



Welcome to Our Final Newsletter of the Academic Year

As we come to the end of this academic year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly remarkable year for our school community. It has been a year filled with enriching experiences, exciting opportunities, and numerous achievements and successes across all areas of school life.

To our wonderful students, thank you. You have consistently demonstrated our school values with integrity, kindness, and resilience, day in and day out. Your dedication to learning, both inside and outside the classroom, has been inspiring. Whether through academic work, extracurricular activities or community engagement, you have made us all incredibly proud.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your continued support and trust. It is through this strong, collaborative partnership between home and school that we are able to ensure each student has the opportunity to thrive and become the best version of themselves.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, I hope you enjoy a well-deserved summer break doing the things you love with the people closest to you. I look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 3rd September, ready for another exciting chapter!

Warm regards,

Mrs Victoria Walmsley – Head of School

Celebrating 100% Attendance

To start the half term, we recognised the amazing students in our 100% attendance club by rewarding them with a VIP dinner. Every school day counts, and it was a joy to celebrate their commitment and dedication with well-deserved food and treats. We also arranged exciting activities for them to enjoy like the inflatable assault course we hired for our field.



Collaborating to Better our Community

Our students took part in our trust-wide initiative, The Leverhulme Grand Litter Pick. It was inspiring to see students from Rivington, Lostock Primary and Harper Green working together to litter pick around Leverhulme Park, Lostock Primary, and Harper Green. The event was a great example of collaboration across our trust, and it was warming to see our school communities united in making a difference to the environment. The event was also covered by Bolton News, click the link below to read the article.



<https://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/25284288.bolton-schoolchildren-take-part-huge-litter-pick/>

A Day at Fleetwood Coast

Our Year 10 geographers had an enjoyable visit to Fleetwood Coast for their GCSE Geography fieldwork trip. They explored coastal management through hands-on activities such as measuring the rate of longshore drift, creating field sketches and assessing the effectiveness of groynes. This was an exciting and valuable experience that will support their understanding and preparation for their GCSE component.



Literacy is not just about reading and writing, it is about opening a world of imagination and fun!

We were thrilled to welcome Curtis Jobling, an award-winning author and illustrator of numerous books, as well as creator and designer of the beloved animated series, Bob the Builder. During his visit to RBHS, Curtis spoke about his work, read gripping extracts from his books and shared the trailer of the fantastic Netflix adaptation of his book, Wereworld. After the talks, our students took part in a creative writing workshop where they learned how to structure an exciting story and how to be a great author. What an exciting opportunity for our budding writers!



In other news, a group of our Year 7 students graduated from the Bolton Wanderers Literacy Programme. This was a 10-week programme, where students worked on vocabulary and reading skills, alongside learning football tricks. To celebrate their hard work, they were treated to a tour of the stadium, given a brand-new football and a goody bag which included a new book for them to enjoy. It is amazing to see our students engaged and embracing reading and writing.



Armed Forces Day

Our student cadets wore their uniforms with pride as we marked Armed Forces Day. The Royal Air Force and British Army joined us in the sunshine to celebrate and inspire our students with an engaging pop-up stall over lunch time. Students had a fantastic opportunity to have an insight into the range of careers within the Armed Forces and learn more about the incredible work that they do.



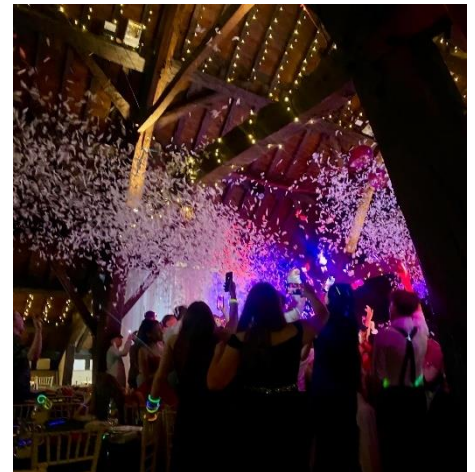
An Inspiring Cycle Challenge

In support of our former Rivi's cycling 634 miles along the Western Front Way to honour the fallen of the First World War, our students embraced the spirit of the challenge by taking part in a cycle competition of their own. Using a static bike in the yard, students worked hard to rack up miles for their houses, a brilliant way to encourage friendly competition and show our support for the alumni riders. All students performed fantastically, and it was great to see them cheering each other on. Shackleton house were our winners by racking up an amazing 10.71 miles!



