

## PA News

The Parents' Association is managed by a handful of dedicated parents. We meet about four times a year to organise fund raising events for the children of Turton. If you are interested in joining the PA please email philibin@turton.uk.com

This year the PA has donated £6,500 towards the refurbishment of the dining hall, Key Stage 3 reward scheme, two staff completing the new mini bus driving test and finally the new Year 7 enrichment day, to be held in September. The enrichment day is a fun opportunity for the new intake to get to know each other.

Thanks to everyone who supported the annual PA Car Boot which raised £690 and more recently the Summer Prize Draw which raised £647. Our next event is the Christmas Market, Friday 27th November.

**Diane Waddington**  
PA Chair

## Summer Family Fun Swims July 2015

Monday 20th July	10.30am - 12.00pm
Tuesday 21st July	10.30am - 12.00pm
Thursday 23rd July	10.30am - 12.00pm
Friday 24th July	10.30am - 12.00pm
Monday 27th July	10.30am - 12.00pm
Tuesday 28th July	10.30am - 12.00pm
Thursday 30th July	10.30am - 12.00pm
Friday 31st July	10.30am - 12.00pm

Cost:	Adult	£3.60
	Senior (60+)	£2.50
	Junior (8-15 years)	£2.00
	Junior (Under 8)	£1.00

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## PE News

### Champions!

The Year 9 Rounders team celebrated success in June when they were crowned champions of Bolton.

The tournament took place at Little Lever with 8 schools entered into the competition. During the group stages Turton started a little slowly on the batting side but their fielding skills helped them beat Ladybridge and Sharples. A tense match took place against Thornleigh in which Turton won by half a rounder with some excellent batting

and fielding from both schools. The final was between Turton and Little Lever. Turton managed to find another level with some outstanding rounders being played. Well done!

**Natalie Parry — PE**



Year 9 Bolton Champions

### Athletics

Year 7 girls made a positive start to the athletics season, they attended training on a regular basis and continually tried to improve their times and distances. On the day of the Town Championships some of the girls achieved their personal best. Grace Lavin coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the high jump and Maya Bali 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 metres. Overall a strong and determined team came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations to the Year 8 athletics squad who were crowned Bolton Champions beating Canon Slade by just 1 point. All the girls were finishing in the top three in the track giving the team a strong position ready for the field events. With Caitlyn Duxbury coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the high jump and Katie Bradley winning the discus it gave us the edge as we went into the relay.

Congratulations also go to Lewis Aldred in Year 8 who won the 1500m for his year, Danny Lavin won both the 100 & 200m races, 0.1 seconds short of the town record for the 200m and Tom Grundy dominated the 300m race and broke the town record. Well done to the Year 9 boys who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

**Rachel Costello & Ross Dickinson - PE Dept**



Year 8 Bolton Town Athletic Champions

# Turton School Newsletter

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Reflecting on a very busy summer term, I feel very proud of the many accomplishments of our young people this term.

The exam period has gone very well and year 11 and 13 students have shown themselves to be resilient, hard-working and studious throughout. This was followed by the leavers' events, where staff and students celebrated together the end of one era and the beginning of another.

As well as exams, the summer term is an opportunity to extend learning through a multitude of enrichment activities, that staff thoughtfully provide for students. These include visiting speakers (some famous), a wonderful night of music, overseas trips and activities days. Everyone has embraced these opportunities and, as always, our students have been highly commended on their enthusiasm, energy and positive behaviour.

Amidst all the progress of this term Ofsted visited and conducted their section 5 inspection. The report is a real credit to the school and commented on the many

strengths and developments made since the last inspection. If you haven't already, you can access the report from our website.



Ofsted picture courtesy of The Bolton News

As this year comes to a close I'd like to wish students, parents and staff a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and thank you all for your continued support, commitment and inspiration.

