



# The Elton Times - Edition 144

**18 July 2024**

## *Headteacher's Welcome*

This final issue of the Elton Times has been delayed from last week so as to include reports of all the activities that have been taking place. Hundreds of students have been engaged with a whole mix of events including the Tawd Vale residential (Year 7), Blackpool Geography trips (Year 8), visits to local colleges (Year 10) and oracy speeches (Year 7). Last week we also spent two days hosting over seventy students from China with our school receiving fantastic feedback about the welcome and engagement provided by our students and staff. Reports on these activities (and others) are in this issue of the newsletter and make really good reading.

As this is the final issue before the summer holiday, I would like to take this opportunity to go through a number of key notices which are listed below.

### **Sponsored Walk**

This took place yesterday as part of our Enrichment Week and again, it is written up in this newsletter. It was a lovely day and we have received many generous donations through the JustGiving page. The

money raised will be used to identify projects through our Student Council and we still welcome contributions. A link to the page is [Just Giving Link](#).

### **End of term - Friday 19th July - 1pm**

School will close for the summer holidays tomorrow (Friday 19th July) at 1pm. Not all school buses will be able to provide a service with only the 896 and 897 running as normal. Please can you ensure that your child is able to make his/her own way back from school if they would normally catch one of the school buses. Although it will be open before school and at breaktime for snacks as usual, the canteen will not be open on that final day at lunchtime.

### **Leaving Staff**

As happens at the end of every school year, we are sorry to see a number of staff leave us at this time, for a variety of new opportunities and changes in personal circumstances. The list of staff who we say goodbye to is shown below:

- Mrs Hassall (English) - Move to Alternative Provision post at Changing Lives
- Mr Britten (English) - Move to teaching post at Woodhey High
- Ms Jamil (Cover Supervisor) - Move to tutoring post at Five Rivers
- Mrs Yates (Technology) - Move to teaching post at Rumshaw School, Bolton
- Mrs Fitzmaurice (RE) - End of temporary post at Elton and move to Parrenthorn High
- Mrs Marshall (Languages Dept) - End of maternity post
- Mrs Patel (SEN Dept) - Move to Outreach Assistant post at Bury LA
- Mrs Ahmed (SEN Dept) - Move to Educational Psychology post at Bury LA
- Ms Mudditt (SEN Dept) - Sabbatical and change of career
- Mrs Simpson and Mrs Hayman (Canteen Managers) - Retirement

While they have all worked for different periods of time at Elton, these individual staff have all contributed on so many levels and will be missed by our students and staff. We wish them all every success for their next steps beyond our school and hope that they stay in touch! There will obviously be a full range of new staff to replace them in September and I will introduce those staff in the first newsletter of the new term.

### **September Return**

The new Autumn term is due to begin on Wednesday 4th September, though as usual we will be having a slightly staggered start on that day. Please can students report to the school at the times allocated below:

- Year 7 students - 8.40am
- Years 8/9/10/11 students - 11am

The school day and timings are organised the same as this year. Lunch is 1.20pm and the day finishes at 3.10pm.

### **Homework - New System**

From the start of September we will be using an updated, improved system for logging homework called 'SatchelOne'. Parents/carers will be able to receive direct information about homework that has been set, what it is and when it is due. For the system to work, each parent needs to sign up for the new system and individual email invites will be sent to each parent for the beginning of September. From then, we will use the Information Evenings that take place in that first month to go through the system and make sure that all of our families are logged on and have the necessary details.

### **Finally....**

I will write again before the start of the new term to provide a reminder about the arrangements and key notices. While school is officially 'closed', the coming weeks still sees plenty of activities including the Year 7 Summer School and, of course, GCSE results. Over the summer holiday I will still have access to email and please contact me directly if you have any queries or questions about the new term - if I am not able to answer directly I will make sure that a colleague is able to do so. In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful, enjoyable summer break and thank you for your support during these past ten months.

