

Headteacher's Welcome



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This Spring term has been an important one for us a school as we move into the second phase of our improvement journey. Having been here for a whole term and half, I am confident in our self-assessment of the school and what the priorities are moving forward. Following our INSET days in January, our teachers have raised the bar once more in lessons, insisting on total participation and challenging all our students more. In a recent survey to our students, 84% of them said that they were more challenged in lessons and expected to work harder. This is fantastic progress and we know that there is still more that we can do.

The introduction of Satchel has been another highlight, as students engage more with their learning from home. I encourage you as parent/carer to continue to review your child's homework via the Parent App.

There have been some fantastic opportunities for our students this term: Year 11 have taken part in one to one interviews, we have introduced additional tutoring in English and Maths for Year 9-11, The National Theatre performed a fantastic adaptation of Jekyll and Hyde for our Year 9s to watch and our students were given a great opportunity to reflect and commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

We know there is more to do and we continue to encourage all: staff, students, and families to give us their personal best and have a no excuses approach, so that every child here at Buile can succeed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support and wish you and your family the best for the half term break.

Best wishes,

Mr D Lancaster



Blood Brothers Masterclass

On the 17th January GCSE Drama students in years 10 and 11 were given the opportunity to take part in a full day's workshop based on the musical Blood Brothers. Mike Southern from Stage-Ed ran the session and had an amazing insight into the staging of the play as he starred in it for 11 years playing the role of Sammy!

Students got to perform key scenes from the play, gain a deeper understanding of characters and learn inside gossip from the smash hit

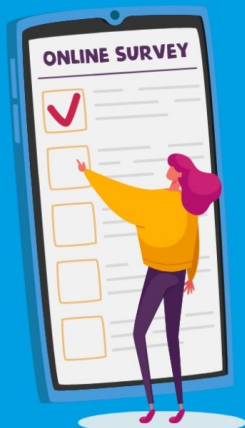


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Holocaust Memorial Day



Pupils across the school took part in activities to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27th January. Every year the Holocaust Memorial Day trust have a theme to inspire remembrance, discussion and reflection for the millions who died during the Holocaust. This year's theme was 'One Day' which was to highlight how, for many victims of the Holocaust, their lives changed very suddenly, and in many cases in just 'One Day'. For some that was being torn from their homes or for others it was the day they were liberated, or even being reunited with family after the Holocaust.

Pupils took part in assemblies, where they learnt about the Holocaust and listened to a survivor's story, Mindu Hornick. In addition to this 30 year 9 pupils also had the opportunity to listen to a Holocaust Survivor's story over Zoom as part of Islington Council's Holocaust Memorial Day service. Harry Olmer, now 95, was only 12 when the Nazi's invaded his homeland of Poland. He spoke for around 30 minutes in a very moving testimony and we all felt very privileged for being able to hear it.



hegartymaths

Hegarty Maths

In Maths, we have launched the use of HegartyMaths, a Maths-specific homework platform. HegartyMaths is a specialised online learning tool which gives video support for every question students attempt, to make sure that they understand the content of what they are learning and can practice their Maths skills independently.

This half term our students have collectively answered 40,183 questions, ranking us 8th in the country of similar sized Schools.

A huge congratulation to the students below who have answered the most questions in their year group.

- Gabriella in Year 7
- Abraham in Year 8
- Evan Y9
- Yohannes Y10



Help Harrison get to World Scout Jamboree 2023

We are always keen to hear what our fantastic students achieve outside the classroom and in their local community and Harrison is a perfect example of such a student.

Harrison has been selected as one of 36 places to travel to South Korea in August 2023 for the 25th World Scout jamboree. In his own words:

"My brother Sebastian was the first Scout in our family & is severely disabled with Angelman's syndrome, he can't walk or talk which makes travelling very hard for my family which is why this epic adventure is so important to me, I'm so humble & very Thankful that I was chosen to go on this once in lifetime adventure."

As a school, we are committed to promoting Harrison's fundraising efforts and hope that you are able to support a fellow member of our school community. His mother Victoria has set up an online sponsorship page, if you wish to pledge some money: [Fundraiser by Victoria Burrows-Boon : Help Harrison get to World Scout Jamboree 2023 \(gofundme.com\)](#)



Bookflix Update

Bookflix, our reading incentive that proved to be hugely popular during Autumn Term 2, continues to reward and celebrate all the fantastic reading that has taken place in Spring Term 1. Certificates, merit points, reading related badges, magnetic bookmarks, and chocolate (amongst other prizes) have been shared with those that have been busily reading/reviewing - with many pupils now wearing their reading badges with pride! Our reading superstars this term are Sinit, Tomilara and Arshiya who have read and reviewed an astounding 135 books between them.

As part of Holocaust Memorial Week, and in partnership with Seven Stories (The National Centre for Children's Books), all Year 7 pupils listened to and watched a live event with the renowned, Michael Morpurgo. The focus was on the novel, *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*, and entailed Morpurgo reading a passage and discussing the late author, Judith Kerr. We even



Netball

The students have worked well this term during their netball fixtures which have included highlights many highlights. Firstly, taking Y7-Y10 Netball teams to a rally at Ellesmere where all teams were unbeaten! Key highlights included the Y7 team winning all of there matches and a combined Y8 and Y9 fixture seen the school run out 3-0 victors. The Y10 and Y11 highlight this half term was a fixture against local rivals which seen Buile triumph 15-7. All year groups are now well prepared to return to action in league fixtures.

Girl's Football

Both Y7 and Y8 teams participated at the Salford City Academy Football Tournament. Overall the girls performed exceptionally well and won 3 games, lost 2 and drew the remaining game. Unfortunately the girl's didn't end up winning the tournament but gave a really good account of themselves and represented the school exceptionally well.

Y7 Boy's at Manchester United's Cliff Training Ground

The Year 7 boy's finished runners up at The Manchester United Emerging Talent competition at the club's development training ground, The Cliff. The students won 2, drew 2 and lost 1 and were unfortunate to fail to qualify for the Carrington tournament by one point! Year 8's will try their luck in the next competition! Well done Year 7!!!

Basketball

Year 7-11 have participated in the opening fixtures of the Salford Basketball leagues with the Y11 team still having it all to play for after a first game victory against Bridgewater and a narrow loss to All Hallow's with a home rematch to come.

Rugby

The year 7 team participated this half term in the Bolton Schools fixtures, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1 in preparation for the Salford Leagues restarting next half-term. They have shown promise and will kick off next half term with a competition at the AJ Bell on Friday 18th March for a curtain raiser to the Salford Red Devils v Leeds Rhinos live Sky event.

Football Quarter Final Fixtures

The boy's football teams are through to the following quarter finals with games being played over two legs.

- Year 11-Plate Quarter final -Buile Hill v Salford City Academy
- Year 10 – Main Competition Quarter Final - Buile Hill v Irlam and Cadishead
- Year 9 – Plate Quarter final—Buile Hill v Irlam and Cadishead
- Year 8 – Main competition Quarter Final—Buile Hill v Salford City Academy
- Year 7 – Plate Quarter final—Buile Hill v Co-op Walkden

