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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."**



## **Year 11 Mock Interviews**

From Lead Practitioner, Ms Ripley: "Year 11 students took part in a mock interview encounter with employers from companies, including, Santander, Co-operative Banking Group, Salford City College, BWB Consulting and The Manchester College. The purpose of the event is to prepare students for interviews that they may have in the near future, such as College, University and Job interviews.

Students met with the employers to practice their interview skills. Students were then given feedback on how they performed and areas for development, if needed. The employers commented on how positive the students were and how they are aspirational, ambitious and professional.

Our next careers event, for students, will be a careers fair, on Friday 13th February 2026.

## **FFT Attendance Awards**

We are delighted to share that we have been awarded two national attendance awards, recognising our attendance as being among the top 10% of similar FFT Secondary Schools and the top 10% of all FFT Secondary Schools in England.

Achieving such high attendance on a national scale is not easy, and highlights the commitment and determination shown by our students and continued support of our families. Well done to everyone involved and we are committed to maintaining high standards of attendance, so that every student can thrive and succeed.

## **Visit to Jodrell Bank**



From Science Teacher, Mrs Kirkman: "Last Friday, our Year 13 Physics students enjoyed an inspiring trip to Jodrell Bank, where they explored one of the world's leading centres for radio astronomy. Students took part in an engaging radio telescope workshop, deepened their understanding of the start of the universe during a planetarium show, and had time to explore the wide range of interactive exhibits around the site. The trip also gave the students a valuable opportunity to see physics in action beyond the classroom and work with real data collected from the world's third largest fully steerable radio telescope."

## Till System Updates

Recently, our school catering system underwent a routine software update, which required all students to re-register their finger patterns for use with the till systems. We are pleased to report that this process went very smoothly, with minimal disruption to the school day.

Thanks to the cooperation of students and the efficient support from staff, all finger patterns were successfully recollected in a timely manner. As a result, students have been able to continue purchasing their snacks, drinks, and lunches as normal, without any delays or inconvenience.

We would like to thank students for their patience and positive attitude throughout the update, as well as our staff for ensuring the process was handled quickly and efficiently. This update helps ensure our payment systems remain secure, reliable, and ready to support daily school life.



## Music Mark Award



Congratulations to the Music Department for being awarded the Music Mark award for Ambition and Quality in Music Education. Mrs Madden said "We are delighted to receive this award in recognition of the wide reach and excellence of our music lessons and extra-curricular programme: over 500 pupils learning a musical instrument and/or participating in our choirs and ensembles weekly, feeding into fantastic performances and outstanding exam results throughout the year."

## Year 8 Interform Basketball Winners



The Interform Basketball Finals for Year 8 girls took place and were a fantastic showcase of talent, teamwork and determination, that brought the students together from across their year group in a competitive and enjoyable tournament.

The game highlighted not only their individual abilities but also the importance of teamwork, communication and resilience on the court.

Thanks go to the PE department and staff for their organisation in making the event a success, and well done to all involved.

The final results were as follows:

- 1st: 8ACO (Pictured left)
- 2nd: 8BCR
- 3rd: 8NFA
- 4th: 8MKR

## And Finally...

...following the staff training session on Monday 12th January, we have now added some information to the school website about the use of Generative AI in school. This includes an AI Policy, as well as a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section for parents. You can find both under the **Parents** tab, **Use of AI**. The FAQs cover key questions such as *Is it safe?* How AI may be used in school and at home, what the potential costs are, and whether the information it provides can be trusted.

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