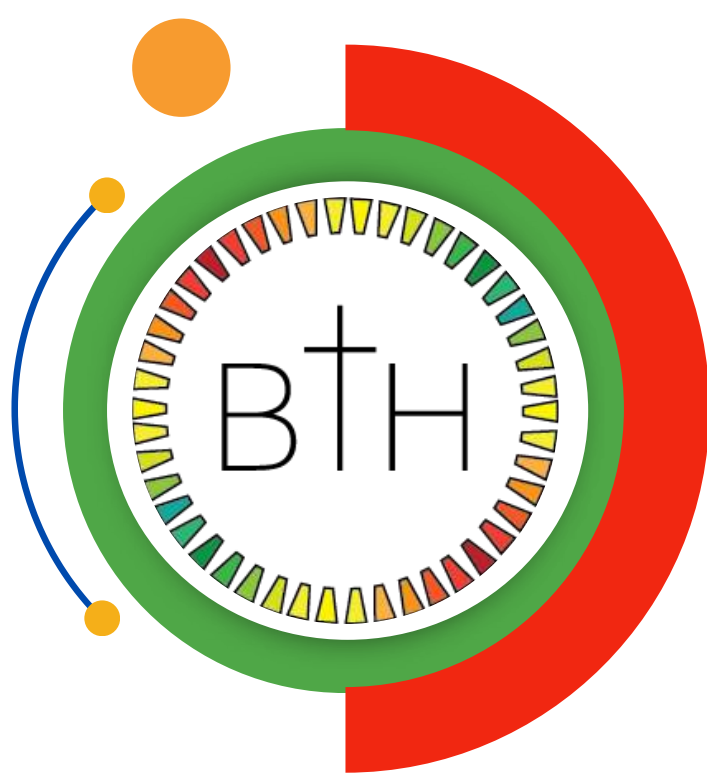




Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College

May God's love be our guide 

Weekly Newsletter



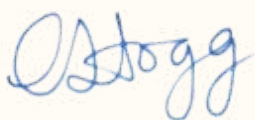
Dear parents/carers,

Today we came together to celebrate Friday Family Mass with Father Godlove. He invited us to share our faith in small kind gestures. This is very much our BTH way as we all try to be kind, work hard and develop our whole self.

The students have settled into the new academic year and it is joyful to walk around witnessing their growth and enjoying their learning. The one hour lunch with all the enrichment opportunities is a great success.

Please do support us as we all get ready for the Manchester Half Marathon - [Sponsor Us!](#)

Thank you for your continued support and prayers and I look forward to welcoming you to our BTH Open Evening on Thursday 26th September.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C S Hogg'.

Mrs C S Hogg





What is going on next week



13th of September 2024

Day	What is going on
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration of the Word - Year 11• Assembly Year 7 & 12• Enrichment lunchtime clubs
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration of the Word - Year 10• Assembly Year 11• Enrichment lunchtime clubs
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration of the Word - Year 9 & 12• Assembly Year 10• Wednesday Word• Enrichment lunchtime clubs
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration of the Word - Year 8• Assembly Year 9• Year 8 French trip leaves for Lisieux• Enrichment lunchtime clubs
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebration of the Word - Year 7• Assembly Year 8• College Mass• Enrichment lunchtime clubs• Relics of Carlos Acutis visiting the Diocese





Our Year 13 Biology 🧬 trip in Crowden - Students were there collecting data 📊, spotting wildlife and dodging the rain 🌧️ They all had a fab day!





Enrichment Lunch Clubs



13th of September 2024

Enrichment – Stand out from the crowd!

Students at Blessed Thomas Holford have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of enrichment activities to develop their whole self. These opportunities are provided to ensure that they leave school with more than just an excellent set of examination results. The enrichment programme is designed to help them stand out from the crowd and become fully equipped for life.

We have an extensive enrichment programme that is available over lunch time for all pupils. There is also enrichment held before and after school in certain subject areas.

The activities we offer will allow students to try something new, explore new ideas, develop their knowledge and understanding and make new friends. These experiences will help pupils when writing personal statements or applications for college, apprenticeships or a job.

