The Radclyffe School
"Working Together for Excellence"

THE RADCLYFFE SCHOOL REVIEW

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE. SHARING OUR STORIES. CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY.

OCTOBER 2026



Welcome to the October edition of The Radclyffe School newsletter, where we look back on another busy month of achievements, opportunities and activities across our school community.

From fantastic sporting successes and exciting STEM developments to our Careers Fair, community partnerships and an inspiring 100-mile charity challenge by a former Head Student, there's plenty to celebrate!

This month has also highlighted the importance of working together. Whether that's welcoming former students back to share their experiences, supporting local families or creating new opportunities for our young people to learn, grow and make a difference.

We also reflect on Belong 26, a Trust-wide professional development day, and share student contributions, important updates and key dates for the diary as we look ahead to another busy half term.

We hope you enjoy catching up on our latest news!



ALSO IN THIS MONTH'S EDITION

- Meet our Achievement and Access Team
- Welcoming families at our Coffee Morning
- Student submissions including the poem 'Ominous October'
- Key upcoming dates

EXPLORING FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

In October, we welcomed more than 16 local employers, apprenticeship providers and further education institutions to our annual Careers Fair, giving Year 9 and Year 11 students a chance to explore their options.

Students met people from a range of industries and asked questions about careers, apprenticeships and college courses. For Year 11, it was a timely opportunity to get advice ahead of November's college application deadline.

Our Year 9 students explored how their interests and the subjects they enjoy could connect to different careers. It was lovely to see them chatting with visitors, asking thoughtful questions and discovering opportunities they might not have considered before.

A big thank you to all the employers, apprenticeship providers and education institutions who gave up their time to speak with our students and help make the event such a positive and valuable experience.









NETBALL TEAM IN ACTION

Well done to our Year 10 Netball team, who took part in a Netball Rally. Although the results weren't quite what they had hoped for, the team showed great determination, supported one another and worked brilliantly together.

A special welcome to Amelia and Sahira, who joined the team this year. We look forward to seeing them continue to develop, grow in confidence and enjoy the season ahead!





NATIONAL TAEKWONDO SUCCESS

We were incredibly proud to celebrate a fantastic achievement for two of our students, who enjoyed success at the National Kyorugi Championship in October.

Year 10 Sama took home gold, while Year 8 Ammar secured silver, competing against some of the country's best young Taekwondo athletes in their respective age categories.

Both achievements are a wonderful reflection of the hard work, dedication and determination they have put into their sport. It takes real commitment to reach this level, and it was fantastic to see their efforts rewarded on a national stage.

A huge well done to Sama and Ammar. We are very proud of you both and look forward to seeing what you achieve next!





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MFL SPEAKING PPES [ALL WEEK]
Monday 9th November 2026

YEAR 7 PLG EVENING
Thursday 12th November 2026

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE
Friday 13th November 2026

YEAR 11 PPES WEEK 1
Monday 16th November 2026

YEAR 10 STEM ON TRACK TRIP
Tuesday 17th November 2026

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING
Thursday 19th November

YEAR 11 PPES WEEK 2
Monday 23rd November 2026

Y11 ART & PHOTO. EXAMS [ALL WEEK]
Monday 30th November 2026





YEAR 11 STUDENT BECOMES NORTH WEST BOXING CHAMPION

A huge congratulations to Year 11 student Connor, who was crowned North West Boxing Champion following an outstanding performance in the competition.

Facing a taller opponent who had previously remained undefeated, Connor rose to the challenge, showing impressive composure, determination and skill to secure the title. This was particularly remarkable given he had only one competitive fight in the year leading up to the championships.

Connor's success is a fantastic reflection of the hard work and commitment he puts into his sport. That same dedication is evident in school, where he is a valued member of our community, with 100% attendance and more than 70 positive behaviour logs already this academic year.

We are incredibly proud of Connor and all he has achieved, both inside and outside the classroom. Well done, Connor!

WELCOMING FAMILIES IN TO THE RADCLYFFE SCHOOL

Last month we welcomed families into The Radclyffe School for our Coffee Open Morning, giving them the chance to experience everyday life at TRS. Visitors enjoyed seeing lessons in action, meeting students, taking tours and chatting with staff, finding out more about our school and the opportunities we offer. A special thank you to our wonderful Peer Mentors, who represented our school brilliantly and made everyone feel so welcome throughout the morning.



CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

We wrapped up our first half term with one of our favourite celebrations, bringing together our Book of Excellence nominees and winners from across all year groups to recognise their hard work and achievements!

