



Principal's Message

I'm sure you were as shocked and saddened as I was last weekend by the tragic news that a Manchester schoolboy was fatally stabbed on Saturday evening. I shared my sympathies with Manchester Grammar School and can only imagine what the young man's parents are going through at this time. Knife crime is a growing concern in society and I worry that our young people don't understand the risks that are involved when carrying a knife.

In the last 4 years, 1785 knives have been recovered in from pupils in schools across England. I would suggest that this is the tip of the iceberg. 3 people have been killed by knives in England since the weekend and those carrying knives are significantly more likely to be victims of knife crime themselves.

Last week I was contacted by Greater Manchester Police to discuss an initiative, Operation Sceptre, which will run from 11th – 18th March and focus on knife crime in our local community. Although I am sure that there is not an issue at The Albion or with our students, I do believe that we have a responsibility to educate our students on the dangers of carrying knives and highlight the risks that knife crime can pose.

Next week we have invited officers from GMP to come into school and deliver an assembly to students. The police have also made a commitment to providing a greater presence in the local community and around school at the start and end of the day. In addition to this extra support the police have also asked if we would like them use metal detecting wands at the school entrance. Although I was initially sceptical, and will reassure you that knives are not a problem at The Albion, we have agreed to support this and it will take place one day next week.

We have a responsibility to care for your child, to ensure they get the best teaching possible and to provide the experience necessary to help them develop into a well-rounded young adult. Above all, my primary concern is the safety of your child and I know that you will support us next week with this important initiative. Have a lovely weekend. **Mr K Mackey**



National Careers Week

This week is National Careers Week and the school is involved in a wide range of activities to promote awareness of careers and pathways for our students. We have been visited by the global transport company Kuehne + Nagel who delivered a career workshop to a Year 10 group and the students were able to experience one of their lorries that was parked on site. Salix Homes delivered an employability skills programme to a group of Year 8 and 9 students. The students will now visit the new housing development on Whit Lane in April. A group of Year 10 students visited Oxford University on Thursday to look at the opportunities available at this top university. Finally, Year 7 have started a project with Seddon Homes around the renovation of the Church of the Ascension in Salford and some will be visiting the site in April. Teachers at the Albion always make the link between the work we do in the classroom and employability skills clear to students. In addition to this, over the last week staff have been sharing their own job experiences and discussing the career paths they took with their students. **Mrs J. Baker**



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 12th March
Parental Forum
6.00pm

Gateways Trip to Manchester University

Students from The Albion regularly visit The University of Manchester as part of their Gateways Program, which aims to raise awareness of higher education amongst secondary school children .

This week was the turn of a Year 9 group and Cody Moran, in 9I, gave this report of his day:

'On Wednesday , we went to Manchester University with Miss Osbourne and personally, I really enjoyed it. I particular, I found the class about astrology extremely interesting, in which we learnt that different elements absorb different colours of light.'



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Scores on the Doors

Y9 Boys Football v Buile Hill: 3-4

After our last game I felt we needed to try a fresh approach to help us in defence in this Cup Quarter Final. We tried Obed Bopwa in front of our new back four, with Junior Talata and Lilner Neto in new roles as full backs. A change in formation to 4-3-3 paid dividends in the first half after we created a number of outstanding chances. On another day we could have 5 in the first half! After coming in at half time 2-2, we tired and shipped 2 goals. The game finished 4-3 to Buile. We do, however, take 3 away goals into the home leg on Friday. **Mr A.Walton**

Y8 Boys Football v Buile Hill: 8-0

The team won away at Buile Hill on Wednesday in the quarter final of the cup. They were excellently lead by Harley Davidson and the goals were from Harley Lockley, Barry Bennet (2), Kenzie Turner (2), Altia, Harley Davidson and Shaezi.

Y10 Boys Football v Irlam CC: 2-2

Albion had the majority of the chances in the first half, but conceded a goal against the run of play just before half time. In the second half we responded well, with Vincent Omeje and Christian Obialor scoring two. Unfortunately ICC equalised late into the game and we go into the second leg of the quarter final with 2 away goals. **Emmanuel Fernandes**

Y10 Boys Football v Irlam CC: 7-0

After a close first leg, the year 10 football team obliterated Irlam CC in Tuesday's second leg. The boys ran out 7-0 victors hunting for more and more goals in a one way game. A massive shout out to man of the match Aldo Tomori who even managed to get on the scoresheet. **Jovani Molenge**

Upcoming Fixtures

8th March Y9 Cup Quarter Final V Buile Hill (Home) KO 4pm

19th March Y8 Cup Semi Final V Irlam and Cadishead (Home) KO 4 pm . Come down and support both teams!

Head of Year Shout Outs

Year 7: 7L for making a big improvement on their attendance over the past few weeks! Keep it up! **Mr Lewis**

Year 8: Shout out to Altai, Ben, Farhan, Harry and Dylan for a fantastic start in the UKMT Maths club. **Mrs Columbine**

Year 9: Amy Arnold, Ella O'Neill, Merci Edwards and Evany White, for being professional and helpful at yr10 parents evening. **Mrs Dalton**

Year 10: A huge shout out to Diana De Graca Chuna and Jessica Matias for consistently meeting the highest of expectations on a daily basis. **Mr Wild**

Year 11: Logan Sloan and Yano Ernesto for pushing hard in revision for their technology exam. **Mr Quilliam**

Department of the Week: Maths

Welcome to the SEND department. Although we aren't a subject area we support over 130 students within the academy with various learning needs including: dyslexia, ADHD, ASD, anxiety and many more. We have a team of six teaching assistants that all work closely with students both in class and on a one to one level. Some of you may know or have had the opportunity to work with Miss Thompson, Mr Critchley, Mrs Hudson, Miss Bryan, Miss Liddle or Miss Scott. There is also Mrs O'Riordan who has just returned from maternity leave, she is the SENCO and supports parents, students and works closely with outside agencies to ensure the best provision is provided throughout their time at The Albion. The SEN team are based around NU1 and NU2 on the admin corridor. We have break and lunch time clubs for any student who needs a quiet space to reflect and prepare for lessons. NU1 is certainly the favourite room for students as it gives them the opportunity to relax on bean bags, grab a book or catch up on any homework. We have a list of students that are allowed to use the space, however if you feel like this space is somewhere that would benefit you whilst in school, then please speak to one of the team above and we will be more than happy to help!



Teacher Chat

This week we talk Miss Madden

What were you like at school?

Hard working but maybe a bit chatty!

What did you study at university?

I studied Maths at the University of Liverpool

Why did you want to study there?

It's a well respected, red brick University and the city is a really exciting place to live.

Why did you study Maths?

From a young age, I have always loved Maths.

So what made you become a teacher?

I originally went into accounts but I didn't enjoy being in an office. I had always liked the idea of becoming a teacher one day, so I gave it a go and I'm glad I did!

What do you like most about working at the Albion?

One day is never the same.

Give us a book recommendation!

I am Zlatan by Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

What's your favourite number?

I am going to go for 20—Ole Gunnar Solskjær's shirt number.



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