



THE RADCLYFFE SCHOOL

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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL



Over the past few weeks our new Year 11 have been involved in the Elections for the position of Head Boy and Head Girl. We are pleased to announce the winners:

Daniel Ashworth, Head Boy (left) and Leah Bushell, Head Girl (right)

Also Reece Hunt and Shamus Iqbal (Deputy Head Boys) and Johura Begum and Hanifa Begum (Deputy Head Girls).

Well done to them all, We are sure they will be excellent representatives of our school.



STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Robert Jackson (Year 11 leaver), from The Radclyffe School, won the 11-15 years category in this year's Student of the Year Awards Ceremony which is run by the Rotary Club of Oldham.

Robert was nominated for his outstanding services to the community, voluntary work and extra-curricular activity.

Robert was presented with a laptop computer. This was a fantastic achievement. Well done Robert.



Special points of interest:

- School closes for Summer 12.10 pm Friday 16th July 2010
- UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award
- Attendance & Punctuality
- Student Holiday Pattern 2010 / 2011
- Holidays in Term Time
- Staff Changes
- School re-opens for students on Thursday 2nd September 2010 (Please check back page for times)
- Uniform Rules



REWARDS

Mohammed Haaron Khan in Year 9 (left) won a bike for achieving 300 merits. Students receive a merit for 3 pieces of good work.. Haaron has worked really hard and thoroughly deserved his prize. Well done Haaron. Several other students also won prizes, including I-pod nano's, Nintendo DS's, I-pod shuffles and digital cameras.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all our students, staff and parents who supported the school's production of Grease the Musical. It was a resounding success which was down to the dedication and hard work of many. (too many to mention individually). Everything was so professional and the connection between the students and staff was there for all to see. Everyone who came went away happy and wanting more!



May I take this opportunity of thanking you all for your support over the past year and wish you all an enjoyable summer holiday.

H S Hayer, Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance is vital for all our students if they are to gain the most from the education we provide. There are clearly documented links between regular attendance and attainment.

THE ROLE OF THE PARENTS / CARERS

This school values its partnership with parents/carers. We believe that a student is able to achieve their best when:

- ✓ The school and the family work together
- ✓ Parents/carers take an active interest in their child's schoolwork
- ✓ Parents/carers ensure that their child attends regularly and do not allow time off for trivial or unacceptable reasons
- ✓ Parents contact school on the first day of absence and provide the reason for absence and intended return date
- ✓ Parents provide a written note on the day of their child's return to school
- ✓ Parents avoid taking their children on holiday during term time
- ✓ Parents attend any necessary meetings and respond as quickly as possible to any letters and information about their child's attendance.



Chess Success

The British Land Challenge

On 1st May The Radclyffe School Chess Team took part in the British Land Challenge Chess Competition. They played against the best students from across the North West of England in a bid to qualify for the next stage, the Gigafinal.

All of our students played brilliantly throughout the competition. Of the 9 students that took part, 3 qualified. They were Stephanie Sanson (Year 10), Abdul Mubeen (Year 9) and Lance Fox (Year 9). Stephanie Sanson also qualified as the top girl in the U15 section making her the Chess Suprema! A fantastic result! These three students will now go on to play against the best students from the North of Britain on Sunday 11 July in order to qualify for the final stage of the competition, the Terafinal.

I hope you will join me in thanking these staff for their service to the school and wish them every success in the future

STAFFING CHANGES

LEAVERS

The following staff will be leaving us at the end of the summer term:

Miss A Bailey	Teaching Assistant
Mr L Bharath	Teacher of Mathematics
Mrs P Briggs	Second in Learning Support
Miss R Cousins	Teacher of PE
Mr N Hawkins	Second in English
Mrs B Hunt	Finance Officer
Ms N Hussain	Teacher of D & T
Mrs S Hutchins	Finance Officer
Mrs C McNiven	Teacher of Science
Mrs K Metcalfe	Teacher of D & T
Miss D Middleton	School Clerk
Mr P Milnes	Head of Mathematics
Mr I Mirza	Teacher of Mathematics
Miss H Walker	Teaching Assistant
Mrs D Wood	Deputy Headteacher

ONLINE REPORTING

As part of our ongoing efforts to keep you in touch with what is happening with your child's education, from September all parents will have the opportunity to have online access to a whole range of information on their child.

This includes access to Record of Achievements, attendance records, timetables, positive and negative 'events', and personal contact details.

In order to get started, go to the school website, www.theradclyffeschool.co.uk, then go to 'Resources', 'Parental Access', then 'Request Access'.

