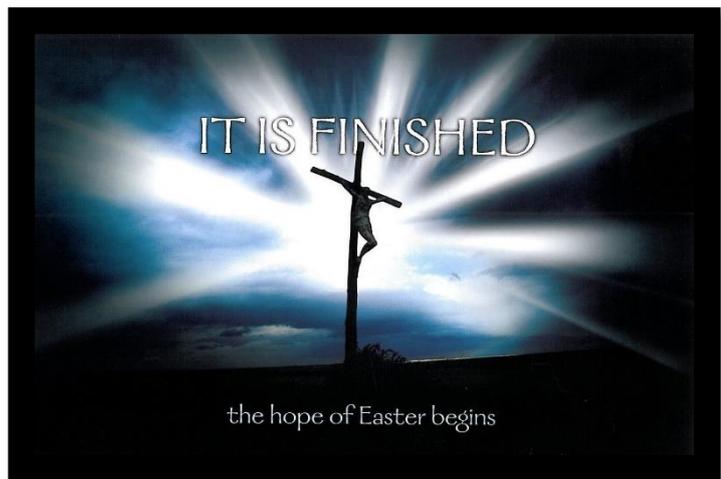
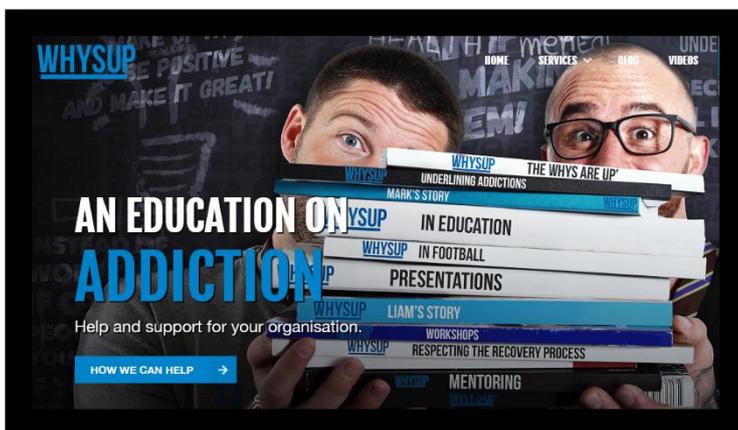




Debt paid? At the beginning of Lent we reflected on the fact that for Jews the High Priest enters the Holy of Holies (The intense presence of God) once a year on the Day of Atonement to give a burnt offering as a sacrifice for human sin. On Good Friday we remember that for Christians, Jesus became that offering of sacrifice for our sin as he gave his life on the cross. This Lent we have been looking at our own lives to ask what sacrifice we could make to God in thanksgiving. We have responded to Bishop John’s call for us to think about our environment, making wise choices to conserve energy and live more responsibly towards our planet. This Good Friday you might want to spend time reflecting on this at the 3pm service at your local church or join our SVP group on a walk up Rivington (meeting at the lower barn at 10am Good Friday) as we reflect on Jesus’ climb up to Calvary.



Welcome: As the Summer term approaches, we wish Mrs Dadswell the very best as she begins her maternity leave and we welcome Mrs Dedat to the English Department. We also welcome Mrs Walmsley to the maths department. By now many of you will have met Mr Fitzsimons our interim Deputy Headteacher. Mr Fitzsimons has brought a wealth of leadership experience and will be staying with us until the Summer. We are grateful to All Hallows in Salford for releasing him to work with us. In September 2019 we will welcome our new substantive Deputy Headteacher; Mrs Yorke-Robinson and we also congratulate Mrs Horridge and Mrs McDonnell who will join the senior team as Assistant Headteachers to give additional capacity to lead further improvements to impact on the progress of students.



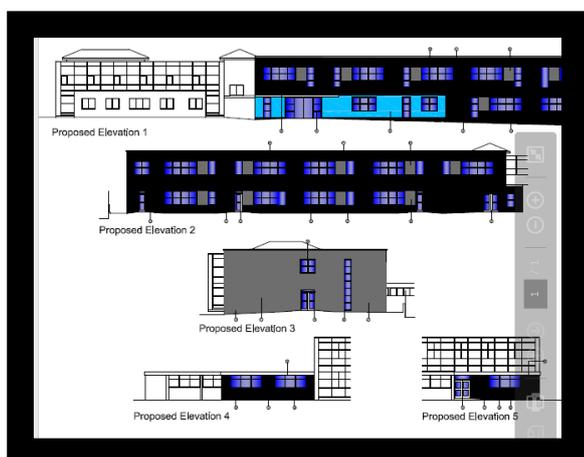
Whysup to addiction – Y9, 10 and 11 are currently working with Whysup. We have had special workshops offering a real world perspective of addiction, in a language young people understand. The workshops have given them the tools to identify early warning signs and make better, informed decisions. We are grateful to Liam and Mark who have been working with us so that our young people can benefit from their experience and utilise the tools they have learned for good wellbeing. We look forward to the

possibility of a mystery celebrity visitor in school on Friday 5th April!

