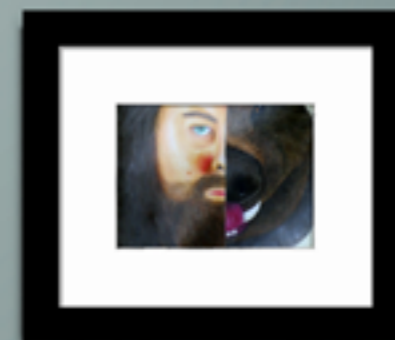
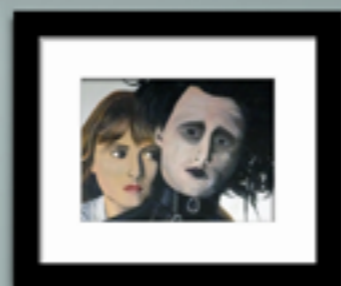
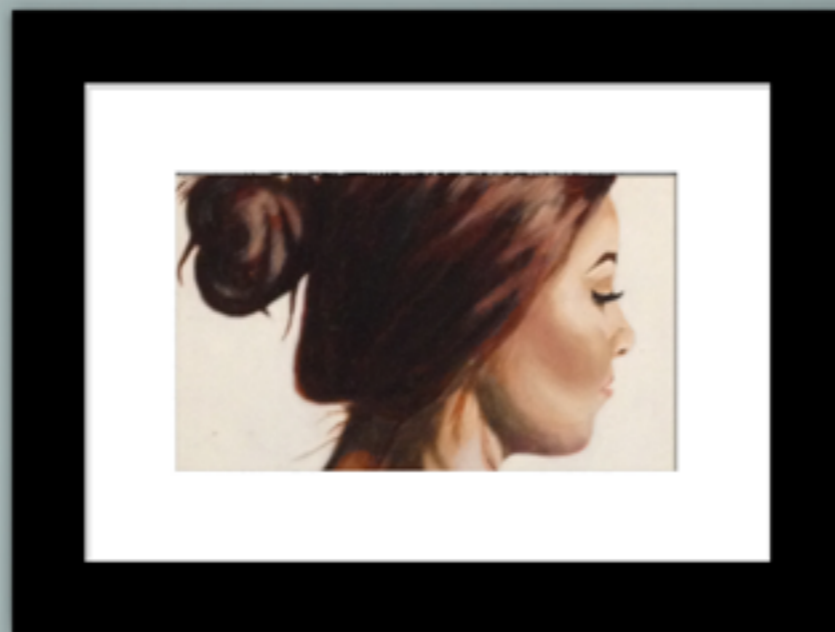
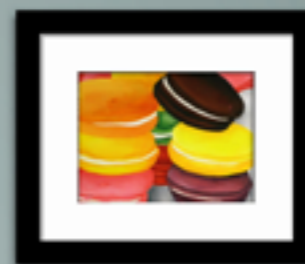


The Year 10 Btec Jamie Oliver group, Reece Furness, Kerry Gilroy, Viktoria Petrovics, Savannah Salisbury, Georgia Shaw, James Stallard, Samuel Sumner and Amy Uglow would like to say a big **THANK YOU** for supporting their Summer fair.

We spent the morning preparing cakes and a tombola to raise money for Christies. We set up the tables and put out bunting. We asked the school brass band to play for us. There was a brilliant atmosphere and we raised **£150** in total which is amazing in just 40 minutes.

