



# A Message from our Head Teacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of another enriching term, I'm filled with immense pride as I reflect on the numerous achievements and memorable moments that have defined our school community.

Firstly, I want to extend my congratulations to Essa for representing our school with determination and excellence at the National Indoor Rowing Competition in London. Essa's dedication and hard work serve as an inspiration to us all, demonstrating the power of perseverance and commitment.

Our Year 10 students have also had a transformative experience during Work Experience week. This invaluable opportunity has allowed them to explore potential career paths, gain real-world skills, and broaden their horizons. I commend each and every one of them for their enthusiasm and professionalism throughout the week.

Furthermore, in the spirit of Education with Character, I am thrilled to highlight Mr. Ware's incredible act of bravery as he embarked on the challenge of "Braving the Shave" in aid of the MACS Foundation. Mr. Ware's selfless dedication to raising funds for his upcoming triple marathon is truly commendable, and his courageous gesture embodies the spirit of generosity and community that defines our school.

In sports, our netball team has once again showcased their talent and teamwork during the residential trip to PGL. I am immensely proud of all the students that attended and a special mention to the Year 9 team for their outstanding performance, reaching the semi-finals and demonstrating sportsmanship both on and off the court.

I would also like to congratulate Miss Rose for achieving the esteemed UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador status! This accomplishment reflects Miss Rose's exceptional dedication to education and her commitment to fostering civic engagement among students. As a UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador, Miss Rose will undoubtedly inspire and empower students to actively participate in democratic processes, shaping informed and engaged citizens for the future.

As we look forward to the last busy term of the year, I want to extend my best wishes to our Year 11 students as they prepare for their GCSE examinations. Your hard work and dedication have been commendable, and I have every confidence in your abilities to excel in these exams.

Additionally, I am excited to welcome our new Year 7 cohort for transition week. This is a pivotal moment as they begin their journey with us, and I am confident that they will quickly become valued members of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Palmer Head Teacher



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Ambassador



### Year 10 Students Shine in Work Experience, Secure Apprenticeship Opportunities

In a testament to the value of practical education, Year 10 students have recently completed a successful week of work experience, with several students seizing the opportunity to secure offers of apprenticeships in various industries. This initiative not only offers students a glimpse into the professional world but also serves as a launching pad for their future careers.

The work experience program, organised by Careers Lead, Mrs Ross saw students placed in a diverse array of workplaces ranging from engineering firms to healthcare facilities. Under the guidance of seasoned professionals, the students gained invaluable insights into the intricacies of their chosen fields, honing their skills and expanding their knowledge beyond the confines of the classroom.

One of the highlights of the program was the number of students who impressed their employers to such an extent that they were offered apprenticeship positions on the spot. Among them, Maci secured the offer of an apprenticeship with Hyndburn Leisure, where their dedication and eagerness to learn stood out prominently.

Reflecting on the experience, Maci remarked, "I never imagined I would enjoy working at the leisure centre so much. The hands-on experience I gained during my placement opened my eyes to a whole new world of possibilities, and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to pursue an apprenticeship in this field."

Similarly, AJ, who spent his work experience at an Eco start-up, impressed the company's management with leading to an offer for a plastering or electrical engineering apprenticeship.

The success stories of these students underscore the importance of practical, experiential learning in preparing young individuals for the workforce. Such initiatives not only provide students with real-world exposure but also empower them to make informed decisions about their future career paths.

Miss Palmer expressed pride in the students' accomplishments, stating, "We are thrilled to see our Year 10 students excelling in their work experience placements and securing apprenticeships. This is a testament to their hard work, adaptability, and the support of our dedicated staff. We remain committed to providing our students with opportunities that will enable them to thrive in their chosen fields."

As the Year 10 students return to school enriched with newfound experiences and aspirations, their journey serves as an inspiration for future cohorts, reaffirming the school's commitment to Education with Character and preparing students for success beyond the classroom.





