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As another successful academic year draws to a close, this edition celebrates the fantastic achievements, opportunities and experiences that have made the final weeks of term so memorable at The Radclyffe School.

Inside, you'll find highlights from our Sports Days, Literature Festival, inspiring author and poet visits, the Cranmer Education Trust Games, our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh expedition and the outstanding performances of SpongeBob The Musical. We also celebrate our students' success at the Oldham Athletics Championships and welcome our newest students as they begin their journey with us at Year 7 Induction Day.

You'll also see how students have continued to make the most of every opportunity, whether developing new skills through enrichment, learning beyond the classroom or representing the school with pride in sporting and creative competitions. Alongside these celebrations, we reflect on another year of academic achievement, personal growth and memorable experiences that have helped our students build confidence, resilience and lasting friendships.

As always, this newsletter showcases the talent, dedication and kindness of our students and staff. Thank you to our families and wider community for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you enjoy looking back on another month and wish you a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.



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YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 ENJOY FANTASTIC SPORTS DAYS

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students enjoyed two fantastic Sports Days this month, with plenty of enthusiasm, determination and team spirit on display throughout.

Thankfully, the weather stayed on our side, creating the perfect conditions for two memorable days of competition.

Students took part in a wide variety of track and field events, including sprint races, middle distance running, the long jump, shot put, foam javelin and the ever popular welly toss. Whether they were aiming for a personal best or simply trying something new, every student approached the day with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

One of the highlights of both days was the fantastic support students showed for one another. From cheering classmates across the finish line to encouraging teammates between events, there was a real sense of community and sportsmanship throughout.

It was wonderful to see so many students getting involved, challenging themselves and celebrating each other's achievements.

Sports Day is always an excellent opportunity for students to develop confidence, resilience and teamwork beyond the classroom, and our Year 7 and Year 8 students certainly embraced the occasion.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and represented their forms so brilliantly.

Thank you also to our PE department and all the staff who helped organise and run the events, ensuring two enjoyable and successful days for everyone involved.



TRS LIT FEST RETURNS

Students celebrated a fantastic week of reading, writing and creativity as TRS Lit Fest returned with a packed programme of literary events and activities.

We were pleased to welcome poet David Viney back, where he inspired our KS3 students through engaging assemblies and creative writing workshops. The week also featured our Poetry Slam, with congratulations to Year 8 student Muhammad, who was crowned this year's champion.

Students also worked together in their PLGs to solve a Murder Mystery before unmasking the sneaky culprit. Lunchtimes were filled with campfire storytelling, bookmark making and the return of our popular hidden boarding passes, which could be exchanged for a free book.

To round off the festival, we welcomed author Venessa Taylor, who delivered inspiring assemblies and workshops for our students, alongside pupils from our local primary schools who joined us for Friday's sessions.

TRS Lit Fest continues to be a highlight of the school calendar, encouraging students to discover new authors, develop their creativity and celebrate the enjoyment of reading. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's festival such a memorable success.



TEAM TRS AT THE CRANMER GAMES



Students and staff enjoyed a fantastic day at this year's Cranmer Education Trust Games, competing in a range of sporting activities alongside schools from across the Trust.

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys' football team, who reached the final after an impressive run before narrowly losing to Brian Clarke Academy. They should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

There was also success off the pitch, with our staff team taking first place in the quiz.

While we didn't come away with any other titles, the event was a great opportunity to represent Team TRS, enjoy some friendly competition and spend time with colleagues and students from across our Trust.

We're already looking forward to hosting the Cranmer Education Trust Games at The Radclyffe School next year.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Last month, we had the pleasure of welcoming our incoming Year 7 students to The Radclyffe School for their Induction Day, giving them their first opportunity to experience life as part of our school community.

From the moment they arrived, there was a real sense of excitement as students met their Personal Learning Guide (PLG), got to know their new classmates and began exploring their new surroundings. Throughout the day, confidence continued to grow as students settled in, asked questions and started building new friendships.

The programme gave students a taste of the exciting learning opportunities that await them in September. They enjoyed lessons in Maths, Science, Art and PE, all delivered by our specialist teachers. Science proved to be a particular highlight, with Year Manager Mr Lunt demonstrating a spectacular experiment before students carried out their own flame test practicals.

Our fantastic Peer Mentors were on hand throughout the day, helping guide each PLG, answering questions and ensuring every student felt welcomed and supported. Students also enjoyed an exclusive preview of this year's production of *SpongeBob the Musical*.