**Jonathan Wilton, Headteacher**

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## ***Sponsored Walk - 17th July 2024***

### ***Hot off the press!***

All students took part in the sponsored walk yesterday around the school grounds - we have currently raised 50% of our £6,000 target through donations on our just giving page, which is now over £3,000!

We still need your support though - please donate via [Just Giving](#).







## *Year 7 Tawd Vale Residential*

Even though the weather wasn't great, our Year 7 students had an amazing time at Tawd Vale! They jumped into activities like canoeing, paddleboarding, high ropes, bushcraft, and orienteering with tons of enthusiasm. The rain made things a bit tricky, but everyone cheered each other on and had a blast. One of the best parts was watching England's semi-final match together—talk about team spirit! Our students made us proud, showing resilience, teamwork, and lots of energy. They came back with cool new skills and awesome memories. Way to go, Year 7!

**Miss Waltham, Learning Co-ordinator Year 7**

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## ***Year 11 Leavers Prom***

### ***Raising Money for Year 11 Prom***

For the past month we have been raising money for the Year 11 prom. By the time of the event we had raised enough money for a photobooth and to decorate the room, with a total figure of nearly £400. Also, an extra special thank you to: William Thomlinson, Izzy Ward and Zac Shenton; without the continued help, organisation and absolute trust in these three students, we would not have been able to raise this money. [We can now look forward to an extra special prom for the Class of 2024 – you most definitely deserve it!]

Many thanks again. Mrs Turbill, Miss Walkden and the Year 11 team.

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### **Prom - What an amazing night!**

Everyone looked amazing and it was so nice to celebrate for one last time all of your hard work together as a year group, it was brilliant to see everyone up on the dancefloor all night. The staff at Last Drop said how polite and well mannered you all were. You're a credit to our school. We hope you enjoyed it just as much as the staff and I cannot thank all of our Year 11 team enough for the support they have given over the past 5 years with the best year group. We look forward to seeing you on your results day to recognise all your hard work you have put in and you will now reap the rewards!

Prom awards:

Prom Stars - Holly Calvert & Sam Jackson

Proms 'pimp' (steam punk) - Conor Rogers

Pretty as a princess - Ruby Graham

Mr Smooth - Ashaie Evans

Scrubbed up well - Mason Law

Miss Elegant - Niamh McBride

Glimmers like Gold - Faith Richardson

Prom Couple - Harry Dickinson and Lexie Clark

Best entrance/ most dramatic - Kallie Weaver

**Miss Walkden, Learning Co-ordinator Year 11**

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## ***Art Exhibition***

Thank you to everyone who came along to the GCSE Art, Photography and Textiles exhibition. It was lovely to see so many past students with their families and friends to celebrate all of the hard work. The artworks looked fantastic in the exhibition and it is a credit to the students and their efforts. Also a special thanks to Max Gawthrope, Harley McGuffog, Taylor Todd, William Tomlinson and Ava Cooper for their help on the night!

Mr Thomas, Head of Art

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## ***Chinese Visitors***

FOR two days last week, students at Elton hosted students from middle schools in Xuzhou, in Jiangsu Province, China. The students were on a school trip to learn more about British culture, and our school hosted a day of immersion in a typical British high school to support this. Seventy-five Elton students trained to act as "buddies" for the day to the visitors, taking them to lessons with them and allowing them to experience social time in school. Teachers across all departments adapted lessons to welcome the visitors, and they were particularly grateful for translated Powerpoint slides and worksheet. All of the students gained an insight into a different culture and a different approach to education, and lasting friendships were formed. We hope to continue the link with Xuzhou moving forward.