**Sam Gorse - Head Teacher**

## Senior Prefect Team



Pictured left to right: Jack Farnworth and Sam Armstrong (Deputies), Jamie Ashton (Head Boy), Daisy Bali (Head Girl), Charlotte Foy and Jasmin Kinsella (Deputies).

## Electronic Planners

Recently, we asked both the students and parents for their views on the use of e-planners. The respondents were resoundingly in favour of the use of the handheld technology in preference to its paper alternative. As a result of this, from September the school are moving to <https://www.mystudylife.com/> which is a free resource and compatible with most mobile phones currently on the market. Paper planners will also be available for students who prefer to have a, traditional planner. Students are currently being trained on

how to use the e-planner in preparation for September, this training will continue into the new term. At Turton, we are committed to developing students who are confident citizens in today's society, e-planners are used increasingly and we feel that using this technology in school will give them a confidence that they can develop in their life after Turton. We appreciate your support in this new venture. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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## Jewish way of Life

The Faith and Ethics department were delighted to welcome David Arnold, a Jewish Speaker from Manchester to give a talk on the 'Jewish way of Life' to Year 8 students as part of their 'Living Judaism' unit of work. David, who was recently awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours, speaks at schools, colleges and universities around the country. Not only does he give talks on Judaism but also delivers seminars on the Holocaust, accompanying some of Britain's last remaining Holocaust survivors to deliver their accounts of the barbaric treatment of Jews and minority groups in Europe under the Nazi party. David spends most of his

time working for the Council of Christians and Jews, opening up dialogue between religious communities to strengthen community cohesion and bring humanity together through education and goodwill. David also serves as a member of the Independent Ethics Committee that advises Greater Manchester Police.

The Year 8 talk therefore not only provided Year 8's with information essential for their academic development (Jewish festivals, Shabbat (day of rest), Shul (the Synagogue) and the Torah) but gave students the opportunity to reflect on human values and what individuals from a variety of backgrounds have in common as well as have the opportunity to

question differences and ideas unfamiliar to them.

For many students it was the first meaningful encounter they had had with a member of the Jewish Orthodox community and students were keen to uncover the reasons behind Jewish ideas and practices and asked a range of insightful and meaningful questions.

**Liz Bailey - Faith, Ethics and Philosophy**



## 9/11 Essay Competition Winner

Congratulations to Daisy Bali in 10T3 who entered a national competition run by the charity SINCE 9/11, which was founded on the 10 year anniversary of the 9/11 events. The competition asked entrants to submit an essay or short film in response to the question 'How did 9/11 Change the World?' Daisy was chosen as a runner up and her prize is a trip to New York! Daisy will visit the Big Apple next September to commemorate the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Well done Daisy!

**Phil Koller - Head of History**



## Diary Dates

**17th July** - End of Term at 1pm  
**13th August** - GCE Results Day  
**20th August** - GCSE Results Day  
**7th September** - Staff Training Day  
**8th September** - Autumn Term

## Journalist Talk

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, TV political journalist Michael Crick visited the school and gave two fantastic talks followed by question and answer sessions to Year 10 and Year 12 students.

With a career spanning over 30 years, Mr Crick has interviewed some of the highest-profile people in public life – from Prime Ministers to Popes to everyone in between. He entertained our students with amusing anecdotes about being manhandled by Prince Charles' assistant and about how Gordon Brown would never give him a straight answer! For many

students, this was a valuable opportunity to meet a professional at the top of his game and to find out information about how to get into politics or journalism in the future. Pictured are Year 12 and Year 10 Politics and English students.