	Year 10/11/12	Year 7/8/9/13
12.30pm-1.00pm	LUNCH	Enrichment(Lunch 12.45pm- Year 7 Only)
1.00pm-1.30pm	Enrichment	Lunch

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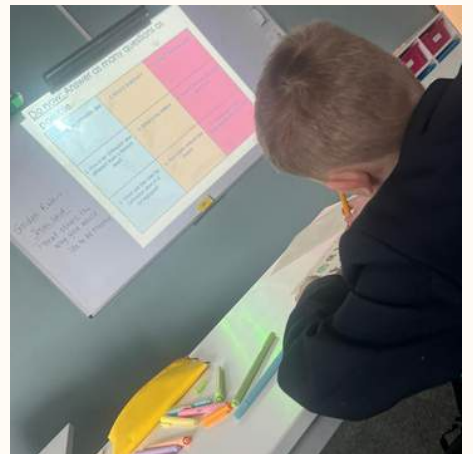
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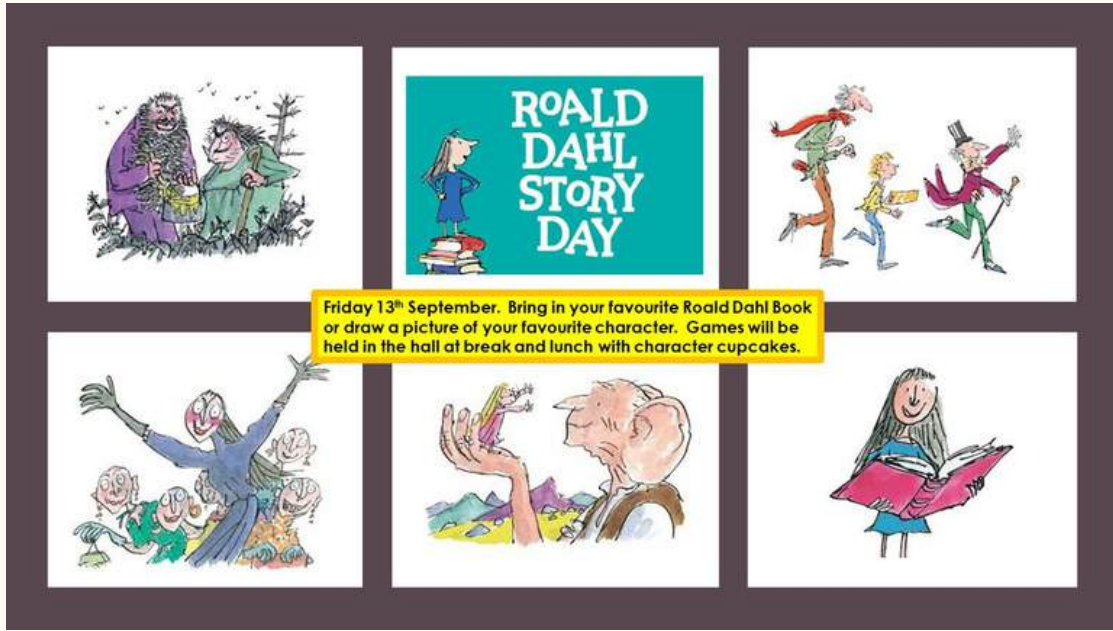