When you have filled in some basic information you will be issued with a username and a password which will be sent to you by post.

Thank you



BTEC Sport Group
Our Year 11 BTEC Sport Group went to Christchurch Primary School on Wednesday 7th July 2010. They assisted in running the Sports Day for the Infant and Juniors. The students were absolutely fantastic and were a credit to themselves and the school.

Diploma in Sport & Active Leisure
Students taking this new diploma supported the borough wide 'Playground to Podium' disability games. The students were given the role of sports leaders and were absolutely fantastic, many were asked if they would volunteer during the summer for the Integrated Youth Services.. Well done !

CAFE MOJO ACCOUNT

Please note the Cafe Mojo payment machine, located near the Sports Hall, will accept both notes and coins. Please ensure students use this machine as change will no longer be available from the Finance Office. Thank you

TRS ELECTION

On 28th April The Radclyffe School held its own general election. The actual candidates representing the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties for the Oldham West constituency came to address our Year 8 students. They each spoke for 5 minutes. then followed a question-and-answer session. The students then voted by secret ballot. The election was won by the Liberal Democrat candidate, Mark Alcock.

NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome:

Mrs S Ayre	Assistant Headteacher
Ms S Begum	Teacher of English
Miss A Blayds	Teacher of Drama
Miss E Chapman	Teacher of Geography
Mr M Finc	Teacher of PE
Mr J Graham	Teacher of ICT
Miss S Green	Learning Manager
Mrs L Halton	Teacher of Learning Support
Miss S Hansom	Teacher of Science
Ms J Melia	Second in Learning Support
Mr A Mohid	Teacher of Mathematics
Mr G Munro	Teacher of D & T
Miss V Raynor	Teacher of Mathematics
Miss K Roman	Teaching Assistant
Miss M Ryan	Learning Manager
Mr M Shabaz	Teacher of Science
Miss E Sheerin	Teacher of Science
Mrs J Wernick	Deputy Headteacher

The following members of staff will be going on Maternity Leave

Mrs J Groves	Head of Drama
Ms K Fairness	Teacher of Science

UNIFORM RULES

At The Radclyffe School we regard taking a pride in personal appearance as an essential part of a student's education. We insist that the correct school uniform is worn by all students during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school and on all other school occasions. We regularly monitor the personal appearance of all our students. Please see below:

- ◆ A black school blazer with a school badge
 - ◆ Black school tailored trousers or skirt—(at least knee length without a split hem)
 - ◆ White shirt or blouse—tucked into trousers or skirt
 - ◆ Black and red striped school tie
 - ◆ **Black V neck pullover with a red stripe around the neck**—can be worn under the blazer but not instead of it - Coloured jumpers, cardigans, Denim, hooded, leather or jackets with large emblems are not acceptable
 - ◆ Plain black or white socks or black or flesh coloured plain tights
 - ◆ Low heeled PLAIN black shoes. **SHOES WITH COLOURED SOLES, MARKINGS, SANDALS, TRAINERS OR CANVAS SHOES, INCLUDING PUMPS, ARE NOT ALLOWED. If any student attends school wearing incorrect footwear they will be provided with plain black plimsolls to wear during the day**
 - ◆ Hair should be kept to a reasonable length. Exaggerated styles and colours, shaved heads or shaved patterns will not be permitted
 - ◆ A plain black headscarf may be worn
 - ◆ Jewellery, Mobile telephones, MP3's or any other electronic equipment are NOT allowed
 - ◆ Make up is not to be worn in school or to and from school
 - ◆ A school bag is essential and all students are expected to bring one to school each day
 - ◆ If any parents want their children to have their ears pierced etc. This should be done at the very beginning of the summer holidays so that there are no problems with conforming to our uniform regulations of no jewellery with the exception of a simple wrist watch
 - ◆ All students must be equipped with a school bag every day
- The parents / carers of students not wearing the correct uniform or not equipped with a bag will be contacted. We will send the student home for the situation to be rectified.**

TRIP TO FRANCE

On 28th May to 2nd June, 40 students from The Radclyffe School accompanied by 5 members of staff went on a visit to France. They stayed at Cotentin in Normandy and visited the Mont St. Michel and the Normandy beaches.

They then went to Paris where they spent a day at Eurodisney and a day in the centre of Paris, going up the Eiffel Tower and taking a boat trip down the river Seine.

The attitude of the students was excellent and everyone had a really good time.

