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SCHOOL THAT MATTERS: LENTEN CHARITY,
LOOKING BEYOND OUR BORDERS

At the halfway point of the half-term there is plenty to look forward to. We get used to the idea that young people's education takes place only on the school site, but in fact their experiences go well beyond the boundaries of school. This week pupils have been learning at the Manchester Museum and last week a team of enthusiastic mathematicians competed in the AMSP Maths Challenge against 13 schools from across Greater Manchester. In the weeks ahead our pupils will, for example, compete in the Salford Boys Rugby finals and perform at the Contact Theatre in a production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

Lent also takes us beyond the walls of the school, challenging pupils to engage with charitable acts and live out the mission of the school more vividly. This week's assemblies sought to bring to life the work of the charities that we are supporting this Lent. Our chosen charities are Caritas St. Joseph's Penny and CAFOD.

St. Joseph's Penny was established in Salford in 1904 to fund the work of the Catholic Children's Rescue Society. The first collection raised 55,217 pennies or just over £230. The idea was that children in the Diocese would raise money for other children - the idea of children helping children has continued to this day. During Lent, form time sees teams of pupils heading around the school to issue collection boxes and encourage charitable giving.

This Friday sees CAFOD Family Fast Day when pupils (and staff and parents or carers for that matter) are encouraged to give up part of their daily food in solidarity with the hungry and poor around the world. Even a small donation funded in this way makes a huge difference to the daily lives of young people in this country and around the world. Contributing in this way is to live out our faith and values, to recognise and respond to the shared dignity of all people. It is a large part of what marks us out as a Catholic school. You can read about the work of our Lenten charities using the links below:

Caritas St. Joseph's Penny: [Link](#)CAFOD: [Link](#)

The word 'caritas' is derived from the Latin word for 'love' (meaning 'charity') and is directly linked to our mission statement: 'Love, Learn, Lead.' Our foundational idea as a school is one of love: compassion, shared understanding and humanity and responsibility to one another. Our Lenten charity is an expression of this and we are grateful for the support of all parents, carers and families in this endeavour.

Ben Davis

Headteacher

CALENDAR

Alumni Event

Tuesday 1st April

Alumni Event

Wednesday 7th May

YEAR GROUP LEADERSHIP



Year 7

Year Manager: Mr Healey

(Senior Leader: Mrs Johnston)



Year 8

Year Manager: Mr Marshall

(Senior Leader: Mr Jordan)



Year 9

Year Manager: Mrs Vincent

(Senior Leader: Mr Jones)



Year 10

Head of Year: Miss Moore

(Senior Leader: Mrs Tulloch)



Year 11

Head of Year: Mr. Pemberton

(Senior Leader: Miss O'Leary)



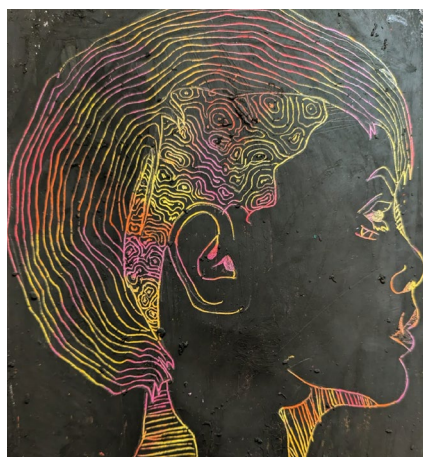
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70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

As part of our **70th anniversary celebrations** and to raise the profile of the school further in the community, please can you help us to get in touch with former pupils?

Were you, or do you know anyone who was a pupil of St Ambrose Barlow or St George's?

If you know someone, or if you are that person please contact us via email on **office@stambrosebarlowsinton.org**.



ART FOCUS:

Sgraffito portrait by Harlie
Year 9

MATHS EVENT

Last Tuesday a team of four Year 10 pupils represented St. Ambrose Barlow at the annual Maths Feast held at St. Patrick's High school and led by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme. The competition consisted of several rounds which tested the student's maths skills, problem solving and team work. The team competed against other schools from the Manchester area and finished in a creditable 6th place out of 13. Well done to all of our students who enjoyed the challenge and were a credit to St Ambrose.