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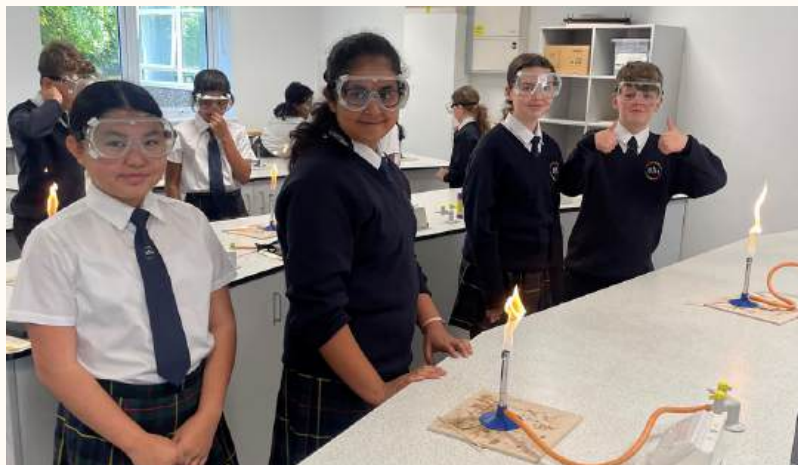
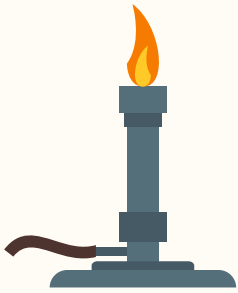
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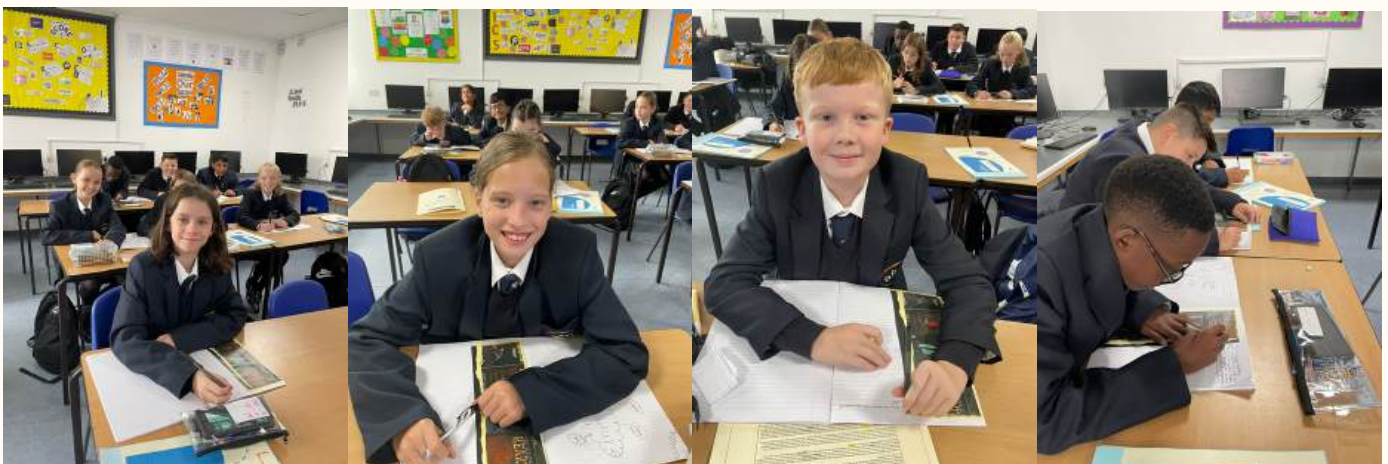




Year 7 are earned their Bunsen Burner licenses today with Mrs Thorneloe. Some super safe science happening!



It was an eerie lesson for Mrs Hogg's Year7 English class as they ventured into the genre of Gothic Literature. The students read a scary and mysterious passage from The Tell Tale Heart and Hound of the Baskervilles. They will be checking under their beds tonight



