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Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Half Term 2. This week we have hosted Halloween Discos, which took place over two nights. On the first evening, we invited Years 4, 5, and 6 from local primary schools, and on the second, our Key Stage 3 students joined in the fun. A huge thank you to staff and students who decorated the hall and prepared refreshments—it looked wonderful.

On Monday, our Year 11 mock exams have officially begun, starting with Spanish Speaking Exams this week (these will continue into next week). The full exam period in the Sports Hall begins on 11th November, with core subjects, English, Maths, and Science taking place that week. We know this is a challenging time for our Year 11s, and we encourage them to make the most of the support available. All students have revision materials and are also attending additional after-school study sessions (Period 6), there are also Saturday sessions, by invitation. Please encourage your son/daughter to take full advantage of these resources as they prepare.

On Tuesday, we had a special visit from Salford's Ceremonial Mayor, Tanya Burch. Madam Mayor arrived wearing her ceremonial robes and spent time meeting students, explaining her role, and learning about our school. She was especially impressed with the Art and Textiles work our students have created.

On Thursday at 4pm, I'm looking forward to meeting our Year 7 parents for our "Settling In" evening. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's Form tutor and hear from myself and other members of the Leadership Team.

Coming up on 11th November, we will hold our annual Remembrance Service. I encourage all students to wear poppies with pride, as I will be doing myself. We will also observe a two minutes silence on 11th November.

Finally, I'd like to remind all families of our start-of-day expectations. Please ensure that your child arrives on the playground by 8:25 am, ready to listen to their morning messages from their Head of Year. This is an important part of the day where key information is shared, and even a few minutes' delay can mean they miss out. Your help in ensuring they're in school on time is invaluable.

As always, please get in touch if you have any comments or questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,
Claire Coy





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Year 11 Mock Exams

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the upcoming mock exams, we want to ensure that every student is well-prepared and feels supported in achieving their best possible results. Mocks are an essential part of exam preparation, providing students with a chance to practice under exam conditions and identify areas to focus on for improvement. We kindly ask for your support to help your child prepare effectively for these assessments.

The Importance of Attendance During Mock Exams

Research from the Department for Education has shown a strong link between regular attendance and academic success. Good attendance not only enhances a child's learning but is also correlated with greater future opportunities and achievements. Students who attend school consistently tend to perform better on exams, have stronger engagement with their studies, and gain essential skills that contribute to their future ambitions.

Missing school during this crucial time can hinder progress and reduce confidence going into the final exams. With each day offering structured learning, review, and guidance from teachers, consistent attendance will ensure your child is fully supported throughout the mock exam period. We appreciate your help in prioritizing attendance to provide your child with the best foundation for success.

Punctuality for Booster Sessions

To further support our students, we will be offering booster sessions at **8:00 a.m. each morning** before exams. These sessions are designed to reinforce key topics, review exam techniques, and provide opportunities to ask any last-minute questions. Arriving on time for these sessions is vital so students can fully benefit from the extra review and enter the exam room feeling confident and prepared. **You will find full details of all boosters and exams in the attached timetable.**

Revision

Please ensure your child is regularly revising for their mock exams. Students have been provided with the following to aid their revision:

- **A weekly revision checklist** (see all given out so far attached to this email). This guides students on exactly what to focus their revision on that week. Please note, this includes ALL subjects - some of which your child does not study. They should only revise for the subjects they study.
- **Revision guides** for every text for English Literature
- **A revision folder**, with a notepad and flashcards
- **A "golden quotations"** flashcard booklet for English Literature
- **A knowledge organiser** with information about all key texts for English Literature
- **Past papers** for Maths & English Language



- **Access to the Maths Padlet page** - this includes links to useful websites they can use for Maths Revision - click the following link to access this: [Padlet](#)

- **Access to Sparx Maths, Sparx Science & Seneca Learning** (for English and many other subjects) - students are expected to complete this weekly

- **Microsoft Teams** - lots of revision resources can be found in subject folders in the Year 11 year group team.

English Revision

Students should be completing Practice papers for English Language Paper 2.