Junior University Programme

The Junior University Programme offered Year 10 students across Oldham the chance to experience "Life at University" by visiting the University Campus Oldham for a lecture in a choice of subjects. University Campus Oldham is part of the University of Huddersfield and offers a range of degree and higher education courses.

Students from eight local secondary schools attended lectures in Law, Construction, Multimedia Games Design and Performance. The Radclyffe School students worked alongside other schools during the lectures and the atmosphere was relaxed as students demonstrated their ability to work as part of a team.

The students really enjoyed their visit and their behaviour was exemplary. They were a credit to themselves, their schools and their parents.

Residential Summer School

Two of our Year 11 students will be attending a residential summer school at two local universities on 6th until 8th July 2010. Rachel Collins will attend Edge Hill while Namaan UI Haq will attend Liverpool. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to really experience university life. Well done to them both.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 8's won the Oldham Schools Cup beating Counthill 6-0 in the final.

Year 10's won the Oldham Schools League beating Crompton House 4-1 in the final.

National Schools Sports Week was a huge success. Over 600 students took part in Intra School Tournaments in Badminton, Football, Tennis, Dodgeball, Athletics, Rounders and Trampolining. Students from all years also got experience in Climbing, Boxing, Trampolining and Wheelchair Basketball from qualified coaches.

8 Year 11 students had a fantastic day trip to Wimbledon



UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award

We are working closely with UNICEF in the hope of achieving a special award for our school—the Rights Respecting Schools Award. We have already invited a group of students to help us identify areas where the school can work more effectively to protect and promote children's rights. We feel that every child has a right to be healthy, to be educated, to be treated fairly, to be listened to and to have a childhood free from adult responsibilities. We would welcome your thoughts on our hopes to achieve this award and encourage any parent who is interested in joining our steering group to contact Mr Meehan, Mrs Watkinson or Mrs Chadwick at school for further information. For further information about UNICEF and the RRSA go to www.unicef.org.uk



AGE UNITED

A new project with Age Concern called 'Age United' has been started in school. It is about community cohesion, building links within the community which allow different groups to meet, get to know each other and work together. We have introduced some of our students with students from Newbridge School and together they will organise and run activities (e.g. Bingo, Afternoon Tea and a quiz etc) for older people at Fir Lane Congregational Church, Royton.

School re-opening times

- School re-opens for students on Thursday 2nd September 2010 at the following times:
- The new Year 7 should arrive at 08.35 am
- Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 should arrive at 11.00 am



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CONFISCATED ITEMS

Any item that is not allowed in school (i.e. Mobile telephone, i-pod, jewellery etc) will be confiscated for 6 weeks. These items can only be returned earlier if a **parent** comes into school to collect it.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM-TIME

We would like to remind all parents / carers on behalf of the Local Authority that all absence during term-time should be avoided wherever possible and should always be authorised by the school **six weeks before** any travel arrangements are made.

Parents do not have the legal right to take their child out of school on holiday during term-time. Holidays during term-time will have a detrimental impact on your child's educational achievement.

Parents should note that the school requires prior notice of a child's absence for Religious Observance. **Only two days** will be authorised for Religious Observance and **only** if the school is given prior notice.

Applications for Leave of Absence should be completed and submitted to School with at least 6 weeks notice.

If holidays are taken during term-time, without the school's authorisation, there is a likelihood that you will be issued a **Fixed Penalty Notice** by the School Attendance Improvement Service. Please note that a Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued when there are at least 5 days unauthorised absence (equivalent to one week's holiday) recorded on your child's register.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Chrisham on 0161 622 3200.

Appointments

Please note if your child has an appointment at anytime during school they will need to show their appointment card or a letter from yourself stating what type of appointment it is, what time they will need to leave school and if you are picking them up or they are making their own way. This is to enable them to sign out at the correct time.

If a student arrives late to school due to a appointment they also need to bring a appointment card or letter otherwise they will get a late mark. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

STUDENT HOLIDAY PATTERN ACADEMIC YEAR 2010 / 2011

Traditional Oldham Pattern	
Opening Dates	Closing Dates
Thursday 2nd September 2010	Thursday 21st October 2010
Monday 1st November 2010	Friday 17th December 2010
Thursday 6th January 2011	Friday 18th February 2011
Monday 28th February 2011	Friday 8th April 2011
Tuesday 26th April 2011	Friday 27th May 2011
Monday 6th June 2011	Friday 22nd July 2011

Monday 2nd May 2011 school will close for the May Day bank holiday

Please note that school will be **closed to students** on the following day:

- **Friday 26th November 2010**