



Remembrance Services

The school held and participated in a number of services to commemorate Remembrance day which, being the 100 year anniversary to mark the end of World War 1, was extra reason to reflect and remember. Students took part in selling poppies every break and lunchtime in the week leading up to Remembrance day. Well done to all students who took part.



During the lead up to Remembrance Sunday 8 school council reps from year 9 and 10 walked to Westhoughton Cenotaph to place 400 Remembrance crosses in preparation for Sunday's Remembrance Service. Excellent behaviour and respect from all students that took part.



Students representing uniformed organisations attended the last post at school on Friday morning for remembrance. Millie from year 10 played the 'last post' on her cornet beautifully, and the whole school observed a minute's silence at 11am to mark their respects.



Remembrance Winifred Kettle

On Thursday 8th November, four of our Lead Prefects from Year 11 represented the school at a special community event, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. This wonderful day was organised by the people of Winifred Kettle Day Centre and Westhoughton Age Support Project (WASPS). It was very humbling to see all ages of the local community represented in one room to share this important commemoration together. After a lovely lunch, everyone congregated outside to listen to hymns played by the military band and then our students read out the names of all the men from Westhoughton who went to serve in this conflict but never came home. The last post was sounded, prayers offered and hymns sung in what was a very special event for the local community to share together in memory of so many young lives lost, only a few years after the horror of the Pretoria Pit Disaster. Our community has got a wonderful history of pulling together after tragedy. A big thank you to our good friend Wilf Dillon (pictured with students) who was instrumental in planning the day and kindly invited us along.



Languages Week and MacMillan Coffee Morning

This year, to celebrate Languages Week, the MFL team joined forces with Science to support the MacMillan Coffee Morning. Students were asked to donate cakes to the sale or make a cake with a European theme. Homemade cakes were entered into a competition. We had some excellent entries which represented countries and Europe and we also had entries that were traditional cakes from around Europe. We were amazed by the talents of the students who took part. We had two winning entries; Joshua Whittle in Year 7 made a traditional Italian cake with ricotta and dark chocolate and Halima (Year 8) and Amina (Year 9) Nawaz made an amazing cake with a European theme. The cakes were sold at Open Evening and to our own students on Friday 28th September. Merci and gracias to everyone who supported the event. We had lots of fun and raised over £350 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Past Students' Achievements

Chloe Pearson left WHS in the summer of 2014 with her GCSEs and went on to study 'A' levels at Runshaw College, where she was offered an apprenticeship at BDO as an Audit Trainee, North West Business Assurance.

In October she was invited to attend the BDO Spotlight Annual Awards Dinner in London where she was presented with an award for winning the Commitment and Personal Responsibility section. Well done Chloe!





Long Serving Staff Awards

We celebrated having 3 members of long serving staff in September serving 99 years between them!

Kathryn McIntyre has been with the school for 38 years, Simon Gill has been with us for 31 years and Chris Taylor has been with us for 30 years.

What an achievement for all 3 members of staff, we have been very lucky having you as part of the team for this length of time.

Post 16 Progression

On the night of October 4th, we held our annual post 16 progression evening where students and parents from all years were invited to meet representatives from a wide range of post 16 providers. The evening allowed students to widen their understanding of the different post 16 choices available to them, including study at Sixth form and Further Education Colleges and University Technical Colleges, as well work based learning such as Apprenticeships and Traineeships. Several local businesses were also in attendance. Overall we had over 30 different exhibitors and we extend our thanks to them for supporting the event and enabling students and parents to be better informed about future career choices.

We are always keen to invite external providers into school to attend future careers events. Please contact Mr Gill in school for further details.



WE NEED YOU!

Can you support our Careers Programme?

The school are actively seeking employers who would be willing to come into school to talk to groups of students about their job roles, act as mock interviewers or possibly organise a visit for our students to visit an employers premises. Such activities will help the school work towards meeting the eight Gatsby Foundation Benchmarks by the end of 2020.

Any offer of support would be gratefully received.

Please contact Mr Gill, Careers lead, in school for further details.



Geography KS3 Models

Each year group had the opportunity to create a model for the topic they were currently studying.