**Mrs Warden, Deputy Headteacher**

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### ***Letter received from Suman Education:***

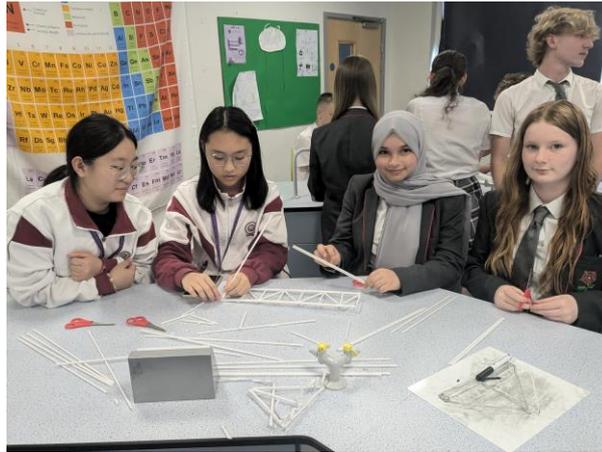
I want to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible experience we had at The Elton High School this week. On Wednesday and Friday, Suman Education had the pleasure of bringing two groups of Chinese middle school students to your campus to experience a day in the life of local students.

From the moment we arrived, we were warmly welcomed by both the students and staff. The effort put into preparing Chinese-language worksheets for our students was particularly touching and greatly appreciated. The bonds formed between our students and yours were remarkable, as they collaborated on the sports field and shared moments that left everyone reluctant to part ways. Our students were especially impressed with the hospitality and quality of the school cafeteria, which they praised highly.

I am deeply moved by the kindness and generosity extended to us, and I want to extend a special thank you to Ms. Warden for your warm hospitality towards our Chinese teachers. The experience provided by your school was invaluable, and it is difficult to find words that adequately convey our appreciation.

We sincerely hope that this will be the beginning of many more collaborations between our institutions. We would be delighted to welcome Elton students to China in the future to experience our culture and education system.





## ***Art Department***

The Art Department would like to say a huge well done to all of the Year 7 students who created such incredible 3D homework pieces. We have been so impressed with the effort, creativity and range of skills shown in your homework projects - they look absolutely wonderful! Your presentations about your work have also been excellent, showing confidence and thoughtful planning whilst making your project.

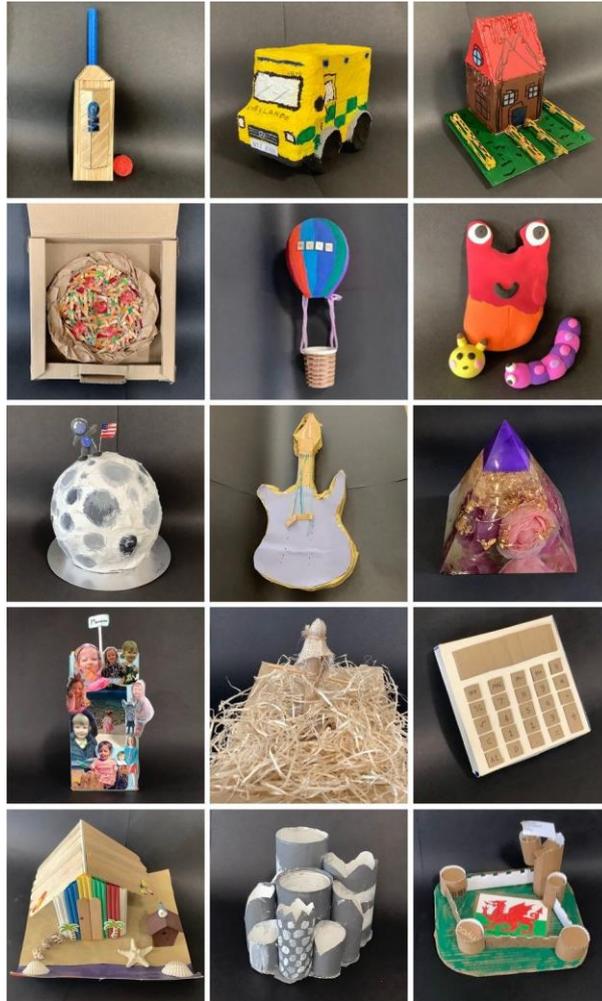
Students received a Bronze, Silver or Gold award for their work and should be really proud of their achievements.

