



# Newsletter

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**Autumn Term 2017 Issue 4**  
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Dear parents and carers

The half term leading up to Christmas is always an exciting and busy time. We are looking forward to celebrating the successes of last year's Y11 cohort at our GCSE Awards Evening on Wednesday 22nd November, when we will be presenting examination certificates and awards for top achievement, top effort, top progress in each GCSE subject as well as awards for best overall GCSE results in each ability group and recognising students who made a fantastic contribution to our school during their 5 years with us. We are delighted to have Julian Appleyard OBE, Principal of Rochdale Sixth Form College, as our guest speaker and we will be joined by the Mayor and Mayoress of Whitworth Councillor Alan Neal and Mrs Janet Neal, as well as by families and governors. Wednesday 29th November turns the spotlight back onto current Y11 when we have Y11 Parents' Evening. At this point, students will have completed their first mock examinations and will have received their results, so this is the perfect time both to recognise success and progress and to plan, with parents/carers and students, how to make the vital improvements needed to maximise every student's potential in their GCSE examinations. In preparation for this, students need to make appointments with their subject teachers, and parents need to register online via the school website. 98% of students attended the Y11 Revision Evening, most with a parent/carer, and we need to build on this parental engagement to ensure success. A significant number of students will have had progress interviews with Mr Kewin and/or Mrs Cawley, in addition to those which were undertaken earlier this year – those students have clear short term targets and it is now up to them to action them.

Coffee Mornings have been held for our 'Half Term Heroes' – those students in each year group with the most Achievement points and who have not accrued negative Behaviour points. Congratulations to: Daniel Kershaw, Samuel Wellington, Frederick Ball, Jake Brearley, Jay Howarth, Brandon Ashcroft, Georgia Brown, Troy Swanick, Charlotte Lowe, Lucas Thomas, Caleb Wales, Rhuiridh Phillips, Sadie Stead, Luke Wilkinson, Jamie-Lee Davies, Kai Banyard, Mya Higginbottom, Rhys Smith, Maddison Mellor, Jasmine Somerwill, Holly Butcher, Oliver Norris, Millie O'Shea, Joshua Porter, Alysha Quigley, Leoni Whitehead, Megan Lucas, Ryan Pye, Katy Bray, Ellie Foster, Benjamin Hayes, Lucy Farrell, and Georgina Bride, and also to those students who were invited because of their commitment to 'Climbing Higher' including those who played a key role in our very successful Remembrance Assemblies: Ryan Lowe, Heather Badham, Ellena Burton, Liam O'Connor, Abbie Dawson, Heathcliff Howard, Emily Hovell-Limmer, Holly Butcher, Jack Myatt, Hannah Smallwood, Megan Whitworth and Sam Milton. We finish the week with our Y11 Coffee Morning – again for our 'Half Term Heroes' and 'Climbing Higher' students including Head Prefects Hannah Smallwood, Tom Crabtree and Sam Milton who represented the school at the Remembrance parade in the village. Thank you to all members of the school: staff, students and families who supported this occasion.

Finally, our Y7 Cheese and Wine/ Settling-In Evening was very well-attended. Almost 80% of families joined us to hear about school systems for assessment and reporting, about Accelerated Reader, and to celebrate some of the successes of Y7 students this term, as well as to meet with form tutors and families of their children's new friends. A very enjoyable evening.