SPORTS FOCUS:

Well done to our Year 10 and 11 rugby team who played the last round of the fixtures on Tuesday for the Salford and District Schools rugby tournament ran by Salford Reds. The boys played extremely well winning two, drawing one and losing one, meaning they have qualified for the final held at the AJ Bell next Thursday and will be joining our year 8 and 9 teams who have already qualified! Well done to you all, we wish you luck for next Thursday!



STUDENT RECOGNITION - COMMEMORATIVE ASSEMBLY

I have been informed of the presentation that you did at school over Remembrance last November. Your efforts and those of the group involved showed the best qualities we expect of cadets and was a fantastic advert for the ACF to your peers in school. I have much pleasure in awarding you a Commandant's Coin for your outstanding actions.

Well done!

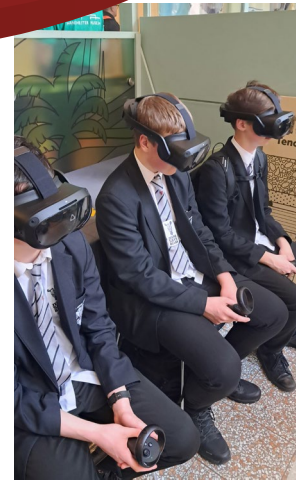
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Commandant

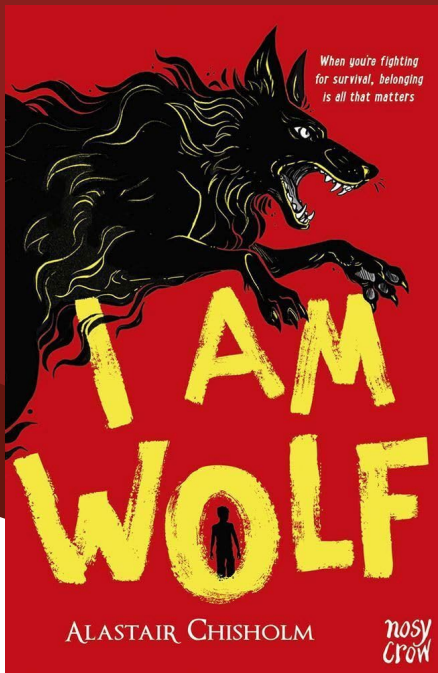
Well done to students Olivia, James, Ryan, Pola and Phoebe who were recognised by their Cadet Commander for their efforts in delivering a fantastic commemorative assembly during Remembrance in November. They have been awarded the commandment coin to celebrate their outstanding contributions. Being awarded the commandment coin is a significant honour. Thank you to you all for delivering such an important assembly, we are so proud of you!



SCIENCE FOCUS

Earlier this week, some of our Year 10 Single Science pupils travelled to Manchester Museum and had the opportunity to meet Research Scientists from The University of Manchester. Pupils gained valuable insight into the real-world applications of studying Science and learning how Scientists from The University of Manchester work in areas such as Cancer Research, Material Science and Palaeontology.





BOOK OF THE WEEK

I am Wolf by Alastair Chisholm

Coll belongs to Wolf. He lives with his crew on a Construct, a huge technological "creature" driven by the crew's combined willpower. Together they roam their world, fighting other Constructs and absorbing them into their own.

But when a new and dangerous Construct attacks them, Coll is thrown clear from Wolf and left behind. Now he must survive life on ground and get back to his crew. He is helped by Rieka, a "Tock" who makes the Constructs work. She promises Coll a way to return, but can she be trusted? And what is she really trying to do...?

When Coll uncovers the truth, it destroys everything he thought he knew about Wolf, the world they live in, and even himself. In a world full of danger, and suddenly without meaning, can he find a way back?

AUTHOR VISIT FOR YEAR 7

Author Padraig Kenny will visit Year 7 on Monday 24th March. He will be discussing and reading from his brand new novel, After - a dystopian story about one girl and her father trying to survive after the end of the world. Pupils in Year 7 who would like to buy a copy of After and have it specially signed by the author, please head to your Parent Pay account. The book is on sale for the discounted price of £6.40.



SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Monday 17th March - Thursday 20th March 2025 in the Library



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AND EARN **FREE BOOKS** FOR OUR SCHOOL*



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