



A Word from the Headteacher



Dear Families,

Well done on another tremendous term!

It has been another excellent term for Tytherington School. Over 50 students have been rewarded with a Celebration breakfast, we have welcomed our partner primary schools to a range of transition events including a food workshop, Drama Production and Art Master Class. We were delighted to host the Primary Schools Sports Hall athletics Championships. It was great to see so many of our students volunteering to run the event. The Year 9 Football team have advanced through to the semi-final of the National Cup beating Kelvin Hall School from Hull by a score of 10-1. The Advanced Learner Programme goes from strength to strength and has now been widened to include Years 8 and 9. Please look out for the next edition of [Bollington Live](#) which has been co-edited by our students. We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Macclesfield to our school to meet the students and get a sense of what we are doing at the school. Several of our athletes have successfully represented the district and Cheshire. We also launched our very own Inclusion Provision called "The Bridges" which will provide education and direction to students finding life hard in mainstream lessons. Last week we took the whole of Year 8 and 9 to Macclesfield Town Hall to the Macclesfield Pledge Careers Fair. There were more than 50 exhibitors providing students with excellent information to help inform their futures.

The recent ROSE Day was by far the best ever. There were a number of activities ranging from the "Tenner" challenge in Year 7 to a series of mental health awareness workshops for Year 10. Sixth Formers who are going to university were given a practical workshop

from our Food Department to ensure that they are well prepared for making more than Pot Noodles when they get to university! Year 9s were given guidance on their GCSE choices. There was also a range of information and guidance events for our Year 11 students coming to our 6th Form. We were delighted to welcome a number of external applicants on the day from Fallibroome, All Hallows College, Macclesfield Academy and the Kings School. We wish them all the best with their GCSEs and look forward to formally welcoming them to our school in September. In this edition we have a special double page spread about the event. We also have a contribution from our Key Stage 3 roving reporters who covered the event last week.

There are some very exciting opportunities next term. Look out for the launch of the Leadership Ladder which aims to recognise and promote leadership opportunities for students in key stage 3. Also a reminder that the next musical event is the Spring Concert which will take place on the evening of Tuesday 22nd March. It will feature music from ensembles and several soloists.

We hope that you enjoy this edition of the Academy News. Please do visit our new website at:

<http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/>

You can also keep up-to-date with everything that is happening at the school by visiting our twitter account at <https://twitter.com/TytheringtonSch>

I am delighted to be Headteacher. We truly are a school which is ambitious and at the heart of the community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Botwe
Headteacher



Raising Achievement Update - Mr A Pilbury

Within my role as “Raising Standards Leader” it is very pleasing to see how student achievement is being raised across the school. Amongst the buzz related to the development of teaching, learning and assessment that has come from our regular weekly briefings, there have been some other specific improvements in practice, driven by our Heads of Departments. For example:

- Our English department have introduced highly detailed tracking of individual students’ progress against each of the skills based GCSE examination questions and controlled assessment (coursework) elements. This is shared with the students to inform their decisions about attending the “Getting Nerdy in Thirty” revision sessions that are being put on to support achievement and be the best that they can be.
- Our Science department are leading the way in developing a new method of learning and revising for their heavily content based units of work. This method ensures that our students are completely familiar with the finite number of questions that can be asked about the factual topics within the Science GCSE course and are ready to answer any of them with success.
- Our Maths and Geography departments are blazing a trail in the use of “Personal Learning Checklists” (PLCs) that are used to identify specific strengths and weaknesses in students’ learning, ensuring that they are fully aware of the areas that they need to develop and planning both lessons and revision sessions around detailed information that they have.

Further to these advances within our departments the adjustment of whole school systems to support students’ learning and raise their achievement through “Controlled Assessment Days”, “Exam Day Fridays”, “Study Café”, and both finding capacity in the timetable for small group support sessions and use of Core PE time for catch-up and improvement, are all having positive impact. They provide our students with every opportunity to do the best that they can and both support and nurture their ambition in the results that they will achieve for themselves.