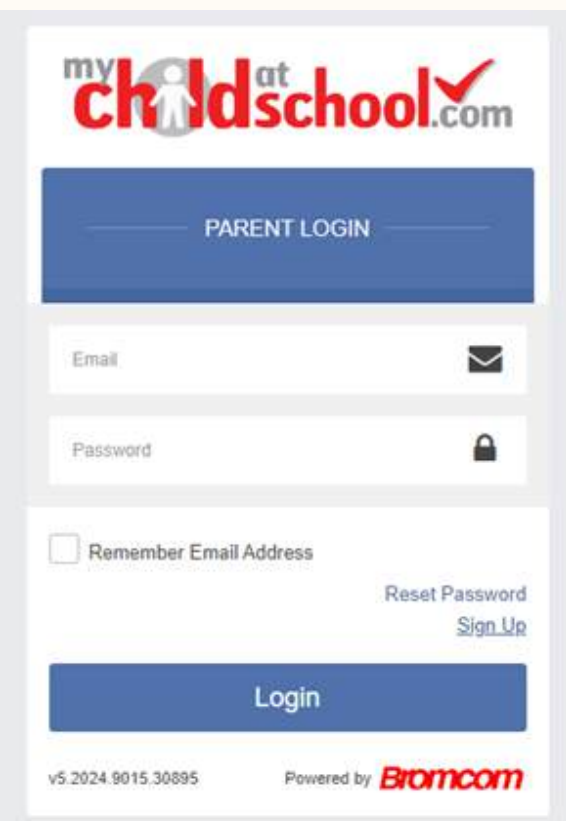
How to login to the PARENTAL APP - MY CHILD at SCHOOL

What is MyChildAtSchool?

MyChildAtSchool is an online portal that enables parents to view their child's performance at school in real time via any modern web browser (e.g. Edge, Firefox, Chrome, Safari etc.) and for today's busy parents, an app (for android or ios) which offers the same features.


Anytime access to Attendance, Behaviour, Assessment, Homework, Timetables and student reports, letters or important documents. This new app means that we can keep parents fully informed electronically.


As a parent you will click Sign up, enter the school code 14922 and the email which you've submitted as your point of contact. You will then receive an OTP code to register and then you will be able to access the app.



my child at school.com

PARENT LOGIN

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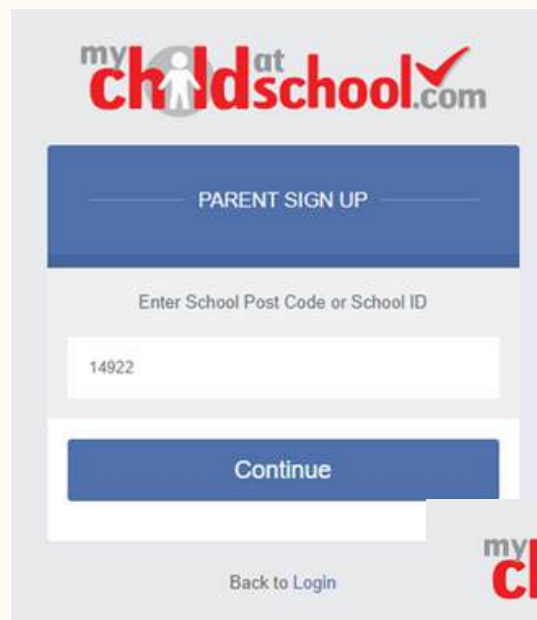
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Word of the Week

Our word of the week this week is "consequent" (a.) "as a result of" or "following" and we will be continuing to reward students who incorporate the term into lessons this week.

Book of the Week

Our Book of the Week, which will be displayed in the library and promoted by staff next week, is the best-selling Babel by RF Kuang: if you just want to get lost in an amazing adventure, or if you have a special interest in history, languages, geography or politics, this dystopian story is one for you!

consequent
- adjective: following, resultant, ensuing, sequential

PSHCE: If we don't change people's views about racism, the consequences could be dire.
Business Studies: Falling sales and a consequent loss of profits forced the company to lay off more workers.
ICT: There have been several consequential innovations in computer software.

consequently
consequential
consequence

con-sequent

Latin: con (with) Latin: sequi (to follow)