**Mr Thomas, Head of Art**

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## ***English Department***

We are thrilled to celebrate our year 7 students for their outstanding oracy presentations in front of staff and parents. Their hard work, dedication, and courage shone brightly, showcasing not only their knowledge but also their public speaking skills. Each presentation was a testament to the students' commitment and growth. We are immensely proud of their achievements and grateful to the staff and parents for their unwavering support. Congratulations to all the students for a job well done!

### **Special recognition awards were:**

Most Progress and Resilience – Leilah O'Brien, Finley O'Toole, Dylan Cadwallader

Outstanding Performance – Isla Myerscough, George Tatters, Erin Carroll

Most Developed Speech – Lola Warren, Max Sayers, Riley Rowe

Most Powerful Speech – Tabitha Crowther, Sadie Thomas, Shylee Proudfoot

**Miss Ashworth, Deputy Head of English**

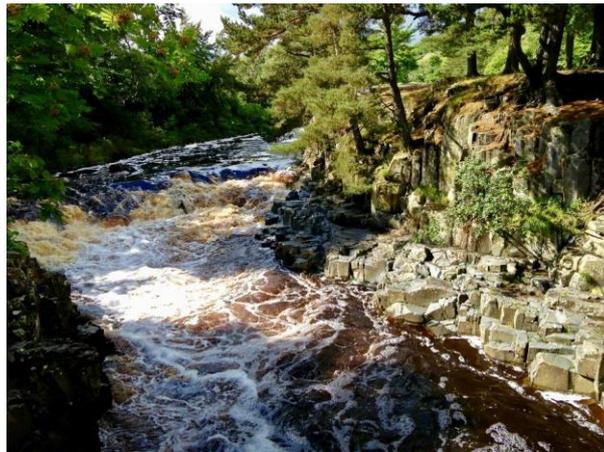
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## ***Geography Department***

### **Daisy Nook Geography Fieldwork Trip**

Over two days last week, we took Year 10 Geographers to Daisy Nook Country Park. They were excellent representatives of our school and collected data for their Physical Geography fieldwork. This included measuring the cross-sectional area and velocity of the River Medlock at 4 sites.



### **Blackpool Geography Fieldwork Trip**

A group of 45 year 7 students visited Blackpool as part of the Coasts Unit that they have been learning. Students went to the sand dunes and played games on the beach. They then had fun in Sandcastle Waterpark for the afternoon.



## Year 8 Chester Zoo Trip

Year 8 had a great day at Chester Zoo, where they strengthened their understanding of the Ecosystem Unit by learning about a number of animals from different ecosystems.





### **Year 8 Football Tournament**

We are looking forward to the Geography football tournament this week, where 70 of our year 8 students will be competing in 5 A-side football and raising money for WWF and Elton's Garden. Good luck to all students!



### ***Upcoming Geography Trips***

#### **Year 9 Malham Trip**

We will be handing out letters in September for the Year 9 trip to Malham and the White Scar Caves. Keep an eye out for letters to help you make sure that you get a place on the trip.



#### **Year 10 Haigh Hall Trip**

The new year 10 Geographers will be going to Haigh Hall to learn about the small-scale ecosystem there, which is our case study. Students will also get the opportunity to do orienteering and the high ropes course. Keep an eye out at the start of September for letters.



#### **Year 11 Lake District Trip**

On the 11th September we will be taking 40 students to the Lake District to take part in Rock climbing and Gorge Walking. Make sure you have handed in your trip permission slip to secure a place!



### **Iceland Trip 2025**

We can't wait for the upcoming Iceland trip! Please note that the last payment for this trip is due in December.

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### ***Maths Department***

#### **Sparx Maths**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your children in completing their Sparx maths homework's this year. We have answered 620,057 questions correctly and 10,107 hours of independent personalised maths practice has been completed by our students.

Sparx have identified their Sparx Stars for this year, congratulations to:

Year 7: Alice Hirst

Year 8: Rayyan Ali

Year 9: Paige Smith

Year 10: Ava Cooper

There was also 45 students who received a Headteachers award this week, for completing every single piece of homework this year with 100% of questions answered correctly.

