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SCHOOL THAT MATTERS:
A SPRING MIRACLE

Spring finally sprang into summer this week. The summer uniform adorned many pupils as temperatures soared and new life came to our school in the form of some new arrivals. Once again, our pupils have taken on responsibility for nurturing a group of chicks as they hatch and find their feet in the world. It wasn't just the pupils who enjoyed these newly budding creatures, a number of staff were transfixed too. You can follow their development on our Instagram feed – a little, privileged glimpse into the miracle of creation.

This week also saw the Year 11 public exams start in earnest, with the Art practical (10 gruelling hours of intense creativity), GCSE PE moderation and the Modern Languages speaking exams. Huge congratulations to the very many pupils who were part of these for their hard work and dedication and to the staff and invigilators who made it all happen. Next week the main exam season begins, so the Year 11s have their heads down and are furiously tearing into revision and preparation. This also means that the year group are facing the impending end of their time at St. Ambrose Barlow, with all the mixed emotions that entails, but we are here to help them through.

On Thursday evening at Broughton playing fields, our Year 11 boys football team completed a fabulous and emphatic 5-1 win against Oasis Academy in the Salford final – champions for

the fourth time as a school as well as the fourth consecutive championship for this team. The man of the match was William Mulumba de Sousa, scorers were Josh McAllister, Gael Nsenga, Michael Ayodele and Fnan Habtichiel and the team was captained by Ellis Adamson.

In assemblies we continued our celebration of the life and legacy of Pope Francis, in the context of the Gospel of Doubting Thomas. We considered his embrace of the vulnerable, his work for peace, his modelling of servant leadership and we looked at the impact of his funeral around the world. His passing is a momentous event, so it is important that our pupils understand its significance beyond the Church.

Our message to pupils has been one of simplicity (I hope): doubts are normal, they're a sign of being human, of being curious. But despite our doubts we need to have the courage to live fully, with joy and for the good of others, regardless of the demands the world makes on us. This way our young people can be great agents of hope and change, just like those little chicks they've been watching hatch.

Ben Davis
Headteacher

CALENDAR

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

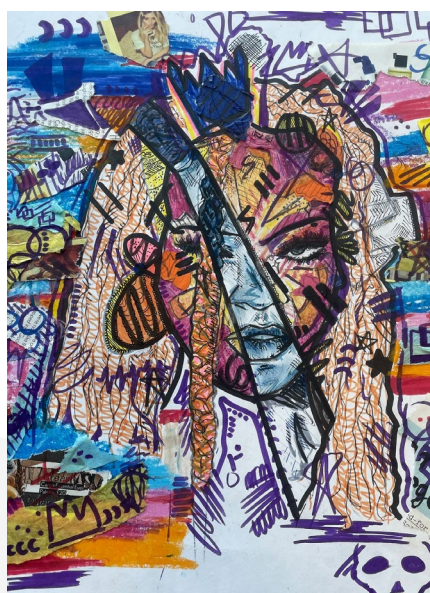
(Senior Leader: Mrs Tulloch)



Year 11

Head of Year: Mr. Pemberton

(Senior Leader: Miss O'Leary)



ART FOCUS:

Jessica Year 9 - Basquiat final portrait piece.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY:

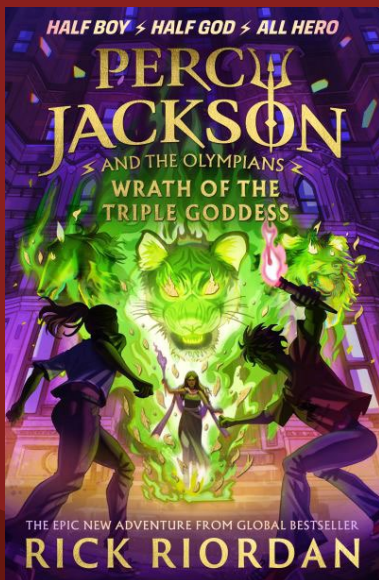
Our Year 10 students are diving into their popular practical sessions, with brownie making a clear favourite! They are mastering chocolate tempering, honing their measuring g skills and working confidently with a variety of equipment before producing the finishing touches with some creative decorating!



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BOOK OF THE WEEK

Percy Jackson: Wrath of the Triple Goddess

Percy Jackson has saved the world multiple times, so graduating high school should be a piece of cake, right? Wrong. Percy needs three college recommendation letters from the gods before his final school year comes to an end. And one thing Percy knows, the Greek gods don't do anything for free.

To secure his second letter, Percy and his friends Annabeth and Grover must agree to a new challenge- pet-sitting for the goddess Hecate while she's away. They just need to follow her simple rules: Look after her pet polecat and mastiff like their lives depend on it (because they do). Don't touch anything - especially Hecate's magic potions!

But when Grover's curiosity gets the better of him, the friends find themselves with a giant goat, a destroyed mansion, and Hecate's (terrifying and potentially deadly) pets on the loose in New York City. Now the trio have only days to find the pets and restore the mansion to order - or face the full fury of Hecate and her horrifying three-heads. It's going to take luck, demigod wiles, and some old and new friends to hunt down the animals and set things right again.

THE TEMPEST

A huge congratulations to all the students who took part in this year's Shakespeare Schools Festival, performing The Tempest at Contact Theatre, Manchester.

From the first rehearsal to the final performance, your dedication, creativity, and professionalism have been exceptional. On stage, your hard work, talent, and passion shone through in your confident, energetic, and imaginative performance.

You represented the school with pride and professionalism, and your commitment to the production was truly inspiring. Thank you for the time and effort you put into creating a fantastic show.

A massive well done to each and every one of you—you've achieved something remarkable.