Who might use this word? data analyst, computer software engineer, solicitor

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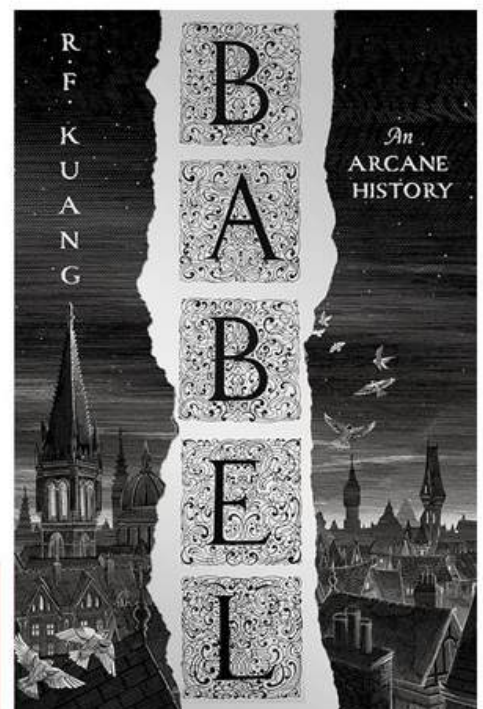


Book of the Week

Babel by RF Kuang is set in an alternative-reality 1830s England in which Britain's global supremacy is fuelled by the use of magical silver bars. Their power comes from capturing what is "lost in translation" between words in different languages that have similar, but not identical, meanings.

This Book of the Week has something for everyone - if you just want an amazing adventure, or if you have a special interest in history, languages, geography or politics, this dystopian story is one for you!

This week's Book of the Week will be displayed in the Library until Friday, but available for the rest of the year.



After Mark saw that his school BTH was raising money for help towards getting bereavement resources for school, he wanted to look at raising some money himself to go towards this amazing cause.

Mark said "It doesn't just affect 1 person we all suffer at some point in life. And having help, support and resources at school can help friends, pupils, teachers, staff and families".

So he talked to his gym mentors Sophie Slater and Paul Cambray at IQ Fitness Altrincham.

Mark has decided that in 12 weeks on Saturday 14th of September he will be in the gym and taking on the challenge of 3 1/2 k bike 3 1/2 k run and 3 1/2 ski challenge. His aim is to raise £200.

Mark has set up a go fund me page if anyone would like to donate - <https://gofund.me/f800a05e>

Well done Mark, your BTH family are very proud of you and wish you all the luck this weekend!



1. What is one of your hidden talents?

My musical memory is crazy! I can hear a song once, and then I know all the words. My brother cheats on the pub quiz and calls me during the music round, naughty! I only wish I could remember where I've left my car key each morning, with such ease.

2. What is your favourite dish from the school cafeteria?

Fish, chipped potatoes and peas on a Friday. What a great end to the week!

3. What are your "trapped on a desert island" books?

The Dark Crystal book series by J. M. Lee – these books never fail to cheer me up and make me forget the outside world.

4. How does technology make teaching more simple or difficult?

Technology makes facilitating learning for our students much easier. They can access revision material from a wealth of resources at any time. Many platforms employ adaptive learning algorithms that cater to individual learning needs much better. We can run remote revision sessions and pupils can attend from the comfort of their home. We have many more tools for creating engaging learning episodes. There are now many more ways that we can communicate and collaborate with parents.

5. What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

I left BTH to teach at a school closer to where I live in Liverpool. I longed to be back in BTH every day. I missed all the pupils and staff so much, that I am back a year later!

6. What inspires you?

I'm inspired by scientific discoveries that push the boundaries of human knowledge and have the potential to transform our understanding of the world. For example, due to the discovery of CRISPR technology, the ability to precisely alter DNA and potentially eradicate genetic diseases is not only a testament to human ingenuity but also a beacon of hope for improving countless lives. This kind of ground-breaking research fuels my passion for science education. The pursuit of knowledge could contribute to advancements that could make a meaningful impact on society.





We were overwhelmed with the amount of entries we received for our 'Design Our College Mural' based on our Mission, Our BTH Way and our Catholic Social Teachings. They were all amazing! It was really difficult but we have narrowed it down to 5 entries and they will meet with the artist Ethan Lemon to create the design next Friday. We want to thank the students for creating such masterpieces and getting involved. We cant wait to see the finished design.

Huge well done to you all



Chaplaincy

September 16: Saint Cornelius.

