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Headteacher's Welcome



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As we approach the Christmas break, I'd like to take a moment to pause and reflect on our Winter Term, my first at Buile Hill. I have now seen our school in action it is absolutely clear to me that Buile Hill is a truly special school with a wonderful community of staff, students and families who are absolutely committed to striving to achieve their personal best. As I have said in my regular video updates we will continue to improve our culture and the quality of learning.

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Over this term, I have been proud to take parents/carers, fellow Head Teacher's and members of our community around the school on tours to show them how special our school is. Each time, I am humbled by the efforts that our staff make to support our students and the dedication that our young people have to trying their best. I have undertaken thirty-two separate school tours, during lessons, so our visitors were able to see all that is good in our school. Every time I have been very proud to walk our visitors round.

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Please take some time to read our half term newsletter, featuring some of the highlights of success from across the school.

Next term we will continue to challenge and support all students and staff, as we start the next chapter of our school's improvement. We will continue to work to improve the school so that your child receives the best provision possible. We are clear in our plan for improvement and excited about the opportunities that the new year presents for us all.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for their hard work and determination this term. This week we have celebrated students' Personal Best and No Excuses approach to school life, with many "Rewards events".

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I hope you have a lovely Christmas and wish you all a safe and happy new year!

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A reminder that students return on Monday 10th January and that our Year 11 Parents Evening is Thursday 13th January, 4.00pm to 6.00pm, Year 11 families will receive a letter via the post with the arrangements.

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Best wishes,

Mr D Lancaster



Sporting Success!

Football

- Year 11 Boys have qualified for the Plate knockout competition and will play either Walkden or Irlam in the next round after finishing fourth in their group.
- Year 10 have qualified for the main competition after finishing second in their group. They will play Irlam or St Ambrose in the quarter final.
- Year 9 have qualified for the plate knockout competition and will play either Irlam or Walkden in the next round.
- Year 8's topped their group after winning the Consilium derby against Moorside 3-1. They will play Salford City Academy in the quarter final.

Rugby

Both Year 7 and Year 8 attended a development days organised by Salford Red Devils where they were coached by Salford Red Devils coaches and then competed against schools from across the North West. The Y7 team gave a very good account of themselves winning five matches on the day, drawing two and losing two. The Y8 team likewise did really well as well winning three out of six games which they participated in.

Netball

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 teams have been taking part in Netball rally's across Salford this half term with some excellent performances from the girl's involved. the highlight of the half term was the Year 7 team who performed fantastically well in their first rally at Moorside winning two games out of three.



Athletics

Students in Year 7 and 8 took part in an Athletics competition held at Irlam and Cadishead School. We were very proud of how the students performed and conducted themselves throughout the day:

- Year 7 boys finished 1st place.
- Year 7 girls finished in 2nd place

Bookflix Update

This term we successfully launched the Bookflix reading incentive and it has proven extremely popular. During Autumn Term 1, 197 books were borrowed. The number of books borrowed this term, since the start of Bookflix, is an astounding 746! Please check to see if your child has received their Super Reader Bookflix certificate/prizes if they've been taking part.



Even in this short amount of time, major achievements have been made! Sinit (7D) is our current reading champion and has read and reviewed over 40 books! In joint second, we have Tomilara 7B) and Arshiya 7C) who have read and reviewed over 35 books each!

Excitingly, we also took part in a National Writing Competition. Pupils were tasked with writing a twisted tale and have the potential to published in an official Young Writers publication. We also had an in-trust competition for schools within the Consilium Trust and as a school we chose five of our best entries to be published in a Consilium collection. The talented pupils are: Kiera (11D), Ema V(7F), Olivier (7D), Arthur (8D) and Elizabeth (7B).

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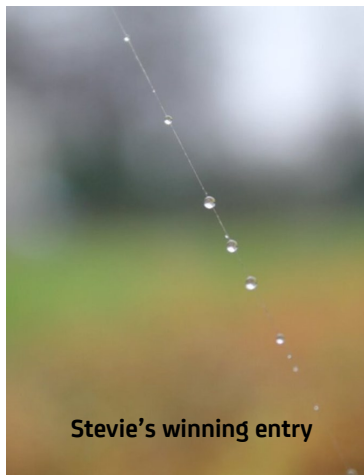
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Consilium Photography Competition

Students across all Consilium schools took part in a trust-wide photography competition this half term. Students were challenged to capture 'water' in as creative way as possible.

We had lots of fantastic entries from across the school. A massive congratulations to Stevie in Y11 who came in third out of over 500 entries across the whole trust.



Activities in the Community

As part of Salford's winter of fun activities including crafts, dance, baking, football, skateboarding and panto will be taking place during the Christmas school holidays. The sessions are for children who are on free school meals in school years from Reception to Year 11. Find out more or sign up now at <https://www.salford.gov.uk/winterfun>



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Meet our Team!