In September, we will move away from Sparx as our homework platform, with mymaths being used for 2024-2025. You can continue using Sparx over the summer if your children would like to complete any independent tasks.

**Mrs Butterworth, Head of Mathematics**

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## **Poetry By Heart Finale at The Globe**

The trip to the Poetry By Heart Finale was excellent. The pupils conducted themselves in an excellent manner and we had an amazing day out. The pupils were excited about the train ride, the travel through London and the view of London from the Millennium Bridge and they really enjoyed the poetry performances, with a variation of favourites amongst the pupils. We got to see the Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage, perform several of his poems along with the Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho, who performed his poems too. It was also lovely to hear the two pupil poetry tributes to Benjamin Zephaniah, who died in December and whose poetry the pupils enjoy studying at school.

The trip was really inspirational and I hope will encourage the pupils to sign up to the competition again in the next school year.

The pupils wrote this of their experience:

*"I had an amazing time even though we had to get up at such an early time. My favourite performance was the one where the girl sang her poem it was really different and unique because of this it created a really nice atmosphere. I would 100% do this all over again." Lizzy Shaw*

*"The Poetry by Heart trip was amazing. I got to see beautiful things in London and all the amazing scenery blew my mind, it was honestly so beautiful. I loved it and I hope I get the chance to go again. I liked the performance of the spider and the fly poem, which was really funny and the three performers were really bold and did an amazing performance." Stephanie Ehiorobo*

*"I think that it was a good opportunity to go out and watch, and I think it improved my outlook on how to possibly improve next year. My favourites were the Key Stage 4 entries. I also enjoyed having the day in London with my friends." Gracie Jacques*

*"I enjoyed the London trip, the train ride was fun and the poetry performances were interesting too." Theo Skorzewski*

*"I though it was amazing, I really enjoyed that we got the chance to go to London and go to The Globe Theatre and I was so happy. Thank you Poetry by Heart." Ethan Chalmers*

*"I overall enjoyed the experience and all the performances though I more enjoyed the way there and back due to us all having fun together, singing and having a good time. I do wish that it wasn't so early but other than that it was amazing." Kirsten Wolstencroft*

*"Before poetry by heart I never knew the amount of community and kinship that comes with poetry... Seeing London from the Millennium bridge was an experience to say the least, going to see The Globe poetry performances was also a time to be remembered." Sadie Thomas*

**Miss Lythe, Literacy Manager**

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## ***Pupil Librarian Conference Trip***

On Wednesday 3rd July, four of the pupil librarians were invited on a trip to reward them for helping out in the LRC all year during their free time. The conference was held at the Lancaster Girls' Grammar School.

We took the train to Lancaster, had a walk up to the castle then made our way to the venue.

There was an activity for them to get to know the pupils from other schools, they then had a 'Murder Mystery' activity where they worked in teams to try and solve the murder in the bookshop, they then had a book quiz and were given goody bags full of books, bookmarks and stationery to take home with them.

Despite the rain, we then had a trip up to Williamson Park and went to the Butterfly House and mini zoo and had some hot chocolate to warm us up before heading home on the train.

The pupils enjoyed the experience and had these comments to share:

*"My thoughts on the Lancaster trip was that I really enjoyed interacting with other schools and getting to find out more about how different schools arrange their libraries as well as take care of it. Another thing that I enjoyed about the trip was the park we went to and seeing the different types of animals they kept there even if they no longer had the [snake it](#) was a really fun trip." Kirsten Wolstencroft*

*"I enjoyed the trip a lot. I especially liked walking around the park and going to the Butterfly House. My favourite part of the trip would be the team quiz we did at Lancaster Girls Grammar School, because it was very funny and required a team effort. Also Bethany and I took lots of pictures and we laughed all day." Jess Moore*

*"I really enjoyed the school trip to Lancaster. It was different and fun! I really enjoyed doing the murder mystery case and the Butterfly House. Everyone at the school was very kind and made me feel welcome and helped me to navigate round the school. I enjoyed travelling by tram and train. It was loads of fun and an enjoyable experience. Overall an amazing trip." Beth Kilpatrick*

**Miss Lythe, Literacy Manager**

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## ***Learning Resource Centre - Summer Holiday Books***

The LRC will be open to pupils and parents and carers on Thursday 17th July from 3.15 – 4.30pm for pupils to borrow books for the summer holidays (if they haven't already) and for stationery purchases to prepare for the new school year.