This week we celebrate the life and service of Saint Cornelius, the patron Saint of cattle and domestic animals. Here, I would like to reflect on the important of caring for God's creation. In the Genesis creation story, God created the animals and **"God made them all, and he was pleased with what he saw." (Genesis 1:25)** This shows that God was happy with his creation and that all animals and wildlife are important to him. As Christians we should be mindful of God's creation and think of how we can look after it and protect it. This week let us think: ***Are animal rights important? How can we protect animals? Should we look after the environment? How can I reduce my carbon footprint?***



THE BRIDGE

Quote of the week:

2 Thessalonians 1: 11

"To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling and fulfil every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power."

This quote is showing that you have an **advocate for you and His name is **Jesus.****

Events this week:

Wednesday word: 8:30 am in the chapel

Family Mass: Friday 8:15 am in the Chapel

Faith in Action: Every lunch in W06

Pause for hope: Service for those affected by cancer (See Miss. Giles for details) 15.09.24

Holy Angels 60th anniversary: 27th September 7pm

Weekly challenge:

Can you try and do 1 thing a day this week to be a better Christian? It could be helping the environment, helping your friend or a stranger,!

COMPUTER SCIENCE NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 1

Hello!



Welcome to the Computer Science department's newsletter! In every issue we will keep you up to date with everything going on in Computer Science at BTHCC as well as things you can watch/listen/read and see that are all brimming with technology!

Book of the Week



IN THE NEWS

Paul Skye Lehrman and Linnea Sage, voice-over performers, were shocked to discover their voices had been cloned by AI software from the company Lovo without their consent, leading them to file a lawsuit after finding their voices being used in a podcast discussing AI's impact on the entertainment industry. More here:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c3d9zv50955o>

What are we currently learning?!



Year 7	Year 7 will be setting themselves up with the new school logins and emails.
Year 8	Year 8 will be looking at expectations and starting off with binary images.
Year 9	Year 9 will be looking at expectations and starting off with binary sound.
Year 10	Year 10 will be looking at expectations and starting off with algorithms.
Year 11	Year 11 will be looking at expectations and starting off with cyber security.
Year 12	Year 12 have begun their A-Level journey by starting with Number Bases and Communication/Networking.
Year 13	Year 13 are carrying on with their NEA projects.

Career of the Week

Data scientists work together with analysts and businesses to convert data insights into action. They make diagrams, graphs, and charts to represent trends and predictions.

WHAT TO WATCH

EXPLORING HOW A DATA COMPANY NAMED CAMBRIDGE ANALYTICA CAME TO SYMBOLISE THE DARK SIDE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE WAKE OF THE 2016 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.



WORD

An **algorithm** is a plan, a set of step-by-step instructions to solve a problem.

Question Time

How much of the world's population own a smart phone?

A. 70% B. 80% C. 90%

Welcome to the new school year from the music department!
 We wanted to let you know that at Blessed Thomas Holford there are additional music peripatetic lessons which are available for students. These can be arranged directly with the individual peripatetic teachers. Private music lessons are available as follows: -

Electric Guitar & Bass	Mr Birkett
Voice	Miss Horan
Piano	Mr Walton

Flute, Saxophone and clarinet	Miss Thackray
Violin and Piano	Mr Rankin
Drum Kit	Mr Needham





The Neil Barrett Photography offer is back!

A family portrait worth £120 for just £20. Perfect gift for Christmas! Plus you will be helping out with fundraising for BTHCC as the £20 goes directly to us. Follow the instructions below on how to redeem the offer! 📸

FAMILY PORTRAIT OFFER
WORTH £120
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To take advantage of this opportunity please visit:
<https://www.neilbarrettphotography.co.uk/schools> and use
promo code SCHOOL or phone them on 0161 905 3336. The
donation will be taken at the time of booking.

Trafford School Nurses

Newsletter for Secondary Schools

Issue 8 - Sept. 2024



Hello and welcome!

Hello and welcome Trafford School Health Team would like to welcome you to the eighth edition of our newsletter. The newsletter is issued each school term letting you know what our school nurse team will be doing each term and sharing some useful information. Find out more about our service by visiting our webpages at www.traffordlco.org/school-nursing or scanning the QR code.



What's happening this term?

Welcome new starters!

