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SCHOOL THAT MATTERS:  
A GREAT HALF-TERM

The last two weeks of the half-term have been packed with interesting and exciting events. They have capped a very successful half-term and mark an excellent start to the year.

Earlier this week it was fantastic to welcome Salford's Ceremonial Mayor, Tanya Burch, to open our Francis Centre, an Enhanced Resource Provision for autistic young people. The event was led by the pupils themselves who gave speeches and showed guests around the centre. Madam Mayor was thoroughly involved in everything, even down to playing (and losing) a game of Jenga with one of our pupils. It was wonderful to have so many parents and carers present and representatives of the local authority.

On Wednesday we held one of our SEND information events, with presentations from staff and local authority partners on support for young people who are on the SEND register. There was an excellent turn-out of parents and carers and it made for a very positive event – thank you for coming along. Tuesday, as usual, was our weekly form Mass, said by Father Ernest from St. Charles'. A reminder that we are strongly encouraging Year 8 pupils to undertake preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation – they have all had a presentation from Sr. Anna to inform them of this and you should have received a letter regarding it.

Last week we celebrated our Year 11 Leavers at Presentation Evening. It was the first time we had held the event in school and this made for a more personal, celebratory event. There was an excellent turn-out of past pupils and their parents and carers

for the evening. The certificates were presented by our Chair of Governors, Vikki Allen. What was striking about the event was the way in which our former pupils were so keen to be back in school, sharing memories and talking enthusiastically about where their learning has taken them since.

We have also seen a great deal of enrichment activities in the last two weeks. Many of our sports teams are up and running, participating in various tournaments and securing some wins. Groups of Year 7-9 pupils went out of school to watch the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and in school were treated to an excellent and thought-provoking production of Kindness: A Legacy of the Holocaust. In assemblies, our very active Year 10 leaders have been presenting on Black History Month and doing so with great commitment and confidence. The theme this year is Reclaiming Narratives and we will be continuing our celebration of Black history and culture in the days after the half-term break.

On Friday the young people can enjoy a week's break and we look forward to seeing them again on Monday, October 28th at our usual start time. They have been superb throughout this half-term, maintaining standards of respect, behaviour, engagement and ensuring that there is always plenty of joy to be found around school. I wish you a safe, happy and peaceful half-term break and look forward to welcoming the pupils back.

**Ben Davis***Headteacher*

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# CALENDAR

## 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)*

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## 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

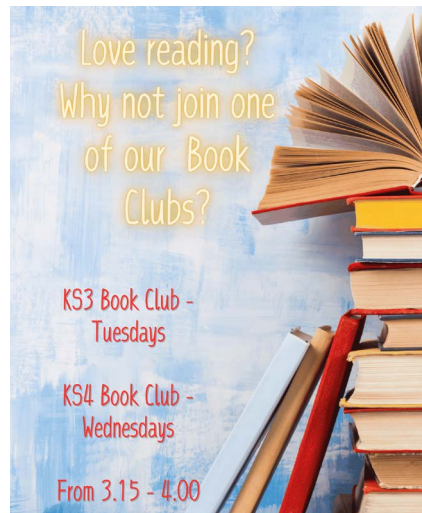
As part of our **70th anniversary celebrations** and to raise the profile of the school further in the community, please can you help us to get in touch with former pupils?

**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**.

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

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## BOOK CLUBS FOR KS3 & KS4

**Tuesday 29 October (KS3)**

**Wednesday 30th October (KS4)**

**3.15pm - 4:00pm.**

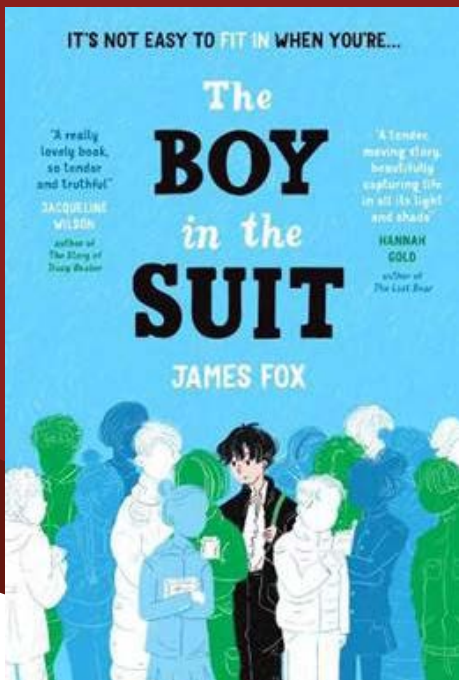
Pupils who are interested can either speak to Mrs. Davis for more details or show up on the day.



## ART FOCUS

Emily, Year 10, exploring macro textures in Photography.





# BOOK OF THE WEEK

## The Boy in the Suit by James Fox

Solo and his mum Morag are always gatecrashing parties. But not the ones with balloons and party poppers. They go to funerals. A lot of funerals. Because there is free food and Solo and Morag are almost always hungry.

Solo hates it – and that’s not all. He hates the fact that he doesn’t have proper school uniform, that his mum lies to get free bus rides and begs food from the corner shop. But what he hates most is the Big Bad Reds when Morag takes to her bed for days or spends what little money they have on ‘grown up’ drinks. And then they gatecrash the funeral of someone famous and end up splashed all over the newspapers and the internet. Could life get even worse for Solo? Or might it be the beginning of something better?

Despite the difficult subject matter, there are many moments of humour, compassion and joy in Solo’s story. While it highlights the reality of life with a parent experiencing mental health issues and the difficulties caused by child poverty, it also carries a message of hope, the value of friendship, and the courage it can take to accept help from others.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month. Throughout the month we will be discussing this year’s theme “Reclaiming Narratives.” This theme marks a significant shift towards correcting the narratives of Black history and culture. Together with our Vision party, who have created a PowerPoint to be delivered during form times focusing on four main points: geography, music, hair, and fashion/textiles some of our Year 11 students have worked tirelessly with Mrs Monaghan supporting a group of Year 10 students to deliver powerful speeches in our assemblies.

*“I am extremely impressed at how our Year 11 students have taken the lead with Black History Month and how they have honoured past and present heroes, embracing the diverse and large impact of various black individuals, educating our students here at St Ambrose and empowering one another through stories that inspire and shape generic identities. This was the first time for our students presenting and standing in front of a cohort of students and with support and nurturing grew the confidence to deliver such powerful speeches. I am so proud of their courageous attitudes and displaying our love, learn and lead values.”*

*Voices of the Holocaust - ‘We welcomed Voices of the Holocaust and their production, Kindness: A Legacy of the Holocaust, to our school last week. The students were a credit to the school and asked sensitive and intelligent questions in the Question and Answer session at the end of the performance. It was an incredible experience and a fantastic way to understand the holocaust – the company were brilliant and could not compliment the school enough saying, “We wish all schools were like St Ambrose Barlow.”’*