End of an Era!

This half term marked the end of an era for our Year 11's as they embark on their next exciting chapter. In celebration, we held their final assembly which was a heartfelt and emotional occasion with thoughtful speeches. Students and staff shared memories and laughs as they watched a special video montage looking back on five unforgettable years filled with growth, resilience and friendship. We then brought their journey to a joyful close with our Year 11 leavers' event. There was a fantastic atmosphere as students gathered to collect their leavers' hoodies, sign shirts, and enjoy an ice cream treat courtesy of team RBHS. Finally, we hosted our Year 11 prom which was a fitting way to mark the dedication and effort that our students displayed throughout their studies, and it was a joy to see students and staff coming together to celebrate in style. As they embark on their next exciting chapter, these are special memories that they will look back on fondly for years to come!



An Evening of Celebration, Pride and Reflection

Our Presentation Evening was an amazing celebration. The sports hall was full of proud families, staff, and students as we recognised the dedication, talent, and achievements of our students. A powerful and inspirational speech from our guest speaker Azeem Amir, a professional blind football player for England, to our choir singing beautifully as they debuted our new school song, it was a perfect evening of pride and reflection.

To hear our new school song, click the link below. The lyrics have been shaped by our students & hearing the words sung aloud for the first time was a powerful moment & a beautiful reflection of who we are & what we stand for as a school!



<https://x.com/RBHSBolton/status/1941188782059126796>

Year 7's First Bushcraft Adventure

Our Year 7 students embarked on their first residential trip to the Bushcraft Company in York, an unforgettable, immersive experience set in the heart of the great outdoors. For two days, the stunning woodland became home, classroom, and playground as students took on a range of exciting activities. Each day was packed with challenges that tested different skills, from fire lighting, shelter building and trap making. More than just fun, the trip was a valuable opportunity for teambuilding and personal development. Whether working together to construct shelters or encouraging each other through new challenges, the students grew in resilience and confidence. It was a memorable way to end their first year at RBHS and a reminder of the power of learning beyond the classroom.



Year 8 Adventure Days

The glorious weather was a perfect backdrop for our Year 8 students attending their adventure days at the Anderton Centre. Set amongst stunning natural surroundings, our students were empowered to explore their full potential through a range of experiential learning and adventure-based activities. It was a fantastic opportunity for personal development, and it was wonderful to see the excitement, enthusiasm, and resilience demonstrated by all involved. Our students had an amazing time on their adventure day, describing it as a fantastic way to end Year 8, and they are now eagerly looking forward to the exciting opportunities that Year 9 will bring including the commencement of their Duke of Edinburgh journey.



Student Leadership Team

Following on from an extensive application and interview process for our student leadership roles, our newly appointed Student Leadership Team had a fantastic experience with Grip Adventure. Their day was packed with water sport activities designed to build leadership, communication, and team spirit as they step into their new roles with confidence and excitement.

Furthermore, they also met with our school governors for lunch including Kevin McKeon, our Chair of Governors and David Griffiths, one of our longstanding governors, who has completed his final term with us. This was a great opportunity for our Student Leadership Team to build relationships with our governors and speak to them about their vision for making a difference as they embark on their exciting new leadership roles.



Rivi Fest 2025

What a brilliant way to wrap up the academic year with our school community coming together for the unforgettable Rivi Fest 2025, a celebration packed with energy, colour and house spirit. Students and staff proudly wore bands and face paints in their house colours, filling the school grounds with vibrant displays of team pride. The day was filled with exciting activities from dance sessions and inflatables to a competitive game of rounders, a thrilling scavenger hunt, and even a 'Race Across the World' challenge in Geography. Furthermore, in Technology students got hands-on with a structure-building competition, while many others were enthralled in other engaging activities and challenges across departments. Live music from our incredibly talented student musicians kept spirits high throughout the day, and a house competition gave everyone a chance to earn valuable points. A huge congratulations to Rowling, our Rivi Fest 2025 house competition champions!