Big thanks to everyone who helped and supported us in arranging the School Summer Fair. It was **BRILLIANT!!**





ON 7TH JULY SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL CELEBRATED THE ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR PUPILS WITH THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF GCSE WORK

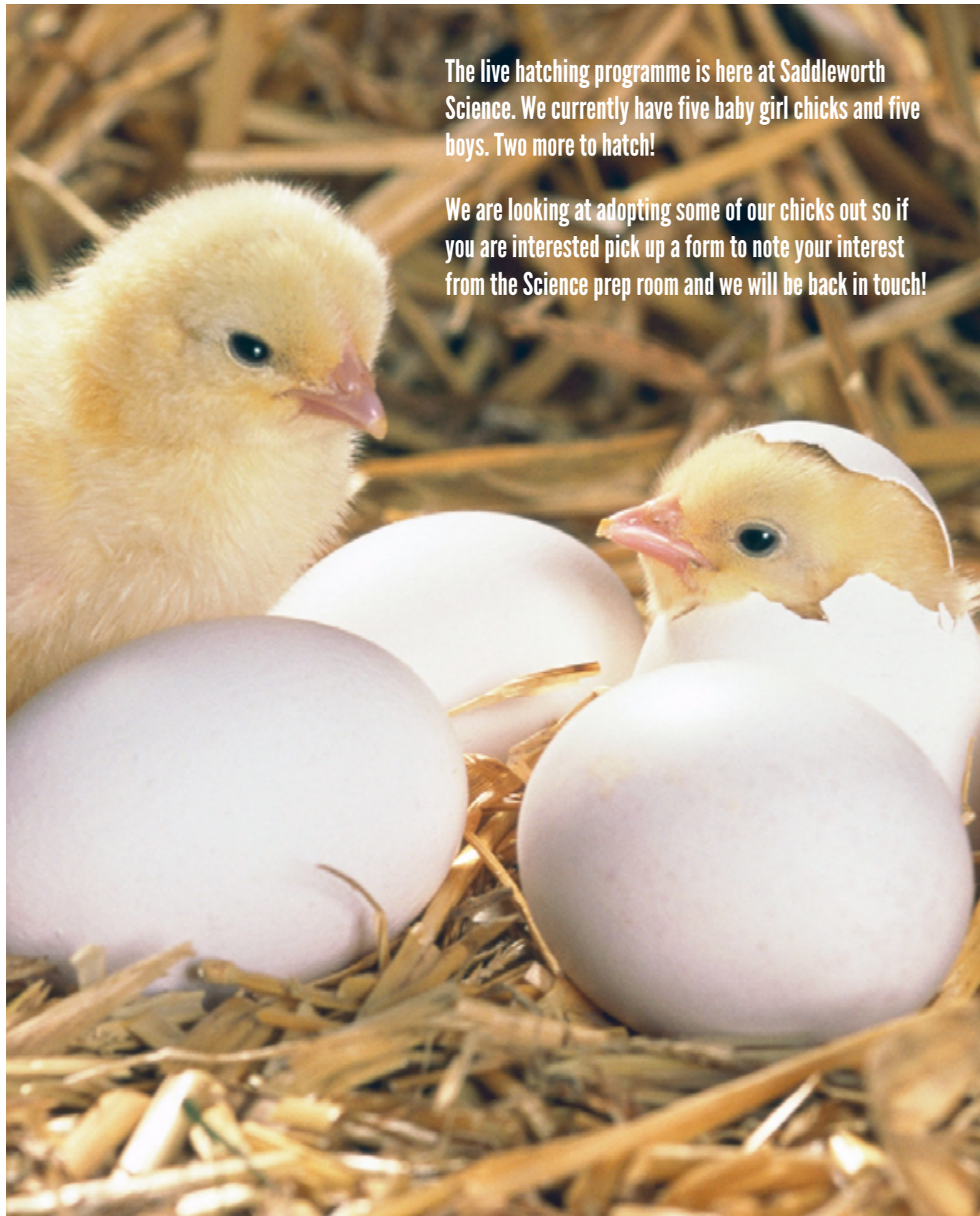
The exhibition showcased paintings, drawings and mixed media pieces, as well as ceramic work completed under the guidance of our Artists in Residence Amy Daniels.

The event was well attended by pupils, staff, parents and governors. Musical accompaniment for the evening was provided by the hugely talented Brass and String Ensembles under the guidance of Mr Beckwith and Miss Pickett.

