

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end the spring term, I would like to thank you sincerely for your continued support of our school community. This time of year often brings a renewed sense of focus and optimism, and it has been wonderful to see our pupils embracing their learning with enthusiasm and determination.

We are delighted to share some very encouraging developments in relation to the progress our pupils are making. As standards continue to rise across the school, our most recent Year 11 mock examinations show significant improvements compared with this time last year:

- There was an **9% increase** in the number of pupils achieving both a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths
- There was a **12% increase** in the number of pupils getting a grade 4 in English
- There was an **8% increase** in the number of pupils getting a grade 5 in English
- There was a **6% increase** in the number of pupils getting a grade 4 in Maths
- At grade 4 and 5, there were **34 improvements** across subjects compared to mock results in 2024/5
- **13 subjects got better mocks results** than the actual 2025 GCSE results at grade 4 or grade 5 or both

These achievements are a testament to the dedication of our pupils, the commitment of our staff, and the invaluable encouragement you provide at home. We are incredibly proud of our pupils' hard work and the steady upward trend in performance across the school.

As many of you know, we recently welcomed Ofsted inspectors for our second Monitoring Inspection since the full inspection in June 2024. The visit took place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, and I am pleased to share that their findings were **extremely positive**.

Inspectors recognised and validated the substantial progress we are making, and they highlighted the strength of the strategies we have put in place to drive improvement for our pupils.

It was particularly encouraging to see them celebrate the commitment and consistency shown across the school in bringing about meaningful change.

We will receive the official letter from Ofsted within the next 30 days, and I will, of course, share it with you as soon as it arrives.

While we are proud of the progress so far, we are fully committed to maintaining our momentum. We will continue working tirelessly to raise standards further and ensure that every child in our school receives the very best education and care.

Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and involvement—it truly makes a difference and is an essential part of our continued improvement.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff team. Their hard work, professionalism and unwavering commitment to our pupils have been central to the improvements we are seeing. Whether teaching in the classroom, supporting pupils pastorally, or keeping the school running smoothly behind the scenes, every member of staff plays an essential role. I am incredibly grateful for their dedication and the care they show our young people every day.

Wishing you and your family a restful and enjoyable spring season.

Kind regards,

**Mr D. Moroney**

Headteacher

### **Calling all parents who are business owners!**

We're on a mission to bring real-world learning to life for our GCSE Business pupils, and your expertise could make all the difference.

We would love to welcome passionate business owners into school to share their experiences, inspire budding entrepreneurs, and help our learners see how classroom theory becomes real-world practice.

If you're interested in making an impact and supporting the next generation of business leaders, please get in touch with **Mrs Drury** to discuss how you can get involved.



**Calling all  
business owners!**

## **Stockport Youth Awards**

Congratulations to Ruby and Poppy who were nominated for the Music and Performance Award at the Stockport Youth Awards.

Ruby and Poppy are incredibly talented pupils who have taken lead roles in school productions, as well as forming their own bands and performing in various dance shows and as soloists in a variety of concerts, both inside and outside of school. We are so incredibly proud of them!



## **Construction for Girls Workshop**

Some of our Year 9 & 10 pupils attended a Construction for Girls Taster session at Stockport College this term.

They participated in plumbing and bricklaying workshops, where they constructed their own pipe work and walls.

## **Oxford University**

On 27<sup>th</sup> January some of our Year 10 pupils visited Oxford University, where they learnt about university life, enjoyed a tour of the grounds and participated in a workshop and Q&A session with university students.

The pupils showed great respect and conduct and did the school proud.



## **Stockport Youth Summit**

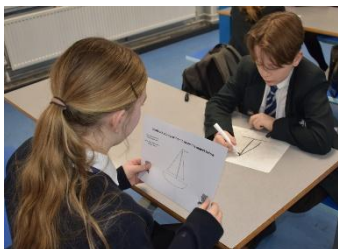
On 10<sup>th</sup> February members of our School Council attended Stockport Listen Youth Summit at Stockport Town Hall.

The pupils attended workshops about Travel, Safe Spaces and Accessibility and even had a debate in the Council Chambers. In the afternoon, there was a Youth Panel of young people from across Stockport which featured Ruby in Year 8.

## Scholar's Programme

Year 10 pupils who completed the Scholar's Programme visited the University of Leeds on 25<sup>th</sup> February, where they enjoyed a tour of the University campus in the morning, followed by their graduation ceremony in the afternoon.

A massive congratulations to all the pupils who represented the school wonderfully.



## Student Leader Training

80 KS3 pupils completed their Student Leader training on 26<sup>th</sup> February, which involved a presentation in the theatre followed by a tallest tower building challenge and a blind drawing challenge.

## Alison Cope Visit

On 27<sup>th</sup> February we welcomed Alison Cope into school who delivered a powerful and thought-provoking presentation on knife crime awareness, anti-violence, online safety, social media responsibility, actions and consequences, and bullying.

The workshop encouraged reflections about peer pressure, respect, how to seek support when needed, and the importance of making positive, safe decisions.