Before heading home, students were introduced to this year's Cranmer Education Trust Transition Reading Project and received their own copy of *The Odyssey* and an accompanying activity booklet. Over the summer, they'll follow the story through a series of activities, supported by staff video readings, ready to share their thoughts when they return in September.

It was wonderful to see conversations quickly turn into friendships, confidence grow as the day progressed and so many smiling faces around the school. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort back in September as they begin the next exciting chapter of their journey at The Radclyffe School.



SUCCESS ON THE DOFE EXPEDITION

Our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh participants recently completed their expedition in the beautiful Saddleworth countryside, putting their navigation, teamwork and resilience to the test over two memorable days.

Despite the heatwave, the cooler conditions on the hills provided ideal walking weather, and students were fortunate to avoid the torrential rain that affected areas back home.

Throughout the expedition, they covered many miles across a variety of challenging terrain, navigating their routes with confidence while crossing fields, climbing hills and taking in the stunning scenery along the way.

As well as developing valuable outdoor skills, the expedition gave students the opportunity to demonstrate excellent teamwork, determination and perseverance.

They supported one another throughout the journey, overcoming every challenge with a positive attitude and a strong sense of achievement.

Congratulations to all of our students for successfully completing the expedition and representing the school so well.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated staff team, led by Mr Howarth, and to Mr Franklin for capturing so many fantastic moments throughout the adventure.



A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

As the school year draws to a close why not donate outgrown uniform to our Uniform Exchange Project? Drop your clean, good-condition items (shirts, trousers, skirts, ties, blazers) at the Visitor Reception during the week beginning 17th August. All donated items will be cleaned and sorted, ready to be rehomed.

Your small act can make a big difference to TRS families and the planet.



BIKINI BOTTOM COMES TO LIFE



The curtain has fallen on another incredible school production as *SpongeBob The Musical: Youth Edition* came to a close after four fantastic performances, including three evening shows and a special matinee for pupils from our local primary schools.

Across every performance, our talented double cast brought Bikini Bottom to life with outstanding energy, enthusiasm and commitment. Despite performing during one of the hottest weeks of the year, they gave everything they had on stage and delivered a show they should all be incredibly proud of.



It was wonderful to see so many families, friends, students and staff filling the audience throughout the week, creating a fantastic atmosphere and showing their support for our performers. Their encouragement helped make each performance a truly memorable occasion.

Producing a musical of this scale takes months of planning, rehearsals and hard work behind the scenes.



A huge thank you goes to Mrs Payne and the entire production team, whose dedication, creativity and countless hours of preparation made the show possible.

Congratulations to everyone who performed on stage, worked behind the scenes or supported the production in any way. Together, you created a spectacular show that will be remembered for years to come.



TEAM TRS CROWNED OLDHAM OVERALL TRACK CHAMPIONS

Team TRS made school history this month after our boys were crowned Overall Track Champions at the Oldham Athletics Championships.

Winning the championship is a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work, commitment and teamwork shown by our athletes throughout the season. The trophy itself dates back to 2003, making this the first time The Radclyffe School has had the honour of taking ownership of it, a landmark moment in our sporting history.

While the overall title was the standout achievement, our students also enjoyed an outstanding day of individual success, bringing home our biggest ever haul of gold medals across the competition. From Year 7 through to Year 10, every athlete gave their all, demonstrating resilience, determination and excellent sportsmanship from the first event to the last.

Just as impressive was the way our students supported one another throughout the day, celebrating each other's successes, encouraging their teammates and representing The Radclyffe School with pride. Whether they returned home with a medal, achieved a personal best or simply contributed valuable points to the team, every student played an important part in this incredible result.

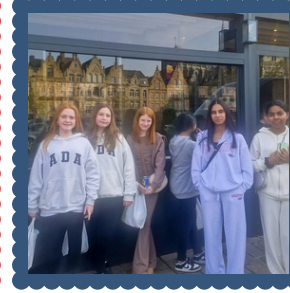
Congratulations to all of our athletes on a truly memorable championship, and a huge thank you to our dedicated PE staff for their hard work, guidance and encouragement throughout the season. This is a success the whole community can be proud of.



LEARNING IN THE SUNSHINE

With the sunshine continuing this week, our students have been making the most of opportunities to learn outdoors. One of our Year 8 English classes recently headed onto the field for a poetry lesson, where students worked together to share ideas or found a quiet spot to write independently. It was a great way to enjoy the warm weather while developing their creativity.

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