



NEWSLETTER



IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE

Welcome to this bumper edition of our newsletter, covering an action-packed March leading up to the Easter holidays.

It's been a busy and exciting time across the school! We celebrated British Science Week, our week-long Literature Festival, and Pi Day, all in the same week, alongside the many other wonderful events taking place.

We were honoured to welcome a record-breaking mountaineer to inspire our students, marked Cultural Celebration Day in style, and took part in a range of competitions, from sporting challenges to chess tournaments. Plus, we have fantastic alumni success stories to share and much more, including:

- > **Year 9 Options**
- > **A celebration of reading**
- > **The Addams Family comes to TRS**
- > **The launch of 'Radclyffe Recommends'**

REMINDERS



Friday 4 April
School closes

Wednesday 23 April
Year 10 PPEs start



A CELEBRATION OF READING AT RADCLYFFE

During March, The Radclyffe School enjoyed a fantastic celebration of books, creativity, and storytelling.

It all began with World Book Day on 6th March, where students took part in the Golden Ticket Hunt, Mystery Reader surprises, and a buzzing book giveaway in the library. Staff and students got creative with literary challenges, and the day ended on a high with our Big Book and Cake Sale, raising £200 for Springhill Hospice in memory of our dear colleague and friend, Charlotte Haggerty.

Adding to the spirit of the day was the incredible effort from staff who embraced the occasion with inspiring costumes. From Greek mythology to superheroes, the school was a vibrant showcase of literary icons.

Then from 10th–14th March, we kept the bookish fun going with Lit Fest 2025! Students solved riddles in the Literary Characters Competition, uncovered *even more* Golden Tickets, and joined workshops with author Josh Silver and poet David Viney. We wrapped up the week with the Fairy Tale Trail finale, a Year 7 screening of *Inside Out 2*, and the Primary School Reader Award Evening.



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AWARD WINNING AUTHOR VISITS TRS

During Lit Fest, we welcomed acclaimed author Josh Silver to school, writer of *Happy Head* and nominee for the 2024 Carnegie Medal for Writing. Speaking to Year 9 and 10 students, Josh shared his journey to becoming an author, highlighting the importance of representation in books and media. He encouraged students to embrace change in pursuit of their passions, reassuring them that there is no single path to success.

Following the assemblies, selected students participated in storytelling workshops, where they collaborated with Josh to develop a dystopian novel plot. He also provided valuable exam advice and challenged students to create their own storylines. Later, the Student Leadership Team for Wellbeing engaged in a meaningful discussion with Josh about mental health, leading to the creation of posters promoting open conversations.

The day was a huge success, with students and staff praising the inspiring and thought-provoking sessions.



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A DAY TO CELEBRATE PI



TRS took part in Pi Day on 14 March (3.14, get it?), with activities running throughout the day to recognise the importance of this mathematical constant. Balconies were decorated with Pi digits, and some staff joined in by wearing Pi-themed t-shirts. Students also had the chance to take on a treasure hunt and a Pi digit challenge.

A big thank you to the Café Mojo team for adding a tasty element to the day with their Pi-shaped biscuits and desserts!

With a mix of puzzles, maths challenges, and a few treats along the way, the day was an engaging way to highlight the role of Pi in the world around us.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

School was buzzing with excitement as students celebrated British Science Week. From hands-on experiments to thrilling challenges, the week was packed with activities that brought science to life. Lunchtime sessions like bath bomb making and rocket blasting were a huge hit, with queues out the door! Congratulations to Amsal in Year 7 for winning the rocket competition with an impressive design and flight.

One of the highlights was a visit from the Wonderdome Mobile Planetarium, where students embarked on a journey through the Solar System.

In science lessons, KS3 students put their engineering skills to the test with bridge building and the legendary Egg Drop Challenge, with plenty of suspense... and a few cracked eggs! Break time sessions were equally exciting, with students experimenting with slime-making and vibrant flame tests.

The week also included a poster competition, a scientist trail around the school, and quizzes for both students and staff.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in making British Science Week 2025 a fantastic celebration of curiosity and discovery!



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In March we hosted a special Iftar at school, bringing together students, staff, and families for a night of unity and reflection. With limited tickets, the event was fully booked in just hours.

A huge well done to Al-Amin, Zohair, Ayaan, Mohammed and Hassan for their beautiful recitations and the effort they put into preparing for the evening, learning and performing a whole new nasheed in just two days. They did an incredible job!