Y7- What is Britain - Caves

Y8- Fantastic Places - Wonders of the World

Y9- Urban Challenges - Slum Models

The homework challenge was to create a model of either a slum environment (Y9), a wonder of the world (Y8) or a cave landscape (Y7). The pupils had 2 weeks to complete this mini project at home. We received many amazing, interesting and well thought out projects which clearly had been worked on in great detail at home. Once all the projects had been submitted the Geography teachers met for the judgment. It was a very difficult decision to come to the conclusion of the top 10 of each year group. We had a diverse collection of models submitted ranging from 3D models, water paintings to cakes!! We would like to thank all the pupils who took the time and effort to submit such fantastic models!

Well done- keep up the hard work!



Look after each other
Enjoy our school
Learn high
Respect one another,
ourselves & our environment
Never stop learning





U14 Irish Open Ski Champion

Yr8 Student Rebecca completed the 2018 artificial dry ski slope season off in style at the final round of competition held on the outskirts of Dublin, over the weekend of 6/7th October. She took first place in both events for her age group, returning home as the U14 Female Irish Open and International champion. At the Irish Open championship, she was placed 10th overall, a fabulous outcome as she was the youngest competing female athlete. This was her first overall win at this level, which is reflected in the final national seeding list released in December, which ranks her 6th U14 female slalom skier in England and Wales.

Rebecca continued her good form into December when she won her own club championships at both U14 and overall female categories. She now has a winter of hard training ahead in preparation for the start of the 2019 season in May, which will be her first season as an U16 athlete.

She is quite rightly very proud of her achievements, which are hard earned, as she needs to train hard and really dedicate herself to her chosen sport. This can result in some painful injuries, which makes her no stranger to x rays and bandages!

We look forward to learning of her future successes, well done Rebecca!

Junior Football Leadership Award

The course was held over two days, with a total of 32 students. The group of students were taught the rules of football and how to respect the game. During the course, students were separated into groups of 6. Within these groups, the students had to plan a football activity that they were given and then to coach in front of their peers. Each student showed outstanding leadership, communication and teamwork skills throughout their planned sessions.

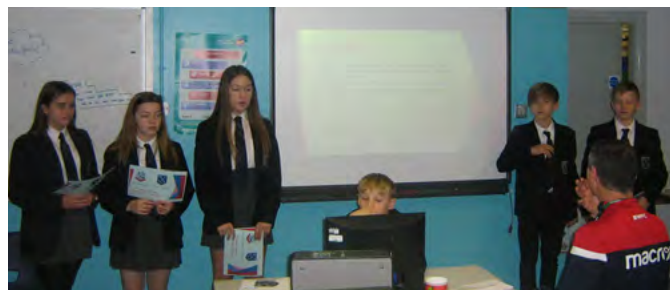
After everyone finished coaching their planned sessions, each student was given the chance to become a referee or manager. An FA coach gave them instructions as a manager to be negative or positive towards individual players. This was to ensure every student had the experience of understanding how a player feels throughout the game as well as the manager.

Overall the course was a massive success with increasing numbers from last year. Great sportsmanship from all who took part.



Premier League Enterprise Challenge

Six Year 8 students, *Hannah, Rebecca, Will, Theo, Jack and Jess* were chosen to take part in the 2018 Premier League Enterprise Challenge. The Enterprise Challenge was to come up with a business plan to attract 18-23 year olds to buy Bolton Wanderers season tickets. They had to make a power-point presentation which contained ideas for different packages to attract this age bracket to the games. The 6 worked together in a good team for just under 8 weeks and put together a great presentation to present to the judges.



The students said "Presentation day was 23rd November 2018, we were taken to a box at the ground on the 'Nat Lofthouse' stand side. We practiced our presentation to make sure we were word perfect. We were then very lucky to be taken on a tour of the stadium, we were able to walk through the tunnel where the players walk out on to the pitch, see the difference in changing rooms, the press office (where we got to sit in the chairs like the managers themselves), we also went to the top of the stadium where the media go on match days. We were then ready to present! We were confident, prepared and polite towards the judges. They were really impressed by our ideas and the way we presented it. Despite losing out to 1st place by just 1 point we all know we did ourselves and the school proud. We all had a really fun day and it is something we will remember when we are older. We wouldn't have been able to do it without the support of Bolton Wanderers and the support of our Student Support leader. Thank you Miss Goffett for all your time and support during the last 8 weeks."



