

PE News

The extra-curricular programme is well underway, with competition heating up already within football, rugby, netball and hockey. Other clubs such as dance and swimming have been very well attended.

I would like to thank the staff within the department of PE and dance for their continued commitment to enhancing our students' opportunities in these sporting activities. I would also like to personally thank Ray Foy and Craig McGowan who have taken on the responsibility of the Year 11 and Sixth Form football teams respectively. This is hugely appreciated by the department and the students in the teams.

Football

All year groups have had a positive start to the campaign, with all teams registering wins in the early stages of the season in the league and all have proceeded through to the quarter finals of the Bolton Cup. These games will be played after February half term.

Cricket

Unfortunately the Year 9 final from last year had to be postponed due to poor weather. Luckily the boys managed to produce one more

moment of magic by convincingly beating ESSA academy in the final in the first week back in September. Congratulations to them on another outstanding year.

Rugby

All year groups have been involved in at least one tournament so far this year. Performances to date have shown lots of promise for the remaining fixtures to be played.

Can I take this opportunity to thank Bolton Rugby Club who have provided our Year 7 boys and Year 11 girls an introduction into the sport and offered further opportunity to get involved outside of school.

Liam Carr - Head of PE

Hockey

A brilliant start to the hockey season, extra-curricular practice has seen numbers increase and this is reflected in recent results. So far all years have been unbeaten in league fixtures, playing Ladybridge and Thornleigh, special mention to Daisy Mullen and Zoe Hynds on scoring their first goals for school. Friday night hockey is also up and running with Bolton Hockey Club coming in for extra coaching if anyone would like to attend.

Rachel Costello - 2nd in PE

Netball

We have had a fantastic start to the year with all teams winning fixtures against Sharples, Essa and BSCA. Year 11 had their last ever Bolton Schools Netball Tournament on Tuesday 13th October. It was a fantastic event, Turton came second in their group having lost only one match against Bolton School in the initial group rounds. The girls then played fantastically in their semi-final against Canon Slade which led to them face Bolton School again in the final. Some fantastic netball was played, however Bolton School came out on top on the day. Congratulations to the team for claiming the runner's up title and for representing the school so well.

Jennifer Young - PE



Battlefields Trip

The History department had the opportunity to take two students to the First World War Battlefields as part of the Government's plans to commemorate the centenary of the conflict. This fantastic experience gave Tom Lagan and George Booth the chance to develop a personal connection to the First World War through interacting with battlefield sites, participating in remembrance ceremonies and reflecting and sharing their experiences. The tour gave us the opportunity to visit a wide range of places of significance for soldiers during the war. These



included the Ulster Memorial Tower, Ceremony of the Last Post at the Menin Gate, Ieper (Ypres) and the Death Cells at Poperinge.

Scott Tither
2nd in History

Turton Christmas Market

**Food & Wine
Crafts & Cards
Make Up & Beauty
Jewellery & Clothes
And Much More....**

Friday 27th November
6pm — 8.30pm

**50p per ticket
£2 per family
pay on the door**

Please note that most stall holders will not have the facility to take payment by debit/credit card.

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Dear All

As we approach half-term it seems a good time to reflect on how well this year has begun.

Students in all year groups have started this year with a positive attitude to school life and their studies. I have been very proud of how they have conducted themselves during a very busy and packed half-term.

Year 11, in particular, are a real credit to the school, now showing their maturity and talents as they work towards their GCSEs, but also helping staff to welcome potential new parents during our Open Days in September. My thanks to all Year 11 students who helped make these such successful events.

Years 9 and 10 are grappling with the new GCSEs in English and Maths, and the increasingly high expectations on their achievements as a result. Our Information Evenings advised parents about the new GCSEs and how the changes will affect their children. For any parents who missed the evening, PowerPoint presentations have been emailed to parents and are available on the website.

The focus this year is on transforming teaching, by ensuring that students embed key knowledge and skills before they move onto broadening their learning, through dialectic and rhetorical teaching methods. Teaching is centred around the Trivium where the grammar of each subject must be truly learned to ensure that students

can grasp higher order concepts at GCSE and A level.

Alongside excellent teaching and learning, the term, as always, is packed with a wealth of enrichment activities. Of particular note:

- The ever expanding Duke of Edinburgh programme that so many of our Year 9 and 10 students are embarking on this year. This is a highly recognised award and will stand students in good stead both in terms of developing their character and with college applications and interviews.
- Daisy Bali, in Year 11, returned from a thought provoking experience in New York with the 9/11 trip, and came to Leadership to present on her experience.
- Through their outstanding work in History Tom Lagan and George Booth secured a place on the Centenary Battlefields Programme.
- Many students in Year 9 are eagerly looking forward to the annual trip to Paris, I know they will be a credit to the school and wish them a fun and interesting experience.

To everyone else, best wishes for the half-term break and a heartfelt thank you to all our parents for your support and encouragement at the start of this year.

My message to all students this term is 'work hard, be compassionate, and take pride in your school.'

Warm wishes

Sam Gorse - Head Teacher

Year 7 Team Building

As part of our ongoing transition programme, the Year 7 team have taken each band on a team building bowling trip to Hollywood Bowl at Middlebrook. One of the objectives for the trip was that students had to spend time with members of their form who they hadn't yet got to know and get to know them! This worked very well and it was great watching the way the students interacted with each other in a different setting. Levels of competition were high and we had some fierce battles to secure the highest scores for prizes. There were also spot prizes for all manner of other things, including acts of kindness and good behaviour.