With delicious food and a wonderful sense of community, it was a truly memorable evening. We can't wait to do more. A huge thank you and well done to everybody who made this event possible, including S A M MOT Station for their generous donation and SunnahSanctuary.

IFTAR EVENT AT TRS



THE ADDAMS FAMILY ARRIVES AT TRS

This month, we held auditions for our upcoming production of The Addams Family, and the talent on display was nothing short of spectacular!

Every student who auditioned gave it their all, impressing us with their drama, music, and ensemble performances. The standard was so high that we've made the exciting decision to double cast every role, meaning our talented students will alternate lead roles on different nights while still taking part in every show.

With such a fantastic cast, this production is set to be something truly special. Rehearsals are already underway, and we can't wait to watch the show come to life. Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to curtain-up!



NETBALL LEADERS

A group of our Year 9 students successfully completed the practical element of their leadership qualification in March.

They took full charge of a Netball session, guiding primary students through skill-building drills before putting their learning into action in a competitive match. With no assistance from Mrs Coope, they demonstrated confidence, organisation, and excellent leadership throughout. She was so impressed that she said she would happily trust them to teach her Year 7 class!

The session was a huge success, with students from Mills Hill Primary School enjoying it so much that they asked if they could return every week. A fantastic achievement. Well done, girls!



ALUMNI SUCCESS: DAISY AND LEMAA'S OXFORD OFFERS

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We are incredibly proud to share that former student Lemaa Alisha has received an offer to study Law at the University of Oxford. As the first in her family to go to university, she and her loved ones were overjoyed at the news.

From excelling in her A-Level studies to taking part in an intense interview process, Lemaa has shown remarkable dedication. She is also set to take part in Opportunity Oxford, a programme designed to support students from non-traditional backgrounds.

During her time at TRS, Lemaa was an active member of the school community, serving as a student ambassador and engaging in youth activism. She hopes to specialise in human rights law, using her skills to bring about social change. We are excited to see where her journey takes her next. Congratulations, Lemaa!

We are also delighted to celebrate Daisy Greenwood too, who has received an offer to study English Literature and Language at the University of Oxford! A lifelong lover of English, Daisy was overwhelmed when she got the news, sharing that she and her mum burst into tears of joy.

Daisy credits her time at TRS for helping her build the confidence and skills needed to succeed, from achieving top GCSE grades to taking part in extracurricular clubs. Now, she is excited for the future, particularly the chance to immerse herself in studying English, with dreams of a career in academia. A huge well done!

You don't have to have everything figured out right now. Pick subjects that interest you and work hard. You might surprise yourself with what you can achieve.

Lemaa's advice for current students thinking about their future

RECORD BREAKING MOUNTAINEER INSPIRES YEAR 11

Year 11 students had the unique opportunity to hear from Akke Rahman, the first British Muslim to summit Mount Everest. Growing up in Oldham, Akke's mountaineering journey began in 2019 with Mount Snowdon, and he has since conquered some of the world's most challenging peaks, including Mont Blanc, Kilimanjaro, Ama Dablam, and Everest - twice.

His 2022 Everest climb was particularly remarkable, completing it in just 21 days while fasting for Ramadan. Despite facing extreme challenges such as a dangerous fall, visa issues, and even a helicopter rescue, Akke never gave up.

Akke shared valuable lessons on perseverance, ambition, and overcoming setbacks. His message was clear: failure is just another step towards success. Perhaps some of our students will follow in his footsteps one day!

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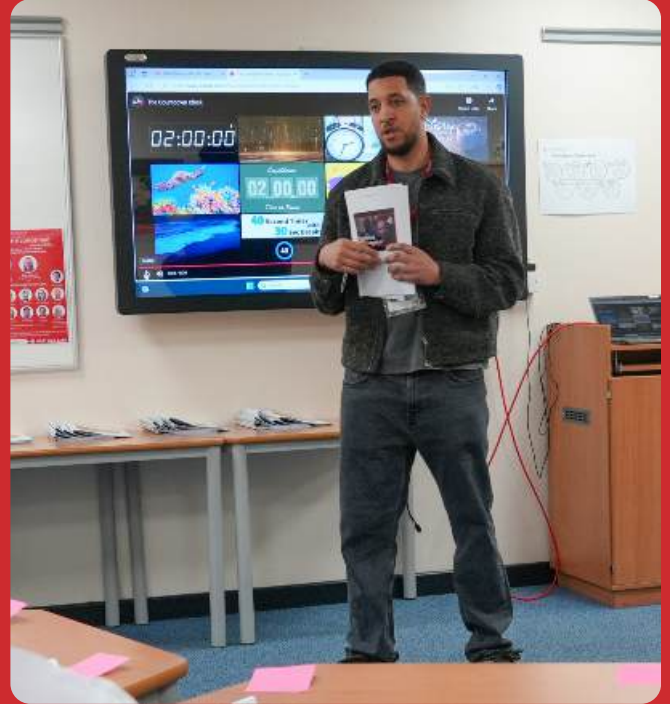


