



## Principal's Message

Thank you to those parents who attended our recent Parent Forum. This was an opportunity to raise issues and ask any questions you have about the school. One of the main themes discussed was communication with the school and ways to improve this important link. We've been looking at ways to improve parental engagement with school and the parent forum is a direct response to this. At the meeting a parent suggested we should have a school app. This is something we are interested in developing along with our new website which will launch in the next few weeks. We will continue to hold the parent forums and look forward to your continued support. In the meantime I include this week the contact details for key staff you may wish to contact with any queries about your child. These staff will be able answer any questions you might have and we aim to respond to all emails within 48 hours of receipt. **Mr K Mackey**



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## Hairspray Jr

Rehearsal's for this year's end of year show, *Hairspray Jr*, are now well underway and excitement is building for what promises to be the theatrical highlight of the year. Cast members Skye Cunningham and Hope Kenzo take us backstage...

**What roles do you play in *Hairspray*?** Skye: I play 'Corny Collins', the main TV show host, and Hope plays 'Motormouth Mabel', another host on the show who is trying to overcome the racial segregation of the U.S.A in the 1960s.

**What's the best part of this musical?** Hope: It has great songs, but it is also an emotional story with deeper meaning.

**How are rehearsals going?** Hope: Things are really coming together now. The songs are sounding great and we're now starting to bring the whole cast together for full rehearsals.

**Have you done much acting before?** Skye: I have been involved in every show possible since primary school! I hope to have a drama-related career when I am older.

*Hairspray Jr runs from 24th-28th June 2019 at The Albion. Tickets available soon.*



## Head of Department Shout Outs

**Mrs Knighton (English):** Dorcas Tchuda Da Silva in Year 11 for her commitment and effort in English.

**Mr Kyle (MFL):** Anees Mohamed for his great work using self-assessment to be a reflective learner and make progress.

**Mrs DeAngelis (ADT):** Titina Nanau for consistently pushing herself to explore all avenues, creating beautiful work.

**Miss Gardiner (Maths):** Well done Antonio Omeje for a set of fantastic maths mock results! This is testament to his determination; he regularly attends 4-7 intervention and is revising at home using Hegarty Maths. Keep up the good work!

**Miss Dowden (Science):** Shane Wallis in Year 11 has been working really hard in lessons. He has been revising hard and still contributing high quality answers to class discussions. This will certainly pay off in summer's exams. Well done Shane!

## Upcoming Events at The Albion

5th April 3pm

End of Spring Term

23rd April

Summer Term begins

25th April

Year 9 Parents' Evening



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## The School Nursing Service

The School Nursing service offers a friendly and non-judgemental drop-in every week in school, usually on Tuesdays from 1:30pm-3:00pm in The Beacon Centre, where you can come along and talk to a Nurse in confidence about: keeping healthy, immunisations, drugs and alcohol, smoking, healthy eating, emotional health and sexual health, or any other worries or questions you may have.

The drop-in will now be available in the school holidays at The Beacon Centre on Monday 8th and Monday 15th April 1pm-3:30pm where you can call in for advice, or even just a friendly, informal chat with the School Nurse.

# Scores on the Doors



## Y10 Boys Football v Walkden: 1-3

The boys enter the Walkden gates hoping to defend narrow lead of 3-2 from last week's first leg. The first half saw plenty of crunching tackles from both sides. A quick goal from Christian Obialor increased the aggregate lead to 4-2 but Walkden equalised before the interval. After a change of ends Walkden upped their game scoring two quick fire goals to make it 3-1. Knowing one away goal would be enough to secure a penalty shootout, the boys pushed forward and created chances in the dying moments but it wasn't enough to secure a place in the final. **Jovani Molenge**

## Y9 Boys Football v Buile Hill: 2-4

We led the game for a large period and were set to go through with 10 minutes to play. Unfortunately some individual errors cost us late on. Well done to man of the match Adam Palinkas who stepped up from year 7! We can be proud of reaching the quarter final stage. **Mr A. Walton**

## Y8 Boys Football v Irlam: 3-0

We worked our socks off and never gave up. The first leg of the semi-final against Irlam with a victory for the boys. Youusif was brilliant in midfield, keeping the team going, while Kayden and Brad at the back didn't let anyone past. Up front, Kenzie, Harley and Barry were on fire, ripping up their defence. **Mr S. Marsh**

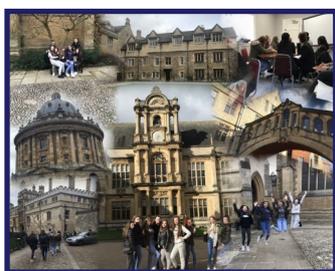
## Y7 and 8 Indoor Athletics

Last half term we took a year 7 and 8 indoor athletics team to Fit City Irlam to compete against 6 other schools from the Salford borough. The results were just published and both our boys and girls year 8 teams finished in 3rd place. Congratulations to all students involved.

## PE Rewards Trip

The PE rewards trip will run in the last week of term and there is still time to work hard in PE and receive an invite from the PE team. Details to be announced soon!

# Trip to Oxford University



Last week, ten year 10 girls visited Oxford University to learn about higher education opportunities there. The girls wrote this report, summarising the highs and lows of their day.

It was a great day and the workshops and lectures gave us a good insight into the courses at the university. We spoke to students who told us all about university life and where they live, learn and socialise in their colleges. It inspired us to think about higher education and what we could aspire to. The buildings were really old but very interesting and we enjoyed looking at them, especially the bridge. We learnt that a lot of famous people have attended the university including Emma Watson and C.S Lewis. The only bit we weren't so keen on was the food!

## Department of the Week

Its all about Shakespeare this half term in English, as every year group tackles a different play from *Macbeth* to *A Midsummer's Nights Dream*. In year 10 and 11 students are benefitting from '5 a-day retrieval practice' a powerful learning strategy to help students gain the necessary knowledge to excel in their GCSEs. This week the department has taken part in a nationwide project called 'Letters to the Earth'. Pupils have been learning about the worrying impact of climate change and have written emotive letters to the earth, future generations, our ancestors, or the fossil fuel industry to try and incite action against climate change. These letters will be sent off to London and performed by actors and playwrights at The Globe Theatre in London and other famous venues around the country.

On Monday a group of Year 11 boys went to watch 'The Barbershop Chronicles' at The Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester. Set in 6 barbershops across the world, the play uses music, dancing and acting to explore ideas about community and masculinity. Great stuff! **Miss Johnston & Mr Russell**



## Teacher Chat

*In rain, in gales, he cycles from Rochdale.* **Mr Brooks.**

**What were you like at school?**

I was a bit chatty but I made sure I got stuff done and stayed out of trouble!

**What did you study at university?**

Physical Geography at Manchester Met.

**Why did you want to study there?**

It meant I could study and live at home and I got to go on loads of field trips.

**Why did you study Physical Geography?**

I always like knowing what was going on in the world. I especially wanted to understand the sea.

**So what made you become a teacher?**

I thought about going into disaster management, helping people after natural disasters, and through that did some teaching and realised I really enjoyed it.

**What do you like most about working at the Albion?**

Everyday students surprise me with what they know and do.

**Give us a film recommendation.**

*Moulin Rouge.*

**Do you sing along when you watch that?**

Quite possibly.

**Where would we find you when you aren't teaching?**

On my bike!



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