For English Literature, students should be revising An Inspector Calls, and the Power & Conflict Poetry cluster. They can use their revision guides, knowledge organisers & golden quotation flashcards to help with this.

Maths Pre-Seen/Unseen Paper Revision

As we approach mock 1, our exam preparation begins this week. To this aim, we begin a process of preseen /unseen papers, a proven revision tool to improve exam technique. The teacher will model approximately 35 marks of a chosen paper in class. Students should then take these home and revise the methods for each question.

The following week students will independently answer the same questions, with different numbers, during period 6. Each class will be set a minimum score they must achieve to show they have been revising the paper. Please speak to your child about the importance of this process as it will ensure the best chance in the mocks of achieving success.

Healthy Routines

A balanced routine, including good nutrition, adequate sleep, and breaks during study time, is essential for optimal performance. Encourage your child to drink water, take short breaks to refresh, and aim for a full night's sleep to ensure they are well-rested, especially during exam periods.

Positive Reinforcement and Encouragement

Preparing for exams can be challenging, and positive reinforcement makes a big difference. Reassuring your child that these exams are a step in their journey can help ease stress, and your support can make a tremendous impact on their confidence.

We look forward to seeing our students reach their full potential and, with your support, we are confident they will be ready for the challenges ahead. Should you have any questions regarding the exam schedule, booster sessions, or ways to support your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Aylward

Vice Principal – Quality of Education

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

November 2024

Week -1					
Period	Monday 04/11/2024	Tuesday 05/11/2024	Wednesday 06/11/2024	Thursday 07/11/2024	Friday 08/11/2024
Before School 08:00-08:50					
Period 1 09:00-10:05	Textiles Exam (11A in Room B1) Periods 1-5 Spanish Speaking Exams (Individual times taking place all day)	Textiles Exam (11C in Room B1) Periods 1-5 Spanish Speaking Exams (Individual times taking place all day)	Spanish Speaking Exams (Individual times taking place all day)	Spanish Speaking Exams (Individual times taking place all day)	Spanish Speaking Exams & mop-ups (Individual times taking place all day) Maths Booster 14:00 - 15:30
Period 2 10:05-11:05					
Period 3 11:20-12:20					
Period 4 12:20-13:20					
Period 5 14:00-15:00					
Period 6 15:00-15:30					

Week 1					
Period	Monday 11/11/2024	Tuesday 12/11/2024	Wednesday 13/11/2024	Thursday 14/11/2024	Friday 15/11/2024
Before School 08:00-08:50	Maths Booster 08:00 - 08:50	Science Booster 08:00 - 08:50	English Booster 08:00 - 08:50	Maths Booster 08:00 - 08:50	Science Booster 08:00 - 08:50
Period 1 09:00-10:05	Maths (Paper 1) Calc 1hr 30 min (09:00 - 10:30)	Biology Comined Science 1hr 15 min (09:00 - 10:15)	English Language 1hr 45 mins (09:00 - 10:45)	Maths (Paper 2) Calc 1hr 30 min (09:00 - 10:30)	Chemistry Combined Science 1hr 15 min (09:00 - 10:15)
Period 2 10:05-11:05		Biology Triple Science 1hr 45 min (09:00 - 10:45)			Chemistry Triple Science 1hr 45 min (09:00 - 10:45)
Break 11:05 - 11:20					
Period 3 11:20-12:20	History Booster (11:20 - 11:55) History (Paper 1) Medicine 1hr 20 mins (12:00 - 13:20)	Engineering Booster (11:20 - 11:45) Engineering Unit 1 1hr 30 mins (11:50 - 13:20)	Spanish Booster (11:20 - 11:55) Spanish Paper 4 Writing Foundation 1hr (12:00 - 13:00) Higher 1hr 15min (12:00 - 13:15)	Geography 1hr 45 (11:20 - 13:15)	Music Booster (11.20 - 11:55)
Period 4 12:20-13:20					Hopitality & Catering Booster (11:20 - 11:55) Music Component 3 1 hr (12:00 - 13:00)
Lunch 13:20 - 14:00					
Period 5 14:00-15:00	Science Booster 14:00 - 15:30	English Booster 14:00 - 15:30	Maths Booster 14:00 - 15:30	Science Booster 14:00 - 15:30	RE Booster 14:00 - 15:30
Period 6 15:00-15:30					