In each newsletter, we will introduce new members of our staff to you so that you get more of an idea of the wonderful team that work here at Buile Hill. This term, we welcomed Ms Rowlinson to lead our MFL department.

Growing up in the Lake District, no one in my family spoke any other languages, but I loved learning French and German at school and was always determined to travel and learn more about other cultures. After my A-Levels, I taught English in Malaysia for six months, before embarking on a degree in Mandarin Chinese, French and German at Newcastle University. My degree gave me the opportunity to study in Hainan, the "Hawaii of China", for a year, to study French in the south of France and to work for an AIDS charity in Togo in West Africa.



After university, my language skills meant I found a job working in international marketing at a university, where I would travel around the world meeting students and visiting our international partners. I worked for several universities, and even worked in an office overlooking the pitch at Wembley Stadium! However, I was keen to work more closely with young people and to hopefully inspire them to take advantage of some of the amazing opportunities I've been given. I trained as a language teacher in East London and worked in a school in Newham as a teacher and Head of Year, before returning to the North West this summer. I'm excited for my new role as Head of MFL at Buile Hill and hope to share my passion for language and travel with students here in Salford

Dancing with The Lowry

Since the beginning of November 2021, the Year 10 Dance students have been taking part in a project with the Centre of Advanced Training from the Lowry Theatre in Salford. Within this project the Dance students have been looking at creative choreography to help them come up ideas and intentions to create their own routine. It was very imaginative and creative, students had to link different body parts to 10 numbers which created a 10-move routine. They had to ensure their motifs were aesthetically pleasing and flowing from movement to movement. At the end of the project, the students put each of their motifs together to create a full routine which was very interesting to watch. We look



forward to working with the Lowry again in the future for more projects and workshops.



Year 11 Rewards Trip to Tinseltown

Our Year 11 cohort have worked incredibly hard this term. Since September they have been working hard to prepare for their Winter Exams, taking part in workshops and interviews to prepare them for their future careers and completing their applications for training and education in September. To reward our students who achieved their 'personal best' this term, we took a group of 50 students to Tinseltown at the Trafford Centre. A huge thank you to Miss Jones for organising the trip and a big well done to our fantastic Year 11s!



Year 7 Christmas Card Competition

Freya in Year 7 won our Christmas card competition this year. We sent out our Buile Hill Christmas card to all our neighbouring schools, headteachers, trust colleagues and members of the local authority.

Year 7 Rewards Trip to the Opera House



Y7 were treated to a trip to see Manchester Opera Houses' Aladdin on Monday 20th December. Pupils left school after lunch and were treated to a festive delight which is a family favourite at Christmas. After studying Melodrama in their drama lessons, pupils were prepared for the over-the-top acting, costumes, and stock characters but nothing could have prepared them for the spectacle of this show!

This year's starcasting was Alexandra Burke as Scherezade – the spirit of the ring who rose onto the stage through a trap door giving the feel of her X-Factor winning past! Wowing the audience with her glamour and star quality as well as a rendition of one of her most famous covers of Jeff Buckley's Hallelujah. Widow Twankey's dame costumes are as outrageous as they come and mostly come topped with a towering hat several feet high! The production values at The Opera House were incredible! We saw a real-life flight on Aladdin's magic carpet at the end of the first half and Princess Jasmine defeated the giant snake Abanazar transformed himself into just before the finale. Wishee Washee stole the show for all of us, he was hilarious with plenty of jokes for the children, as well as a few for the adults! He carried the pantomime with old-school, end of the pier routines beginning with his topical rap about the shenanigans in Westminster!

The whole experience was an absolute joy, the pupils laughed, sang, danced, booed and cheered throughout and everyone had a magical afternoon which will be remembered for years to come, oh yes it will!

Year 10 Poetry

Grace in Year 10 has created a festive poem to get us in celebratory mood for the Christmas holidays. She loves reading and her poem is inspired by her own childhood imagination and the magic of 'A visit from St Nicholas' by Clement Clarke Moore. We hope you all enjoy Grace's poem and that it brings joy to all our community this Christmas!

A Christmas Poem by Grace - Year 10

I lay in my bed
Willing myself to sleep -
Tossing and turning
And counting sheep.

When suddenly out of thin air
Saint Nicholas appeared
In all his red-coated glory
And snowy white hair.

He set off to work,
Without making a sound
As I rubbed my eyes
And looked all around.

Christmassy items popped up every-
where,
All I could do was sit and stare.
Then Saint Nick turned around
And asked 'Was this a dare?'

I looked on in disbelief
As he began to chuckle
I slowly smiled at him
As he tapped his belt buckle

In an instant he was gone,
I was alone in my room
But the presents were still there
And I smiled to myself in the gloom.

Then soon I was falling asleep
Back tossing and turning
And counting sheep...