STUDENTS GAIN POWERFUL INSIGHTS

We had the pleasure of welcoming Sean Anthony Health & Wellness back to TRS to speak to groups of our Year 10 and Year 11 students about resilience, managing stress, and developing a growth mindset.

As an SAS Who Dares Wins finalist, education professional, keynote speaker, and founder of Sean Wellness, he shared powerful insights on how stress affects the brain, how to adapt to change, and the importance of strengthening both physical and mental health.

It was a fantastic day of workshops, where both students and staff took away valuable lessons. A huge thank you to Sean for sharing his wisdom, experience, and passion with us!



EXPLORING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES



This month in Debate Club, students passionately argued both for and against the death penalty. Both sides made their arguments to the group, followed by questions from the opposition.

It was fantastic to see insightful points raised and lively discussions unfold. From animal testing to school uniforms, the club has tackled a wide range of topics and is truly setting our students up for success, honing their communication and presentation skills for the future!

SUCCESS AT THE CHESS COMPETITION



Four of our students recently competed in the Inaugural Oldham Schools' Annual Chess Competition at North Chadderton School.

They played 9 matches each, and were joint third on points out of the 10 schools that took part. Special mention to Toby who won an individual prize for being the best Board 4 player!

A huge well done to our team for their hard work and strategy.

DECISION MAKING FOR THE FUTURE: YEAR 9 OPTIONS



In March we held our Year 9 Options Evening, and we are still reflecting on what a fantastic event it was! It was wonderful to see so many students and families engaging with our subject teachers, asking thoughtful questions, and exploring the wide range of courses on offer.

All faculties were represented, with inspiring displays showcasing past student work, as well as hands-on activities.

The evening was filled with great conversations, with students eager to learn more about their choices and the opportunities ahead.

A special mention to our student helpers who were on hand all night to support families and their peers, representing both the school and our subjects with confidence and enthusiasm.

Choosing options is a pivotal moment in the school journey, and we are here to support all our students and their families at this important time. If you have any questions, please do reach out.



DON'T FORGET!

Options forms must be completed online before **Thursday 24th April**. Read more [here](#).

SUPPORTING A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO TRS

We also hosted a Virtual Transition Q&A for families of Year 6 students who will be joining us in September 2025. The event provided a valuable opportunity for parents and students to ask questions and learn more about life at TRS. From curriculum details to extracurricular activities, our team was on hand to offer insights and reassurance about this exciting next step.

We were delighted to see so many families engaging with us and preparing for the transition to secondary school. A huge thank you to everyone who took part.

We can't wait to welcome our new Year 7 students in person and help them start their TRS journey with confidence!

THE RADCLYFFE ROUND-UP: NEWS AT A GLANCE

STUDENTS TEST TRADING SKILLS

Business Studies students attended the University of Manchester to take part in a Stock Market Challenge, competing against other schools from across the North West. They showcased their ability to buy and sell stocks and shares in a real market environment. A great experience.



BREAKING RECORDS



Gana in Year 10 recently took part in The IMAS Pi Day Challenge, where she recited Pi to an astonishing **777** digits! What an amazing feat of memory and dedication.

YEAR 9 GAIN LIFE SKILLS



Year 9 students enjoyed an insightful day at the University of Manchester, participating in workshops focused on budgeting, financial awareness, and exploring different learning styles.

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK



Throughout #NationalCareersWeek, our Careers Team put together an exciting programme of events, designed to raise awareness about career opportunities, develop key skills, and highlight the importance of planning for future success. A huge thank you to all our speakers for inspiring and engaging our students in thinking about their future plans.

A TENSE FINALE

After a series of fantastic matches, the Chess Tournament came to a thrilling conclusion. The last game saw Yamin in Year 10 take on Mr Dickson in a tense and closely fought battle, with silent concentration filling the room. A huge congratulations to Yamin for an outstanding performance!