Week 2					
Period	Monday 18/11/2024	Tuesday 19/11/2024	Wednesday 20/11/2024	Thursday 21/11/2024	Friday 22/11/2024
Before School 08:00-08:50	RE Booster 08:00 - 08:50	English Booster 08:00 - 08:50	Maths Booster 08:00 - 08:50	Spanish Booster 08:00 - 08:50	Science Booster 08:00 - 08:50 Psychology Booster 08:00 - 08:50
Period 1 09:00-10:05	Religious Studies Christianity Paper 1 1hr 45 (09:00 - 10:45)	English Literature 2hrs 15 mins (09:00 - 11:15)	Maths Paper 3 (Non Calc) 1hr 30 min (09:00 - 10:30)	Spanish (Paper 1) Listening Foundation 35 mins (09:00 - 09:35) Higher 45 mins (09:00 - 09:45)	Physics Combined Science 1hr 15 min (09:00 - 10:15)
Period 2 10:05-11:05				Spanish (Paper 3) Reading Foundation 45 min (09:50 - 10:35) Higher 1hr (09:50 - 10:50)	Physics Triple Science 1hr 45 min (09:00 - 10:45)
Break 11:05 - 11:20					
Period 3 11:20-12:20	Home Languages (Paper 1) Listening F=35mins & H=1hr (Paper 3) Reading F=45mins & H=1hr 11:20 - TBC	History Booster (11:20 - 11:40)	Computer Science Booster (11:20 - 11:45)	Health & Social Booster (11:20 - 11:45)	Drama Booster (11:20 - 11:55)
Period 4 12:20-13:20		History Germany (Paper 3) 1 hr 30 mins (11:50 - 13:20)	Computer Science 1hr 30 min (11:50 - 13:20)	Health & Social 1hr 30 mins 11:50 - 12:20	Drama 1hr 5 min (12:00 - 13:05) Psychology 1hr 45 mins (11:20 - 13:05)
Period 5 14:00-15:00	English Booster 14:00 - 15:30	Maths Booster 14:00 - 15:30	Home Languages (Paper 4) Writing F=45mins & H=1hr 15mins (14:00 - TBC)	History (Paper 2) Anglo Saxon 1hr (14:00 - 15:00)	
Period 6 15:00-15:30			Spanish Booster 14:00 - 15:30	History Booster (Non Spanish) 14:00 - 15:30	Science Booster 14:00 - 15:30

W/C 02/12					
Period	Monday 02/12/2024	Tuesday 03/12/2024	Wednesday 04/12/2024	Thursday 05/12/2024	Friday 06/12/2024
Before School 08:00-08:50					
Period 1 09:00-10:05	Art Exam Periods 1-5	Art Exam Periods 1-5	Art Exam Periods 1-5		
Period 2 10:05-11:05					
Period 3 11:20-12:20					
Period 4 12:20-13:20					
Period 5 14:00-15:00					
Period 6 15:00-15:30					

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WhatsApp Year 11 Comms Channel

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. As we embark on this significant year for your child, I want to take a moment to acknowledge that it can be both exciting and overwhelming. To help you stay informed, we have set up a WhatsApp Year 11 Comms Channel.

This channel is designed to keep you up to date with all things related to Year 11. From our revision offerings to important key dates, we aim to provide you with all the information you need to support your child effectively.

Together, we can navigate this year and ensure that your child is in the best position for success.

If you already use WhatsApp, you should receive an invite request to join the channel. Alternatively, you can click the following link to take you to the channel: [The Lowry Academy - Year 11 Comms | WhatsApp Channel](#)

Please note that the channel has added privacy for your profile and phone number, meaning no one has access to your information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Aylward
Vice Principal

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Year 7 School Photographs

Dear Parent / Carer,

The school photographer has been in school today to take the Year 7 photographs along with any students from Year 8 who do not have a school photograph on our system.