Curriculum Leader for Art Mr Jones said "All of the Art staff are very proud of our students and am amazed at the standard of work produced this year. I'm sure that all of the hard work and effort will be rewarded with some extremely positive results in the summer".

The live hatching programme is here at Saddleworth Science. We currently have five baby girl chicks and five boys. Two more to hatch!

We are looking at adopting some of our chicks out so if you are interested pick up a form to note your interest from the Science prep room and we will be back in touch!



YR 10 SEPARATE SCIENCE STUDENT **CHRISTIAN MADDOX** WAS AWARDED **FUTURE PHYSICIST OF THE YEAR** BY THE **OGDEN TRUST** THIS WEEK. **MARTIN WADSWORTH** WAS AWARDED THE **PHYSICS TEACHER AWARD** AND **GARY POLLARD** WAS NOMINATED FOR THE **NON-SPECIALIST PHYSICS TEACHER AWARD**



SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL HAS BEEN AWARDED THE GOLD HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD FOLLOWING WORK DONE ACROSS SCHOOL PROMOTING THE MESSAGE OF ANTI-BULLYING

To work up to this award, in November all students in year 7 took part in an anti-bullying day. Guest speakers included representatives from Ashton based People First, the Hope Theatre company and sports leaders from Newbridge school. Sessions were also led by anti-bullying ambassadors in Year 11 and staff in the school's learning base. By the end of the day all students had contributed to some fantastic wall displays further reiterating the school's zero tolerance policy towards bullying.





YEAR 8 WENT ON A SPECTACULAR WALK FOR THEIR SUPER LEARNING DAY

268 students and 34 staff walked 17 km in blistering heat and clear blue skies in order to raise money for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal and the Year 8 fund. Fun was had by all

and one student commented *"This is the best school day I have ever had"*. Well done to all those that took part. You proved you can Walk the Walk and were amazing!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Students have been debating some really big issues this year including 'Do we have a duty to make others happy?', 'Can you be a good person and commit a crime?' and 'Is there enough proof to say there isn't a God?'

Students also produced some amazing drama pieces based on their favourite quotes from the book 365 Days of wonder. They selected quotes that meant something to them and turned them into a powerful performance.

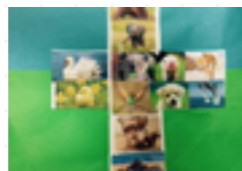
Some of the favourites included "Not all those who wander are lost" J. R. R. Tolkien and "Wherever there is a human being there is an opportunity for kindness" Seneca. As a result of the last quote students will be finishing the year carrying out random acts of kindness on the last Thursday of the term.

Year 10 students have started to study their first Y11 topic 'Religious responses to Drugs'. Many have excelled in debates around issues such as 'Should alcohol consumption be limited by the

Government?' and 'Should all illegal drugs be class A?'. The maturity and conviction in their answers has impressed the RE teachers. Many students have also excelled on their mock exams, showing detailed insight and understanding towards the moral and ethical issues. It was especially pleasing to see students using A-level terminology to make their answers more persuasive and distinctive.

Students in Year 9 have discussed whether religion has a place in modern day society. The question has divided most classes and after much debating and research students were able to articulately express their own personal opinions.

Students in Years 7 and 8 have taken part in the NATRE Spirited arts competition with the best entries being sent off for the National awards at the end of term. They chose their own philosophical questions and responded with a range of art work and poetry pieces.



PEER MENTORS

AS PEER MENTORS WE ALSO FEEL PASSIONATELY ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM BULLYING. WE UNDERSTAND THE AFFECTS BULLYING CAN HAVE ON THE VICTIM AND THEIR FAMILIES

Some of the Peer Mentors were invited to an Anti-Bullying training day, run by the Diana Trust awards to teach us what we should do to make sure everyone feels happy and safe at Saddleworth School.