Following a short celebratory presentation with Mr Cregg and our Year Managers, students enjoyed breakfast together, played board and card games and spent time with friends, taking a well-deserved moment to celebrate their nominations. It was lovely to see so many students enjoying themselves and feeling proud of their achievements. A huge well done to all our nominees and winners!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



> **It's about more than the food.**
>
> People can sit down, have a drink, chat to others and meet new people. For some, those friendships become a really important part of their lives.
>
> *Leanne Keane*

We are proud to continue supporting the Crossley Community Fridge in Chadderton, working with Kajima to help to make a positive difference to local families and the wider community.

Recently, colleagues from The Radclyffe School and Kajima visited the centre to meet Leanne Keane, Community Partnerships Manager, and learn more about the fantastic work taking place. The Community Fridge plays an important role in supporting local people, providing surplus supermarket food and everyday essentials to over 40 families each week.

The visit was a valuable opportunity to better understand the centre's needs and explore how we can make our ongoing support even more meaningful. Moving forward, we plan to provide smaller but more regular donations that respond directly to what is needed most.

We also discussed exciting opportunities to involve our new Charity and Community Student Leadership Team, giving students the chance to develop their own ideas, get involved in local initiatives and make a real difference beyond the school gates. We look forward to continuing this partnership and finding new ways for our school community to support those around us.





How you can help

- Donations can be made at our drop off point in Visitor's Reception
- Tinned and jarred food, pasta, cupboard essentials, toiletries and sanitary products are particularly useful.
- Every contribution, however big or small, helps support this important local initiative. Thank you.

Read more on our website

CLICK HERE

OUR STEM ON TRACK TEAMS FOR 2026/27



Our new STEM On Track teams have been selected and are ready to take on this year's engineering challenge! With students now putting their ideas into action, there is plenty to look forward to as they begin the next stage of the programme.

Following last year's fantastic success, when our students took home the Best Build award, our new teams have a brilliant example to follow. Through STEM On Track, students work collaboratively, tackle real engineering challenges and put their creativity, problem-solving and practical skills to the test. It's also a great opportunity to discover more about the world of engineering and the exciting career possibilities within STEM.

We are incredibly grateful to Kajima and Diodes for their continued support of the programme. Partnerships like these help bring learning to life, giving our students valuable experiences beyond the classroom and the chance to develop skills they can carry with them into the future.

We can't wait to see what both teams come up with this year and wish them the very best of luck with the challenge!





MEET OUR ACHIEVEMENT & ACCESS TEAM

At The Radclyffe School, we want every student to feel supported, valued and able to achieve their personal best.

Our Achievement & Access Team plays an important role in making this happen, working closely with students, families and staff to ensure every young person has the support they need to thrive.

Led by Mrs O'Brien, the team includes our five Year Managers, five Assistant Year Managers, Home-School Community Liaison Officer and Coordinator for Children Looked After.

Together, they provide guidance, encouragement and practical support throughout each student's journey at TRS, helping them overcome challenges, celebrate achievements and make the most of their time at school.

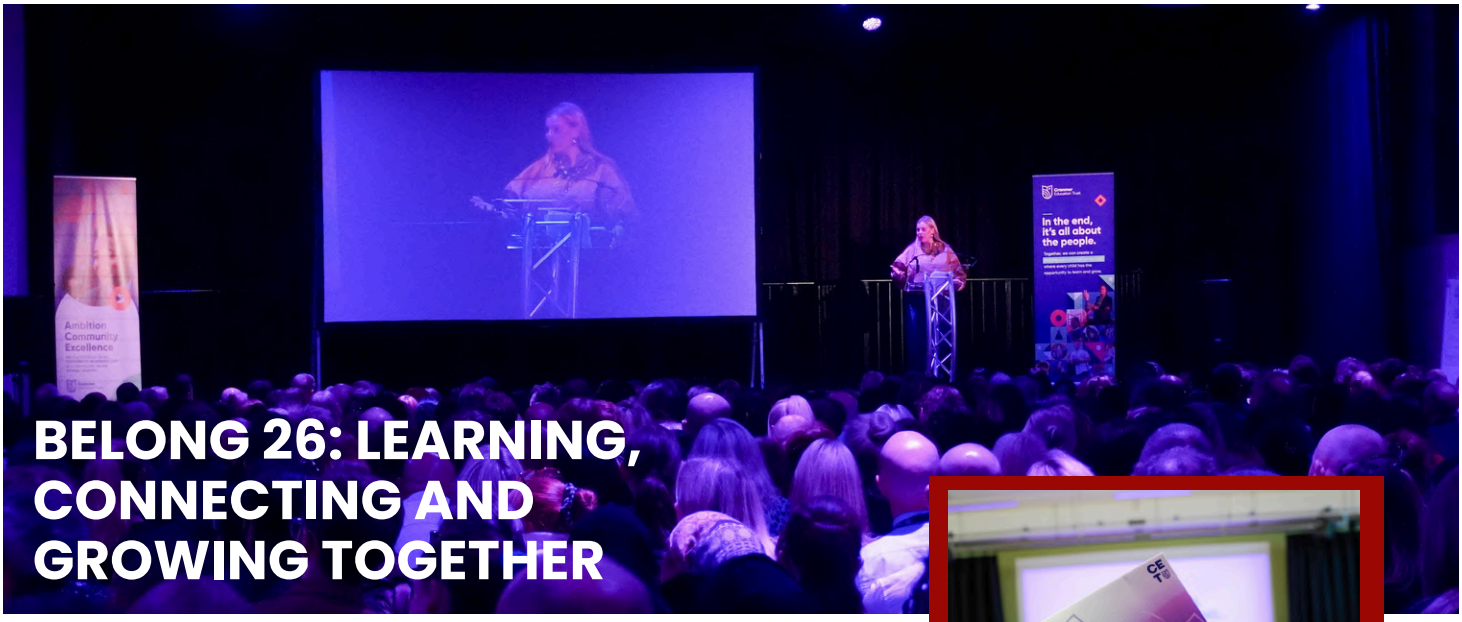
Need to speak to someone? We're here to help!