Planning Permission Granted - School Improvements

We are excited to have had planning permission passed for the building project commencing early in 2019. Bolton Council has undertaken a process of identifying how they can create much needed school places in the area. This exercise identified that Westhoughton High School should expand to take in 40 additional students per year. This will change the pupil admission number, resulting in the whole school population gradually increasing to 1350.

To accommodate this increase in pupils, and to provide more up to date facilities, the school is working with the Local Authority and Good & Tillotson Architects to build a new block containing classrooms, demolish a current building and replace it with a new toilet block, and redevelop the outside social spaces for our students. The school will also be undertaking some internal refurbishment works to improve existing buildings. The new block is due to be ready for September 2019 with the other work quickly following.



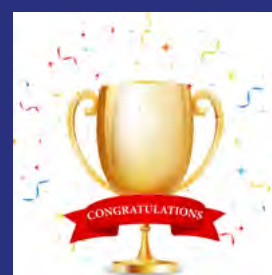
Open Evening 2018

Thank you to everyone who came to our Open Evening this year, we had a record number of visitors! It was a fabulous evening seeing potential new students and their families enjoying and experiencing our fantastic school. Our student helpers were all brilliant and helped welcome the visitors and show them what our school has to offer. We hope everyone had as much fun we did, and look forward to welcoming the new students in September 2019!



Open Evening Competitions

On our annual Open Evening we had 2 lucky winners of our competitions. Jasmine Bennett (below left) from Lostock Primary school won our 'Passport to Westhoughton' competition gaining the highest amount of stamps from various different subject areas when looking around our school. Jasmine received a £20 Trafford Centre voucher. Savannah Yates (below right) from Washacre Primary school took part in our 'Unique number challenge' and won a scientific calculator. Well done to both!



Year 11 Mock Interviews

Ninety Year 11 students volunteered and successfully completed a mock interview during the evening of 7th November. All students were encouraged to dress appropriately and were interviewed by a range of employers, staff from local colleges, governors, parents and ex students who formed 21 interview panels. Our students received feedback on their interview technique and the quality of their personal statements that formed the focus of interviews. We would like to thank all our interviewers who gave up their time freely to support our students. The students who participated learned a lot from their experiences picking up valuable tips before they encounter college and apprenticeship interviews later in the year.



PE Ambassadors

A big well done to all our new PE Ambassadors for this academic year. As PE Ambassadors the students will work with the PE department voluntarily giving up time at dinners and after school, to help out in all the extra-curricular clubs, from coaching year 7's to being a friendly face if any pupil needs it. All the Ambassadors also represent the school's football, rugby, badminton, netball, dance, swimming teams, as well as their commitments to their own clubs outside of school life.

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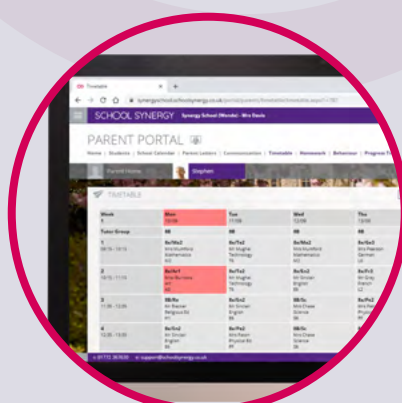
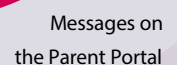
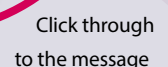
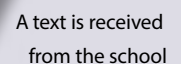
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Sometimes it's difficult to know who to contact within school about a specific request. With School Synergy you can complete a contact form from the school website or directly within the Parent Portal. This message is received and routed appropriately to the correct person within school and ensures that a response is given.

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a single place where you can view school information for one or more children. With a Parent Portal Code provided by school, you can register and view attendance, behaviour and achievements, parent letters, school calendar, parent communication, homework and more.