### Jamie's Farm Visit to Skipton

Our weekly visits to Jamie's Farm in Skipton continue to be a source of inspiration and growth for our students. This past week was no exception, as our students immersed themselves in the farm's activities and embraced the opportunity for experiential learning.

In addition to caring for animals and engaging in outdoor tasks, our students took on the challenge of cooking their own food. Under the guidance of the farm's staff, they learned valuable culinary skills, preparing meals from farm-fresh ingredients harvested on-site.

Throughout the visits, our students demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and a willingness to step out of their comfort zones. Each day was filled with valuable lessons and moments of personal discovery, fostering a deeper connection to nature and each other.

As we reflect on another rewarding week at Jamie's Farm, we are grateful for the transformative experiences it provides our students, shaping them into confident, compassionate individuals ready to make a positive impact on the world.





### Students Explore Poland's Rich Heritage

In an immersive journey through time, history students from our school recently embarked on a remarkable educational excursion to Poland. Led by passionate educators, they delved into the heart of Poland's storied past, uncovering tales of resilience, tragedy, and triumph.

The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the solemn yet profoundly impactful visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Walking amidst the haunting remnants of one of the most notorious Nazi concentration camps, students paid their respects to the millions who perished during the Holocaust. Through guided tours and reflective discussions, they gained a deeper understanding of the atrocities committed and the importance of preserving the memory of those who suffered.

Continuing their exploration, students descended into the depths of the Wieliczka Salt Mines, marveling at the intricate chambers and sculptures carved entirely from salt. This underground marvel served as a testament to Poland's rich mining heritage and ingenuity throughout the ages.

In Krakow, students embarked on a guided walking tour, traversing the cobblestone streets steeped in centuries of history. They wandered through the bustling Market Square, admired the grandeur of Wawel Castle, and paused to reflect at the site of the former Jewish Ghetto, bearing witness to the city's tumultuous past.

As they bid farewell to Poland, our students returned home enriched with newfound knowledge, empathy, and a profound appreciation for the lessons of history. Their journey serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of understanding the past to shape a brighter future.



Thank you to everyone who entered the Bake Off on Friday or donated items to sell.

We raised £101.31 for Marie Curie UK

The winners of the Bake-Off challenge were:

Student Entry Sammy G R Y9 taking a win for Curi.

Staff Entry: Mrs K Smith Science Dept taking a win for Turing.



### Fishing Expeditions Flourish Boys at Cornfield Fishery!

Cornfield Fishery has become a weekly destination for our Year 9 and Year 10 boys, who eagerly participate in regular fortnightly fishing trips. Against the tranquil backdrop of this esteemed fishery, our young anglers cast their lines, refine their angling skills, and build strong connections rooted in their shared passion for the sport. Each outing not only results in successful catches but also fosters enduring friendships and unforgettable experiences.





### Students Embrace the Adventure of the Duke of Edinburgh Award

Students this term have enthusiastically embraced the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award. This renowned program, synonymous with personal growth and outdoor exploration, has captured the imagination of our young learners.

Year 9 students have eagerly embarked on their journey towards the Bronze level of the DofE Award, while their Year 10 counterparts, having conquered Bronze last year, are now setting their sights on the Silver level. The energy on campus is electric as students immerse themselves in a myriad of activities, from weekly sessions to volunteer work and outdoor expeditions, all in pursuit of this prestigious accolade.

For our Bronze participants, the journey began with a series of engaging weekly sessions meticulously crafted to equip them with essential skills in navigation, campcraft, and more. These sessions not only provided practical knowledge but also fostered teamwork and resilience as students collaborated to overcome various challenges.

Undoubtedly, one of the most enriching aspects of the DofE Award is the volunteering section, where students selflessly dedicate their time and efforts to serve their communities. From lending a helping hand at local charities to spearheading environmental conservation initiatives, our students have demonstrated commendable compassion and commitment, leaving an indelible mark wherever they go.