**Anna Cook  
Assistant Director of Sixth Form**

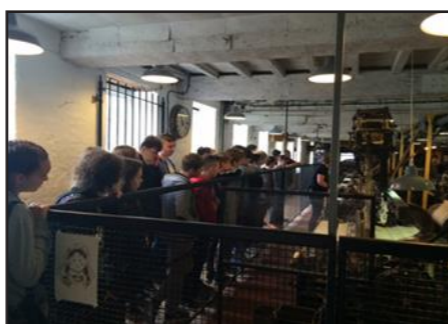


## Styal Mill Trip

Over two days at the end of June, 140 Year 8 students came with the History department on a visit to Styal Mill in Cheshire. We had a tour of the mill, apprentice house and worker's village, where we learnt about the conditions children worked in during the Industrial Revolution. It gave us a fantastic opportunity to see how the mill worked, demonstrations of the machinery used and the difficulties

children faced during their time working here.

**Scott Tither  
2nd in History**



## Writing Workshop

On the 15th of June, 18 intrepid Year 10 students (with a passion for Literature) visited the Victorian wonder that is John Rylands Library. In the dimly-lit, vaulted corridors, the walls and ceilings are adorned with ornate and mysterious stonework carvings that seem to whisper secrets of the library's fascinating history. Statues of celebrated, historical figures peer down at their visitors and the book-lined rooms and alcoves serve to house a collection of magnificent medieval manuscripts and rare works. In the corner of the rooms, narrow, shadowy staircases lead to hidden areas of the library. There's an eerie atmosphere.

So, what better location for a gothic creative writing workshop?

Students were able to use the imposing, neo-gothic architecture as a stimulus to inform their creative writing pieces. Led by our impressively knowledgeable workshop leader and guide, Lianne Stennett, the students crafted some excellent openings to a gothic story. There's an opportunity for the students to now have their work published on the John Rylands website. Watch this space!

It was a memorable, inspiring trip and one where the students were a credit to Turton. Lianne stated that she had "never received so many academic questions from a secondary school group" and the

Education & Learning Manager, Bernard McGrath, contacted us to state that they would be "looking forward to meeting more students from Turton School in the future". Mr Johnson and I positively glowed with pride.

**Clare Eccleston & Derek Johnson  
- English Department**



## A visit from Phil Cheadle

A few weeks ago we went to see The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas at The Lowry Theatre.

We were really excited to hear that an ex Turton student was one of the main characters in the play and even more excited to hear that he was coming back to Turton to talk to us about his life as an actor.

In the play we saw, Phil played 'Father', an Auschwitz camp commandant, but when we met him he was the exact opposite of the hard, harsh cold hearted character we had seen on stage. He was

funny, warm and approachable. As you can see we all had our photograph taken with him at the end of the Q and A.

He told us about his ambition to be an actor, which started here at Turton and how he studied at Birmingham Uni before being offered a place at RADA. His life as an actor sounded really interesting and exciting. He has travelled all around the country performing at all the best theatres including The Globe where he was on stage in Henry 1V.

We watched his show reel and saw him in The Crimson Field which has just been aired on BBC1. He told us that he often films the final scenes first and the first scenes last – the

topsy-turvy world of TV.

The life of a jobbing actor is hard because you don't always get the jobs you audition for but that hasn't put us off!

**Charlotte Whitehead, Abigail Platt & Martha Walker – Year 8**



## Faith and Ethics: Out and About



The Swaminarayan Mandir

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 140 of us from Year 7 had the opportunity to

visit to the Zakariyya Mosque, the Swaminarayan Mandir and Victoria Hall Methodist Mission. When we went to the Mandir it was all colourful and full of pictures and statues, for example, a brilliant statue of Ganesha and one of Hanuman. The Mandir also had amazing pictures on the ceiling which were very clever as the eyes look like they are following you around the room. At the Mosque we were lucky enough to observe afternoon prayers and to see the amazing dome, minaret and rooms where Wudu is performed. The visit to Victoria Hall surprised us as many

didn't realise it was actually a church. We had a great tour around and saw many of the original features such as where the men used to store their top hats and umbrellas! Everyone thought that the trip was AMAZING! And they really enjoyed it. I would recommend going back there again. It was great to see who lives in our community, how they worship and how it impacts on their lives.

**Jessica Holmes, Heather Woodcock and Lewis Haslam – Year 7**