## All About Me Evening

Our Year 7 pupils did a fantastic job showcasing their work from the All About Me project this term and it was wonderful to welcome parents and carers into school to celebrate their creativity, confidence, and hard work. Thank you to everyone who joined us and well done to our dedicated Year 7 pupils.





## PGL Trip

This term Year 11 pupils had the opportunity to go to PGL Winmarleigh Hall, where they dedicated time to revise core subjects in preparation for their upcoming GCSE exams, and participate in a range of exciting outdoor activities.

We are incredibly proud of the focus and determination that they demonstrated.

## LGBTQ+ History Month

February was LGBTQ+ History Month and we celebrated in school with a display of influential LGBTQ+ figures, a cake sale, and invited staff to share their LGBTQ+ heroes to spread awareness and promote inclusivity within school.



## Pupil Success in Gymnastics

A huge congratulations to Abbey P in Year 8 who recently won a silver medal at the English Gymnastics Championship.

Abbey produced sky high tumbles and leaps in order to achieve a medal. This is an outstanding achievement for one of our extremely talented and hardworking pupils.

## Ex-Pupils Visit

This term we have welcomed ex-pupils Kirsty and Georgina into school, who are currently completing higher level apprenticeships with Together Money.

They shared their journeys and experiences of their apprenticeships, and inspired our pupils to think about their next steps after leaving secondary school.





## **Inpact FC Football Fixture**

On 12<sup>th</sup> March the Y8/9 Football team played a fixture against Inpact FC from North Carolina, USA. The pupils performed really well and showed great determination throughout the match, demonstrating impressive resilience, teamwork, and commitment.

## **School Farm**

The farm has had a very successful term with many pupils getting involved in cleaning the barns, measuring and fitting new fencing wire and weeding and preparing the polytunnel for planting. They are excited about the prospect of seeing the seeds grow in the warmer months.



## **Booking.com**

On 13<sup>th</sup> March, 12 Year 8 girls visited Booking.com's Manchester office as part of the Digital Her initiative, which encourages girls to explore digital and tech careers.

They took part in interactive workshops, learnt about the range of roles within the tech sector and had a tour of the modern office.

The visit left the group feeling inspired and more aware of the opportunities available to them.

## **Book Week**

This term we hosted Book Week, where pupils and staff had the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters. We also hosted a scavenger hunt and book swap event to further promote a love for reading in school.





## Author Becky Orwin Visit

On 19<sup>th</sup> March we welcomed author Becky Orwin into school to deliver an aspirational assembly and workshop to 50 of our KS3 pupils.

The pupils were truly inspired by her story and produced some outstanding work, full of creativity and imagination.

## Pupil Success in Creative Writing

Well done to Ben B in Year 8 who has won Stockport County's Creative Writing competition for our school.

The panel thought his entry was fantastic and it will be included in a storybook that they are publishing soon. An incredible achievement for one of our exceptional pupils.



## Young Carers Club

This term we have launched a lunch time club for young carers, taking place every Wednesday in the Immy Boswell Wellbeing room.

Pupils are welcome to come along, play board games and have a chat with other young carers and staff.

We have an extensive range extra-curricular clubs and activities on offer for pupils to get involved in, the full list can be found on the school website.

## School Production

This year's school production is Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr! We had over 60 pupils take part in the auditions and have now begun rehearsing for what will be another fantastic school show.



## Comic Relief

We hosted a cake sale and splat the teacher event this term to raise money for Comic Relief.

Overall, we raised £187! A massive thank you and well done to Mrs McGuinness and the Community and Charity Ambassadors for organising and hosting the events, and to the teachers who opted to be splatted!



## Dance Show

Pupils from across all year groups participated in our Dance Shows on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March. The pupils worked really hard on their dances and were really excited to perform to the local primary schools in the matinee show and then friends and family in the Evening Performances.

We are extremely proud of all their efforts.

## Attendance Live Draw

To round off the spring term we hosted an Easter live attendance prize draw, with lots of exciting prizes on offer, including Easter hampers, JD vouchers kindly donated to us by ex-pupil Paul Cheetham-Karcz, CEO of Sedulo, cinema vouchers and much more!

Names were pulled out of a hat and pupils were collected by staff to collect one of the many amazing prizes, whilst the whole school watched the live feed and joined in the excitement!



## Cinema Rewards Trip

On 26<sup>th</sup> March, pupils with excellent attendance and behaviour went to the cinema as a reward for being outstanding ambassadors of the school and regularly displaying our school values. We hope they all had a wonderful time!

## Reward Assemblies

As always at the end of every term, the rewards assemblies took place. This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the pupils' hard work and success with a range of awards including subject awards, Tutor and Head of Year awards and excellent attendance awards, as well as those pupils that have gained their Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum badge membership.

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate the pupils who achieved an award and thank them for being such excellent ambassadors of our school.



## School Calendar Dates

- School re-opens - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- Year 7 Parents Evening – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026
- Bank Holiday - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- School closes for May half term - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026
- School re-opens - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026
- School closes for summer - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

