

# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of a fantastic year at Sale High School. Over the last week, it has been really nice to lead a series of assemblies reflecting on the successes of the year with each year group. There are so many reasons to be proud of our school, which made it an incredibly rewarding assembly to put together. The students have excelled all year, inside and outside of the classroom.

When students return in September, we will be focusing on what it means to be a SALE (Studies, Attitudes, Leadership, Extra-Curricular) student; belonging and contributing to our school community. On their first day back, they will be setting themselves targets for the year ahead, considering how well they apply themselves in each of the different areas.

There have been so many highlights this term, and we've tried to include as many as possible in the newsletter. I've selected a few of mine below that align with our focus on being a SALE student.

Studies: Year 9 students took part in our annual Great Debate competition, writing their speeches as part of their English curriculum. I was lucky enough to be part of the judges panel for the grand final and was absolutely amazed at the quality and delivery of the speeches.

Attitudes: Our Cultural Diversity Day took place in June and was a great opportunity for the school to celebrate our rich diversity. Students threw themselves into a variety of activities related to cultures from around the world. We finished the day with a whole school celebration, watching students perform some of the routines and pieces they had learned.

Leadership: Year 10 sports leaders recently helped to lead primary sports days in local primary schools. They represented the school as brilliant role models and were thoroughly commended on their leadership and maturity by parents and teachers.

Extra-curricular: Those of you that were fortunate enough to see the recent school production of Mary Poppins will be aware of how amazing the students were. Audiences were blown away by such confident and professional performances.

We also said goodbye to our Year 11s this term. They were excellent throughout a long and intensive exam period. It was great to be able to spend time celebrating with them during their Leavers Assembly and Prom and we look forward to seeing them on Results Day!

We're excited to have students back in September to build on the brilliant year that we've just had. Next academic year is full of potential as we continue on our journey to excellence. During the Autumn term we are aiming to officially join United Learning Trust. This won't mean much change for students day to day but will give the school access to a wide range of support over the coming years with additional opportunities for students and staff.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing the students on Tuesday 2nd September.

Mr Rogers



# **REWARDS AND BEHAVIOUR UPDATE**

The most recent national data shows suspensions have increased by 21% and now sit at their highest level since 2006. In contrast to this, Sale High School's suspension rate has decreased by over 80% for this academic year!

Our own internal data shows that there has been a 77% decrease in the number of students in isolation. Lesson removals due to disruption (and therefore detentions) have decreased by over 40% compared to the previous academic year.

Sale High School's whole school attendance is up by 1.37% which has been an excellent achievement. This academic year 2024-25 is one to be celebrated and we hope this acts as a catalyst for further improvements in 2025-26.

All this has been possible due to the vast majority of students consistently meeting our high expectations and raising their own standards related to behaviour and conduct.



A group of our Year 7 Students went on a Maths reward trip to Manchester City's Etihad Stadium. They took part in an education session about Manchester City FC, where they suggested ways to improve and expand various parts of the business. Everyone then enjoyed a stadium tour where they had the chance to experience what it would be like to take part in a press conference!



## GOODBYE TO YEAR 11 - EXAMS ROUND UP

Our Year 11 'Class of 2025' cohort recently attended their leavers assembly and enjoyed spending time signing each other's shirts! We're beyond proud of all of you for all you have achieved and your hard work in your exams. On behalf of everyone at Sale High, Head of Year 11, Ms Varley had the following message for everyone, "We had a very special day saying goodbye to our fantastic Year 11s yesterday. They came to school during COVID and missed so much of the usual enjoyable fun events on their transition to high school due to restrictions.

I have only worked directly with this year group for a short time but they are an outstanding bunch who are kind, respectful, mature, hardworking and very funny. They will have very bright futures whatever their path. I hope they are proud of their journey through Sale High School because I am incredibly proud of them one and all. Good luck to you all."



We're looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on 21<sup>st</sup> August for GCSE results day!



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

Our Year 9 DofE students recently undertook their bronze award! The aim of the DofE expedition is to inspire young people to develop initiative, a spirit of adventure and discovery by planning, training for and completing an adventurous selfsufficient journey, as part of a team. Everyone completed a 2 day walk near Rivington in the sun, wind and rain- typical British weather!

All students were amazing and kept up their team spirit throughout, but it is safe to say they were all ready for bed by the end of it!

In order to complete their award, they must now continue with their skills, physical and volunteering section. Well done everybody- we are very proud of you all.





**SUMMER 2025** 



We recently celebrated our annual Sale High Cultural Diversity Day at school! Students enjoyed taking part in lots of enriching activities from around the world, including different forms of dance such as Caribbean dance, Flamenco and Line Dancing! We also held sessions on playing the Samba drums, African drums, Taekwondo, Tie-Dye T-shirt making, Freedom Football, Carnival masks, Sushi making and lots more!

During period 5 everyone enjoyed watching performances of some of their newly learned talents on the school field! It was wonderful to see some of our students wearing traditional/cultural clothing. Well done to everyone for another fantastic Cultural Diversity Day.



# CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE, OXFORD – YEAR 9 SCHOLARS TRIP

A group of our Year 9 scholars recently enjoyed a brilliant day in the sunshine at Corpus Christi College, Oxford University. The visit offered a fascinating insight into the collegiate system and what life is like at one of the world's leading universities.

Students took part in thought provoking academic seminars - one in English exploring the use of onomatopoeia by Romantic poets, and another in Maths focused on networks and nodes in the human brain. They also had the chance to experience student dining in the college's historic hall, an experience quite different from our school canteen!



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# MARY POPPINS PERFORMANCES

We're extremely proud of our young performers at Sale High, and our recent four nights of Mary Poppins performances went down a storm! Audiences were taken on a journey of the much-loved story and everyone enjoyed singing along. Congratulations to the whole cast and of course our very dedicated and wonderful staff production team! All funds raised will go to one of our chosen school charities, Papyrus.





We're delighted to share the fantastic news that our school has been officially congratulated by Unicef for achieving the Bronze: Rights Committed Award as part of their Rights Respecting Schools programme. This recognition marks an important milestone on our journey to becoming a school that embeds the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into everything we do. The Bronze Award celebrates our commitment to creating a school environment where children's rights are understood, respected, and actively promoted by both staff and pupils.

We'd like to thank all staff for their ongoing support and enthusiasm in making this happen. Your efforts in fostering a rights-respecting culture are already making a meaningful impact on our pupils' wellbeing, relationships, and engagement in school life.

Next stop: The Silver Award! Together, we'll continue building a school where every child feels respected, valued, and empowered.

2025 - 2027



Bronze Rights Committed



## **SPORTS UPDATE!**

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 8/9 Rounders Teams. Everyone has played brilliantly this year and shown such dedication to their teams and training each week!









## **YEAR 7 FOOTBALL LEADERS**

A big well done to our Year 7 Girls, who have finished their Game On Qualification to be Football Leaders! We're very proud of all of your hard work and dedication in improving girls football in and out of school!

## **TRAFFORD SCHOOLS CUP FINAL**

We're very proud of our SUPER Year 7 Football team, who recently made it through to the Trafford Schools Cup Final. Unfortunately, we lost but this was the only loss we have suffered throughout the year! Well done to everyone. Keep up the amazing work!

## SCHOOL GAMES SILVER AWARD

We're delighted to announce that we have been awarded the School Games Silver Mark award for our commitment to physical education, school sport, and inclusive opportunities for all students!

This is a fantastic recognition of the hard work from staff and students across our school!





Our Sports Leaders along with some of our GCSE PE students have been very busy helping to support our local primary school sports days across June and July. Students visited a number of Sports Days at Lime Tree Primary Academy and Brooklands Primary School. Everyone did an excellent job of helping the younger children to navigate their way around a series of sports activities and were a credit to our school. Thank you to both schools for having us, we all had a wonderful time and we're looking forward to helping again in the future!

JUNIOR BRITISH PHYSICS OLYMPIAD



Around a hundred of our students took part in this national quiz competition conducted by the Institute of Physics. We have had amazing results this year from our year 10 Scientists, competing nationally with every other school that participated in the country. A number of our other top scientists have won the Bronze award.

Well done Year 10 for upholding our values of Aspiration, Resilience and Achievement!







# **HISTORY MAGPIE VISITS SALE HIGH**

We were recently gifted a collection of 'Little Histories' books, published by @yalebooks. @thehistorymagpie (aka Charlie Eve) chose 3 schools to gift this collection to, and we were lucky enough to be one of those schools!

Charlie also offered to visit the library for some workshops for some of our Year 9 students. Charlie gave students a talk on his career, how he found his way into history, and we did an activity on history book and video creation. We can't wait to have Charlie back in again in the near future!





### **The Great Debate**

We recently held our Great Debate Final in our school library and invited parents and carers along to join us. We're pleased to announce the winners were:

- Ist place: MacKenzie S (Topic: Online risks)
- 2nd place: Angel E (Topic: misogyny)
- 3rd place: Nancy P(Topic: Expanding the allergy list)
- 🔶 Alice R
- 🖢 Yuri C
- Luca KJ
- ☆ Mila N ☆ Munopa N ☆ Tiwi A

well done!

A huge congratulations to all our finalists! We're very proud of all of you!









## WORLD OF WORDS DAY

World of Words Day is a special day we hold every year at Sale High which celebrates all things literacy and the magic of words!

Year 7-9 stick to their normal timetable, however, each lesson is filled with linguistic levity, with each lesson themed around something new and exciting!

All of their lessons for this day are related to words which was completely up to teachers, so students had a few fun surprises in their lessons.

This year, students enjoyed creating witches' spells, designing book covers and inventing disgusting sweets, amongst lots of other amazingly literary activities!



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# TRAFFORD CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

We recently took a group of our students to the Trafford Schools Creative Writing Competition celebration event at Urmston Grammar School. They took part in a creative writing workshop with a lecturer from the University of Lancaster and then watched a rewards event.

Two of our students won prizes (Tiwi A in Year 9 and Oghosa J in Year 9) everyone had a really great time sharing their fantastic, creative ideas with students from schools across Trafford! Well done to everyone!