Senior Presentation Evening 2018

It was a real pleasure to welcome back the 'Class of 2018' to receive their GCSE certificates and special subject prizes at our senior Presentation Evening. The evening was well-attended and a celebration of the achievements of our former students. Unusually this year, two students shared the awarded for highest achievement, Megan Vickers and Ceri Phenna who both achieved 7 Grade 9s and one grade 8, a fantastic achievement. Staff nominated two students for Services to the School Awards, Jack Reed and Charli Fairbrother, who, often quietly and behind the scenes have made a much valued contribution to school and especially impacted positively on other students by being fantastic role models. Our Guest of Honour was Chris Buckley from Westhoughton Community Network who complimented the school on the work it has done in the local community to make a real difference to the lives of others. At the end of the evening, it was time to hear all about the exciting pathways our former students are following, whether into apprenticeships or local colleges, and how much they miss school! Well done, Class of 2018, good luck and keep in touch!



Our Facebook Page



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OAP Christmas Lunch

Year 10 GCSE Food Technology students prepared, cooked and presented Viennese biscuits, individual Blackforest gateaux, jam and cream scones, butterfly cakes, Swiss roll and sweet mince pies for the OAP Christmas Party. Excellent work, you were a real credit to the school. Well done to Cameron, Jack, Gabriel, Alex, Hannah, Mya, Kimberley and Sharaz. Also a big thank you to Joshua and Emily who helped to host the event.

Mr Whittle and Miss Atkins



'Jeans for Genes' day

The school took part in Jeans for Genes day in September, staff and pupils wore jeans and donated money for this fantastic charity who raise funds to support children affected by genetic disorders. The school raised £714.27! Well done all! Team WHS!



National Apprenticeship Show

As part of our careers programme, 100 students from years 10 and 11 took the opportunity to visit the National Apprenticeship Show North West held at Bolton Arena. Students had the opportunity to have an employer encounter with a range of organisations which offer apprenticeships to students at the age of 16 and 18. Our students were able to appreciate the diverse range of apprenticeships on offer to them and obtained an understanding of how they might access them.

As a follow up, several year 11 students attended a workshop where they registered with the National Apprenticeship website, while a number of GCSE Science classes had an encounter with apprentices from MBDA. As a school we are keen to give our students plenty of opportunities to gain an appreciation of apprenticeships as a post 16 pathway.



Youth Speaks Competition

Rotary Past President Phil Wood welcomed the teams from both Westhoughton and Ladybridge High Schools saying how delighted the Rotarians and their guests were at the prospect of a keen competition between the schools and their Senior and Intermediate teams.

After the teams drew for the order of presentation, Ladybridge Intermediate spoke first stating that younger generations were not being sufficiently prepared for their future lives and potential careers. They said that the problem was not just in schools but also in their homes. For example, teachers weren't encouraging creativity and the over protectiveness of parents was preventing the development of individual resilience.

Next, Westhoughton Seniors asked why our communities were falling apart. As more time was being spent with virtual friends on social networks, people were losing contact with real people with many not even knowing their neighbours. Indra Lilley explained how students were finding that new contacts with local people through initiatives like 'Let's Share Christmas' were equally rewarding for both pupils and local older people alike. He told the audience how he'd been learning to play dominoes at the Senior Solutions Carers' Group. Chairperson Natalie Rea and proposer Evie Munroe added their thoughts on how little things could make a real difference.

Westhoughton Intermediate team then gave an impassioned plea on behalf of hard pressed teachers, worrying that the pressures on them were causing stress if they were required to teach topics which could best be learned through parents acting as good role models.

Ladybridge Senior team's presentation was intriguingly entitled "We are more than pink or blue" by explaining their concern about the constraints imposed by preconceived stereotypes. Career aspirations were being affected with girls being less likely to study STEM subjects and boys being reluctant to enter nursing. The need for men to be manly or be seen as potential 'knights in shining armour' risked depression if they failed to live up to such expectations..

On behalf of the judges, President Bernard Howes announced the results of the competition saying how impressed they had been with the choice of relevant topics delivered with passion by all four teams. They were delighted that the standard seemed to go up each year with schools building on their experience of previous competitions.