It is exciting to be part of and I am especially looking forward to our results days in August 2016!

Changes to the configuration of the school day With effect from Monday 22nd February 2016

We believe that it is essential for students to have the best possible start to the school day. The start of the school day is the ideal time for form tutors to pass on messages to students, check uniform/equipment, deliver assemblies and pick up on pastoral issues which could affect students’ learning. It is for these reasons that the decision has been taken to move tutor time to the beginning of the day.

The start and finishing time of school remains exactly the same although lunch has been put back by 20 minutes. Students and staff overwhelmingly prefer having one period after lunch so we are retaining this aspect of the school day. To accommodate the later lunch, we will be increasing our breakfast club and break time provision to give students the choice of more filling options at this time. I intend to review the timings of the school day in May to monitor the effect of the change. There will be no change to the structure of the day on Thursday.

Please find details of the structure of the day below (also reproduced on back cover):

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

08:45- 09:10	Form & Assembly Time
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10:10- 11:10	Period 2
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12:30- 13:30	Period 4
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13:50- 14:50	Period 5

Year 7 Update

A huge thank you to all the staff and students who gave so generously in order to get Mr Parkinson to shave off his beard. We have raised nearly £250 already and any more donations will be gratefully received. We are extremely grateful that Mrs Wendy Henshall matched the funds we raised so the total donation from Year 7 will be £500."



The Year 7 cohort also did an amazing job getting sponsorship for the fun run and managed to complete the distance from Macclesfield to London between them. I'm confident they will have raised several hundreds of pounds for Cancer Research. Thanks to any of you who sponsored them.

ROSE day was very busy and we were lucky enough to have our guest speaker Paralympian Adrian Derbyshire



Letisha Kennedy 7PD had 8 inches of her hair cut off and has donated the hair to The Princess Cancer Fund, along with £10 of her own money. This charity raises money and makes wigs (using real hair that has been donated) for young people suffering from cancer.

who spoke in depth about hate crime, anti bullying and achieving your goals. Pupils were able to wear his Olympic medals, hold the Olympic torch he carried and the lantern the flame was brought over in from Greece.

Our year 8 pupils also organised a cake sale to raise money for Christies Hospice, a staff carwash and a fun run.

An amazing end showing what wonderful pupils we have in year 8.

Mrs Rodgers

Year 8 Update

Even though this was a shorter half term it hasn't stopped pupils from achieving great things.

The Year 8s are celebrating the most improved monitoring grades of any year group!

They have also all attended a careers fair at Macclesfield Town Hall which has started to get them thinking about possible careers and suitable option choices for year 9. It was reported back that they did us proud and behaviour was impeccable.

We have planted trees in our garden and this is starting to take shape. [photo lower right]



Transition Update - Design & Technology



This term pupils from Marlborough Primary School were invited to Tytherington to take part in two Design and Technology transition activities. With Mr Wadsworth pupils produced an exciting range of main meal dishes with a Valentines theme which they had designed. The competition was fierce with prizes for design, practical skills and presentation. All the pupils had a great time and were thrilled with the activities during their first time in the Technology Department.



Advanced Learners

Tytherington's Advanced Learners have been very busy this term. The Year 7 students have been drafting and editing their articles for the February edition of *Bollington Live*. This process is now complete, and they visited 'The Printshop' in Bollington on Monday, 26th January to take part in the planning of the layout, and see how the magazine is printed.

It was great to celebrate the achievements of our Year 7 Advanced Learners on Tuesday 9th February as well as launch the programme for Years 8 and 9. The evening began with an afternoon tea, to which students and parents were invited, and this was followed by a presentation of awards for the Short Story Competition (winner Evie Hadfield) and the first Secret Mission for Year 7. The theme for the Secret Mission was '*The Greatest Briton*', and we had some great entries including biographies, posters and persuasive articles. There was also the launch of our first Secret Mission assignment for Years 8 and 9!