Recently, our Bronze students undertook their practice walk, a pivotal milestone in preparation for their qualifying expedition next term. Venturing into the great outdoors, they put their navigation skills to the test, traversing diverse terrains and immersing themselves in the wonders of nature. Despite facing unpredictable weather conditions and rugged landscapes, their determination remained unshakable, underscoring their unwavering dedication to adventure and personal growth.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 students seamlessly transitioned from Bronze to Silver, building upon the foundation laid in the previous year. Their enthusiasm for new challenges and their commitment to pushing boundaries serve as an inspiration to their peers, reflecting their resilience and passion for exploration.

As educators, witnessing the transformative impact of the DofE Award on our students is profoundly gratifying. Beyond acquiring practical skills, they are cultivating essential life skills such as leadership, resilience, and empathy, positioning themselves as confident and responsible global citizens.

As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming qualifying expeditions and the countless adventures that await, the school community stands united in celebration of our students' remarkable achievements. With each step they take and every obstacle they overcome, our students are not only shaping their own futures but also leaving a lasting legacy of courage, perseverance, and camaraderie.

In the spirit of the Duke of Edinburgh himself, we celebrate the boundless potential within each of our students as they embark on this extraordinary journey of self-discovery and adventure.

## Spring Soirée Showcases Diverse Talent at Performing Arts Talent Show

The stage was set, the lights dimmed, and the audience eagerly awaited the unveiling of remarkable talent at our Spring Soirée Performing Arts Talent Show. The event proved to be a vibrant celebration of music and movement, featuring a diverse array of performers from our local community.

From soulful singers to graceful dancers and newly skilled pianists, the stage came alive with a kaleidoscope of performances that mesmerized the audience. Each act brought its unique flair and creativity, showcasing the rich tapestry of talent within our community.

The Spring Soirée provided a platform for performers of all ages and backgrounds to showcase their passion and dedication to the performing arts. It was a testament to the power of music and dance to unite and uplift spirits, especially in challenging times.

As the curtains closed on another successful event, organizers expressed gratitude to all the performers, volunteers, and attendees who made the Spring Soirée an unforgettable celebration of artistic expression and community spirit.



## Happy International Pi Day!

Our students really "pi(ed)" their math teachers!

If they gained over 314 XP on their Sparx Maths this week, they got a slice of the action! Thanks to all our amazing Maths teachers for being such good sports!



## Students Honoured at CHARM Awards; Keira Y10 Receives Inspiration Award.

In a celebration of excellence and community spirit, students from local schools gathered for the annual CHARM Awards ceremony. This event, held to recognise outstanding contributions and achievements within the school community, highlighted the remarkable talents and dedication of its students.

Well done to all our award nominees and congratulations to Keira, a Year 10 student, who received the prestigious Inspiration Award for her exceptional leadership, resilience, and positive influence on her peers. Keira's unwavering commitment to excellence and her ability to inspire others have truly made her stand out among her peers.

Furthermore, the event served as an opportunity to express gratitude to Heidi and Lidia for their remarkable fundraising efforts. Their dedication and hard work have played a vital role in supporting the school community and ensuring the success of various initiatives.

## Students Shine in Young Citizens Mock Trials at Burnley Magistrates Court

Students from local schools showcased their legal prowess and critical thinking skills at the Young Citizens Mock Trials held at Burnley Magistrates Court. The event provided a unique opportunity for young minds to experience the workings of the legal system firsthand.

Teams of students took on various roles within the courtroom, including barristers, witnesses, and court clerks, as they navigated through a fictional criminal case. With dedication and professionalism, they presented arguments, examined witnesses, and deliberated over evidence, demonstrating impressive understanding and engagement with legal proceedings.



The atmosphere in the courtroom was electric as students confidently presented their cases before a panel of volunteer judges, who provided valuable feedback and encouragement throughout the event.

