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## SCHOOL THAT MATTERS: PUPIL SERVANT LEADERS

This week we confirmed our Year 11 pupil leadership team. In a selection process that started in July and completed in September I cannot remember a year that demonstrated such commitment, competition and such a level of interest. The applications themselves were incredibly impressive. All the pupils threw themselves into their interviews, articulating ideas and passion at every turn. Then, a smaller group presented to their Year 11 peers, something that most of them found especially searching, with each making speeches that inspired, challenged and drew us all in. In addition, we took into account the views of the staff from across the school to inform our final decision.

In the end from 80 applications, we managed to appoint nine lead pupils and a larger group of prefects. As the year goes on there will be more to come. For all the applicants and the staff who were involved, the process was demanding and revealing. At a time when so many people are quick to dismiss young people and stereotype them as lacking in 'resilience' (and there no longer seems to be a consensus about that word), our pupils surprised and delighted us. They also embodied a deep-seated desire to service, to be changemakers and to help their fellow pupils. This is not a revelation for those of us who work with them, but it is a welcome reaffirmation of the power of young people's leadership and commitment. In the week that we marked the International Day of Peace, at a time when the world needs agents of

#### Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair takes place from September 30th offering a wide range of new books for purchase at very competitive prices. Further details to follow.

#### Visits by Loreto College and Salford City College

Year 11 are not only well into preparing for their exams, but also face the exciting prospect of choosing their next move when they leave school. This week we have enjoyed presentations from two local colleges about their courses and offer. There will be more to come in the weeks ahead.

#### Choir

Our choir, led by Mrs Saldanha de Magalhaes, has begun its rehearsals once again with very good attendance by singers new and old. If your child is keen to participate please encourage them to come along on a Thursday lunch time.

#### **Knotted Project**

For the past two weeks we have welcomed renowned theatre company Knotted Project to work on creating an original piece of drama with a group of Y7 – Y10 pupils. Their initial work has been very successful and we look forward to the final piece in November.

#### Ben Davis

Headteache









compassion and understanding more than ever, the

leadership and service of our pupils is a beacon of hope.

### CALENDAR

#### **Open Evening**

Wednesday, September 25th (6:00pm - 8:00pm)

#### **Year 11 Presentation Evening**

Wednesday, October 9th

**School Closes for Half-term Holiday** 

Friday, October 18th

**Year 10 Parents and Carers Evening** 

Wednesday, November 6th (4:00pm - 6:00pm)

## 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)

# AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK: HIGHLIGHTS

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We would like to introduce you to our Student Leadership Team, who are a true reflection of the diversity of our school (Photograph on page one):

| Head Pupils    | Deputy Head Pupils      | Senior Prefects |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Anais Musgrove | Erin Osmon              | Frankie Redshaw |
| Orla Cahill    | Angelica Tadie Nweyadje | Rosa Stead      |
| Angelo Nwaishi | Daniel Bridge           | Sam Sonny       |

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Our Open Evening for new pupils will be held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 between 6pm-8pm. If you are unable to attend or would like the opportunity to see the school day in action, please book onto one of our Open Day tours. More information on page four.

## KNOTTED THEATRE PROJECT

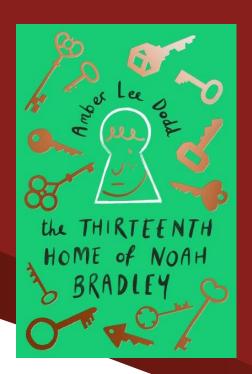
30 students have been selected to participate in The Knotted Theatre Project's theatre workshop, which will focus on devising an original piece of theatre around the theme, Playful Cities. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop their creativity, teamwork, and performance skills. The project will involve working with professional theatre practitioners to create a unique performance from scratch, working towards a showcase in November. The first week's session was a hit with our young people - we cannot wait to see the amazing things they create during this project!





SCHOOL CHOIR

Our School choir is looking for new members! Everyone welcome! Choir practice is held every Thursday lunch time between 13:45pm and 2:15pm in 2MU1. For more information or a choir pass, please see Mrs Saldanha de Magalhaes or Mr Farrier. We look forward to seeing as many faces as possible!



## BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Thirteenth Home of Noah Bradley by Amber Lee Dodd

"Amber Lee Dodd writes with tenderness and thunder, and her storytelling is a bolt of brilliance." Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Moving house is no fun. And no one knows that better than Noah Bradley.

A curse has forced his family to move thirteen times. Whether it's a typhoon, a flash floor or a flock of persistent birds, the curse always wins. Now, the Bradley family have just moved into their thirteenth home. Noah loves everything about it. He has his own room. He's made friends at school. He's happy. So when the curse returns, Noah decides that this time, there will be no more running away. The Bradleys are staying put... no matter what it takes.

A powerful story of hope, family and what home really means.



## SPORTS FOCUS

A quick picture after Landon's first training session with Salford boys after successful trials last year. Landon now plays successfully for Salford boys and Morecombe Academy. Well done, we are so proud of you!







## **ART FOCUS**

A mixed media drawing by Ava in Year 9 using of one of her own photographs taken in Manchester.



6:00pm - 8:00pm

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Open Day Tours: 27th Sept at 9:30am ◆ 30th Sept at 10:30am ◆ 1st Oct at 9:30am ◆ 2nd Oct at 2:30pm