Welcome to our new Year 7 pupils! Transitioning to a new school can be a big step for your child, and this change can cause some worries. Your child's teachers, school pastoral staff and school nurse are all available for support if required. Our school health contact details are on the page below.



Vaccinations

Our immunisation nurses will be delivering assemblies about the benefits of receiving the HPV vaccine. You will shortly receive an email with an e-consent link. Please complete this as soon as possible. If you have any difficulties completing it, please contact the immunisation team. We have consent forms in different languages if you require one.



Sleep

This term, school nurses will be delivering pop-up sessions around sleep. The session will promote strategies for sleep, the benefits of a good quality sleep and support the young people can be offered around sleep. This will be offered to all high schools in Trafford from October.



Student Support

Drop-ins – the school nurses are available at every high school for drop-in sessions.



Public Health messages

Rise in measles cases

An increasing number of children are being diagnosed with measles nationally. We therefore encourage parents to ensure that their child has received two doses of MMR vaccine. This gives the best protection against measles. The school immunisation team will review the MMR vaccine status of all year 8 pupils and above. If your child's MMR is not up to date, you will receive a consent form. Please complete it if you wish your child to be vaccinated. Parents/carers of year 7 pupils can speak to their GP if pupils aren't fully vaccinated.



National Flu Season

Shortly your child will be offered protection against flu. Intrahealth (not the School nursing service) will be contacting parents with information regarding these sessions in school.



10th September: National Suicide Prevention Week

The theme for World Suicide Prevention Day is **Changing the Narrative on Suicide** with the call to action: **Start the Conversation**. This theme aims to raise awareness about the importance of reducing stigma and encouraging open conversations to prevent suicides.

Visit the [Samaritans' little tips webpage](#), which advises how to help someone to open up when something's up.



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Throughout October there is a wide range of awareness of days around children with SEND. These include:

- ADHD Awareness Month
- Sensory Awareness Month
- Dyslexia Awareness Week (2nd-8th October)

[Find out more](#) about SEND information and support.



School Nurse Contacts

- **North Trafford** (Stretford and Old Trafford) and West Trafford (Urmston, Flixton and Partington) School Nurse Teams – **0161 549 6290**
- **South Trafford** (Altrincham, Timperley and Hale) and Central Trafford (Sale and Sale Moor) School Nurse Teams – **0161 912 2340**
- **School Immunisation Team** – **0161 912 3395**

You can also find information on our services on our webpage:



The SIX

GOLDEN RULES for keeping your dog happy and safe

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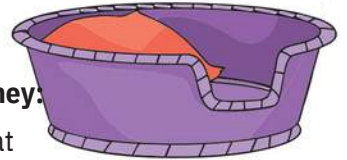
When you are with a dog, always have your parent/guardian close enough to hear and see you.

Listen to their instructions carefully, this will help keep you and the dog safe.

2

Leave dogs alone when they:

- Are eating or have a treat
- Have a toy or something else they really like
- Are sleeping
- Are unwell, injured, or tired
- Are blind or deaf.



3

Be kind and polite to dogs.

Treat dogs with the same respect as other people – most people wouldn't like someone pulling their ears or climbing on them, so we don't want to do this to dogs.

4

Play with your dog in a way they will enjoy

it. Dogs love learning fun tricks like shake a paw, roll over, or play dead.



5

Along with your parent/guardian, learn the signs of an unhappy dog from the RSPCA's 'Understanding dog behaviour' pages, and leave unhappy dogs alone.

If your dog looks unhappy or your parent/guardian asks you to, stay where you are and let the dog go somewhere they will feel safe and happy.

6

Before meeting a dog, ask the owner and your parent/guardian if it's okay to say hello, and listen to how they want you to do that.

Stay where you are and let the dog approach you only if they want to. Some dogs may not want to say hello, we can leave them alone to keep them happy.

If there's no adult owner around to ask, leave the dog alone.

TOP TIP:

We all need a break sometimes, give your dog a cosy spot in a quiet room where they can have their own space. Everyone can then leave the dog alone when they're in their private spot.



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