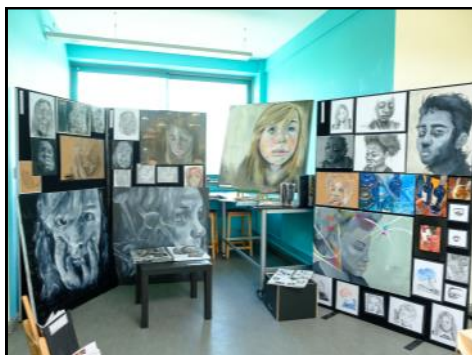


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SCHOOL AIM

“To provide a Christian environment in which young people are safe, secure, cared for and happy, and are able to develop into articulate, confident and well qualified citizens of the world.”



Art Exhibition

Last Thursday, our art department turned into an art gallery for the evening. Head of Art, Ms Hutchinson said:

“Congratulations to all our GCSE and A Level Art students who showcased their work at Thursday’s Exhibition in the Art Department. The exhibition is the result of two years of hard work and dedication to become great artists. We are really proud of you all. Many thanks to all who attended, helped out and made the evening a great success.”

Christian Retreat

“Adventurous, tiring, amazing, great fun, a different world.” These were some of the words used by our Year 7s who recently headed off to Edale YHA on our Exploring Christianity Retreat. Revd Birkinshaw, our Chaplain, and Mrs Farndon, teacher of maths and Christian Union co-leader organised an overnight retreat for students to explore the Christian faith and participate in outdoor activities in different surroundings. The students enthusiastically participated in the Exploring Christianity sessions, led by Sarah Bradley, Youth and Children’s Minister from Holy Trinity Platt Church. Students enjoyed being challenged by the adventurous activities, which included high ropes, abseiling and canoeing. It was reported that, despite the students not having much sleep (due to the excitement of being away with their friends!) the retreat was a great success.



Duke of Edinburgh’s Award

As we enjoy the warmer and longer days of spring, it means our Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions are now in full swing! Last weekend, our Bronze candidates enjoyed an expedition in the Edale Valley. Our Silver candidates will be travelling to the White Peaks in a few weeks for their expedition. A group photo can be seen on the next page from a recent Bronze expedition to Ash Farm, Buxton, last month.



Year 8 Parents' Evening

The final parents' evening of the school year took place for parents of students in Year 8 earlier this month. It was very encouraging to see so many positive conversations taking place in the Sports Hall between parents, students and staff.



And Finally...

...more sporting success! Mr Bryan from our P.E department tells us more: "Last week, our Year 9 girls' football team beat Newall Green in the Manchester Cup final 7-0. The girls gave a tremendous performance of great skill, team work and determination as they have throughout the competition. This means that this team has now won the cup 3 years in a row - a fantastic achievement!"



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