Your child will bring home their individual photograph ticket.

You will need this ticket as it shows the log on details for you to be able to view your child's photograph and have the ability to purchase the photo once they are ready.

THEY LOOK LIKE THIS



Each child will be given a ticket by our photographer. This ticket is the only way for parents and guardians to access the child's images; they simply use the details on the ticket to register online and as soon as the photos are ready to view, they will receive a notification.

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School based Vaccination Programme

Dear Parent / Carer

3-in-1 Teenage Booster (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY are usually offered to children in Yr 9 approx. age 13-14. The teenage booster, also known as the 3-in-1 or the Td/IPV vaccine, is given to boost protection against 3 separate diseases: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio. The MenACWY vaccine protects against 4 strains of the meningococcal bacteria – A, C, W and Y – which cause meningitis and blood poisoning (septicaemia).

The 0-19 Immunisations team alongside the school Nurses are working in partnership with your child's school to deliver these high school age vaccinations. These vaccinations are not routinely offered at GP practices. All Immunisations are extremely important and ensure that your child is protected later in life, the DTP and MenACWY vaccinations are given alongside each other and will be offered to your child, in school by nurses.

The school Nurses are now using an electronic platform for consenting and information delivery, which is a faster, more efficient and a safer way to deliver your child's health information back to the team.

STEP 1: FOLLOW LINK BELOW AND SELECT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

STEP 2: Please either register for an account if this is your first time using the Thomson parent portal or login if you have already created an account. If this is your first time registering, you will receive an email to confirm your account and set a password.

STEP 3: Once you login you can read the information on this year's DTP and MenACWY vaccination campaign and submit the form so that you can receive your electronic results letters. You will have the opportunity to opt out of the vaccination program, if you do not complete a form telling us YES or NO, we will not be able to vaccinate and protect your child.

The electronic consent form allows you to refuse these vaccinations for your child however, if you are thinking of taking this step please talk to your GP or ask to speak to your school nurse first, it is very important that you take this opportunity to protect your child against these very serious diseases.

It is vital the consent form is completed as soon as possible, or on receiving this link, as we will be visiting your child's school during this term.

If you have any problems with the above consent form link, please contact School screener parent support line on

020 3958 4181 or email parentsupport@schoolscreeener.com

Please click the link below:

<https://app.schoolscreeener.com/Portal/#/Salford/g/SaiTB2425>

All health-related information is kept confidential however, in some instances this may be shared on a need-to-know basis with other services including the school, to enable better support for your child in school. The School Nurse's will contact you to discuss the need to share other health-related information where relevant.

Should you have any questions about the School Age Immunisation Program please contact us via the email address above and we will endeavour to respond to you within 48 hours.

Yours sincerely,

Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team

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Reducing Barriers to Education

Dear Parent / Carer,

Support in Salford is available for children and young people who experience emotional barriers to attendance and accessing education. Salford Integrated Care Partnership are running parent/carer meetings this year. To book a place, you can email EPS@salford.gov.uk, there are a mix of in person and virtual meetings available:

Date	Time	Where
Wednesday 13 th November 2024	10am-12pm	Community Room 3, Broughton Hub
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	10am-12pm	Virtual, on Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 15 th January 2025	10am-12pm	Community Room 3, Eccles Gateway
Wednesday 12 th February 2025	10am-12pm	Virtual, on Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	10am-12pm	Community Room 3, Eccles Gateway
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	10am-12pm	Virtual, on Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	10am-12pm	Community Room 3, Eccles Gateway
Wednesday 11 th June 2025	10am-12pm	Virtual, on Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	10am-12pm	Community Room 3, Eccles Gateway

You can find further information and other support resources here [ReducingBarrierstoEducation.pdf](#).

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Salford Firework Weekend

Dear Parent / Carer,

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend as Salford Firework Weekend returns for 2024! This year, we're lighting up the skies over Salford with two fantastic events, free for the whole family.

The celebration kicks off at [Buile Hill Park](#) on Saturday 2 November, starting at 4pm. Expect three firework displays throughout the night, tasty food and drink stalls, and lots more. We'll also have marshmallow toasting and stunning fire drawings to explore as you wander the park!