We were delighted with the Year 9 workshop with John Lindley, a local poet from Congleton, who came in on the 22nd and 29th January to conduct a poetry workshop on the theme of conscription and conscientious objection with our Year 9 Advanced Learners. The poems written by the students were stunning. Please see a collection below.

My Coppock also launched the Tenner Challenge, a national competition to set up a business with just a tenner! This is an exciting and creative opportunity for some of our budding businessmen and women of the future!

We will also be continuing with the Master Class series for our Key Stage 3 Advanced Learners.

Regrets

How he will live to regret
the tragic mistakes he has made,
so-called 'necessary evils' committed so long ago;
but eternal grief is inevitable
for the consequences remain.

Passing time provokes contrasting thoughts.
We stand perplexed, confused, incensed
at him for triggering mass insecurity, tension, destruction,
for enforcing a relapse of prior disasters
which we shall forever rue.

Condemning hundreds, thousands
to the same tragic fate,
brothers, fathers, uncles
reduced to dust and ashes.
Failing to object is their greatest regret.

By Jakob Comber Age 13, Year 9 Tytherington School

White Feather

What does it mean to me?
It shows I am a proud pacifist,
I don't believe in violence,
I know there's another way,
another road to go down,
a different path to take.

It shows I haven't given in,
I am standing up for my beliefs,
I am braver than those subservient soldiers,
Just following impulsive orders,
Not thinking about the cost
of their commitment, their honour.

A white feather.
What does it mean to you?
Coward.

By: Ellen Marchetti and Holly Brockbank
Age: 14 Year: 9
Tytherington School



Labelled - Henry Bridgett and Luke Wood (year 9 Tytherington)

The unknown force, that drives young men to war
labelled as heroes,
while we ask what for?
a white feather falls, a trophy of sin
labelled as cowards
the pain grows within.

A crest-full of medals, ornate on his chest
labelled as heroes,
but what to show for the rest?
those who fought
those who died
for those who gave their lives

Those who stayed
and paid the price
Soldiers who made the sacrifice
made widows of wives, and orphans of children
and gambled their lives with one roll of the dice

By Luke Wood and Henry Bridgett : Year 9

Look out for details of a planned Year 8 Culture Visit to Liverpool in the next newsletter.....

ROSE Day 3 - Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of the Rose Day newsletter. Rose Day 3 was action packed with all year groups involved in workshops, interviews and group activities. We have had visits from a Paralympic athlete, the fire service, the Samaritans and the career service.

Year 7 First Aid—interview with Mr Acreman

Why will teaching us first aid help us in the future?

“Well I think learning First Aid is extremely important in future life as you never know when you might be in a situation when you may need to help someone who has injured themselves”

Why do we need to act out situations?

“Role-play situations help us to practise what to do in a emergency situations. Hopefully acting out what to do in different situations will help you to know what to do in a real emergency”.

Fundraising

Year 7 also raised over £500 on Rose Day taking part in a fancy dress fun run. Mr Parkinson shaved off his beard for charity! Well done Mr Parkinson. All money raised is going to Cancer research.

The ‘ROSE Day newsletter’ articles on this and the next page have been co-authored by the following Year 7 students:

Jake Haslam
Declan Sutcliffe
Nadia Hulme
Honor Rowlands
Caitlin Hunter
Harrison McGoverb
Grace Rowson
Mia Share
Tom Langley

Year 8—Visit from Adrian Derbyshire

A very special guest came to speak to Year 8 students at Tytherington School. Adrian Derbyshire (photographed below with staff and students on the non-uniform Day), a multiple Great Britain Fencing champion and Paralympian, gave a motivational speech to the students about his perseverance after being told he had 5 days to live from a brain haemorrhage 10 years ago. Since then he became a Paralympic fencer. The motto he uses for his campaign is “Inspire, Believe, Succeed”.