The overall winners were Westhoughton High School Intermediate team of Chloe Pritchard, chairperson, Charlotte Rea, speaker and Louis Fitzpatrick, proposer of the vote of thanks. They and the Westhoughton Senior Team would be going forward to the next stage in the competition, to be held in Bolton in February. The Jack Cowburn Cup was then presented to the winners by Bernard Howes & Margaret Cowburn, together with a book token for each winning team member. All of the competitors were congratulated on their performances and presented with individual certificates. In closing, Phil Wood added his congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in an excellent and inspiring evening.

Westhoughton Rotary Youth Speaks Winners - November 2018

(L to R) Rotary Past President Phil Wood; Westhoughton High School Intermediate team proposer of the vote of thanks Louis Fitzpatrick with speaker Charlotte Rea & chairperson Chloe Pritchard (both holding the Westhoughton Rotary Youth Speaks' Cup); Margaret Cowburn.



Wigan and Leigh College Screen Printing Workshop

Year 11 Art students enjoyed 6 weeks of exciting printing workshops at Wigan and Leigh College. After having their own hand drawn images put onto a silk screen, students were able to print original designs onto fabric! The results were fantastic! A special thanks to Rachael and Mel for giving us their time and sharing their expertise.



Our GCSE Art students have certainly mastered the art of screen printing! Here are some of their final prints created in their last visits to Wigan and Leigh College!



‘Mini Moderns’ Art and Design Visit

We had a visitor in school for year 10 & year 11 art students, Mark Hampshire from the design company Mini Moderns. They are a company that specialise in applying patterns across a large range of products such as wallpapers, fabrics, cushions, rugs and ceramics. Mark explained many facets of the process they go through when developing their new designs from initial idea, inspiration and the story behind each individual piece of work they create. The main purpose of the talk was to learn more about art & design as a career; Mark explained how art can be a potential career path and how one would go about getting into a career in designing. *Daniel Year 11*



Emma year 11 presenting Mark Hampshire with a copy of her work inspired by Mini Moderns

Engineer for a Day

Six Year 8 female students were selected to attend the ‘Engineer for a Day’ event at University of Bolton organised by MBDA. MBDA is a world leader in missile systems and set the event up to create a platform for young girls to enter the engineering industry. Eight different schools from the local Bolton area took part in the ‘Squashed Tomato Challenge’, where they had to plan, design and make a system that transported tomatoes from a height safely. They were coached and had female engineer mentors from MBDA to guide them and challenge them to use the Design Cycle. The Westhoughton High School team were successful in the day’s challenge and won the award for the most tomatoes transported safely in 1 minute.



Drawing with light workshop

Several of our GCSE Art students enjoyed a 'drawing with light' experimental photography workshop run by art teacher, Michelle, from Bolton 6th Form College. We experimented with aperture control on the cameras to create shapes and patterns in a darkened space. Here are some of our results!



Celebration of Christmas

We marked the start of the Christmas festivities with our Celebration of Christmas on Thursday 6th December at St. Bartholomew's Church in Westhoughton. Alongside traditional carols and readings, we enjoyed performances from the student choir, staff choir, instrumentalists, soloists and the drama group. The event was supported by parents and staff alike as audience members and was enjoyed and appreciated by all; a fantastic way for us to welcome Christmas into our homes and families.

Many thanks to our families who supported this event. This year being the centenary of the ending of WW1 brings a special significance to the words from John's Gospel:

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it John 1 v5

A big thank you to all who took part and helped to make the evening a success.

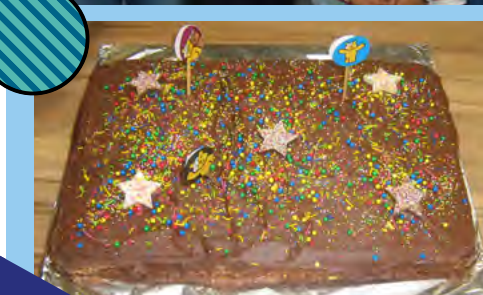


Children in Need and Maddie's Butterflies 2018

This year we split our fundraising fancy dress between Children in Need and a local charity, Maddie's Butterflies Christmas Pyjama appeal and we opened up the idea of coming to school in fancy dress on the day – or simply wearing your PJ's! Thanks to all who baked, dressed up, played sport, had their legs waxed (ouch) or donated as part of fundraising activities - the grand total raised was a fantastic £964.75!

