

Headteacher's Welcome



Dear Parent/Carer,

This academic year has been one of significance for me on both a personal and professional level. Earlier in the year, we welcomed the arrival of my daughter to our family. As all of you will know, the birth of a child brings with it all sorts of emotions of love, devotion and an unrelenting commitment to ensure your child has everything they need to be safe, happy and cared for.

When I returned to work earlier this spring, I couldn't help but bring that commitment back into the building with me. At every turn, I have questioned: 'would this be good enough for Saffy?' and 'how would this decision impact my daughter?'. They say becoming a parent changes your perspective and I have no doubt that it has done so for me: it has made me realise the gravity of what we as educators do and how the decisions we take as leaders have an impact on someone's most precious belonging: their child.

I know that some of the announcements of late have been unsettling for our school community but what the last 4 weeks has proven is that in the face of any adversity, our community sticks together and rises to new challenges. We have continued on our improvement journey and we continue to strive for better for each individual child in our care.

The summer newsletter is one of my favourite parts of the year. It is the culmination of all of the things that make our school special and a celebration of the fantastic things our young people can achieve.

Please take the time to read through and I hope that by the end, you have the same smile on your face as I do.

The summer period will be a busy one for our site team as they work on the beginnings of our expansion project and our admin team will be working on all sorts of preparation for the new term. My message to all colleagues is to ensure that the summer period is one of rest, reflection and regrouping so that when we all come together again in September, it is with an even stronger foot forward than before.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support for us here at Buile. We know that without the support of our families, our jobs would be a thousand times harder. I know you will join me in thanking our colleagues here too as they round up the year and take stock of their unrelenting commitment to our children. I wish you and your families all the best for a restful and rewarding summer break and I look forward to seeing your child back here in September.

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Thank you Mr Townsend for 50 Years of Service

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Mr Townsend has been at Buile Hill Academy for an astounding 50 years! We would like to honour Mr Townsend and his commitment to education as he enters into his 50th year at Buile Hill who was originally recruited for Salford Boy's Grammar school. The boys' school then merged with the girls' school to become Buile Hill High School. Mr Townsend began working at Buile as a DT teacher and remained Head of Department for many years before choosing to join the Inclusion team (for which, we are forever grateful). We all value his expertise and continue to be in awe of his calm and patient manner. The pupils at Buile show a high level of respect and admiration for Mr Townsend. If you have any memories of Mr Townsend's teaching days here at Buile over the last 50 Years – we would love to hear about them. Please email them to builehillinfo@consilium-at.com.

Prom

The Y11 prom is an exciting event that all students look forward to as it celebrates the end of 5 wonderful years at Buile Hill. To support fundraising for prom, this year, the prom committee raised money to make the venue extra special..

Students baked cookies, brownies and cupcakes which were sold at break and lunch time. It was great to see the prom committee dedicate their time after school despite having exams to prepare for. It was a huge effort from everyone, thank you to those of you who got your hands in your pockets and helped support our incredible prom committee! Over **£400** was raised from the bake sale - what an incredible achievement!

This year, the Year 11 Prom was held at AJ Bell Stadium. Students and staff will agree that a fabulous time was had by all. The venue looked incredible as did staff and students. We are extremely proud of the way students conducted themselves throughout the evening.



A really big thank you to everybody that was involved in the preparations of making this event so special and to everybody that attended.

Huge success for our year 7 student at the World Karate Championships

We would like to say a huge congratulations to one of our Year 7 students Harold who has just competed in the amazing World Karate Championships in Dundee, hosting over 62 federations from all 5 continents of the world and with almost 5,000 entries.



Harold had a fantastic time and finished 9th and 15th in his sections. He also had the privilege of attending a Kumite seminar with 4x World Karate Champion and former French National coach, Christophe Pinna.

What an incredible achievement, we are very proud of you!

Well done Harold!



Year 10 Careers

With both Mock Interviews and College Visits taking place, Year 10 have had a busy, career focused, half term. On Thursday 15th June, Y10 students attended a 1-to-1 interview with members of the local business community, who had kindly volunteered their time to give students this valuable experience. This opportunity was an exciting part of student's career related learning and helped them learn how to answer difficult questions, develop interview strategies, improve their communication skills and reduce stress before attending actual interviews for future colleges or jobs. It was a great day, the Y10s showed such resilience and approached the day with confidence and pride. There was such a sense of community between the students throughout the day, it was heartwarming to see.

Below is some of the feedback from the business volunteers who took part in the mock interviews:

'I was very impressed that all students I met today were so polite, friendly and welcoming'

'Some of the most head-strong and intelligent children I've worked with'

'Students spoke with real passion about their personal successes. It's great that students have a clear sense of their achievements'

On Friday 23rd June, Y10 were invited to take part in a post 16 College taster day. Students visited two of the following Salford City College Campuses; Pendleton Sixth Form College, Eccles Sixth Form College, Future-Skills at Media City UK, City Skills or Worsley College. Here they took part in pre-selected taster lessons and experienced what life at Salford City College is like.