He also shared his own experiences of hate crime and bullying. His campaign aims to raise awareness of these issues. Students were inspired by his journey to the Olympics and being a torch bearer for the 2012 Olympics (he brought the Olympic flame over from Greece). Students also got the opportunity to try on his medals, fencing costume and carry both the torch and the flame lantern.



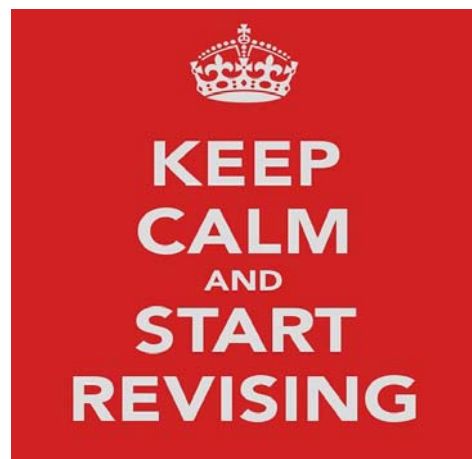
ROSE Day 3 - Newsletter (continued)

Year 9 Options Interviews

This term has been a busy one for Year 9 as they have prepared themselves to make some tough decisions about which courses they choose to take for GCSE. With such a wide selection of subjects on offer, it has taken time to whittle them down so that they could make the decisions that would be right for them. ROSE Day 3 has been an important part of this process because students have been given the opportunity to meet with their Tutors to discuss which subjects they would choose. Some of the tutors were meeting with parents at 7am and continued to meet with parents until 6:30pm. The day has been really successful and the tutors have been working very hard to help students make that tough decision and hopefully all of them have found it really useful.

Year 10 Yoga

Year 10 spent the day looking at techniques to help them manage stress. In the morning they had a talk by Samaritans and when we caught up with them, some year 10s were relaxing listening to forest tunes whilst learning yoga. Even though they were a bit embarrassed, we managed to take some photos!



Year 11 Revision Day

Year 11 spent the day learning different revision strategies to support them with their GCSEs later this year. The students chose from a variety of different workshops and the most popular were making flashcards and learning how to answer past papers. "Making flash cards was really interesting and will definitely help me to revise in different ways." said Liam Roxburgh. Year 11 also found out how listening to music could help them to remember key facts. Another workshop learnt a method called 'Pomodro' which is when you do 15 minutes of solid revision then have a 5 minute reward such as a rest or a snack.

Year 12

Year 12 students had a thought-provoking day looking at road safety.

Year 13

The focus of the Year 13 Rose Day was learning how to live independently and preparing for Higher Education. Students had the chance to hone their cooking skills. In addition to practical sessions to help students live independently, students had support from Astra Zeneca on creating the perfect CV.



PE Update

Table Tennis

The 6th form Table Tennis team comprising of Darren Smith, Doug Beech, Alex Holt and Adam Smith travelled



as Cheshire team champions to Blackburn for the North West Zone Finals on Saturday 30th January. In this event we faced the winning schools from Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Liverpool. After a number of hard fought matches the boys finished runners up to Altrincham Grammar School, but have qualified for the North and Midlands finals at Grantham Table Tennis centre on Sunday 20th March. The individual Cheshire Championships take place at Halton Stadium Widnes on the Tuesday 9th February and the boys are looking forward to more success.