Half of the money we raised went to Children in Need, half went to the PJ appeal which aims to give all children who are on the oncology ward in Manchester Children's hospital the gift of a new pair of pyjamas on Christmas Eve.

Special thanks goes to Libby Vickers in Year 8 who brought the appeal to our attention and you can see a picture of Libby here in assembly, receiving a round of applause from her year group and the cheque for Maddie's Butterflies PJ Appeal.



Anti-Bullying Conference Blackpool & Training Tameside

Our Ask-Anti Peer Mentors have been very busy this term working alongside the Lady Diana Anti-Bullying Team promoting their Anti-bullying Campaign. Two groups attended two events during the Autumn term. The first was the Annual Anti-bullying conference in Blackpool where the team found themselves in the final of a Dragon's Den style competition. They were pipped to the post coming second after a fabulous presentation. The conference led to an invite to a training session in Tameside, Manchester. Mr Cartwright accompanied a group of enthusiastic Year 7, 8, and 9 students on this most excellent event coming back with some fantastic ideas to help others get through difficult times.



Christmas Rewards Trips

Wow, what a successful Christmas rewards trip day - 770 students went out of school on various trips, including bowling, ice skating, roller skating and the cinema! The reward was well earned and behaviour was exemplary. Well done to one and all.



Autumn Term Merit Prizes

Well done to all our students who won prizes for the most merits for autumn, let's keep it up for next term.

1st prize £30 voucher

2nd prize £10 Vue voucher

3rd prize £5 Sainsburys voucher

4th prize selection box

Year 7

1st - Aaliyah Patel 7B

2nd - Amelia Ratcliffe 7P,
Grace Fahey 7M, Mia Bowman 7B

3rd - Christopher Harrison 7W,
Daniel Kelly 7V, Mia Day 7B,
Isabella Toth 7C

4th - Rebecca McCarthy 7F,
Kayden Chabu 7H, Lucy Dyer 7F,
Jack Hudson 7M

Year 8

1st - Mia Sadler 8C

2nd - Kyrlo Popov 8P,
Harrison Keyte 8H, Macy Mansfield 8P

3rd - Jacob Mather 8M, Roshan Lilley 8F,
Pooja Rana 8H, Kacie Nixon 8F

4th - Tiah Cooper 8M, Jacob Devlin 8P,
Crystal Palmer 8F, Toby Worthington 8S

Year 9

1st - Antoni Borzymowski 9F

2nd - Shannon O'Hanlon 9F,
Thomas Hallam 9M, Amy Powley 9F

3rd - Charlie Heyes 9S, Scarlett Peet 9H,
Tanisha Patel 9M,
Mackenzie Hwa-Clee 9P

4th - Anthony Oliver 9S,
Joshua Wright 9S, Adam Budd 9P,
Joshua Preston 9H

Year 10

1st - Aimee Nixon 10P

2nd - Grace Barlow 10C,
Maisie Bailes 10W, Abbey Devlin 10H

3rd - Eleanor Lomax 10F,
Kimberley Cullen 10C,
Rebecca Horrocks 10S,
Ella Tinniswood 10H

4th - Holly Greenough 10P,
Tia Martin 10C, Libby Hope 10B,
Yahya Atcha 10M

Year 11

1st - Lauren Taylor 11S

2nd - Libby Smith 11S, Zoe Butler 11B,
Chloe Higginbottom 11B

3rd - Heather Allmark 11P,
Kendal Brown 11B, Maisie Greaves 11C,
Jeremi Jasnoch 11B

4th - Samir Malik 11S, Izzy Dzulkipli 11F,
Olivia Pilkington 11S, Reece Patel 11C

Community English Project

Westhoughton High School pupils were delighted when 'The Chase' star, Jenny Ryan, agreed to take part in a community English lesson on 11th January 2018.

