

## Headteacher's Welcome



**Buile Hill  
Academy**  
*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*

*Dear Parent/Carer,*

*As we approach the end of the first half term of the school year, the sunny days of September become a distant memory and the darker mornings and evenings settle in as we approach the winter months. At this time of year, we take stock of all the positivity and optimism that we started the academic year with and I think back to Year 7's very first day and the wonderful guard of honour they received to celebrate their first day at school. Whilst that guard of honour was a fleeting moment, is a reminder to us all to remember the joy that comes from our students joining our community and being welcomed into our school in the best way possible.*

*This term we also welcomed a number of new colleagues who have all got off to a flying start at our school. In particular, Mrs Farrar led on International Languages, Miss Watson has done remarkable things to improve our DT provision and Miss Cameron is now available to give our students the support they need through in an-school counselling service.*

*As this newsletter shows, we have had a busy half term of trips and visits, workshops and sports fixtures. In particular, the trip to Berlin last week was our first international trip for many years now and whilst I admittedly waited for baited breath for their return flight to land on the Sunday evening, it was a resounding success and our students have undoubtedly come back with not only value the hands one experience of learning more about Nazi Germany and the atrocities of the Holocaust but also lifelong memories made with friends and colleagues. A special thank you to Mr Strange, Mr Lambe and Miss Woods for their dedication and time given to making this trip a success.*

*After half term, we will continue to push on with our improvement agenda. In particular, our Year 11 cohort will begin their Winter exam series. This is an important milestone as students are assessed on what they have learnt so far and get ready for their real examinations in the summer term. We will also continue to roll out more in terms of our careers guidance offer, with Year 9 beginning to consider what courses they would like to take up next year for Key Stage 4. The next half term also marks an opportunity for Year 7 to take the next step into their transition into Buile with baseline assessments complete and our Settling In Evening done.*

*The half term break is an opportunity to catch your breath, rest and recuperate from a busy term and hopefully an invaluable time to spend with family, friends and loved ones. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our community the best for the break and I look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.*

*Best wishes,*

**Ms Alam**

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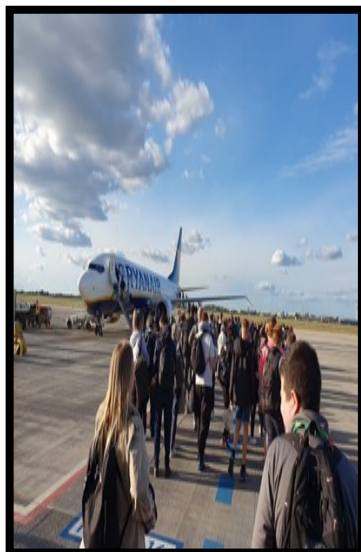
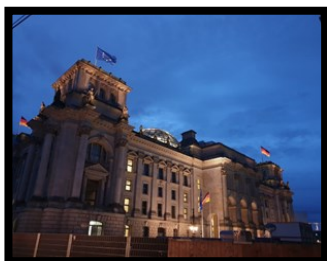
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## ***Berlin***

Earlier this half term, 29 of our students flew to Berlin in Germany for 3 nights to explore the city, learning about the history of the world war, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. The students travelled to key monuments and locations across the city including Checkpoint Charlie, the Jewish Museum, the Holocaust Memorial and the Brandenburg Gate.

The experience was a fantastic opportunity for our students to not only learn about the history of the city, but also experience what modern life looks like in a cosmopolitan European capital today. Thank you to Mr Strange, Mr Lambe and Miss Woods for all their hard work in organising and leading the trip and a special well done to all of the students who were absolutely amazing ambassadors for our school.



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## ***European Day of Languages***

September 26<sup>th</sup> saw pupils at Buile Hill enjoying a variety of Modern Foreign Language based activities to help celebrate European Day of Languages, which is held on that date each year. We joined millions of people throughout Europe celebrating the diverse range of languages spoken on our continent. Pupils started the day with an assembly discussing the importance of learning a language and where languages can take them in the future. They then took part in activities throughout the day, such as a Euroquiz, design a T-shirt for EDoL 2024 and European Karaoke. Prizes were given to the tutor group who cracked the Languages code and t-shirt designs have been entered into the European Day of Languages website. We all had great fun while learning why it is important to continue learning a foreign language to help us better understand each other and overcome difficulties in communication.



## ***World Mental Health Day***

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 marked World Mental Health Day and we celebrated by encouraging all students to talk. Talking to someone about your worries is a positive coping mechanism for reducing the symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression. We encourage all students to reach out if they require support and we appreciate this is not always easy, therefore, we have launched our own time to talk space called 'The Hive'.



The Hive is a place where students can go during break and lunchtimes without having an appointment. The Hive is situated towards the rear of the school overlooking the gardens and offers a peaceful, confidential space for students to talk to the school counselor or a mental health first aider. The staff are highly skilled in supporting students, offering a solution-based approach to help them overcome their problems. It's the bee's knees!

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## ***Year 11 Photography***

Last week our Year 11 photography students took a trip around Manchester to explore the theme of Typography. This was a great opportunity for students to create photoshoots for their coursework portfolios and to discover how broadly letters and words are used in our day to day surroundings. Throughout the day we explored different styles and looked at the imagery they create. All of students were impeccably behaved and took some amazing shots that have been edited working with the style of selective colour. We look forward to seeing the rest of their amazing work!



## ***Elevate Mentoring***

This half term a cohort of Y11 students attended their final mentoring session as part of the Elevate mentoring scheme.

