



### A Word from the Headteacher



Dear Families,

#### Another brilliant term at Tytherington!

It has been another great term at Tytherington School. Here are just a few things we have been up to this term:

- Another 40 students have been to see me for a Celebration Breakfast. We are fast approaching nearly 25% of the main school having been nominated for an exceptional contribution to the school.
- Our 6th Form have started their exams. We expect them to follow in the footsteps of previous cohorts and cement our position in the top 10% of 6th Forms in the country.
- Our Year 11 students have been absolutely brilliant in their preparation for exams. Whilst many schools have sent their Year 11 students on study leave, our students have continued with lessons throughout the exam period. Many thanks to the teachers who have given up their time to run the Saturday School for Year 11.

- The Advanced Learners Programme continues to expand. This term, students enjoyed a workshop with Adam Bostock who oversees the Manchester United website. They have also embarked on an exciting Bollington Science Project.
- The preparations for our summer production *Back to the 80s* are in full swing.
- It was also great to welcome back ex-Tytherington PFA Player of the Year, Izzy Christiansen.
- We welcomed our out of catchment areas rising Year 7 for their Taster Days. We were delighted to welcome students on May 24th from Adlington and Park Royal School.
- I can confirm that our new minibus will be with us in September 2016!

It seems fitting that our front page should be a picture of our whole school photo taken this term. We are Tytherington School.

Emmanuel Botwe  
Headteacher

### We are Tytherington



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## Music in Focus



In the last edition, we interviewed Lauren Robinson about life as an athlete. This term we turn our attention to music. We caught up with a Ben Holland-Fricke in Year 7 to talk to us about his interest in music.

How did you first get interested in music?

*My sister Lili in Year 11 plays the cello. She is very interested in music and I was inspired by her.*

What instruments do you play?

*The violin and the viola.*

Which is your favourite instrument?

*My favourite is the violin.*

How often do you practise?

*About 3 times a week.*

Which ensembles/bands do you belong to?

*At Tytherington, I am part of the String Group and the Concert Band. I am also a member of the Macclesfield Music Centre, where I play in the Advanced Strings Group and the Main Orchestra.*

What's the best thing about being able to play a musical instrument?

*The best thing is that you get to join the musical community and make lots of new friends .*

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

*I like pop music – and old music, too, like The Beatles.*

Which musicians do you admire the most?

*Tom Jones, Simon and Garfunkel and Vaughan Williams.*

Why do you think music is important?

*Because it allows you to express your feelings and helps develop your brain. Also, music is important because it makes people happy!*

What is your musical ambition?

*I would like to do well in music; to take it for GCSE and keep participating in musical groups.*

What advice would you give to someone thinking of starting to play an instrument?

*Don't give up – everything takes practice. And don't get worked up about exams!*

Interview by Beatrix Haigh and Sam Dodd

## Advanced Learners Update

This half term is extremely busy for our Advanced Learners. On Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>, we were fortunate to have Adam Bostock, who edits and manages Manchester United's website, come into school to talk to Year 8 and 9 students about his background in journalism and the nature of his work with Manchester United. As well as some fascinating insights into the nature of this world renowned football club and its players, students learnt about the challenges as well as the pitfalls of a career in high profile journalism (as well as the fantastic travel opportunities and the interesting people you get to meet!) Adam is an ex-Tytherington student who started as a sports journalist for the Macclesfield Express.

There is a strong scientific flavour to our Advanced Learner Programme this term. Next week, a group of young Year 7 scientists are going to work with Annette Hurst and Emily Haggie (our KS3 Science Coordinator) on a Science Research and Recording Project. Students will work in groups to research a scientific topic, write a radio script and record it for Canalside Radio in Bollington in their recording studio on June 20<sup>th</sup> - so listen out for our reporters on Canalside Radio!



Also in Bollington, some of our Year 8 Advanced Learners (many of whom created spectacular landmark models for the previous Secret Mission) will be visiting the Bollington Arts Centre to view an exhibition entitled "*Bollington . Real: Imagined*", an exhibition showcasing the draft policies for the Bollington Neighbourhood Plan alongside imagined visions for the town created by 20 postgraduate students from the Manchester School of Architecture. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions of the students about their ideas and concepts. This will then be followed up in school with an architecture design project, in which students can put some of their own ideas into practice.

Year 9 scientists and computer experts will be working on the Microbit Rocket Challenge, which is a national competition run by the BBC, in which they will work in groups to construct and launch their Microbit Rocket. Data of flight times are recorded and submitted and the fastest one wins! The first round of this challenge takes place on June 20<sup>th</sup>, when we will be building and launching our rockets. Mr Zucchelli, Ms Bolton and Mr Wadsworth (our expert technical team!) will be working with students to make this project take off!