If you have a question or concern about your child, or feel they could benefit from some additional support, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Contact our school reception, who will be happy to help or direct you to the right person.

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BELONG 26: LEARNING, CONNECTING AND GROWING TOGETHER

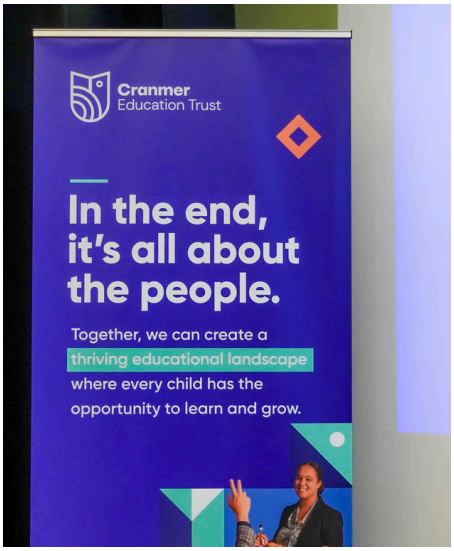
Staff from across Cranmer Education Trust recently came together for Belong 26, a Trust-wide professional development day focused on inclusion, belonging and making a lasting difference to the lives of children and young people.

Hosted across The Blue Coat School and The Loom in Oldham, the day brought colleagues together to share knowledge, exchange ideas and explore how we can ensure every child feels valued, supported and able to succeed.

A varied programme of workshops and presentations explored topics such as inclusive teaching, safeguarding, neurodiversity and understanding the individual needs of our students. With sessions led by external experts as well as our own colleagues from across the Trust, the day highlighted the value of sharing our collective knowledge and expertise.

A particularly moving highlight was the closing keynote from Professor Katriona O'Sullivan, who shared her extraordinary journey from childhood poverty and homelessness to becoming a bestselling author and academic.

Her powerful story reminded us that a child's circumstances should never define their potential, and that the belief, kindness and encouragement of others can change lives.



Belong 26 was a valuable opportunity to reflect, strengthen connections and celebrate the benefits of being part of a wider Trust community.

The learning and conversations from the day will help shape our practice as we continue working together, with the shared purpose of **putting children at the heart of everything we do and ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.**









CELEBRATING WONDER FOR NATIONAL POETRY DAY



For National Poetry Day, we asked our students to get creative and write a poem inspired by this year's theme: WONDER.

We were absolutely blown away by the response, with hundreds of entries submitted! Choosing our winners was no easy task, so a huge well done to Hidayah in Year 7, Zahra in Year 8 and Mirfa in Year 9.

We loved reading the poems and seeing how differently our students approached the theme. From the things that amaze us to the ideas that make us stop and see the world in a new way, each poem brought something special. Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter and share a little of their imagination with us.

YEAR 10 GO BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE ETIHAD

Our Year 10 Sports Studies students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Etihad Campus, where they had the chance to explore the home of Manchester City and experience what goes on behind the scenes at a professional football club.

From stepping inside the home team dressing room and walking through the players' tunnel to viewing the pitch from the dug-outs, students got a taste of the matchday experience.

The visit brought their classroom learning to life, giving them a valuable insight into professional sport and the opportunities within the industry. A brilliant day of learning beyond the classroom!