Football



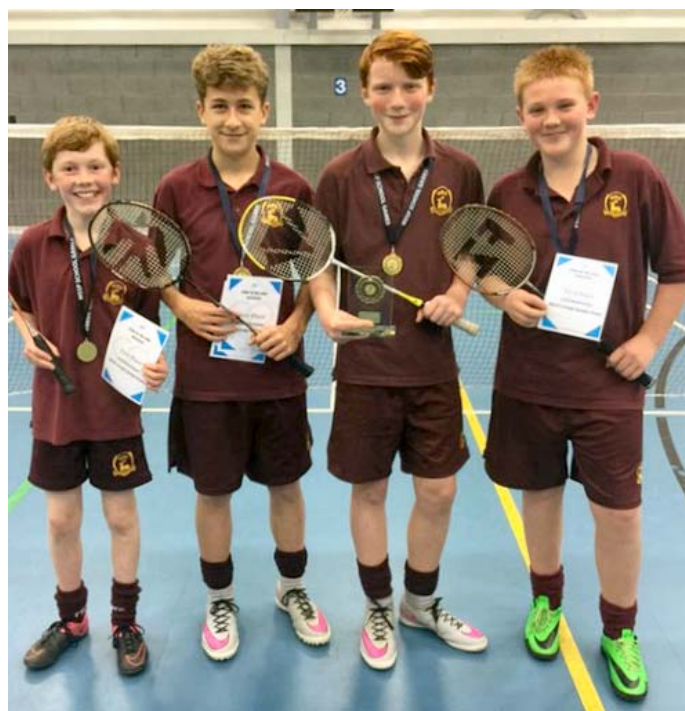
The Year 9 team have made it through to the last four in the country in the English Schools Cup after beating Kelvin Hall School from Hull by an amazing 10-1!. After half term the Macclesfield & District Cup fixtures take place.

The draw is as follows:

Year 7	vs	All Hallows (a)
Year 8	vs	Poynton (a)
Year 9	vs	Eaton Bank (a)
Year 10	vs	Eaton Bank (a)
Year 11	vs	Fallibroome (a)
6th form	vs	Bye

Badminton

The Year 9 boys team as Macclesfield & District Champions competed in the Cheshire finals at the University of Chester Academy on the 27th January. The team played well and eventually finished 3rd behind Weaverham and Kings Grove.



The badminton team pictured (from left):

Luke Wood, Ben Perrin, Brian McClintock and Dan Henshall.

Cross Country

On January 16th we had a record number of Tytherington students representing Macclesfield & District in the Cheshire Championships. It was a bitterly cold morning and all of our runners performed admirably in difficult conditions. Lauren Robinson who finished 2nd and Tom Roberts who finished 5th, head the list of students who have qualified to run for Cheshire in the English Schools Championship in Nottingham on 5th March.



Poppy Dutton

Rising athletics star Poppy Dutton continues to impress recently turning in an impressive performance in the Northwest Indoor Sports Hall Finals at Widnes for Macclesfield Harriers Under 13's Team.

Individually Poppy won a Gold Medal for the Vertical Jump (jumping her club record of 63cm), Silver Medal for the Standing Long Jump (2 metres 23cm - her PB) and a Bronze Medal for her 2 Lap Running Race. Poppy will hopefully be leading the Tytherington Yr 8 Indoor Athletics team to success in the Macclesfield & District Indoor Athletics event on Thursday 11th February.



Primary Link: Athletics & Basketball



In recent weeks Tytherington has hosted our local primary schools for both Indoor Athletics and Basketball competitions. These competitions proved hugely popular with primary pupils, teachers and parents were organised and run by Tytherington Sports Leaders. The students demonstrated great organisation and leadership qualities throughout these competitions.



Staff Profile: Non Teaching Staff

Mr Chris Bill

Deputy IT Systems Manager

Beatrix Haigh and Ismail Rehman, two of our Year 7 Advanced Learners, interviewed Chris Bill, part of Tytherington School's IT team. They interviewed Chris to get an insight into what it is like to work in a busy IT office, keeping all the school's computer systems and website running smoothly.

Where do you live?

I live in Middlewich.

How long have you been working at Tytherington?

I have worked here for nearly four years now!

What did you do before you came to Tytherington?

I worked in IT maintenance.

Have you always been interested in IT?

Yes! I always loved it at school and wanted to do it as a career from a young age.

What is your typical day like?

