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SCHOOL THAT MATTERS: LOOKING TO A CREATIVE FUTURE IN A CHILD FRIENDLY CITY

There are lots of reasons to be grateful for living in Salford. One is our proximity to a world of creativity and artistic possibility. They always say that if you can see it, you can be it, and this week's Year 9 Creative Careers roadshow had exactly that effect. The presence of the media and TV companies at Salford Quays is a daily reminder of the opportunities on offer to young people in our city. This is enhanced still further by the world-class performance venue that is The Lowry and Year 9 loved interacting with professionals from the Lowry on Thursday.

The event couldn't have come at a better time, with the year group also commencing their options programme. We have worked very hard to develop our curriculum so that the pupils who will sit their exams in 2027 have the widest and richest choice possible from which to select their Year 10 and 11 courses. What is on offer this year means that there is a strong combination of more traditional courses and contemporary vocational ones so that pupils can choose success.

Ultimately, beyond the exam results (which are a gateway to the next phase of their studies), what we all want for our pupils is happiness,

fulfilment, a sense of purpose and the capacity to contribute to society around them to make the lives of others better. This, in a nutshell, is simply another way of describing our Catholic mission; letting our lights shine brightly so that people appreciate themselves, one another and feel a responsibility to help those around them.

These aims were also well-expressed by our pupils who attended the launch of Salford City Councils Child Friendly City initiative, a four-year UNICEF project to ensure that Salford is a great place to grow up. Emilee and Kardin did an excellent job advocating the views of young people and speaking up for what our children need to thrive. As ever it is important that adults such as school staff and families at home get behind young people and give them the confidence to express hope in the future and contribute to building a better city. Nothing can be more important and I am certain that our pupils can do it.

You can read more about Salford's aims [here](#).

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CALENDAR

**School Closes for
Christmas Holiday**

Friday, December 20th

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)

70 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@stambrosebarlowswinton.org.

We look forward to hearing from you for our 70th anniversary celebrations.

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ART FOCUS

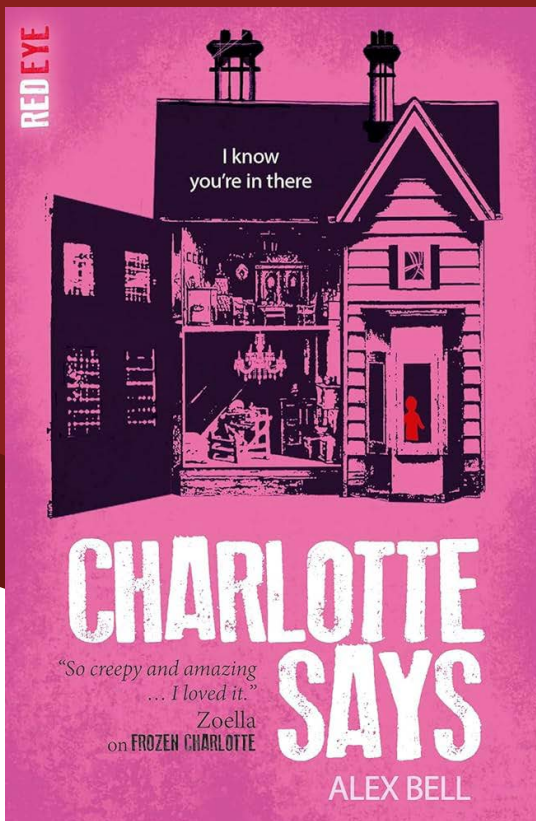
A Basquiat Portrait by Sophia
in Year 9.



SPORTS FOCUS

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 netball team who played amazingly well in their game earlier this week. It was the first time this year the girls have played as a team, and Mrs Grundy is extremely proud of them all!





BOOK OF THE WEEK

Charlotte Says by Alex Bell

Following the death of her mother in a terrible fire, Jemima flees to the remote Isle of Skye, to take up a job at a school for girls. There she finds herself tormented by the mystery of what really happened that night.

Then Jemima receives a box of Frozen Charlotte dolls from a mystery sender and she begins to remember - a seance with the dolls, a violent argument with her step-father and the inferno that destroyed their home.

And when it seems that the dolls are triggering a series of accidents at the school, Jemima realises she must stop the demonic spirits possessing the dolls - whatever it takes.

The plot is utterly gripping in a classic gothic style, great stuff for horror fans.



YEAR 9 CREATIVE CAREERS ROADSHOW:

On Thursday our Year 9 students took part in an exciting Creative Careers Roadshow with staff from the Lowry Theatre. The day was a huge success, the students had the opportunity to experience four engaging workshops focussing on different areas such as creative crafts, which included the use of prosthetic makeup, script writing and character design; interviewing guests to gain an insight of all of the different roles within a stage production, from project managers to stage artists. The digital zone allowed students to practise their interview skills and finally the 'On your feet' workshop saw students exploring their acting skills and showcasing their newly found skills! All students engaged well throughout the day, excelled in the different areas and their behaviour was exemplary.