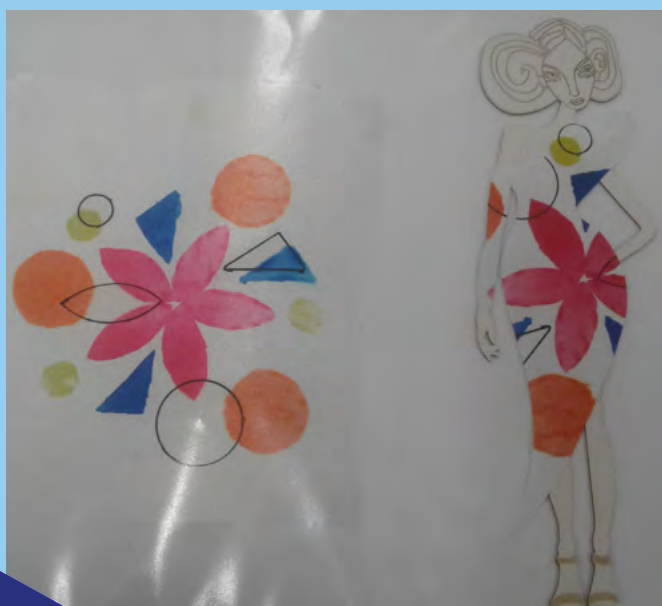
As part of an initiative to boost literacy and pride in their community, year 7 students have written to community heroes - people who inspire them - and there has been a fantastic response from the local community with more than fifty heroes, from fire brigade officers to doctors, police officers, magistrates, film directors, teachers, foster carers to football players, coming into school to meet students and talk to them about their careers. In addition to Jenny's visit, where she spent over an hour being questioned by students who were enthralled to hear about how she became one of The Chasers, students are also looking forward to speaking to Bolton Wanderers players Josh Vela, Lee Butler and David Wheater. Year 11 students have also been involved, reporting on these encounters as part of their English Language GCSE.

The school is confident that real-life experiences enhance students' learning and encourage engagement. "Ensuring students have opportunities to meet with adults and to question them about their experiences in their work, and especially to meet with employers and learn first-hand about the skills, qualifications and attributes they are looking for in their future employees, has been an invaluable opportunity for our students," said Ms Joy Bach, Deputy Headteacher. "We're grateful for the time they have given up to visit our school and inspire our students and to Miss Marron who has led the project in school."



Textile Creations Workshop

On Thursday 15th November our year 10 Design students Maggie, Millie and Ayesha and KS4 Design student Harley went to Runshaw College to take part in a 'Textile Creations' workshop. This opportunity saw students experimenting with a range of textiles media, materials and techniques to develop surface pattern ideas that could then be translated into garment creations. They said that the session had been "really rewarding, it was exciting to see our designs put onto fashion illustrations that look really professional".



Let's Share Christmas

Throughout December, students and staff at Westhoughton High have been getting into the Christmas spirit with their annual 'Let's Share Christmas' campaign which seeks to share Christmas with as many people as possible in their local community. 2 vans full of donations were donated to #Mission Christmas and Urban Outreach. Over 70 students walked from the school to Brookfield Hall, armed with presents for the 130 guests of Senior Solutions, a local befriending charity who do so much for older members of the local community. Later in the afternoon another group of students and staff visited Bolton Hospital and Ambulance Station to deliver Chocolate Oranges to the wonderful staff who look after our loved ones not just at Christmas but all year round. A group of Year 10 students attended the Westhoughton Age Support Project Christmas Party, giving up a little bit of their Sunday for the joy of handing out presents to the 120 guests in attendance. Wilf Dillon, 96, Treasurer and Events Organiser for WASPS, thanked the students, parents and staff for their kind gifts in a video message to the school saying "We can't thank you enough for what you do for us." Mr Dillion kindly invited the students to stay for a three course Christmas dinner and an afternoon of entertainment which they thoroughly enjoyed! Mr and Mrs Staniforth, who attended the event wrote to the school to say "A big thank you in appreciation of the gifts. The students were impeccable and the civility excellent and the cheerfulness, showed that we were appreciated by the younger generation." Below are a selection of photos from our collections at school, present wrapping and the gifts being given out at the Senior Solutions Christmas party.



