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SCHOOL THAT MATTERS: IT'S AN HONOUR TO BE PART OF OUR SCHOOL

The week started, as the snow disappeared, with assemblies that focused on collective responsibility and that challenged our pupils, especially those in Year 7, to take the lead and recognise that we are accountable to one another.

The Year 7 football demonstrated what this meant when they took on Bridgewater Independent School in their first match of the new year, beating the opposition 5-0 in a hard-fought match that challenged both sides. We also welcomed pupils from several of our partner primary schools who joined us for a day of Drama and English lessons. They were full of brilliant ideas and produced some outstanding work in their time with us, one of them observed that it was an 'honour' to be in the school for the day. Throughout the year we run a wide-ranging programme of transition opportunities for pupils in primary and not just for Year 6.

At the very end of last week a group of our pupils visited the Ceremonial Mayor in her Parlour at the Town Hall. They spoke with her about their political work, particularly the campaigning they have undertaken in school through the work of their party, Vision. They also heard from the Mayor about her work and about the history of Salford, which included seeing the original 13th century parchment that proclaimed the existence of Salford. They also visited the City Chamber and had the experience of speaking there, putting themselves at the heart of local democracy.

I am pleased to say that the first of our 70th anniversary celebration events, a Mass said by Bishop Arnold, has been confirmed for February 26th at St. Luke's church. If you wish to attend you can book a place at what is likely to be a busy event via the booking form that will be sent out shortly.

Next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year in assembly (it is the Year of the Snake) and the following week we will mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, including through a special visit to the Imperial War Museum.

Included in this week's letter is a list of key dates for the weeks ahead. This is particularly pertinent for Year 11s who are now counting down to their exams in the summer and working very hard.

Finally, we received a wonderful letter of thanks from the charity Caritas, acknowledging our fund-raising efforts during Advent. These are very much an expression of our Catholic faith and mission, putting learning into action in the service of others.

I wish you all a very happy weekend and will write to you again on Monday.

Ben Davis

Headteacher

CALENDAR

Year 9 Vaccinations

Monday 20th January

Year 11 Parents and Carers Evening

Wednesday 22nd January

International Holocaust Memorial Day

Monday 27th January

Year 9 Imperial War Museum Visit

Tuesday 28th January

Year 11 Art trip to Blackpool

Monday 3rd February

Year 11 Mocks begin

Monday 3rd February

Year 9 Options Information Evening

Thursday 13th February

Close for Half-Term Break

Friday 14th February at 3:15pm

Re-open for Staff and Pupils

Monday 24th February at 8:39am

70th Anniversary Mass

Wednesday 26th February 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)

CEREMONIAL MAYOR VISIT



ART FOCUS

Natural forms project artist study
by Freya Year 10.

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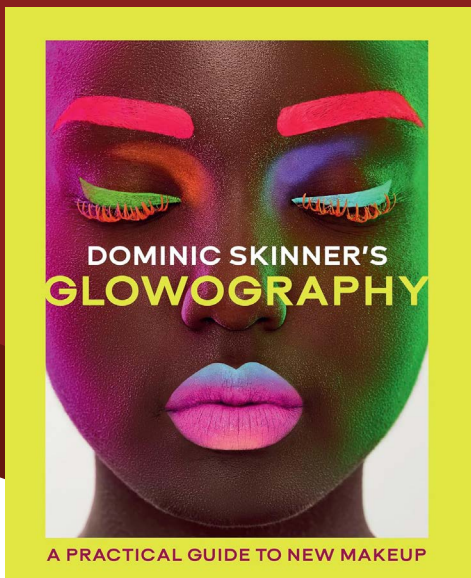
70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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@stambrosebarlowswinton.org.



BOOK OF THE WEEK

Dominic Skinner's Glowography: A Practical Guide to New Makeup

Never look at makeup in the same way again. This is a revolutionary creative masterclass formulated to match YOU from top Makeup Artist Dominic Skinner. After decades in the beauty industry, Dom has mastered the art of makeup so that you don't have to. In this book, Dom introduces his philosophy: break the rules, go wild, and turn your back on convention.

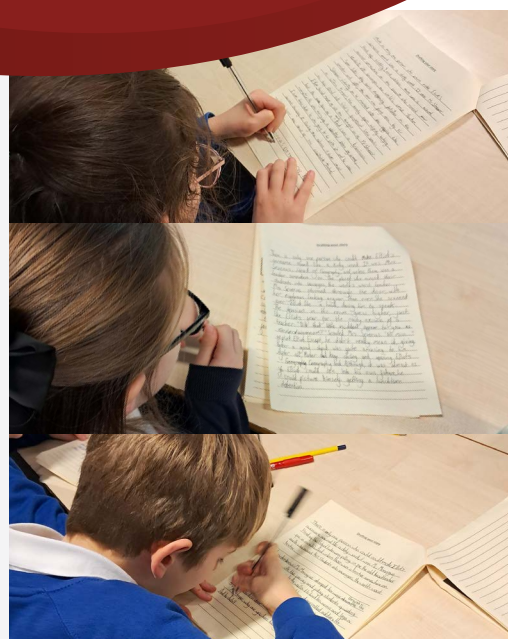
Dominic Skinner's Glowography is a brand-new makeup philosophy where everyone is welcome – no matter your age, race, gender or ability. Whether you want to break existing beauty habits or you've never worn makeup before, this is the book that will give you all the expertise and confidence you'll ever need.

SUBJECT FOCUS:

English – Writing Academy: Story Writing Masterclass

Over 20 specially selected students from our feeder schools, Christ the King, St Charles, St Marks, St Marys and St Edmunds, attended St Ambrose earlier this week for a writing academy with Miss Matthews, Mr Wadsworth and Miss Evans. Pupils were looking at strategies to improve story writing in preparation for high school in September.

These students have been specifically chosen for their outstanding talents in writing. The pupils really enjoyed the day and were excited for their next visit in March. Well done Year 6!



PE FOCUS:

Year 7 Girls Football Team

The Year 7 girls had a fantastic start to the football season, defeating Bridgewater School 5-0! They played at a high standard, maintaining positive attitudes throughout the match. As the game progressed, their confidence grew, with one goal in the first half and four goals in the second half. Their coaches, Mrs. Grundy and Mr. Healey, are both very proud of their performance.