During our day at the training centre we were taught how to spot when someone is being bullied. This was things like missing meals, trying to act different and not being confident with themselves. It is important to talk about this to make sure we can spot straight away when someone is being bullied. We also talked about the ways in which bullying can affect the victim. Bullying knocks people's self-esteem, makes them insecure and can even make people depressed so we must understand how we can help the people affected. If someone tells us that they are being bullied or we spot someone being bullied, the peer mentors can help.

As trained anti-bullying ambassadors we can help and support you/your child if they are bullied with simple techniques which will stop the bullying all together. This includes setting up a meeting with the Home School Leader/form teacher to recognise the problem and tackle it directly.

We also talk to the bully to find out the reason for their actions and making them understand the affect they have had on the victim.

We take every situation seriously whether the act is big or small because we want to create a bully free zone at our school. Everyone deserves to feel safe and secure at school without the worry of being bullied. We run assemblies, poster competitions and form times to spread the message of Anti-bullying in and out of school to ensure everyone feels confident because that is our main message we want to spread within the Peer Mentors, making sure everyone is happy.

In April, we were delighted to receive over 50 applications for a place on the school peer mentoring scheme. After a rigorous interview process led by Mr Milburn, Miss Cradock and Miss Sunderland, 30 students were selected to take part in peer mentor training. Students have since attended training led by MIND, Dove and the Diane Award group. Building on their training students have taken a lead on transition projects with the Year 6 day, created new anti-bullying pages for the school diary and have been planning getting to know you activities to help the Year 6s settle into Saddleworth school. We are delighted that the hard work of these students has been recognised, and the group will continue with their anti-bullying work next year as part of the school's application for the Platinum Healthy School's Award.

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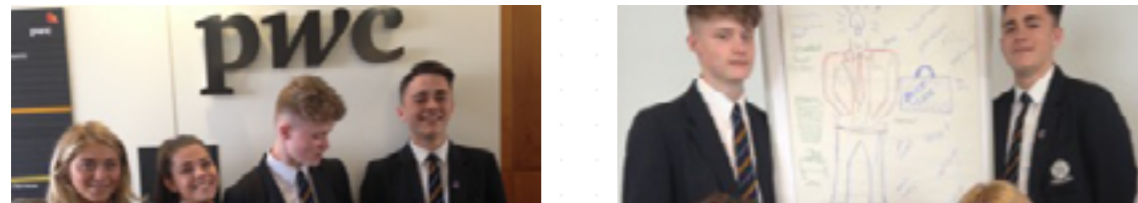
BUSINESS

ACCOUNTANCY MASTERCLASS

Four students from Year 10 recently attended an Accounting Masterclass at the Manchester offices of Price Waterhouse Coopers. PWC are one of the top accounting companies in the World. The students took part in workshops in Tax, Actuary and Assurance and participated in an exercise where they had to advise a large UK company where to locate their offices in order to minimise their tax bill, something that the accountants at PWC advise clients on a regular basis.

The students met employees who worked in the three accountancy disciplines as well as meeting one of the Partners of the business who spoke to them about their career development at PWC and the opportunities it affords in terms of career development and international mobility.

A representative from HR at PWC also spoke to the students about the career pathways within the company including Summer internships, Higher Apprenticeships, the Flying Start Degree and the Graduate programme. It was a real insight into the operations of a large accountancy firm and gave the students something to think about for the future!



YEAR 8 OFFICE MONITORS

In September 2014 the school started offering Year 8 students the opportunity to work in the School Office for one day. The purpose was to give the students the chance to gain valuable new skills and develop their personal qualities. The students have proved to be a real asset to the school, performing a job that is different every day of the week. They have developed their confidence and ability to work with people of all levels within the school. They have performed a variety of duties from giving out messages, helping with displays and performing administrative duties. From a member of staff's point of view the role they perform has helped enormously, particularly when recently organising the College Taster Days. They have collated students timetables into form registers, collected consent forms and sent messages to students who have lost timetables! What would we do without them. At times the work has been tiring but if you ask the students they have really enjoyed the experience. A couple of comments from the students evaluation forms include:

Today was really fun and I felt like I have gained a lot of experience on what a job is really like. **Rose Bradburn**

I enjoyed helping other people. It made me realise how busy the staff are when I'm in lesson. **Camden Griffiths**

In total I liked this day because it made me confident and it gave me loads of exercise moving around. The best part of the day being appreciated for our work. At the start of the day I was really nervous and didn't want to give notes and things to older years. But after doing it a few times I grew less nervous. I think it was a really good day. **Hollie Appleby**

I enjoyed the day on the whole, it's given me confidence and how to work under pressure. **Leah Cravagan**

It has been an insightful experience into the life of a receptionist. **Eden Potter Williams**

I really enjoyed the day of work because I learnt lots of new skills. **Louisa Barratt-Maher**



COLLEGE TASTER DAYS

Over 230 Year 10 students have recently attended a College Taster Day at either Oldham Sixth Form College, Tameside College or Oldham College. It allowed them to see the college and get a feel for what it would be like to be a student there. It also gave them the opportunity to 'try out' a number of courses, some of which have not previously been offered at GCSE level. Students attended two or three workshops ranging from Psychology and Economics to Horticulture and Plumbing. They were also given information about the 'Enrichment' programmes offered at the colleges to develop and expand their learning and skills away from the classroom. The students behaviour was exemplary throughout the three days and were a real credit to the school.

The Year 10 students have also attended workshops in school on Post-16 Pathways and have started to prepare their Personal Statements which they will need when they begin their College applications from September onwards. In September parents/carers will be invited to a 'Guidance Evening' and 'Careers Fair' to gain valuable information to help support their child with their Post-16 applications.

COOKERY CHALLENGE

Earlier in the year, Year 10 students took part in a Cookery Challenge. This involved planning and preparing a 3-course meal for four people, in one hour with a total budget of £5.00!! The students had to agree a menu between them, cost out all the ingredients required and ensure they were within budget. They had to plan the method to ensure their timings were correct and they could complete the three courses within the hour. Each group was successful and got to enjoy the fruits of their labours at the end of the hour. The menus ranged from leek and potato soup and garlic mushrooms for starters, chicken pasta and shepherds pie for their main course and finishing off with a victoria sandwich. The food was all prepared at Tameside College, who provided all of the store cupboard ingredients and the facilities and expert support. We hope this inspires you all to get cooking..!





GW THEATRE COMPANY

GW Theatre Company and Sony Award winning script writer/director Mike Harris, have been producing powerful, thought provoking, issue-based dramas for young people for twenty years, working in collaboration with young people, families and most major social agencies.

Year 9 students were invited to watch 'Somebody's Sister, Somebody's Daughter' a powerful new drama about sexual exploitation. Following this strong and moving performance the actors come back in character for a 'hot-seating' session so that students could question their actions they had observed in the play.

Because of the sensitive nature of the content of the play the students were also involved in a carousel of workshops run by Oldham police, Barnados and Papyrus looking at child sexual exploitation.

The feedback from students has been really positive and all have said they have gained a lot from the workshops and performances.

OLDHAM COLLEGE

Oldham College students visited our school, and performed a devised play based around the topic of alcohol. They then conducted a workshop with our pupils linked to the topic.

Our pupils were fantastic and really enjoyed the workshop. They created some wonderful pieces of drama and worked brilliantly as a team. The college tutors commented on how great they were!



// GET INVOLVED At Saddleworth we want to provide so much more than just a great academic education. As well as offering a numerous extra-curricular activities run by staff we also are offering a range of out of school learning opportunities that children can access on Wednesday afternoons.

In September there will be a prospectus available to showcase everything that is on offer. We are also holding a Freshers Fair on Wednesday 2nd September for students in Year 8-11 to come and meet the providers, ask questions, pick up leaflets and sign up.