Let's Share Christmas - Chocolate Orange Donations

Students and staff donated 325 Chocolate Oranges in an appeal that was inspired by Chris Lamb whose son Elliott sadly passed away in 2010 aged 4. Ever since, Mr Lamb has organised an appeal to collect Chocolate Oranges for those who care for our loved ones as a way of cherishing the memory of his son, which has since spread from St Helens across the country. This year, Debbie Croston, a mother of one of our students, approached the school to get involved and together they delivered close to 1000 chocolate oranges to those who care for our loved ones. Charlotte Rea, a Year 9 student said, *"It was a great experience for us as the nurses faces lit up. We also delivered hand-made cards made by the students. We will treasure this day forever."* Miss Fleming, whose form really drove this appeal said, *"We were overwhelmed with how much appreciation the staff showed towards the students. We have received so many thank you messages on twitter, it's good to know a little bit of kindness goes a long way."*



Urban Outreach Bolton Collection

Through great generosity from our students, parents and staff we were able to fill a van full of food and toiletries for Urban Outreach in Bolton, who support some of Bolton's poorest families and most vulnerable citizens. We are proud to be able to support this great local charity.





Kindness Army

The Kindness Army were spreading festive cheer in December! Students had prepared little gifts to hand out to people passing by on Market Street in Westhoughton! It was great to see how a little act of kindness can brighten up someones day!!



#Missionchristmas

A van full of presents was collected from school as part of #Mission Christmas, to ensure all children in our local community, including those whose families face financial hardship, wake up to gifts on Christmas day. What a great charity for us to be involved in, thank you to all our students and families who donated lots of great presents.



Welcome to Westhoughton Business Hub

Located in Westhoughton, the Business Hub aims to assist local businesses with the challenges that they face, by providing high quality, low cost meeting space. The hub offers practical services to help businesses grow, reduce overheads and thrive for years to come.

With our geographical location close to North West motorway links and the proximity to Logistics North adjacent to junction 4 of the M61 the Hub gives easy access into Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Cheshire.

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Bolton Hospice Fundraising

Throughout December, Year 11 Business and Enterprise students took part in the £50 Bolton Hospice Challenge which sees students put their skills to the test to raise as much money as they can for Bolton Hospice with an initial £50 investment. Mrs Dignam, who coordinated the challenge with her Year 11 students, said "It's been a fantastic opportunity for our students to challenge their entrepreneurial skill set to come up with a money making concept in support of such a wonderful local charity." Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets for our Christmas Raffle, the year 11 students who have been involved drew the prize winners. Winners have all been contacted to collect their prizes. A massive thank you again to all who contributed. The total amount raised through the sales of their sweet cones, raffle tickets and staff Christmas jumper day is massive £697.56!!! I am sure you will agree this is a fantastic amount generated from an initial investment of £50!



Bolton Hospice's Mind over Marathon Challenge

A team of staff from Westhoughton High School have signed up for a Marathon Challenge. Five staff from the school have signed up to Bolton Hospice's Mind over Marathon challenge, running Liverpool Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on 26th May 2019. The Hospice have provided an extensive package to support the runners to take on the 26.2 mile challenge, including a bespoke training plan, group training, strength & conditioning sessions, yoga and nutritional advice. The team will work closely with the student body over the coming months to devise fundraising events and activities in school where all the students can challenge themselves and raise much needed funds for Bolton Hospice.

"Bolton Hospice is a special charity who we are thrilled to support. This challenge will test all the team, but knowing we have the students behind us will make the training far more bearable," said Mrs Burton, Assistant Headteacher.



WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF

The Performing Arts Department produced the Fourth pantomime for this year's Christmas production. Pantoland was struck by a serious crime wave this year, led by the infamous Big Bad Wolf.

From October half term, rehearsals began and the cast and crew worked hard to pull off another four amazing shows in such a short space of time. Dancing, singing and acting were all part of the show and the students gave up their time to ensure it was ready for the opening night.

Once more the shows were a complete sell out. The show was performed to both our local primary schools and our local senior citizen community, who also enjoyed their usual Christmas Party at the school before the show. Strong feedback was given by the audiences who saw the show, and the cast were lucky enough to get two standing ovations for their performance. The cast involved 90 students across all year groups, another increase in participation for the Performing Arts Department. The band did a great job producing several musical numbers under the guidance of the Musical Director Mr Ashton-Hunt. As always Mr Taylor was on hand to provide much needed backstage and technical support and a big thank you to Mrs Brodmann, Mrs Yates and Mr Lee, for their support with props and costume. Thanks goes to the staff who helped out at the performances.



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