One of the aims of the Advanced Learner programme is to give students an insight into how aspects of the community outside school functions - as in the Bollington Architecture Project. Another way in which we hope to develop their understanding of civic issues is by inviting local magistrates into school in June to talk to them about how the magistracy works and to get them to consider issues surrounding crime and punishment and how these are dealt with at local and national level. These Magistracy Workshops will be taking place in on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in school and will involve Year 7, 8 and 9 students.

## SLT in profile

Every term we interview a member of the Senior Leadership team, so we get to know them a bit better. This term we interview living Tytherington legend, Liz Healey, Assistant Headteacher (SENCO and Head of Lower School):

How long have you been at Tytherington?

*Nine years.*

What made you decide to become a teacher?

*I was passionate about languages, and wanted to pass that enthusiasm on to young people – I also love working with students.*

Why did you decide to teach languages?

*It was my favourite subject, and studying languages gives you great experiences of other countries and cultures.*

What does your current job involve?

*Currently, my role is Assistant Headteacher for Lower School – basically, responsible for many aspects of school relating to KS3, such as transition from Year 6, behaviour, stretch and challenge, Rose Days and pastoral issues.*

What is your typical day like?

*Busy! As well as teaching, I go into other lessons to see check what is happening and help students with problems*

Do you have any hobbies?

*Yes, I like going to the cinema with my family – and I love athletics!*

What subjects did you enjoy at school ( apart from languages!) and why?

*English – because I love books, and understanding how our language developed, and how it relates to other languages. I really liked PE as well – I was very sporty!*

Tell us a bit about your family.

*My husband is called Mark, he is a detective. I have two children: Ava, who is 5 (and bossy!) and Tom who is 2 (and cheeky!)*

What are your ambitions for the future?

*My ambition is for Tytherington to move forward to become a great school, and I would like to see all students succeed.*

What do you think is the best thing about Tytherington School?

*The students – definitely. There is such a variety of characters and talents. I learn a new joke every day!*

What changes would you like to make to the school?

*I'd like to see more leadership opportunities for students, so that they are ready to go out into the world.*

What is the one piece of advice you would give to Tytherington students in 2016?

*Get stuck into school. Learning and homework are really important. Get involved in as much as you can – and don't be afraid to ask questions, teachers are always ready to help.*



# Athletics

## Macclesfield & District Athletics Championships

It has been a busy start to the Athletics season. On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, the Macclesfield and District Junior and Inter Athletics Championships took place. Unfortunately, the event had to be cancelled shortly after the start due to poor weather. Before the rain intervened, we three great performances with Yr 9 Chloe Newbigging winning the 200 meters in 26.05 seconds, Yr 9 Matt Clowes winning the 100 meters in 12.70 seconds and Yr 9 Ben Broadhurst finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Shot Putt with a throw of 9.89 meters. Following a selection process the following students have been selected to compete for Macclesfield in the Cheshire Championships held at Victoria Park in Warrington on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Junior Boys**

Finn Proffit 1500 meters  
Jacob Thompson - High Jump  
Ben Broadhurst – Shot Putt  
Will Culmer - Javelin  
Matt Clowes - 100m

### **Junior Girls**

Chloe Newbigging – 200 meters  
Lauren Robinson – 800 meters  
Poppy Dutton – High Jump

### **Inter Girls**

Ella Spencer – 200 meters



## English Schools Track and Field Cup

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, we took part in English Schools Track and Field Cup. This competition is a team rather than individual event. A number of students put in great performances; however the star of the competition was Year 8 student Jacob Thompson, who was victorious in both the High Jump and Hurdles. Jacob is pictured with Finn Proffitt who won the 1500 meters below.

## Macclesfield & District Athletics Minor Championships

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, our Year 7 Athletes took part in the Minor Championships we had a number of students finishing in the top three places in their events and have qualified to represent Macclesfield at the Cheshire Championships at Warrington on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Listed below are the qualifiers and their finishing positions:



- 1<sup>st</sup> Alistair Spray – Javelin 19.94 meters
- 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Roberts – High Jump 1.25 meters
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Roberts – 1500 meters 5.21 minutes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Archie Grindey – Hurdles 14.02 seconds
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ryan Newbigging – 200m 29.98 seconds
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ryan Newbigging – Long Jump – 3.77 meters

### Ella Spencer wins Cheshire Club Championship 100 & 200 meters

Congratulations to the talented Year 11 athlete Ella Spencer, who had a fantastic weekend on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May, as she was victorious in both the 100 and 200 meters, running for Macclesfield Harriers in the Cheshire Club Championships. Ella is pictured left.

## Cricket

The cricket teams have made an excellent start in the Cheshire County Cup competitions. The talented Year 7 team defeated Sale Grammar School by 28 runs. The team will now play Bramhall High School in the next round. The Year 8 side lost a closely fought encounter with Brine Leas School losing by 6 wickets despite an number of excellent individual performances.

The Year 9 team have also progressed in the Cheshire Cup comfortably defeating Helsby High School. The fixture was played at the picturesque Alvanley Cricket Club. In the next round, we host Weaverham High School.