For further information please contact: Mr Davies · c.davies@saddleworthschool.org



STREET DANCE



MUSIC LESSONS



KARATE



ART CLASSES



BEAUTY THERAPY



CLIMBING

BUDE cornwall



A COLLECTION OF YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 WENT ON AN ADVENTURE WEEK TO BUDE IN CORNWALL DURING MAY HALF TERM

They had the opportunity to try surfing, body boarding, mountain boarding, rock climbing, kayaking, canoeing and other team building activities. Evening activities included a fancy dress competition, five a side football, talent show in which Mrs Blezard-Downs showed off her singing talent.

Many of the students conquered their fears of heights, water, enclosed spaces and CLEANING. Everyone had a great time with lots of students wanting to return next year.



PE DEPARTMENT

ROUNDERS



Congratulations to the Year 10 Rounders team who finished 2nd at the Oldham Schools Rally.

A great team effort from all of the girls who all played exceptionally well.

Highest rounder scorer this year was **Emine Cakir**.

The Year 9 girls rounders team retained their title as Oldham schools cup winners defeating Failsworth in Monsoon conditions on last Thursday evening.

The team were outstanding and did not even need to go into bat for their second innings having fielding so tightly containing their opponents to only 5 1/2 rounders.

Saddleworth scored 7 in their first innings so were therefore victorious and will now look to do the double at the Oldham schools Rally on Tuesday 7th July.

Well done to all of the girls involved, I am incredibly proud of you. **Miss Cook**



SWIMMING

Another successful year in the pool. After winning the much acclaimed Brown Shield last year for the first time in over 10 years we had the difficult task this year of trying to retain it. With 3 students in the winning team still eligible to help defend the trophy we welcomed a new swimmer to the squad.

The girls were amazing, winning comfortably on the night. Congratulations to the 4 girls.



Charlotte Bacon, Gemma Croft, Kate Leddy, Ruby Jones

As a school we finished 2nd overall in the Oldham Schools Gala and had a number of individual that broke the Oldham Schools Records for their age group and stroke. Special mention to **Kate Leddy** in year 7 and **Molly Roodhouse** in year 10.



As a result of their success Saddleworth School was selected to represent Oldham at the Greater Manchester Games.

Needing the squad to be a representative of one year group we welcomed **Yasmin Roebuck** to the team.

The other borough winners proved no match for us and we claimed the title of

MANCHESTER CHAMPIONS

BASKETBALL

England Basketball Competition Result

The Saddleworth Year 9 Basketball team (ably assisted by **Will Marston** from Year 8) edged out Archbishop Beck School from Liverpool in the 4th Round of the English Schools U14s National Basketball Competition. The 72-68 score-line reflected just how close an encounter the game was, especially in the final couple of minutes when our top scorers **Ethan Buckley** (25pts) and **Elijah Wolstenholme** (23 pts) were fouled out of the game. Well done to all the players involved in a high standard. A momentous victory and a big thank you goes to the 5, Year 10 GCSE students, who maturely assisted in the roles of table official, scorer and sports prefect. **Mr Melling**

Staff v Students Basketball

A highly entertaining and well attended Staff v Year 11 Basketball match, ended with a richly deserved 23-22 victory for the students. **Matthew Marston** sunk the winning basket with only 2 seconds remaining on the clock. Many thanks to the staff and pupil leaders who made this event possible. **Mr Melling**



RUGBY

The Oldham Schools' rugby finals saw Saddleworth return with three out of four trophies. The Year 7 team set the ball rolling with a facile 62-0 success over Failsworth. **Gabriel Payne** took the man of the match accolade. The year 9's were missing 7 first team regulars for their encounter against Bluecoat and consequently fought bravely before succumbing to a 42-20 defeat. A day later the Year 8 side edged past Crompton House 36-34 with **Josh Yarwood** instrumental in his team's triumph. The Year 11 outfit then made it a "famous five" years in a row with a 30-16 win over Failsworth as **Liam Aspin** and **Olly Russell** stole the show with their mesmeric handling skills. Well done to all 74 boys involved over the two days. **Mr Melling**

TENNIS

Saddleworth complete Oldham Schools' Junior Tennis Double! Following the recent girls success the boys have completed the double by winning their competition. *Alice Green* and *Lucy Duncan* were victorious beating Hulme Girls in the final, and *Archie Duncan* and *Joseph Lamb* (yes, it's a Duncan Double!) beat Hulme Boys in their final!