The Young Citizens Mock Trials not only offered participants a chance to develop valuable skills in public speaking, teamwork, and critical thinking but also fostered a deeper understanding of the legal system and its importance in society.

Organizers and volunteers commended the students for their exemplary performance and enthusiasm, highlighting the event's role in inspiring the next generation of legal professionals and informed citizens.

The Young Citizens Mock Trials at Burnley Magistrates Court proved to be an enriching and empowering experience for all involved, reinforcing the importance of education and community engagement in shaping future leaders.

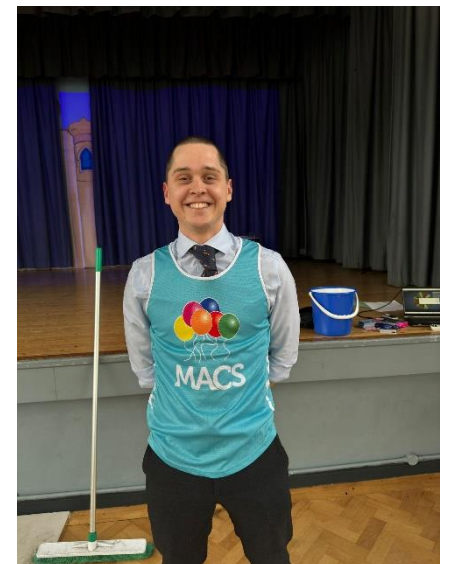
## Brave the Shave

Mr Ware 'Braved the Shave' and raised an amazing £189.49 for MACS charity. This will go towards his £1500 target for his triple marathon.

Hopefully, this will shave a few seconds off the Paris marathon in a couple of weeks 🍷

A big thank you to our willing volunteers who also braved a leg wax!

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/lewis-ware>





### Community joins together at the school to celebrate fast-breaking evening meal.

On Tuesday 19th March, The Hyndburn Academy hosted its annual community Iftar, bringing students, staff and families together to celebrate over food and drink.

Iftar is the fast-breaking evening meal taken by Muslims during Ramadan. The event, however, was open to those of all faiths and none and provided an opportunity for people across the community to connect and learn about different cultures.

A whole host of special guests attended, including the Mayor of Hyndburn Councillor Terry Hurn and Mayoress Mrs Jean Hurn.

At the Iftar, guests were treated to a feast of different dishes and listened to prayers and readings from students. These included a recitation of a poem about Ramadan, a reading from the Quran and a speech about the school's charity work.

Alongside readings from students, Imam Shazad and Father Eddie from St Peter and St Pauls Church gave a talk on the virtues of Islam and its relationship with other faiths.

Ensuring the success and community-feel of the occasion, local businesses also donated food and decorations, whilst guests donated generously to the British Heart Foundation, raising around £300 for the charity.

Subhan Muhammad, a Year 10 student at The Hyndburn Academy, said:

"I have enjoyed helping organise our community Iftar again this year. Being part of this event has taught me that together, regardless of age or background, we can make a meaningful impact. Our Iftar isn't just about breaking fast; it's about bringing our community together."

Local councillor Jodi Clements added: "It was fantastic to attend the Community Iftar this evening at The Hyndburn Academy with councillor colleagues Councillor Scot Brereton and Kate Walsh. It's such a privilege to work in our community and events like these really highlight that community spirit. Such a brilliantly well-organised event and the students were a credit to the school and their parents. Well done to everyone involved, especially Mrs Amin."

Nicola Palmer, Head Teacher at The Hyndburn Academy, said: "We were so pleased to once again host our Iftar this year. The event was such a joyful and inclusive celebration of community which joined young and old, and those of all faiths and none, together. Thank you to everyone who came, particularly those who donated so generously.

"Following the inaugural Iftar at the school last year, we are thrilled that it has become an annual tradition and very much look forward to hosting many more wonderful events which foster a sense of community spirit in the future."