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Covid Update Letter for Parents

Dear Parent/Carer,

At the current time COVID-19 cases in Bolton continue to be high and although case rates are not as high as other areas, cases are rising markedly in school-age children. In response to this, in line with guidance from Public Health Bolton, we will be putting the following additional measures in place from Monday, 18 October 2021. In selecting measures, we have carefully considered those which we feel will have minimal impact on education and are effective at reducing risk of transmission.

From Monday, we are strongly recommending that students (unless they are exempt) wear a face covering in all communal areas e.g. corridors/school buses. Therefore, if you wish to adhere to this guidance, from Monday, students will need to have a face covering with them each day. To avoid your child having to queue in the canteen, which is a very busy communal area, you may wish to consider providing your child with snacks or a packed lunch for the next few weeks.

In school, we will be emphasising the importance of the regular washing/sanitising of hands and we would appreciate it if you could reinforce the importance of hand hygiene to your child. Hand sanitiser points are located across the school site and can be easily accessed by students. In addition to this, we will also ensure that all areas of the building are adequately ventilated.

To support these additional protective measures, it is important that students continue to undertake twice-weekly lateral flow testing and report the results to school via TestRegister. Students will be provided with additional test kits prior to the half-term break.

If a student is a close contact of a positive Covid case, they are exempt from isolation and can attend school. However, they should carry out daily lateral flow testing for 10 days after the onset of symptoms and only attend school if their lateral flow test is negative. They are also encouraged to follow national guidance for all contacts and access a PCR test at COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

Thank you for your ongoing support for our school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries regarding this information.

Yours faithfully

A.Webster
Headteacher

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Gold Tie Treat Trip



On Wednesday evening this week our school leaders were taken to Middlebrook for a very well deserved trip. Over this first half term they have given up many hours to help with events at the school. These have included the summer school, open evening and of course organising the Year 7 disco. We enjoyed an evening of pizza, bowling finished off with a visit to the arcade.

Thank you to all the teachers who could join us. A really great evening!



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Maths Department's Space Week



During Space week, last Thursday, Miss Patel and Miss Bamber's Year 10 maths classes took part in a fantastic enrichment event. They joined a webinar that looked at the challenges faced with Space travel and their ingenious solutions. The students even made their own flying helicopters from paper!

Ayesha Policewala said "This event was really informative and it was an enjoyable experience. Our favourite parts were making helicopters and seeing the NASA astronauts land on Mars. We learnt so many new things and we can't wait to share and apply this knowledge. We hope to get more wonderful opportunities like this in the future. Thank you to all the staff who organised this event".

Mohammed Aurang said "Thank you very much for this wonderful experience. I learnt a lot and I'm sure all my peers did and I am now much more intrigued about space. I would like to do a similar event again".



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English Department's Work of the Week

Year 7

Kulsoom Patel has produced some great work on her analysis of 'If on a Winter's Night a Traveller.' Click here for page 1 and here for page 2.

Year 8

Bilal Ahmed has analysed the character of Mrs Lyons well, click here to read it.

Year 9

Adam Patel has written a fantastic letter. Click here for page 1 and here for page 2.

Year 10

Emily Watson has written a brilliant letter. Click here for page 1 and here for page 2.

Year 11

Farid Patel has written a brilliant essay on masculinity in Romeo and Juliet. Click here for page 1, here for page 2, here for page 3 and here for page 4.

Science Enrichment

World Space Week - Part 2



World Space
Week OCTOBER 4-10

Last week was World Space Week (go back and read our previous newsletter article for Part 1) and the Science team prepared a menu of enrichment activities for our students to celebrate. The theme this year was Women in Space, so we were particularly proud to host a virtual Astrophotography talk with Mary McIntyre, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. Please click the link for more information about World Space Week: <https://www.worldspaceweek.org/>

Friday

To conclude the week, our GCSE Astronomy students were invited for an extra special Astrophotography talk from Mary McIntyre, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. Over a hot drink on a cold morning before school, we were wowed by incredible instruments and images, including Mary's impressive home observatory set-up (next page - top left), 24-hour exposure of the night sky (top right), breathtaking pictures of our own Milky Way galaxy (bottom left) and even the Moon (bottom right) which our Astronomy students happen to be studying themselves in class this week!