Girls represented by:

Emily Napier Yasmine Roebuck Freya Knight Isabelle Anastasiou

Boys represented by:

Adam Jones Aiden Hall Harvey Napier Daniel Laing



CROSSFIT



Over the past few months various Key Stage 4 classes have been attending fitness courses run by "Crossfit" in Oldham, an international company that brings together improving physical health and competitive sport.

Classes have been going via the school minibus once a week for 6 weeks, to receive rigorous training exercises led by enthusiastic, motivated professionals.

The work there has been advanced, and has pushed students to their maximum limit, ensuring that 100% effort is given.

The course has always had positive feedback from students and teachers alike, and is continuing to do so.

Saddleworth School aims to incorporate Crossfit into its 'Saddleworth Wednesdays' scheme in order to further help the eager students who enjoyed the termly course.

SOFTBALL

Saddleworth Yr 9 Softballers play Hardball winning the Oldham Schools Championship for the Second year running!!

A fit and fine squad of 10 Year 9's took to the fields of Radclyffe and took no prisoners! In their first game against Oasis, with 2 lost balls (out of the ballpark!) and 52 points on the board Saddleworth declared!

Huge hits from *Guy Hughes* and *Joe Wallace*, with great contributions from *Johnjo Beckwith*, *Ali Akbar* and *Joe Ellison*, were the main reasons for the massive score. Great bowling from *Greg Simister* and a clutch of great catches meant Oasis replied with only 9 runs on the board.

Next up was Radclyffe who fancied their chances but again were blown out of the ballpark with some serious hitting from *Adam Howarth*, *Joe Wallace* and *Guy Hughes*! The end result was a 24-8 score-line so played 2 won 2 meant Bluecoat were the final obstacle!! Reaching a total of 23 was slightly fortuitous as there were 4 dropped

catches before Saddleworth reached 20, but Bluecoat still felt they had a great chance of over-hauling a modest total!!! They managed to get to 15 before the good old phrase, 'catches win matches, came to the fore and Saddleworth were once again victorious and will represent the Borough at The Greater Manchester Games on 7th July!

Other players who contributed greatly to the team success, but not mentioned in the report were, *Matty Barlow*, *Isaac Lowe* and *Dylan Fitzgerald*. Well done to all players!! *Mr Meadowcroft*

BATON RELAY

Oldham Schools' Baton Relay 2015. Four of our promising athletes took part in the Oldham Schools' Baton Relay 2015 where each pupil was responsible for carrying the baton around the Saddleworth and Shaw area, where the final destination was at the Etihad Stadium ready for the School Games 2015. Well done to *Daisy Shepherdson*, *Jasmine Thompson*, *Barry Mumford-Lloyd* and *Rory Thompson*.



YEAR 9 CRICKET



Saddleworth u14s through to County Cup Q Final

The yr 9 cricket team secured an emphatic 9 wicket victory over Queen Elizabeth School from Blackburn on a sun blazed afternoon at Saddleworth Cricket Club.

Having bowled out the opposition for 83 runs, *Matty Barlow* and *Adam Howarth* scored 40 not out and 41 not out respectively to set up a mouth-watering quarter final tie against Lancaster Grammar.