Here are some comments from the students: "The best thing about going bowling was seeing my friends from other forms and beating Joel!" "I made some new friends on the bowling trip and liked doing something where I talked to other people." "My favourite bit of the trip was seeing our teachers competing against each other. Mr King thought he was great but Mrs Crook beat him." "Please can we go every Tuesday!"

Angela Golland - Head of Year 7

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We have recently formed the Turton Alumni Heritage Group. Membership is FREE and lifelong to all past students of Turton School. We have already connected with ex-students locally, nationally and worldwide.

We are working hard to grow and expand the group, and look forward to welcoming all past students from Turton to the Alumni membership. Our aim and objectives are to build on renewing and replenishing past friendships. We want to forge new ties with our alumni to build and strengthen 'The Turton Family', which continues to under-pin the foundation of the school.

If you have friends and family that came to Turton then please pass on our details as we would like to keep in touch. Once connected

you will receive updates for alumni events. All we need to know for initial registration is your name (plus maiden name if applicable), when you left Turton School or the Sixth Form and a contact email address. Please send your details to: alumni@turton.uk.com or alternatively if you would like to speak with someone then give Sharon Wyre a call on 01204 333233.

Thank you.

Funding and Development



Turton School aims to provide a stimulating and caring environment in which young people are able to contribute and succeed. We are determined to offer our students the facilities and opportunities that they deserve. We would love to be able to improve a number of our facilities however, in these difficult economic times, public funds are limited. Therefore, in partnership with our Parents' Association, we are launching two fundraising initiatives.

Buy a Block

Two of our classrooms are in a very old and dilapidated temporary building. We would like to replace them with an eco-building which, as well as providing much needed classroom space, would also teach our students about their environment. To fund this we are offering our supporters the opportunity to 'Buy a Block', which can be engraved with your choice of wording and will be displayed along the Sports Centre corridor as a lasting tribute to those who have donated to the school. We have now introduced an option for payment via ParentPay Portal.

If you would like any further information then our Funding and Development Manager, Sharon Wyre, would be happy to speak to you.

Thank you for your support.



The Annual Fund

By making a small monthly donation you could help us to improve our music, ICT, sport and buildings facilities. You can specify which area you would like to donate to or make a general donation.

Handlebards

The visit from the returning theatre company, Handlebards, was an absolutely storming success. They tackled a highly challenging Shakespearean tragedy and made it completely accessible and funny, without losing its original power or text. The workshop that followed offered an amazingly deep exploration of character, language and form through the medium of drama.

Check out the boys at: <http://www.peculius.com/handlebards.html>

Alice Lane - Head of English



Handlebards Theatre Company

Cake for a Cause

Well done to the Sixth Form Student Union who raised £180 selling cakes made by staff and students.

All proceeds were donated to Save the Children - specifically supporting the children who are displaced in the current refugee crisis.

Sarah Jones - Head of Year 13

Flash Club

Since September Flash Club has been running for an hour every Thursday in M4, showing you how to make award winning animations in Flash. Recently students have been studying Flash in their Year 8 ICT lessons, if you have enjoyed this then we are always open for new members. Students from other year groups are also welcome.

The aim will be to enter some of your animations in the UK School Animation Competition at the end of the year. If you want to see more of what the club will involve you making, follow the link below <http://animation16.cs.manchester.ac.uk/> or I can be located in M4.

Do you have an interest in animation? Can you draw and want to take your work to the next level? Do you like working with computers?

See you on Thursday.

Ben Gristwood
Head of Computer Science

Every Action Has Consequences

Year 12 were recently spoken to by a local charity based in Blackburn. The charity was set up by a mother following the needless death of her 24 year old son, Adam Rogers. Adam's brother gave an assembly discussing his death and how it could have been avoided. Last week Adam's mum Pat was nominated by the 'Lorraine' show as a 'Woman of the Year'. Following the thoughtful and positive response of our Year 12 to the charity, the show came into the Sixth Form to interview students about the impact of the charity's work. Once again Year 12 students were mature and the programme which has just aired featured their thoughts and reflections. Following the success of the assembly, many other year groups at Turton will be spoken to by Tim, Adam's brother, to give the message that our behaviour can have both positive and negative consequences.

Kelly Bali - Head of Year 12

Cheese Please

On Wednesday 30th October 14 of us were lucky enough to be able to visit a cheese factory in Garstang, Preston. On the day we got to try 4 different types of cheese, look at how it was made and we got to buy some at the end. We never thought it would be so interesting to watch cheese being made. The teachers that were kind enough to take us were Mrs Holden and Miss Dower. The lady that gave us the tour was very kind and gave us lots of information. Who would

have thought that watching cheese going along a conveyer belt would be so fascinating!

Isabella Riding - 9S2



Staff and ninety Year 9 students pictured during a trip to Paris in July. They visited the Eiffel Tower, Arc De Triomphe and Disneyland.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



On September 29th, 8T4 organised and hosted a Coffee Morning in order to raise money and awareness for the Macmillan cancer charity. I would like to give a special thank you to Alex Beirne, who actually proposed the fantastic idea as it was something close to her heart. I would also like to thank all of 8T4, staff and parents as we had a huge donation of cakes and biscuits, it certainly spoke a lot about the ethos of Turton School as the

compassion exemplified through everyone's kind donations was incredible. Altogether we raised £118 so it was a great turnout.

Hayley Robinson — Faith & Ethics



Kelsey Brooks & Alex Beirne

Out with the rust, in with the new!

The Music department has just been awarded a £1000 grant from the EMI Foundation to buy new music stands. Our 40 year old rusty metal stands will now be replaced with state of the art

friction operated stands from the Wenger company who provide stands to a lot of professional ensembles and music services. These will probably make their full debut performance at the Christmas Concert on Monday 14th December.

John Parkinson - Head of Music