Pupils can borrow up to 2 books over summer from the library. They can also borrow unlimited ebooks from eplatform over summer and there are around 1900 books available via this online platform.

We have just bought some more new titles for the library pictured below.

**Miss Lythe, Literacy Manager**

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## ***Facial Recognition and New Online Payments System***

In response to both parent and student voice about our lunch service and students experiencing long queues at some points during the week, we have decided to invest into state of the art facial recognition software to speed up service and make the dining experience run more smoothly.

The speed of service is significantly slowed by the current system of lunch cards. Students frequently don't have their cards ready at service point, or forget their lunch cards, catering staff have to look their names up, parents having to pay to replace lost cards etc., which all takes time - facial recognition takes seconds.

Linked to the new facial recognition system, we will also be investing into a new on-line payments system which will enable parents to view student balances and also view what their child is purchasing daily, this is a facility we have received frequent requests from parents for.

The new systems will be implemented around the end of September 2024. To implement facial recognition for your child, we will need parents to complete an opt-in form - further details of both systems will be emailed over the summer holidays.

**Mrs Filkins, School Business Manager**

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## ***Online Safety***

### **How Boys are being Led to Misogyny**

It will come as no surprise that social media is the avenue by which most people see misogynistic and other harmful content. In February 2024 a new report called 'Safer Scrolling' was released by Dr. Kaitlyn Regehr from University College London which contains useful, important data on how boys are being targeted with misogynistic content and how social media companies are promoting that content.

As part of the study it is shown that after only 5 days of TikTok usage there is a fourfold increase in the levels of misogynistic videos shown to teenage boys in their TikTok ForYou timeline.

For an interview-style executive summary from TES you can read [THIS](#) article. The full report can be found [HERE](#).

### **For Parents - Digital Family Agreement**

With the summer holidays just around the corner now can be a great time for parents/carers to talk with their children and set ground rules, boundaries and expectations around tech use. The easiest way to do this is via a digital family agreement and London Grid for Learning have a really useful template which is free for anyone.

You can download the digital family agreement from LGfL [HERE](#).

## ***Garden Club Donation Request***

### **SOS call to all those with green fingers!**

We are hoping to start a gardening club from September for pupils and have been lucky enough to secure some unused land on the Elton site that we can organise to plant up and grow some fruit and veg.

We are starting from scratch but we are determined to get going with a little help from our school families and community. We are hoping to repurpose some pallets that we have delivered to school into planters and start from there. We would be so grateful if anyone has any of the following (or anything not on the list) they are willing to donate (old but still usable or new) so that we can get the offer open to as many pupils in school as possible.

My email address for the coordination of any donations is [edwardss@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk](mailto:edwardss@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk).

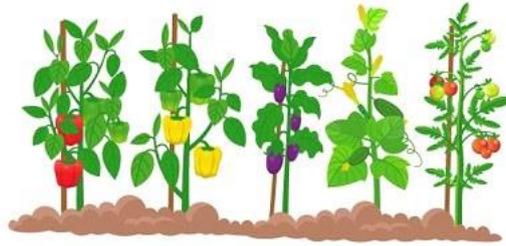
Thankyou in advance for anything you can help us out with, we are most grateful.

- Veg, fruit, flower and herb seeds
- Compost
- Seed trays
- Small, medium and large seed and plant pots
- Gardening tools (spades, trowels, gardening gloves etc)
- Watering can
- Rainwater butt
- Zip up greenhouse
- Cold frames
- Planters
- Trellis

**Ms Edwards, School Counsellor**

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# Elton Grow Getters



## *Students Vs Staff Rounders Match*

The staff rounders team played against our Year 8 rounders team who are the unbeaten champions of Bury since they were in year 7. It was a lovely evening and at times it got a bit heated due to the staff disagreeing with the referee's decisions! But the year 8 team kept their cool and stayed unbeaten 8 - 7 and a half rounders. A great evening for all concerned and remember it's not the winning but the taking part that counts!