The year 10s were an absolute credit to us all, they were engaged and positive throughout the whole day and left with a more informed idea of what they would like to study after their GCSEs.

Salford Children's Book Award



The Salford Book Awards were on the 28th June. This saw 13 of our amazing students go to Salford University for a fantastic trip to see some beloved authors and hear them discuss their work! This was also the awards 20th anniversary! The awards were hosted by James Campbell, a children's author and comedian, who has hosted the awards many times. This was an amazing event as each author from the nominated list discussed the story of how their novel came about but it also allowed pupils to ask questions, give presentations and to top it all off they were able to get copies of the books signed by the authors themselves.

The winner was Buile Hill's favourite author Michael Mann, who wrote 'Ghostcloud.' It was amazing to see the schools of Salford take part in a democratic vote and to see how this played out. It was such a great chance for the pupils to interact with authors and to get excited about reading!

Bookflix at Buile Hill



Since relaunching Bookflix, we have doubled the number of books being taken out by our pupils each month! It has been fantastic to see the library alive with so many pupils reading and engaging with fiction and non-fiction texts! Bookflix is a read, review and reward scheme that we have in place at Buile Hill and its goal is to promote a love of reading! The current leaders for the most books read and reviewed are as follows: 1st - Makayla Asaolu - 2nd - Farha Jolaso and 3rd - Zainab Niass. Makayla and Farha have read so much that they have actually achieved an award of Excellence in Reading and have received a framed certificate to celebrate their amazing achievement. Help us in promoting a love of reading by speaking with your child/children about Bookflix and encouraging them to take part! You'll even find lots of superb students reviewing books via videos uploaded to our social media pages so please make sure to check them out.

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Mathematics



Please see below a note from Mr Rossiter, Head of Mathematics, highlighting what a fantastic year students have had.

As we approach the end of another remarkable academic year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the extraordinary efforts of our mathematics students here at Buile Hill Academy. It has been an absolute pleasure to witness their dedication and hard work, both inside the classroom and on the Hegarty Maths platform.

Throughout the year, we have seen students tackle challenging concepts with enthusiasm and determination. Their commitment to understanding and applying mathematical principles has been truly inspiring. In addition to their classroom efforts, many of our students have also taken advantage of the further maths after-school clubs, which have provided them with valuable opportunities to delve deeper into the subject and explore advanced topics.

We would also like to acknowledge the success of our math's interventions, where we have seen significant improvements in students' understanding and confidence. These targeted sessions have allowed us to provide personalised support and guidance to ensure that every student can excel in mathematics.

As the Head of the Maths Department, I have been consistently impressed by the level of commitment and effort displayed by our students in their lessons. Their willingness to tackle complex problems and their eagerness to deepen their mathematical knowledge has been commendable. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the students for their hard work and dedication. It is through their perseverance and determination that they have achieved such outstanding results. I would also like to express my gratitude to the parents for their continued support in fostering a love for mathematics among their children.

May the coming year be filled with new mathematical discoveries, exciting challenges, and even greater accomplishments. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break!

STEM Leaders Update

This year our STEM leaders have contributed greatly to the science department, in various events, workshops and trips. Our STEM leaders have been part of many aspects of extracurricular and personal development over the school year. During science week, they have helped to plan and present a lesson which they themselves delivered to the year 7 cohort. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this experience and each one of them grew greatly in confidence when delivering their own lessons. They also assisted in various after school events including weekly taking part in science club, as well as options evening and open evening. Towards the end of the year we were lucky enough to be invited to The University of Manchester to take part in a STEM competition whereby the pupils were learning about coding and building robots to help in hostile environments, they all shone individually in this and contributed greatly, so great in fact we have been invited back to show of our design in our 'land mine detecting robot'.

Another great year for STEM at Buile.



Science Club highlights

What a fantastic year for the new launch of science club with activities from can-crushing, slime making, rocket launching, chemical analysis, egg drop challenge to name but a few. Pupils have also had the opportunity to experience nature hands on, handling turtles, chicks and ferrets, whilst discussing their diet and habitats. I am pleased to announce that the science club continues to grow in popularity with new pupils each week from different year groups who all share a love for science experiments. A particular highlight has been setting off rockets and the creativeness from pupils for the egg drop-challenge. Moving forwards, we will finish on a high with the screaming jelly baby experiment and then in September, once the dark nights draw in again, we will look towards the sky and include some astronomy and observatory sessions.