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Science STEM Club

Year 7 Science STEM Club with Miss Dudley at lunchtime on Wednesday this week were carefully creating colourful 'rainbows' using acids and alkalis. See below for some of the fantastic finished products!



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G2G Lecture Series: Pilot

On Thursday after school, our Year 9 and 10 'Good 2 Great' students were treated to an aspirational career talk by Emma Wilkes, Jet2 Pilot. Emma talked us through her own path to becoming a pilot and instructor, detailing the demands of the training course, sharing her industry insights and answering any and all of our students myriad career based questions, including a look at a Jet2 training simulator and inside the cockpit of an airplane (bottom right).



Mr J. Harding - Science Enrichment Coordinator, Space Education Lead

Sports Report - Year 9 Football Match

Year 9 continued their impressive start to the season with a 7-3 win over Mount St Joseph's to progress to the quarter final in the Bolton Cup. The game wasn't as one sided as the score line suggests and Sharples showed excellent character to come back from 3-1 down in the second half.

Sharples took the lead through another long range effort from Harvey Hampson, chipping the keeper from 35 yards. Despite a confident start the team found themselves going into halftime 2-1 down and it looked like it wasn't going to be Sharples day when Haruna fired the ball over from 5 yards out; the ball was last seen landing near Blackburn Road. However, Haruna made up for his miss and soon found his shooting boots hitting another 4 goals for the second successive match. Sam Johnston was a constant threat and deserved his goal whilst Ben Jackson and Yaseen Yousuf completed the scoring.



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Attendance Figures

Year Groups attendance this week:

- 7 = 97.26%
- 8 = 95.98%
- 9 = 94.84%
- 10 = 94.63%
- 11 = 95.55%

Best forms this week:

- 7L = 99.67%
- 8H = 99.64%
- 9A = 98.57%
- 10S1 = 98.93%
- 11P = 99.43%

656 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 18th October to
Friday 22nd October -
Year 11 MFL Speaking
Test PPEs

Monday 25th October to
Friday 29th October -
October Half Term
Holiday

Sunday 31st October -
Daylight Saving Time
ends

Career of the Week: Newspaper Journalist

Newspaper journalists investigate and write up stories for local, regional and national newspapers.

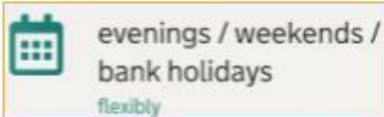
Average Salary:



**Typical hours:
(per week)**



You could work:



Qualifications:

- You can apply for this job through a university course, college course, apprenticeship or working towards this role.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent.

Skills required:

- Knowledge of English language.
- Knowledge of media production and communication.
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- Excellent written communication skills.
- Ambition and a desire to succeed.
- To be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently.

Relevant Subjects:

- English, Creative Media.

Information sourced from: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/newspaper-journalist>

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PE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (SEPT - OCT HALF TERM)

Monday 18th October

KS3 Swimming Club (SHARP)
Thai Boxing Club- All Years
Yr 9 Netball v Kings (H)

TUESDAY

Netball practice - All Years
Year 7/8 Football practice
Sport Studies drop in session and detentions - KS4
option group only

WEDNESDAY

KS3 Swimming Club (P1LES1)
Year 9/10 Football practice
Year 7/8 Netball v Kings (A)

THURSDAY

Year 10 Football v Smithills (H) Bolton Cup
Year 8 Football v Rivington (A) Bolton Cup
Girl's football practise/Game on session - All Years
Running Club- All Years

FRIDAY

No Clubs

PE LUNCH TIME CLUBS

MONDAY

Year 7 + 8 DODGEBALL – UPSTAIRS GYM (GBA)

Year 7 FOOTBALL – BIG ASTRO-TURF (AHAS)

Year 9 FOOTBALL – NEW ASTRO (JBA)

Year 11 FOOTBALL – SPORTS HALL (CCH)

TUESDAY

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Year 7 + 8 NETBALL – NETBALL COURTS (GBA)