Tom Langley in Year 8 has been selected to represent East Cheshire District Cricket in the U13 age category. A series of matches have been arranged between the other Cheshire District teams over the half-term holiday and towards the end of July after the summer term has finished. Thomas has been selected as a batsman and wicket-keeper.



## Rounders

It has been a great start to the girls rounders season, despite some temperamental weather conditions, we have seen a great display of talent from all year groups at Tytherington. With 3 fixtures under their belt already and another 8 still to play, this seasons promises to be our most memorable yet. The greatest success to date is our year 10 team, who have won all of their matches convincingly, with some stand out performances from Natalya Corn, Eir-eann Clapham and Caitlyn Lloyd.



Pictured right are the players of the game from our clean sweep of victories again All Hallows last week. Year 7: Caitlin Hunter, Year 8 Poppy Dutton and Natalya Corn.



## Year 10 Sports Leaders



A number of students have been involved in running sporting events this last half term. On the 9<sup>th</sup> May, Amber Simpson, Natalya Corn, James Walton, Harry James, Luke Parrish, Harry Mattocks and Ben Willis ran the Macclesfield School Sports Partnership Primary Tennis festival at Prestbury Tennis Club.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, we hosted the MSSP Primary Tri Golf festival with our leaders running the six activity stations. PGA professional David Myers who was overseeing the event commented 'the Tytherington young leaders were a credit to the school'.





## When Mr Henshall met Freddie Flintoff

### Mr Henshall takes on Flintoff

Former England cricket captain Andrew 'Freddie' Flintoff made his debut for Alderley Edge Cricket Club, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, against a Bollington Cricket Club 1<sup>st</sup> XI team featuring P.E. teacher Mr Henshall and Year 12 student Harri Dickinson. Alderley, batting first, accumulated a total of 125. Bollington's innings struggled to get going with the ex-Lancashire and England man bowling tight lines and quick pace in front of a star-studded crowd including former Premier League footballer Robbie Savage!

Once former Tytherington pupil Jake Dickinson was dismissed with three balls left in the over, Mr Henshall went out to face Flintoff. He commented after the game; "It was completely surreal, stood at the crease watching Freddie Flintoff running in to bowl at me!!" The first ball, which is available to watch on @TytheringtonPE Twitter account, struck Mr Henshall on the foot, the second a play and miss and the third, a full toss worked to the leg side only for the umpire to incorrectly give leg byes! Unfortunately Bollington finished well short on 49/9.



## Year 7 Sports Leaders Update

### Year 3 & 4 Multi-Skills – Thursday 5th May

The latest event in the Primary School Sports Festival calendar was the Year 3 & 4 Multi-Skills, where approximately 80 pupils from 4 feeder primary schools participated in 2 hours of sporting activities. All of the 28 activities were created and supervised by more than forty of our very accomplished Year 7 Sports Leaders.

The event was a great success with all pupils fully engaged from the start and thoroughly enjoying themselves. Staff and pupils alike from the primary schools were very impressed with the organisation and the enthusiasm of the sports leaders. The atmosphere was electric in the sports hall for the whole afternoon and we are very proud of how well the Year 7s have represented the school; not only in this event but in previous Primary School events also!





### German Exchange Trip by Emily Griffen in Year 9

On Friday the 6th May, a group of students, who attend Rechberg Gymnasium Donzdorf school in Germany in years 10 and 11 visited Tytherington and were paired with year 9 and 10 students, who are taking GCSE German. We met them in the refectory during our first lesson, for an hour, so that we could get to know one another as well as play some games and quizzes. After initially bonding, they then had a typical science lesson with Tytherington science teachers and teachers from their school in Germany, so that they could experience British lessons and see the difference between lessons in Germany and those in England. After lessons, we went to break to chat about their experience so far.

Our German students come from a much smaller school so were surprised by both the number of students and the size of our school site. As well as this, unlike the UK, in Germany students don't wear school uniforms so it was strange for them to see so many students all wearing similar clothes. The girl I was paired with, called Lisa, thought that we all looked very weird but very smart!

In third period, we took them to our lessons and then enjoyed a traditional British lunch of fish and chips, from the canteen, during fourth period, so that they missed the rush of everyone else. During lunch, some of the boys played football with the Tytherington students, whilst some sat outside in the sun. After our final lesson of the week, we took them back to the refectory, to meet up with their teachers, to say goodbye and wish them a good journey home. Everyone involved enjoyed their visit and hope to see them again soon!

By Emily Griffen 9JH

### Student Leadership Update



This term the Student Parliament has been reviewing the Rewards system which operates in school. Under the new system house point balances will be calculated by subtracting behaviour points from reward point totals. At the end of each term the top 10% of students in each year group will receive a reward voucher and will be placed in a prize draw. A video made by the Student Parliament explaining the changes can be found at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1\\_c3PnwMfU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1_c3PnwMfU)

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