Best wishes

Headteacher

*climbing higher!*

## Calendar

**November**  
**2017**

**22nd November 2017**  
GCSE Presentation  
Evening

**29th November 2017**  
Y11 Parents' Evening  
5.00pm—7.00pm

**December**  
**2017**

**13th—15th December**  
**2017**  
School Production

**19th December 2017**  
Senior Citizens'  
Christmas party

**20th December 2017**  
KS3 Disco  
Christmas Lunch  
Christmas Concert  
7.00pm—8.00pm

**22nd December 2017**  
School closes for  
Christmas break  
Exact time to be  
confirmed

**January**  
**2018**

**8th January 2018**  
School re-opens

**8th—12th January 2018**  
Exam week for Y9 & Y10

## Armistice Day

Remembrance assemblies were held for all year groups on Friday 10th November. Students who are members of uniformed groups wore their uniform to school with students representing Scouts, Guides, Fire Cadets, and Army Cadets. The assemblies included readings of traditional poems as well as a poem written by Y8 student Sophie Barnes. One of our parents, Mr Wells is in the armed forces and joined the students in the assemblies. Head Prefects Hannah Smallwood and Thomas Crabtree also attended the Service of Remembrance at Whitworth Cenotaph where they laid a wreath on behalf of the school while one of our other Head Prefects, Sam Milton, played the bass drum with Whitworth Vale and Healey Brass Band.



Whitworth Community High School presents...

## 1001 Arabian Nights and a Matinee

Weds 13th Dec  
Thurs 14th Dec  
Fri 15th Dec  
@ 7pm

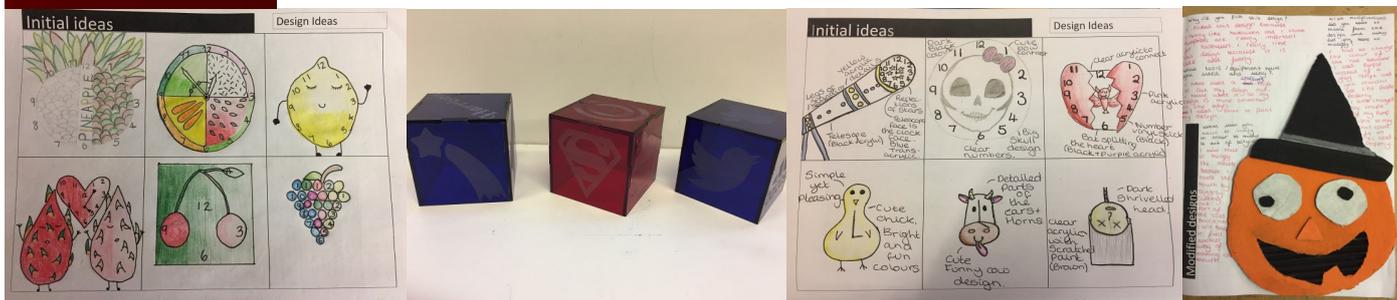
Adults £5 Concessions £3

## School Performances December 2017

Come and join us for our school performances:  
Wednesday 13/12/17  
Thursday 14/12/17  
Friday 15/12/17  
All performances start at 7pm.  
Tickets will be available from school shortly.

## Friday night is Design Technology night!

Well done to the Y8 students who have been attending a Friday night Design Technology club to develop advanced skills. Mr Sheldon has really been impressed with the work they have been producing and the high levels of commitment and enthusiasm seen. A big congratulations goes to Sophie Barnes, Millie Wilson, Charlotte Gac, Eve Butterworth-Bennion, Milly Jackson, Meeral Kamran, Hannah Langan and Ella Lord.



## Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party for Whitworth Senior Citizens will take place at school on **Tuesday 19th December between 2.15pm and 4.00pm. Places are limited** so if you know anyone who would like to join us, please call school on 01706 343218 and ask to speak to either Mrs Fitzpatrick or Mrs Oxford.

## Science Club

Science club has started and has proved very popular with our keen Y7 and Y8 Scientists! We had 50 students attend week one where they learnt about the properties of slime and how to make it. This week we have used a technique that Egyptians used during mummification and have set up our very own mummified apples. These will take a few weeks to be complete so check out the next newsletter for pictures of our results!

gcse science  
**live!**



## Year 10 GCSE Science Live!

We have **6 spaces** remaining on the GCSE Science Live trip for year 10. The scientists speaking on the day include Prof. Robert Wilson; Dr Andrea Sella and Dr Steve Jones (who last year gave a brilliant talk on murder genetics!). The trip costs £20 and letters are available now from Mrs Trivett.