The Elevate scheme is a programme of mentoring and guidance via a blend of workshops and presentations enabling students to progress more effectively into the world of work. The objective of this scheme was to reach out to aspiring students and to offer a helping hand in their personal development as the end of high school approaches.

During the programme, each student was mentored by a professional from the global law firm, Squire Patton Boggs. These mentors provided guidance and assistance to help our students learn about what it is like to work in a professional work place. During their time together students received many hints and tips that will be helpful as they start to think about, and set out on, their future career pathways.



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## ***Harvest Appeal***

As part of our continued efforts to provide students with opportunities to make positive contributions to the wider community, we supported the local Salford Food Bank this half term with their Harvest appeal.

Salford Food Bank provides nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people in crisis. They operate distribution centers across Salford, with teams of volunteers delivering their food and services. So far this year they have seen a 68% increase in the need for food parcels across Salford and are currently providing over 600 parcels per week.

To support with this increased need we asked families to donate items to support the local people of Salford who are facing hardship.

As part of our appeal, we collected 199kg of food! This filled 13 large crates and will go directly to the local people of Salford. Thank you to every family that donated to support our wider community. ***We know that anyone can reach crisis point and if you need emergency support with food then please reach out to the local food bank on 01616372120 or contact them via email [info@salford.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@salford.foodbank.org.uk).***



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## ***PE & Sports Updates***

PE have had a busy half term! Students have been engaged in the extracurricular provision we offer in school. 17 extracurricular clubs are offered per week and on average over 400 students accessing the clubs before, during and after school. We have had 19 fixtures over the last 7 weeks, against local schools in the area and having some fantastic results and performances. We have also a number of students access sport outside of school with our close club links.

As we look ahead to next term, we already have 6 fixtures penciled in and there have been some tweaks to the extracurricular clubs. Please make sure you check out the boards!

We are excited to say we now have a full partnership with Manchester United Foundation. Dan has been working with our students to build positive relationships with school, to reward positive behaviour and inform students with career advice for the future.

Dan has done a huge amount within school such as choosing a pupil to represent the school to be a ball assistant for every Manchester United home game, Manchester United stadium tours for all year groups, girls' young leaders in sport qualifications and an NHS careers event.

Dan has also rewarded 6 students to do flag bearing in the centre circle at a Manchester United Champions League game, during half term. He has also given out 72 tickets for men's and women's football matches since he joined us! There are many more exciting opportunities coming up.



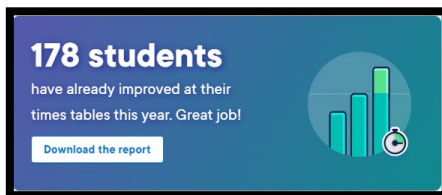
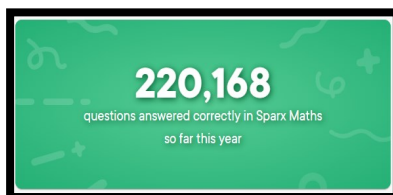
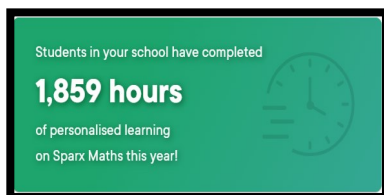
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## Sparx Maths



Students have worked really hard on their maths homework this term. All students have received an hour's worth of homework each week. This half term we have investigated and explored areas of algebra and geometry students have worked through revision at home through our homework platform SPARX. As a maths department we have been impressed with the response from the students with completion rates improving each week.



## October Half Term Activities

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

[School holidays clubs | mycity Directory - Salford City Council](#)



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# SALFORD RED DEVILS

## » RISING STARS «

### RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT

#### PATHWAY

U15  
YR 10  
BLOCK 1  
TRAINING DATES

7PM TO 8PM  
@ NORTH MANCHESTER  
RFU - M40 5SH

**NOVEMBER**  
MONDAY 13TH  
MONDAY 27TH  
SATURDAY 25TH NOV -  
WAKEFIELD AWAY

**DECEMBER**  
SATURDAY 2ND DEC -  
YR 11 VS WAKEFIELD  
(HOME)  
MONDAY 11TH DEC

**JANUARY**  
MONDAY 15TH JAN  
MONDAY 29TH JAN  
GAMES TBC

U16  
YR 11  
BLOCK 1  
TRAINING DATES

7PM TO 8PM  
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MONDAY 6TH NOV  
MONDAY 20TH  
SATURDAY 25TH NOV -  
WAKEFIELD AWAY

**DECEMBER**  
SATURDAY 2ND DEC -  
YR10 VS WAKEFIELD  
HOME  
MONDAY 4TH DEC

**JANUARY**  
MONDAY 8TH JAN  
MONDAY 22ND JAN  
GAMES TBC



#### YEAR 10 & 11 WINTER BLOCK 1 TRAINING SCHEDULE

\*Further training dates and details  
for block 2 will be shared in the new  
year

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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.

### FACT

Our brains develop most rapidly in childhood shaping our emotional health and wellbeing for the rest of our lives.

### HERE FOR YOU

Online courses developed by clinical psychologists can help you to **understand your child**, **read their behaviour** and **help them look after their emotional health**.



[inourplace.co.uk](https://inourplace.co.uk)

**Understanding your child** online course has been paid for by **Salford City Council**, so you can access it **completely free** using the code **EARLYHELP**

Short courses on **Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child or teenager** also included.