In a typical day at work I am usually very busy: solving problems, helping students, maintaining the school website...

What is your favourite part of the job?

I enjoy work the most when it includes a bit of problem solving and I like it when I have hard and challenging tasks.

What were your favourite subjects at school?

Obviously, I loved IT but I also had a passion for maths at school as well.

What do you do outside school, what are your hobbies and interests?

I really enjoy motorsports, that is my main hobby. I also enjoy baking cakes.



What are your ambitions for the future?

In the future I would love to be a manager in some form of IT company or an IT manager in general.

Do you have any family?

Yes, I have a sister and she has four children and I have my mum and dad. I also live with my partner, but we don't have children.

What piece of advice would you give Tytherington students for the future?

I would tell them to be confident and ask lots of questions!

The Macclesfield Pledge Careers Fair

On Wednesday February 3rd over 500 students from our school visited the Macclesfield Pledge Careers fair.

The pledge was set up to develop closer ties between industry and education, for the benefit of both employers and students.

This has resulted in Macclesfield schools, colleges and employers working together to create vital opportunities for local students. Over 50 local and national employers exhibited at the event, giving hundreds of Macclesfield students a chance to browse and ask questions about specific industries including those with, Astra Zeneca, Deloitte, the NHS, University of Manchester, The Police and Q Hotels.



Tytherington school students from Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 were able to attend, adding to a definite 'buzz' around a packed venue. In addition to the employer displays, there were frequent 'breakout' events at neighbouring St. Michael's Church, on topics including 'Why choose an apprenticeship?' and 'Why go to University?' Students returned back to school with bags full of goodies and heads full of ambition- well done!

You can read the Macclesfield Express story by going to:

<http://www.macclesfield-express.co.uk/news/more-1000-young-people-launch-10846022>

Sixth Form Update

Tytherington Sixth Form has been a very busy place. Year 13 students have been busy preparing for their life after Tytherington during their themed ROSE Day on 'independent living and the next steps'. They have been exceptionally successful at securing multiple offers from excellent Universities throughout the UK, including two from Cambridge. Many have a difficult choice ahead in selecting which one to choose and spend the next 3 or 4 years of their life at. Some are still awaiting offers as a result of recent interviews for Medicine, Radiography, Nursing and Midwifery courses. We are quietly confident as they are all truly exceptional students. Only this morning a group of students received a Master Class in interview skills in preparation for their High

Apprenticeship applications.

Year 12 students are focused on their last term before AS examinations and are busy preparing for their summer term work experience placement. After only 1 ½ terms in the Sixth Form they are immersing themselves in the Tytherington School Community; whether it be through charity work, supporting pupils and staff in KS3 lessons, supporting after school clubs, coaching and running sports teams, supporting the work of the Key stages 3 and 4 Leadership team or being a peer mentor. Such enthusiasm and commitment doesn't just support the school community but supports the student's personal development beyond the classroom.

Air Cadets Open Evening 7th March 2016

The Air Cadets at 236(Bollington) Squadron ATC had a hugely successful 2015. Cadets attended camps, took part in international exchange programmes, gained Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards, honed their shooting skills, achieved qualifications, got promotions and had loads of fun doing it all.

2016 is the 75th anniversary of the Air Cadet Organisation, and 236 Squadron plans on doing all this again and more. If you would like to find out more about Air Cadets, who we are and what we do, come down to our Open Evening on Monday 7th March from 7.30 to 8.30 pm at the Slaughter House, Shrigley Road, Bollington. Come down, meet our cadets and staff and see what Air Cadets has to offer. You can start your Air Cadet career from the day you start Year 8 at school.

Fancy getting involved as an adult volunteer? We would love to hear from you, come and see what it's all about.

For further information or to reserve a place at the Open Evening please contact us on 01625 576956 (Monday and Thursday evenings) or by email at 236atcnewsletter@gmail.com.

Or find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/236.Squadron.ATC>





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