FOOTBALL SUCCESS

The Year 7 B team put in a fantastic performance against Waterhead Academy's A team, battling to a 1-1 draw in regular time before holding their nerve in a tense penalty shootout to secure a 3-2 victory. Well done!



THE RADCLYFFE ROUND-UP: NEWS AT A GLANCE

STUDENT INITIATIVE

Jenga Club was added to our extracurricular programme, set up by Year 8 student Bailey. Members showed off their skill, strategy, and a steady hand as they competed for the ultimate prize... a huge chocolate bar!



THE AI-PPRENTICE



Year 9 students took part in the 'AI-pprentice' at Oldham College, where they were challenged to design an innovative AI tool or bot to tackle a futuristic problem. The teams came up with incredible ideas, including 'Protecting Endangered Wildlife with AI', which came in second place!

CULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY



It was great to see students and staff embrace cultural diversity through clothing! There was an incredible array of outfits on display, showcasing pride in heritage and identity from countries and cultures around the world.

GEARING UP FOR THE FINAL

The STEM On Track team have been working hard this month putting their skills to the test during the official test day and gearing up for the grand final! A huge well done to the team for their dedication and effort.



CONFIDENT AND CREATIVE



Students had the incredible opportunity to take part in a workshop with talented actor and tutor Lisa Whiteside, from ACT On It. The session helped students build confidence and spontaneity, using music as inspiration to express their thoughts and emotions in creative ways.

YEAR 10 PPE CALENDAR

Wednesday 23rd April

English Literature | Business | Drama | Music

Thursday 24th April

Maths 1 | Biology | French Listening (Higher)

Friday 25th April

English Language | Geography | French Listening (Foundation)

Monday 28th April

Combined Science 1 (Biology) | History | French Reading (Higher and Foundation)

Tuesday 29th April

Maths 2 | Computer Science | PE

Wednesday 30th April

Maths 3 | Physics

Thursday 1st May

Food Preparation and Nutrition | D&T Timbers | D&T Textiles | Engineering

Friday 2nd May

Combined Science 2 (Chemistry) | RS

Wednesday 7th May

French Writing (Higher and Foundation) | Media Studies

Thursday 8th May

Astronomy



RADCLYFFE RECOMMENDS

It can be a struggle to find books for young adults that they find engaging and which encourage them to get away from a screen! We wanted to take the opportunity to recommend some of our favourite choices in the library that we can't keep on the shelves and should appeal to even the most reluctant of reader.



Title and Author: The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Recommended for lovers of: The Hunger Games, One Of Us Is Lying, A Good Girl's Guide To Murder

Genre: Suspense, Crime, Mystery

Age range: 13+

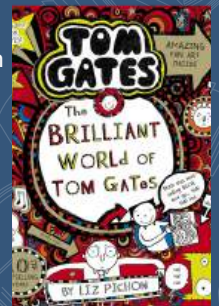
Avery, a teenage girl from an impoverished background, is left a fortune by an eccentric billionaire and no one knows why. She's soon caught in a deadly game involving family secrets, codes and mysterious relatives. This bestselling series is great for teenagers (and adults!) in a reading slump as it's fast paced and packed with puzzles and twists in easily digestible chapters. There are explorations of family, loyalty and the importance of being an independent thinker without being too heavy handed for younger readers. The adventure and suspense will keep them engaged and hopefully asking for the rest in the trilogy.

Title and Author: The Brilliant World Of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon

Recommended for lovers of: Diary Of A Wimpy Kid, Big Nate, Roald Dahl

Genre: Humorous, Adventure

Age range: 10+



Tom Gates is a master of excuses: his dog eats his homework, lightning has struck him more than once and his assignments are constantly ruined by things spilling on them. This animated series is written like a teenage boy's diary, filled with doodles and daydreams, that anyone who's ever been bored in class will relate to. The humorous illustrations and hijinks will keep readers hooked and the lessons that Tom learns (honesty, difficult family circumstances and the benefits of completing his homework) are quietly woven through the stories with a light touch.

If you need help or advice with picking books for home, please don't hesitate to contact the library team:

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



APRIL 2025

- 4** SCHOOL CLOSURES
- 22** SCHOOL OPENS (SUMMER TERM)
- 23** YEAR 10 PPES START !
- 23** MISST ANNUAL CONCERT

MAY 2025

- 1** YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING
- 1** YEAR 11 GCSES START ↙ ↘
- 5** BANK HOLIDAY
- 12** Y9 YEAR END ASSESSMENTS BEGIN
- 15** YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING
- 23** SCHOOL CLOSURES



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