Best of the bowling figures came from *Dylan Fitzgerald* (4-2-9) and captain Barlow (4-3-23). *Mr Melling*

ATHLETICS

Oldham Schools' Quad Kids 2015

The annual Quad Kids event was staged at Radclyffe Track, where all pupils competed in 4 events: long jump, vortex throw, 100m and the 800m. There were some fantastic individual performances, overall Saddleworth placed third in Oldham. Well done to all athletes competing: **Zhara Mirza, Bethany Speak, Katie Pearce, Kate Leddy, Lucas Clarke, Lewis Smethurst, Aidan Hall** and **Charlie McManus**. Mrs Bentley



Oldham Schools' Field Championships 2015

Another great success at the girls and boys field events, many athletes retaining their individual title or gaining a medal for the first time. The **Kershaw** twins in year 10, were outstanding again both gaining a gold in their respective events, long jump and triple jump. Well done to all competitors.



English Schools' Athletics Regional Round 2015

The junior Girls qualified to represent Saddleworth in the English Schools' Cup after qualifying earlier on in the year at Longford Park, this is the first time Saddleworth has progressed to the regionals held at Victoria Park, Warrington.



Super 8 Athletics

A mixture of our year 8 and 9 pupils took part in the super 8 athletics competition where each athlete had to compete in a track and a field event at Radclyffe track, 8 boys and 8 girls in total, where they were crowned athletic champions.

FOOTBALL

Year 9 Footballer's League & Cup Winners of Oldham Congratulations to the whole squad who have performed brilliantly throughout the season culminating in a 4-1 victory over Bluecoat at Boundary Park in the Oldham Schools League Final, adding to their Cup Final victory in April.

On a fine day in the sun with Mr Healey in the Main stand capturing the whole experience on video, the boys were captained by **Dion McGhee** in his last game for the school before departing to the Manchester United feeder school, Ashton-on-Mersey. It was a nervy start with possession difficult to maintain on a 'bobbly' pitch. Although not severely troubled by the pacey attack of Bluecoat, it was a high ball over the top which led to Bluecoat taking the lead when their striker was able to lob **Ewan McFarlane** for their opening goal. Picking the ball out of the net at this point turned out to be one of the few things Ewan had to do all game!

Saddleworth started to take a better foothold in the game after their goal and although it looked like they had left their shoot-

ing boots in the changing rooms, a lovely string of passes down the right hand side culminated in Dion finding the bit of space he needed to curl a trademark left footer into the top corner to equalise.....and the crowd went wild, all 70 of them plus parents!!! The goal settled the team down as they then dominated the rest of the half without actually scoring. At half time it was 1-1 and the team talk was all about being patient, continuing to follow the same tactics but relaxing when shooting!!!

The second half was excellent with **Harrison Jackson** firing in a thunderbolt from the edge of the box giving the keeper no chance, 2-1, and the crowd were warming up too, chanting the names of the players as they made valuable contributions to the game! Next it was **Cavan Purtill** to nip in past two defenders, dummy the keeper and slot home into an empty net for 3-1! Big smiles in the stands and down on the touchline as Mr Meadowcroft punched the air!! Substitutions were made to give as many as possible a taste of the limelight, and it was one of the subs, **Dylan Hey** who headed in the fourth goal from a corner. Everyone was enjoying it now and with only a few minutes left, the final substitution was made, **Dion McGhee** coming off to standing ovation from the whole crowd for his fantastic all round man of the match display in his last game!



Shortly afterwards, the final whistle sounded and celebrations followed by the team with their fans, who had ensured a great atmosphere throughout the game. So, a great end to another season, Dion lifting the trophy, in front of proud parents, staff and peers. Well done to the whole team and a big thank you also to **Ms Cook, Mrs Bescoby** and **Mr Healey** who travelled with the 'crowd' and enabled the occasion to be witnessed in great fashion. **Mr Meadowcroft**

SCHOOL GAMES

Saddleworth School off to the Games. Students from Saddleworth school were selected to represent Oldham in both **Tennis and Squash**. The students represented school wonderfully and scooped up an impressive set of medals from each event. GCSE students were also invited to attend the day in a leadership capacity, officiating the matches throughout the day. Their maturity of the students, their manner with the competitors and confidence in their knowledge of the rules was commented on by the organisers and we are incredibly proud of them.



