

Principal's Message

Today is an exciting day and marks the beginning of a new era for The Albion Academy. You have probably read in the local press about Salford Academy Trust (SAT) and the four schools which belong to the trust. Salford Academy Trust began a number of years ago but as a small trust with only 4 schools, finances, staffing, capacity and progress were always limited. The Department for Education started to consult with us on moving to a new trust in May 2018. As you are already aware, United Learning was chosen and we agreed to join our new trust before the summer. Since then we have developed an excellent relationship with United Learning and The Albion has continued to make improvements in all areas. However, until now, this has been an unofficial arrangement until the complicated legal issues have been resolved. This week, these issues were finally sorted and as of today, 1st February 2019, The Albion Academy is no longer part of Salford Academy Trust, but instead joins United Learning, one of the most successful academy trusts in the country. I am delighted to share this news and assure you that we will continue to improve and strive to provide the very best education for your child. **Mr K Mackey**



History Trip to Poland



Students arrive in a snowy Poland.

Luggage packed, thirty Year 10 and 11 students headed off to Manchester Airport on January 14th. Within a few hours we had touched down in Krakow and made our way straight to Wodney Waterpark, before heading to the hotel to prepare ourselves for the next day. On Tuesday we visited Auschwitz concentration camp, which was a very overwhelming experience for all of us. As another student put it, it was a visit which none of us will ever forget. After returning to the hotel, we then headed to the centre of Krakow for some sightseeing and shopping, before visiting the Hard Rock Café for a delicious dinner. The next day began with a trip to a fascinating salt mine, then we went to learn more about the history of Krakow in World War II and the work of Oskar Schindler at Schindler's factory. We rounded off the trip by going bowling. Overall, the trip was an amazing experience. There were many glum faces on the plane home! **Noah Ros (Year 11)**

Heads of Year Shout Outs

Year 7: Dominic Howard-Cahill, a well-mannered student whose attitude has been exemplary all year. **Mr Lewis**

Year 8: I would like to say a huge well done to Tashif Ahmad, Amy Clayton, Hevi Hussein and Acacia Lhoni for all receiving 10 Ace awards in less than a week. A fantastic effort! **Mrs Columbine**

Year 9: Shout out for 9A for the most ACE awards. Keep it up!! **Mrs Dalton**

Year 10: Could I please give a massive shout out to Frankie Fielder-Garton for his involvement in Basketball. He has recently represented the school for both the year 10 and 11 teams, showing fantastic determination to succeed. **Mr Wild**

Year 11: My shout out goes to Amy McKinnon for continuously pushing herself in ADT. **Mr Quilliam**

Upcoming Events at The Albion

13th February 2019
Year 9 Options
Workshops with
Manchester College

28th February 2019
Year 9 Options Evening

March 8th 2019
Year 9 Options deadline

15th February 2019
3pm
Half Term holiday
begins

25th February 2019
Back to school, Half
Term 4

Literacy Corner

From next week, Year 7 and 8 will be taking part in the 'Usborne Ready, Steady, READ Sponsored Read', which runs between the 4th and 24th of February. Any time the students spend reading will raise funds for books for the school. They can read books, comics, poems, newspapers, recipes, websites – anything with words! Please keep an eye out for sponsorship forms.

I am also looking for adult volunteers who have a spare hour to come into school and read with some of our students. If this is something you think you may be able to give time to, please email me (lianne.clarke@albionacademy) or leave a message with the front desk. **Mrs Clarke (Literacy Lead)**



Scores on the Doors

Year 11 Boys Football vs Oasis: 18-10

The year 11 team confirmed our place in the semi-final of the cup in a convincing 18-10 victory against local rivals Oasis Academy. Richard Fola Taiwo, Luis Goncalves and Gil Nanau lead the team with a level of maturity and composure that they can be proud of. A particular mention must also go out to Barry Bennett who was the first year 8 player to ever play in the year 11 team, well done Barry!

Year 10 Boys Basketball vs Swinton: 21-13

Following last week's defeat to Oasis, the Albion Giants set out with a point to prove in this game, knowing victory would win us a play-off spot in the league cup. After going 2 baskets down in the first quarter the Giants pulled together and once again put on a performance that would eventually crush Swinton, as we rolled out an 8 point advantage in the final moments of the game. **Emanuel Fernandes (Captain)**

F.C. United at the Albion

On 24th January Tom Conroy of F.C. United of Manchester spoke to Key Stage 4 boys about opportunities in full time football and education. Four Albion Academy alumni are in the F.C. United academy programme, one of which is in the first team squad. Alongside this they are looking at achieving their education qualification and considering progressing into University. Tom will be bringing his academy team to Albion Academy in the coming weeks to challenge our year 11 team. Keep an eye out for the result!

Challenge the Champions!

On Wednesday 30th January the PE department hosted a KS4 Challenge the Champions Day in the Sports Hall. This gave students the opportunity to compete against each other, as well as famous professional athletes in a series of sports science challenges, while also learning about potential career pathways in sport. **Mr A Walton**

Debate Mate: The Smart Way to Argue

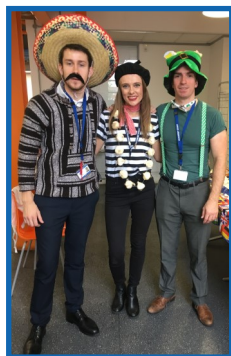
This year Debate Mate is being offered as an exciting opportunity for students at The Albion. It gives our students the opportunity to practice and improve their competitive debating skills, whilst receiving incredible communications training from a Debate Mate mentor, who comes into the academy each week. The programme develops leadership and communication skills and also helps students to train their brains to retain information - a very useful skill for exams! The programme is great for improving confidence and creativity and is an opportunity to meet new people from other year groups and schools. The programme is in full swing for this year; the team are preparing to debate in the North West competition in March. However, if you think it is something you would be interested in for next year, please speak to Miss Walker. **Miss C Walker**



Department of the Week: MFL

This half term we have been happy to welcome a new teacher to the department. Ms Rodriguez, a native of Spain, will be teaching a variety of year groups across the department and will be with us until the May Half Term.

In April the MFL department will be taking 40 lucky pupils to Barcelona where they will see the sights and experience the local culture. Miss Osborne, who has done a fantastic job of organising the trip, said, "I'm absolutely delighted to be able to take so many pupils to experience the wonderful city of Barcelona. It truly is my favourite city in Europe!" While in Barcelona the pupils will get to visit an architectural phenomenon, the Sagrada Familia cathedral, along with the famous football stadium of FC Barcelona, the Camp Nou. There will also be trips to the Port Aventura theme park as well as a visit to the charming Parc Guell. **Mr A Kyle**



The MFL team on a normal Monday morning.

Teacher Chat

This week, ADT's Miss Hodgkinson steps up to the plate.

What were you like at school?

I was a hard worker, but at parents evening I would always be told I was a bit of a chatterbox. Maybe my current classes would agree!

What did you study at university?

I studied Fashion Design at Leeds.

Why did you want to study there?

It had a good atmosphere when I visited, the course suited me and it's a good sports university.

Why did you study Fashion Design?

I was always into designing clothes. At school I used to be a competitive gymnast and would spend all my time designing leotards.

So what made you become a teacher?

I really enjoyed my time at school, and I wanted to help give that same positive experience to others.

What do you like most about working at the Albion?

From the day I came into interview, I liked the atmosphere here. The characters and the community is special.

What book are you reading?

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman.

Who's your favourite fashion designer?

Roksanda Ilincić; her work is bright and full of energy and I feel that reflects me!



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