**Ms Jones, PE Department**

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## ***Barcelona Trip October 2025***

We are very pleased to announce that we are offering students the chance to visit the Spanish city of Barcelona from Thursday 9th – Sunday 12th October 2025. The trip will be booked through Rayburn Tours Travel Company, who have many years of experience in providing school trips. We will be flying with Jet2 from Manchester airport and staying in central city accommodation. The trip will allow students to immerse themselves in Spanish culture whilst being an amazing opportunity to practice the language skills they will be learning in their MFL lessons. The highlights of the trip will include; a visit to the famous Sagrada Familia, shopping time on Las Ramblas, the opportunity to taste the delights of La Boquería Market, taking the Montjuic cable car up the mountain which give spectacular views over the city, exploring Montjuic mountain and it's Castle, time to explore Port Vell,

the Maremagnum Shopping Mall and Barcelona beach, as well as a day trip to the PortAventura theme park in Salou.

There will be 32 places available, open to our current Year 7 students, with priority being given to those who will be taking the Spanish course from September and who also have an average ATL score of 3 or above, however, all of our current year 7 cohort are welcome to express an interest. Based on the above conditions, places will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

The trip has been quoted for us at a cost of £795 per student on a half board basis, which will include breakfast and evening meals as well as all excursions and also a personalized trip hoodie. An initial non-refundable deposit of £125 will be required ASAP to secure your child's place, with a second deposit of £110 due when we return from the summer break. The remaining balance will be due 12 weeks before departure.

This letter is an expression of interest. If your child would like to be considered for a place on the trip, please email [leblancj@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk](mailto:leblancj@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk) as soon as possible, using the subject heading 'Barcelona 2025'. Please do not make any payments until your child's place has been confirmed via a place offer letter. If you have any further questions, then please don't hesitate to contact me directly on the above email address.

**Mrs Le Blanc, Trip Coordinator**

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## **School Lottery**

Thanks to funding collected from Your School Lottery, the Art Department has been able to buy a new DSLR camera for our photography students! The cameras are essential for our students to be able to produce high quality images and videos for their GCSE coursework and we're really thankful that we have been able to invest thanks to the lottery funding. We're looking forward to seeing how students use the different functions and settings on the camera to experiment in their work.

**Mr Thomas, Head of Art**

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## Pre-Loved Uniform Donations

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to request any pre-loved uniform (either school uniform or PE kit) to be donated to school to enable us to support families with the cost of uniform and also to support students who arrive in school without full uniform.

Mrs Johnson, Deputy Headteacher

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## Funtime Sensory Provision



**funtime for all**  
Sensory Provision

**SEND Specific Classes!**

**Free Funded HAF Places Available!**

**Limited Places at Each Class!**

**Summer Dates:**  
**\*Booking your place is essential!**  
Sessions are £12 per session or fully funded if in receipt of HAF vouchers.

**Week 1:**  
Mon 22nd July 10.00am-12.00pm  
Weds 24th July 2.30pm-4.30pm  
Friday 25th July 10.00am-12.00pm

**Week 2:**  
Mon 29th July 10.00am-12.00pm  
Weds 31st July 2.30pm-4.30pm

**Week 3:**  
Mon 5th Aug 10.00am-12.00pm  
Weds 7th Aug 2.30pm-4.30pm  
Friday 9th Aug 10.00am-12.00pm

**Week 4:**  
Mon 12th Aug 10.00am-12.00pm  
Weds 14th Aug 2.30pm-4.30pm

**Week 5:**  
Mon 19th Aug 10.00am-12.00pm  
Weds 21st Aug 2.30pm-4.30pm  
Friday 23rd Aug 10.00am-12.00pm

**Week 6:**  
Weds 29th Aug 2.30pm-4.30pm  
Fri 30th Aug 10.00am-12.00pm

Siblings over 4 years can also join in our main Sports Camp too!  
Enquire at our head office for details

**Join our Sensory at Summer Sports Camp**  
Half Term & Summer Holiday Clubs

SEND specific sessions are held at our Funtime Activities Sports Centre, Radcliffe!