TRS ALUMNI

Our students remain a valued part of our school community long after they leave. Through our newsletter, we'll celebrate their achievements, share their stories and help our alumni stay connected with The Radclyffe School.









FORMER HEAD BOY TAKES ON 100-MILE CHARITY CHALLENGE

We're incredibly proud of former Head Boy Liam, Class of 2026, who took on an extraordinary 100-mile running challenge throughout October, raising money for Young Lives vs Cancer.

Having never run before joining Oldham and Royton Harriers in January, Liam has worked his way up from small daily runs to completing his first 10K and the challenging Oldham Half Marathon. He finished his challenge at Oldham Parkrun, cheered on by friends and family, and has raised an amazing £1,050, smashing his original £150 target!

Along the way, Liam has shown incredible determination, even turning back during the Oldham Half Marathon to support a fellow runner up the final hill. From dressing as Pitbull to Liam Gallagher, and receiving a surprise handshake from Frank Rothwell OBE, it's certainly been a memorable journey!

What an achievement, Liam. Your commitment to such a worthwhile cause is something to be incedibly proud of. We couldn't be prouder.

CLASS OF '26 SUPPORT CAREERS FAIR

In October, we were delighted to welcome back Ruby and Gana, two members of our Class of 2026, who returned to The Radclyffe School to take part in our annual Careers Fair.

Now studying at Blue Coat Sixth Form, they shared their experiences of life after TRS, talked about their transition into further education and offered advice to our current Year 9 and Year 11 students.

Hearing first-hand from former students gave our young people a valuable insight into the opportunities available beyond school, as well as the different pathways they can take as they begin planning their next steps.

It was wonderful to see Ruby and Gana back in school, sharing their experiences and helping to inspire the students following in their footsteps. We are very proud of them both and wish them every success in their continued studies!



ARE YOU A TRS ALUMNI?

How you can get involved

- Share your story
- Support careers events
- Offer work experience
- Inspire our students

Get in touch
admin@theradclyffeschool.co.uk

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Their voices. Their stories. Their creativity.

OMINOUS OCTOBER

The leaves fall down in shades of red,
As whispers stir where ghosts once tread.
The moon shines pale in skies of grey,
And shadows creep where children play.

The wind blows cold through trees so bare,
A chilling feeling fills the air.
The pumpkins grin with faces bright,
As owls take flight into the night.

The witches dance beneath the stars,
While bats fly past old iron bars.
The mist rolls in, the woods grow still,
A haunting silence grips the hill.

The nights grow long, the days grow dim,
As distant wolves begin to hymn.
With spooky secrets yet untold,
October wraps the world in cold.

Beware the dark, the shadows near,
For eerie things may soon appear.
When midnight strikes, beware the glow,
For October hides what we don't know.

- Mirfa, Year 9



MESOZOIC MONSTERS: MAIP MACROTHORAX

Hello there, Paleomonarch here! And this is the 2026 Halloween Mesozoic monsters (my personal favourite), the large-chested shadow of death itself, I give you... MAIP MACROTHORAX!

They said the perfect predator never existed...

The Shadow of Death Unleashed
Maip macrothorax, the magnificent "shadow of death," reigns supreme as this month's featured prehistoric titan. Discovered in the late Cretaceous sediments of Patagonia, Argentina, this newly unearthed apex predator stands as the largest megaraptorid known to science, measuring an imposing 10 meters (33 feet) in length and weighing an estimated five tons. Its sinister name, derived from Aonikenk mythology, refers to a malevolent spirit that kills using the freezing wind of the Andes—a chillingly appropriate legacy for a carnivore that perfectly embodies the haunting spirit of the season.

An Agile Nightmare of the Cretaceous
While the massive Tyrannosaurus rex relied on crushing jaw power to overpower its prey, Maip was engineered for terrifying agility, speed, and precision. Paleontologists have revealed that this sleek giant possessed a lightweight, bird-like skeleton with an expansive chest cavity. Instead of relying solely on its teeth, Maip hunted by utilizing its long, exceptionally muscular arms to grapple with prey, slicing through the primeval darkness with ruthless efficiency.

The Claws of a Real-Life Monster
The true horror of this ancient predator lies in its weaponry: a pair of colossal, deeply curved claws that acted like biological scythes. These formidable talons, which reached up to 14 inches in length, were used to hook and tear into herbivorous dinosaurs of the Patagonian wilderness. As a masterclass in evolutionary design, Maip macrothorax proves that nature's real history contains monsters far more spectacular than anything found in fiction.

That's all for this one, Paleomonarch, OUT!

- Saad, Year 8













OUR BOOK OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

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