Geography - Students Go Exploring

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On Thursday 22nd June, students had an early start ready for the day at Cleveley's beach. We departed from school at 7.30am to conduct our first enquiry; 'How effective is the coastal management along the Fylde coastline?'. Students completed their data collection to investigate the enquiry, some techniques include; bi-polar surveys, groyne height sediment measurements, an interview with the council and field sketches. Once the work was completed, we celebrated by a trip to the local fish and chip shop!

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On Tuesday 4th July, we walked to the Salford Quays - a much more familiar surrounding! The enquiry question was 'Has the Salford Quays regeneration improved the physical and human environment?'. Students completed bi-polar surveys to inspect numerous locations around the Quays and also conducted questionnaires to members of the public. It was great to see the confidence of our Y10 students approaching members of the public. Many students finished off the day with a trip to Nandos to fuel the walk back to school.

Students are now analysing the data they collected, back in the classroom to conclude their findings.

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Y10 geography students took part in the Urban Plan workshop. Muse and Legal & General were so impressed with our students' ideas they offered a fantastic opportunity to visit the New Bailey sustainability project in Salford. The companies delivered presentations in the board room on the top floor and then were treated to a tour – hard hats at the ready! Students explored the Eden building which is home to Europe's largest living wall and the GreenHaus fully energy efficient housing development.

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They experienced what life was like as a project manager and property developer. We're looking forward to the possible career opportunities in the future!

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Well done to all students involved.

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Summer Arts Celebration

On Wednesday 12th July we hosted our wonderful annual Arts Celebration Evening. The evening showcased the work of over 200 students across Y7-11 in Music, Drama and Art.

Opening with an exhibition of artwork by our Y11 cohort the showcased work featured pieces across Fine Art, Art Craft and Design, Textiles and Photography. The exhibition was accompanied by music from our piano and vocal students.

In the drama studio parents, staff and students were treated to a extracts from musicals, monologues and dramatic melodrama performed by students in KS3 and our Y11 GCSE Drama pupils.

The event concluded with a music concert featuring over 70 musicians in Y7-11. The performances included the school Choir, Guitar Ensemble and Rock and Pop Groups. The concert also featured solo performances from Grace (Y10) and Leo (Y9), while sisters Ema and Alisa were joined by Mason on drums for a captivating performance of 'When I'm Gone'.

With students across all three disciplines preparing for the event all year and it was great to be able to showcase their talents to an audience and we cannot wait for the next one!

We would also like to say a special thank you to Flowers By Bethany in Swinton for the very kind donation of beautiful flowers that were given out on the evening.



Drama

The Drama department have been extremely busy this term with trips, workshops and the Summer show. The 'Speak Up' club, which runs on a Tuesday after school has been highly successful this term. This club offers students the opportunity to express their opinions about what really matters to them in a creative way. Pupils have experienced puppet making, comedy workshops and banner making. This culminated in a full day trip to the Lowry to share our experiences and have some well earned fun!



The Autism Show July 2023



The SEND Inclusion team at Buile Hill Academy all attended The Autism Show at Manchester Central. The visit included talks & clinic sessions from leading Autism specialists looking at a range of subjects including: 'Masking and Camouflaging', 'Adaptations for autistic students', 'How does anxiety affect Autistic students and strategies to reduce it'. The day was an invaluable experience to enable our school and staff to improve our offer to all pupils with barriers to learning.

Art Therapy Update

Well-being Art & Drawing & Talking at Buile Academy has been highlighted in a recent SEND review from Salford Local Authority 'The Art Therapy interventions were a real highlight of the visit. These are an example of best practice and definitely something that should be shared across the city'. Mrs Jurkiewicz, in the Inclusion department, has recently qualified to lead the 'Drawing & Talking' interventions and is now offering well-being Art sessions for over 40 pupils with heightened anxiety as part of the school's Graduated Response before a CAMHS referral. Please see the link for more information about the intervention:



<https://drawingandtalking.com/about-us>

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Summer activities

Please see the link attached below to access a whole variety of fun (and many free) activities to participate in during the summer period.

[School holidays clubs](#) | [mycity Directory \(salford.gov.uk\)](#)

Grantham Climate Art Prize 2023

Our students are invited to take part in an exciting opportunity to enter the [Grantham Climate Art Prize 2023](#) where they can share their hopes and positive visions for the world. This year's competition is called [Pal-ette for the Planet](#). Whether it is a drawing, painting, or through typography, photography, collage, or print making, we want bright young minds to inspire people with an original mural design. It should show us all what we need to do and what our future world should look like.

You can find out more about the competition and the amazing prizes up for grabs through the webpage:

octopus.energy/grantham-art-prize-2023

Deadline: **Friday 15th September 2023**



Free BMX Sessions at Peel Park Pumptrack, Little Hulton

Free BMX sessions are running throughout the summer, scan the QR code or click the link for more information.

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School's Out

Take an emotional health check



Head into the summer with a better understanding of your **child's brain development** and their **emotional wellbeing** as you support them into their next new phase.

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