Explore & Play in our SEND specific activity sessions with soothing sounds and mesmerising projected wall visuals held at our safe and friendly Gymnastics & Trampoline Centre!

SEND specialists are on hand to guide & support children and families explore all the challenging sensory, soft play, and trampolining activities we have on offer.  
\*Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult or carer.

Roll Balance Bounce Swing Climb Jump

**Book Now!**

**info@funtimeactivities.co.uk**  
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Head Office: Funtime Activities Sports Centre  
Unit 10, Kings Church Community Venue, Ainsworth Mill, Radcliffe, BL2 6QE

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## Summer Youth Club



## Summer Animal Academy - Hopwood Hall College

Great news! Our hugely popular Animal Academy is back this Summer. We are currently investing in the redevelopment of our Animal Care learning facilities and so are running a slightly shorter Academy than usual but we are offering more places to give even more young people the opportunity to take part! We have also reduced the entry age to 12.

This incredible 3-day adventure is perfect for young people aged 12-16 who aspire to develop a career working with animals. Delivered by our in-house team of expert tutors, this immersive programme gives young people 18 hours of highly sought-after practical experience – the perfect foundations for a career in working with animals. Animal Academy students can expect to learn all about the unique lives of our endangered animals at Hopwood Hall College, we have over 500 animals here, including snakes, tortoises, poison frogs, wallabies, ponies, alpacas and bats to name but a few.

**Courses will be held on the following weeks 9am until 3pm:**

- Monday 22nd July until Wednesday 24th July (12-14yrs)
- Monday 29th July until Wednesday 31st July (14-16yrs)
- Monday 5th August until Wednesday 7th August (12-14yrs)
- Monday 12th August until Wednesday 14th August (14-16yrs)

You can book a place following the link below:

[Animal Academy - Hopwood Hall College and University Centre](#)

We can't wait to welcome you to our Animal Academy here at Hopwood Hall College and University Centre!

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## Flu Vaccinations



**Re: Important information about the children's flu vaccination**

Dear parent/ carer

After the summer break your child will be invited to have a free seasonal flu vaccine. You will receive more information about this during the autumn term, but I wanted to share some details ahead of the holiday about why and how you should get your child vaccinated.

Children can catch and spread flu very easily. The vaccine is the safest way to protect your child from the flu, which can be very unpleasant and can sometimes cause serious problems, like pneumonia.

Vaccinating your child also helps protect other family members especially those who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as younger babies and grandparents.

**How is the children's flu vaccine given?**

We recommend the nasal flu vaccine for your child, this is given as a quick and painless spray in each nostril. The nasal flu vaccine contains a form of gelatine (porcine gelatine). If you would prefer your child to have a vaccination which does not contain gelatine, then the injection is also available.

The flu injection may also be more suitable for children with allergies and other medical conditions. You can find out more on the NHS website [www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/).

Consent forms will be sent out by Intrahealth after the summer break, they may be paper or you might receive an email. Please make sure that you are clear on the consent form which option you would like your child to have.

**My child has had the flu vaccination before, do they need to have it again?**

Yes; the flu virus can change each year so the vaccine is updated each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, it's important that even if your child was vaccinated last year, that they are vaccinated again this year.

**What should I do if I have more questions?**

There is lots of useful information on the NHS website. You can also get in touch with your GP or Intrahealth, by visiting their website [www.intrahealth.co.uk/services/manchester-flu/](http://www.intrahealth.co.uk/services/manchester-flu/).

You will receive more information about the flu vaccination for your child when you get the invitation from your child's school, during the autumn term.

I hope you all have a great summer.

Best wishes

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