On Sunday 3 November, [Prince's Park in Irlam](#) will host our second night of festivities, featuring a traditional bonfire, a dazzling firework display, and a funfair perfect for all ages.

Free entry to both events makes this an ideal way to spend the weekend with friends or family, and with so much going on, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

If you're planning to drive to Buile Hill Park, [parking can be booked in advance](#) for £5 per car.

Don't miss out! Find out more information [here](#).



The poster features a dark night sky filled with colorful fireworks in shades of blue, green, and orange. In the foreground, a white silhouette of a carousel with a horse and a boat is visible on the left. A path leads from the carousel towards the right, where the silhouettes of an adult and a child are walking. Several street lamps with glowing yellow flames line the path. The text 'Free' is written in white inside a black circle. The main title 'SALFORD FIREWORK WEEKEND' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the title, the event details are listed: 'Buile Hill Park | Saturday 2 November' and 'Prince's Park Irlam | Sunday 3 November'. The website 'visitsalford.info/firework' is at the bottom. Two small pink boxes contain 'Salford City Council' and 'Visit Salford www.visitsalford.info'.

Free

SALFORD FIREWORK WEEKEND

Buile Hill Park | Saturday 2 November
Prince's Park Irlam | Sunday 3 November

visitsalford.info/firework

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ANDY BURNHAM
MAYOR OF
GREATER
MANCHESTER

Dear Parent / Carer,

Invitation to express your interest in developing a 'School Street'

We know that some children, parents or carers don't always feel safe walking or cycling to school - and we want to help change that through the Bee Network; our opportunity to create an integrated transport system that better serves young people and makes sustainable travel the first choice.

School Streets are where local roads are closed to through motor traffic for a short period at drop off and pick up, alongside other supportive measures such as safer crossings and cycle storage. They make it easier for pupils, teachers, parents & carers to walk or cycle and also reduce vehicle danger, making it safer for everyone. If the conditions are right - walking, wheeling and cycling to school could be the first and easiest option for families because it's free, it's healthier and it has the potential to reduce congestion on our roads.

In my election manifesto earlier this year I pledged to create an expanded School Street programme in Greater Manchester, building on the pilot School Street scheme we launched in 2021 to help even more schools create safer travel in the coming years. To support the first phase of this, we have just announced a new £1.3m fund for Local Authorities to develop School Street schemes. Over the next four years, TfGM is looking to work with local councils and school communities to develop 100 School Streets and deliver 30 new or improved crossings at schools where we know there are no appropriate crossings.

We are writing to invite you to register your school's interest with Transport for Greater Manchester in joining this programme at [School Streets | TfGM Bee Active](#).

Our commitment to creating safer streets around schools is a key part of our draft School Travel Strategy, which will set out our longer term approach for how we can support more young people to walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or use public transport to get to school and access further education. We are keen for schools and Greater Manchester residents to help shape this strategy and will be in touch later this year with more details on how you can get involved.

Research shows just half of Greater Manchester's residents feel it is safe for children to walk to school and just 42% believe it is safe for children to cycle to school. We are committed to working with schools and partners across our city region to change this.

Yours,

Andy Burnham
Mayor of Greater Manchester

Dame Sarah Storey
Active Travel Commissioner

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Diary dates

Please make a note of the following dates, further information will be sent to families closer to specific events:

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
Monday 4th – Friday 22nd November	Year 11	Mock Exams
Thursday 7th November	Year 7	Settling in Evening
Monday 25th November	Year 8	Nurses in School – HPV catch ups
Thursday 5th December	Year 11	Parents Evening
Monday 9th December	All Families	Nurses in school – flu vaccination
Thursday 19th December	All Families	School closes for Christmas - last day for students
Monday 6th January 2025	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Tuesday 7th January 2025	All Families	Students return to school for normal registration
Thursday 16th January 2025	Year 10	Parents Evening
Monday 27th January 2025	Year 9	Nurses in school - DTP/MenACWY immunisations

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