



# SALE HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter

WINTER EDITION 2024

### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Welcome to our new style newsletter! We are hoping to give you a flavour of what has been going on in school recently, with a selection of key updates and highlights from across the term, alongside some pictures of our fantastic students and staff to celebrate their many accomplishments.

You will see from the range of highlights, that students have given us so many different reasons to be proud and are really demonstrating our values daily. We have re-established our focus for rewards on ensuring that students who are consistently doing the right thing are being celebrated and students continue to give us so many opportunities to recognise them.

I recently had the pleasure of observing our amazing Year 10 female sports leaders running the annual Trafford Primary Schools Indoor Athletics event for over 200 Year 6 students. Students showed exceptional leadership and were exemplary throughout, supporting the primary students with a range of events. If the cheering from the Sports Hall was an indication of how much they were enjoying it, they were having a fantastic time! We have since received some lovely messages of thanks from the primary schools to say how incredible the students were.

A key focus for the school continues to be on wellbeing for staff and students, but also for parents. We had a great turn out for our session on supporting parents to manage children's anxiety and will be running additional events in the coming months. For students, we offer a range of support in this area, which is accessed by a wide range of students regularly.

As you will be aware, we lost a very well-loved student in extremely tragic circumstances at the start of the half term, which has understandably had an impact on staff and students, and will continue to do so for sometime yet. I have been incredibly proud of the way students and staff have supported each other over such a difficult period and our value of community has really shone through.

Jake's family have set up a memorial fund to raise money for a very worthy cause - CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). The money will go towards raising awareness of young sudden cardiac death as well as supporting the families affected, supporting their screening programme and funding research and pathology. If you would like to donate to the memorial fund, the link is [www.c-r-y.org.uk/jake-lawler](http://www.c-r-y.org.uk/jake-lawler)

As a school we will be raising awareness and supporting this charity over the coming years, in memory of Jake.

As we approach Christmas, we have had a number of events coming up to celebrate the season including our annual Christmas Fair organised by the Student Council and supporting the Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's Parish Church. These will be a really nice opportunity for students to celebrate Christmas by giving something back to the local community.

Finally, I just want to take the opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year on behalf of all at Sale High School.

*Mr Rogers*



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## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- A Rewards breakfast was given to all students at the end of last half term to anyone without a single behaviour point.
- Rewards events took place at the end of this half term and were linked to good AtL (attitude to learning), low behaviour points and good attendance\* (\*on a case by case basis depending on medical background).
- Rewards assemblies took place during the last few weeks of this term to celebrate achievements across school from departments and pastorally, where students are demonstrating SHS Values.
- PSHE lessons are now a timetabled lesson and as a school we are pleased with how students are engaging with the new and improved PSHE curriculum.
- We have had a range of assemblies over the term, including some from external visitors, such as GMP's assembly on Bonfire Safety.
- Year 11 students worked really hard in preparing for their internal exams, making full use of the range of booster sessions.

*Well done to everyone. Keep up the good work in 2025!*



*Well done to all year 9 students who received an award!*



*Year 9 Sale Awards / Rewards assembly*

## WELLBEING UPDATE

We are very fortunate at Sale High to be able to support our Student's wellbeing with onsite 121 Counselling in the Talking Hub, weekly workshops on anxiety and self esteem, specific interventions via Trafford THRIVE team and emotional coaching from our Wellbeing Hub staff. We supported Parents in October by offering a workshop on "How to manage your child's anxiety" our aim is to offer this workshop again in the new year. If you think that your child may need support with their mental health or wellbeing, please contact your Head of Year to discuss options available.



*Managing your child's anxiety workshop*



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## YEAR 10 CAREERS TRIPS

We recently took some of our Year 10 Health and Social Care students to a world skills career event at Trafford College. Everyone enjoyed the activities and learning about future careers! Well done for representing our school so well!



*Students exploring careers in aviation!*



*Castleton Trip 2024*



*Fire lighting techniques*

## YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Our Year 7 residential got off to a very snowy start in Castleton! Students enjoyed lots of outdoor activities including, orienteering, fire lighting, making egg rockets and of course the odd obligatory snowball fight! We had two groups attending over different days and everyone had a wonderful time and represented our school so well!



*Sale High students examining a dummy for medical issues.*

## YOUNG CHEF'S CLUB LAUNCH

We recently launched our Year 8 Young Chef's club. Everyone enjoyed making, yummy Gingerbread biscuits just in time for the Christmas season! Don't forget to make some at home to leave for Santa!





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Mini wellbeing kits being delivered to Mr Rogers by our Mental Health Champions.



Yoga poses as the ready!

### STAFF WELLBEING WEEK

We recently celebrated our Staff Wellbeing Week at school! Staff enjoyed a treat from a local coffee van, breakfast in the staff room, yoga, sewing Christmas baubles and mince pie and yule log making! Staff were also very lucky to be handed a mini winter wellbeing kit by our wonderful Mental Health Champions. A big thank you to everyone that made this possible.

### SUBJECT FOCUS - GEOGRAPHY

Year 7 classes are learning about squatter settlements. These are informal settlements built by the residents, often on marginal land that no one else wants, for example, Makoko in Lagos. Classes built their own squatter settlements in class so that they could begin to understand how difficult it is to build a suitable home with limited materials when the government could come along at any minute and rip your home down! Students practiced Career Focused Skills of teamwork and resilience while carrying out the task. Well done Year 7!



### TRAFFORD SPORTS EVENT

Congratulations to our Year 10 Sports Leaders who supported the Trafford Schools Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics event hosted here at Sale High. Well done for representing our school so brilliantly!

Also a huge well done to Brooklands Primary, Lime Tree Primary, St Anne's Primary and Springfield Primary Schools for their amazing effort and determination representing their school!



Examples of the settlement project created by Year 7.





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## SHS CHRISTMAS TREES

Our wonderful Year 8 students have been busy making and decorating our three Sale High Christmas Trees at St Paul's Parish Church in Sale to celebrate their Christmas Tree Festival. A superb effort from all our Eco Club and Unity Club students that have worked so hard during their school breaks and lunches to make the decorations. Well done! We hope some of you managed to visit the church to have a look!



*Fantastic Christmas trees created by our Eco Club and Unity Club!*



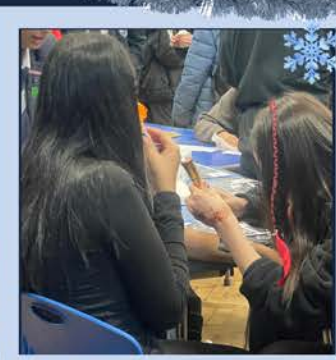
*Our Eco and Unity club at St Paul's Parish Church in Sale.*

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

We celebrated our Student Council's Annual Christmas Festival on Monday 16th December! All year groups enjoyed joining in with lots of fun festive activities, such as cookie decorating, pin the nose on Rudolph and a very tasty bake sale! The Student Council raised a wonderful

£2,192.00!

Well done to everyone involved!



*Getting creative with Henna*



*A very wonderful donation display!*

## SALVATION ARMY TOY APPEAL

We would like to send a huge thanks to everyone that kindly donated gifts for our recent collection for the Salvation Army's Christmas Toy Appeal. We received a wonderful amount and we are certain that there will be many smiling faces once the gifts have been delivered.



Spread the joy this Christmstime...  
fundraise for The Salvation Army!