PSA update - The enthusiasm engendered from the members of our PSA has generated lot of good fund raising ideas. The Christmas fair raised £2474.43. Our next event is planned for the summer term. Keep your diaries free for a proposed Summer Fair on Sunday 14th July. Over the past 12 months the PSA have agreed to use some of their funds to purchase the following items...

Food Tech	Text Books	£359.85
Food Tech	Frying Pans	£352.00
Food Tech	Oven Gloves	£50.00
Drama	Staging	£1,600.00
D&T Dept	3 D Printer	£2,257.19
Whole School	Lap tops	£5,295.00
MFL	Web based research	£400.00
		£10,314.04

We are indebted to all the PSA for all their support and wish to thank you all for giving of your time so generously.



Building news. We are delighted to announce that our £3 million building project will begin in May. The work will be completed at the edge of our site so will not interfere with learning. We are working with Lancaster Maloney to project manage the build that will comprise of a number of new classrooms, including a state of the art computer suite, a drama studio and a new learning resource centre. The main school reception will also be moved to the new wing allowing us to use the current reception area as a student support facility.

Rewards and Consequences. We have listened to students, parents and carers to ensure that Epraise points are awarded more consistently. Please talk to your child about the importance of choosing good behaviour for learning at all times. We are currently working with the Executive Student Voice team to plan the reward day experiences. Our next 'Recognition Reward' assemblies will take place on Wednesday 3rd April.

Forgiven. Our Holy Week services will take place in advance of Holy Week on Thursday 4th April at 8:55 am for Years 7 and 9 and 9:50am for Years 8 and 10 (Year 11 will have a 'Holy Week' assembly at Registration time.) These will feature Gospel readings, drama, music, dance and thought provoking reflections. If you would like to attend, please let the office know, so that we can reserve seating.

Well done to our Y11s who are working so hard for their GCSEs. We have noticed a big difference in their work ethic and aspiration with many showing evidence of 3 hours revision each evening and 9 hours at the weekend. There are Easter sessions in school that are targeted for certain students. (Please see the schedule sent out by Mrs Morgan.) Remember that your work will pay off when you receive your grades in the Summer. We are now using progression scales in all year groups. This means that each subject area has identified 'skill gaps' for each student and are working on ensuring that all students are prepared well. Please encourage Yrs 7-10 to respond to the next steps their teacher is giving to them in their books. This will help iron out any skill deficit areas before Yr 11.

Curriculum Matters. Thanks to all parents and carers of Y8 who have worked with us to support the young people as they make curriculum choices. Our Pathway Evenings took place and our curriculum

team have met with parents and carers to make sure that choices are appropriately aspirational and bespoke enough to address individual needs. Good luck Mrs Horridge in scheduling such a challenging timetable!

Uniform. Many thanks to parents and carers working with us to ensure that students are wearing the correct uniform. There are very few students who are being picked up for pushing the boundaries. This is great news because it gives us more time and energy to spend on ensuring that learners make the best possible



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progress. Please remember in response to the consultation last year a new uniform will be in place for September 2019. This comprises a fitted jacket for Y7-10, a blue tie (with a different colour stripe depending on the year group), a pleated black skirt (with a blue/grey badge at the top right) or black trousers and white shirt. Year 11 will be allowed to wear a V-neck fitted sweater as part of the transition to professional dress and a shirt. Our uniform suppliers (shown on our website) have full details of the



The Executive Student Voice represents the ideas and concerns from students in order to build a stronger community. Jess G is the executive chair and writes; whilst the Student Voice has only been established for one year, our time in office has been spent productively. For example

- Raising money and awareness to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health
- Creating designs for the new lunch pod
- Speaking to decision makers about our concerns i.e. Mrs Jones the Chair of Governors and Mr Fitzsimmons the Deputy Head
- Creating a sense of democracy in the school through promoting 'Make you Mark' encouraging all students to vote for what they think is important.
- Taking feedback on the provision from Mellor's and liaising to improve the service for young people.
- Student Voice Elections.
- Presentations to clusters of primary schools on the work we are doing surrounding mental health. If your child would like to have their voice heard, please encourage them to speak to their Form Tutor about getting involved.



Stronger Together. Our 'Stronger Together' newsletters are now termly. In response to parent/carers suggestion we are working on a weekly news format to keep you updated. Alternatively keep up to date with our live news stories by following us on Facebook/Twitter.

Our End of term arrangements will be mailed out separately. The final day of term will be a non-uniform day in exchange for our Lent Charity collection. The funds will be split between 'Revive' and 'St Joseph's penny.' The Easter break will begin at 12:30pm on Friday 5th April.

Happy Easter! Whatever you are doing over the Easter period, we hope that you will be able to take time out to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice. We spare a thought for all those who facing tragedy and challenge in their own lives and pray along with Bishop John and all our diocese, "Stay with us lord, on our Journey." May we wish you a happy, holy and restful Easter.