



Summer 2019

St. Patrick's RC High School
A National Teaching School

Headteacher's Welcome



As the end of this academic year draws near, this is always a bitter-sweet time as we know people are moving on to new and exciting places, but also know that we're going to miss them immeasurably. This is very true of some of our magnificent staff and also of our delightful Year 11 students. We wish all leavers from our community at this time our very best wishes and ask they keep in touch with their old St Patrick's family back at school in the future.

As I mentioned in our spring newsletter I feel very lucky that I have had the opportunity to lead this wonderful community of pupils, staff and parents and I would like to thank you all for your support and for the part you have played in ensuring our very high standards continue to be preserved. St Patrick's really is a great school! Next year Mrs Byrne will return to her role as Headteacher mid-way through the Autumn term and I shall return to my previous role as Deputy Headteacher as we aim to work as hard as ever to ensure all children receive the very best experience of school as possible so that we can nurture and mould all our boys and girls to become the very best version of the people they were born to be. Your support, as ever, is absolutely crucial in ensuring this ideal becomes a reality.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer.

God bless,

Mr J A Campbell (Acting Headteacher)

St Patrick's – Amazing things happen here

Pupil Focus



At the end of this term, we would like to profile one of our fantastic Year 10 students, Maria. Maria has showcased a fantastic work ethic and a brilliant attitude towards all aspects of her school life. She is a great role model to other pupils both inside and outside of the classroom and always goes out of her way to help anyone. Maria was recently chosen to be the next Head Girl at St Patrick's, which recognises her hard work and dedication over her four years at school. We are sure that Maria will approach this role with the same positive attitude that she has everything else. We are incredibly proud of Maria's achievements so far and are lucky to have pupils like Maria in the Picasso family.

Staff Focus - Mr Macafee Pastoral Director



I am going into my eighth year working at St. Patrick's, and I really could not be prouder to call this my workplace! As well as teaching Science, I have been a Head of House for the last four years and will be taking on the new role of Pastoral Director as of September; something which I am very excited about.

Before working at St. Patrick's, I graduated with a BSc. (Hons) Psychology degree from the University of Manchester. I am therefore really passionate about the mental wellbeing of our pupils...and staff, which is why I have always wanted to get into pastoral care here. I see my biggest priority as being to ensure that my pupils arrive to school with a smile on their face and leave with an even bigger one. Pupils should never feel uncomfortable about speaking to staff and I would always encourage pupils to do so, no matter how small the problem may be.

We have always been an amazing school in terms of the results our pupils get but if I had to give pupils one piece of advice, it would be to think about what you could be doing outside of the classroom. How could you be utilising your talents for the greater good of our school community and beyond. So many of our pupils do so many amazing things (like our young mental health champions, our peer mentors or our anti-bullying ambassadors to name a few) and I would always encourage pupils to get involved wherever they can.

I really hope everybody has an amazing summer and makes the most of it; we will be back before you know it!

Author Visit – Josph Delaney



On his recent visit to St Patrick's, best-selling author Joseph Delaney thrilled pupils in Years 7 & 8 with the background stories to his super-scary *Spooks* and *Aberrations* series.

Our pupils also got tips on how to become an author, and had their questions answered before having the opportunity to buy books and get them signed.

Year 10 – Art and Design

LOOKING BACK
ST PATRICKS RC HIGH SCHOOL

We wrote about a future in the arts

University of Salford MANCHESTER

We made some cool badges!

QUESTION BINGO

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Getting questions ready for students at Salford Uni

We heard from design students about student life...

Some of us visited Luba Al's studio and heard about life as an artist

We made dry point prints at Hot Bed Press

Hot Bed Press

We worked with Aron at M3 industries to make prototype artworks with a range of materials.

M3 INDUSTRIES

We looked at an exhibition of Jenny Walkers artworks.

We toured the galleries, theatres and cinema

We talked to creative professionals about their work and their journey through higher education...

HOME

We Love Manchester

St Patrick's marked the anniversary of the Manchester Arena terror attacks with a whole school commemoration service.

The event began with a celebration of music, followed by an opening speech and prayer from our Head-teacher, Mr Campbell. This was followed by a reading of the Tony Walsh's *this is the Place*, read by: Mr Snowden, Miss Waterhouse, Miss Phillips, Miss Gannon, Miss Howarth and Miss Cassidy.



We had a moment of reflection as two Police officers who liaised with and supported the families of the victims, read out the names of the 22 victims. Students then released 22 balloons in memory of the victims of the attack. This was a poignant moment that was met with applause and a rendition of *Don't Look Back in Anger*, led by our choir. The ceremony was closed by Hannah Naylor, the Chairperson for the We Love Manchester committee.

The students at St Patricks were keen to join in this moment of remembrance and commemoration and worked for months to ensure the event took place. One of our Year 10 students, Katie, began our fundraising with a generous donation from Optima Cars Limited, which enabled us to start printing badges. We ran a competition to design a badge that incorporated what it meant to be a Mancunian. Iqra came up with the winning design and we sold over 500 badges. The money from the badges went towards purchasing a tree of remembrance.

Further prizes were donated by Optima Cars Limited, parents, teachers and students, for a raffle that was drawn on the final day of term. The raffle helped raise money for the #Mcr22 – the charity set up by the parents of Saffie Roussos' parents - to which we donated £220, and Tackle4Mcr, which received £177.77



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Performing Arts – Summer Showcase

Congratulation to everyone who performed in our Summer Showcase. What an array of talent! Soloist Hayley and the Drama Group performing extracts from 'Harry Potter', representing our new and upcoming talent. Symphony group, show band and choir had us tapping our feet! Excellent Devised Drama pieces from Year 9 and 10.

An excellent end to the term and a promising future for some of these youngsters within Performing Arts. A fitting farewell to Mr Snowden who has worked so hard to show off these talented students over the years.

Miss Olsen



MAPAS – Symphony Group



Our Symphony Group represented the school at MAPAS Big Sing in Irlam. They performed Stay by Rihanna and were a credit to the school. This performance was infant of an audience of 300 people and was as a result of winning first place at Salford Choral Festival earlier in the year

Musical Performance Workshop – MMU

Our Year 8 pupils went to MMU, where they took part in a musical performance.

As well as taking part in the musical performance, they spent the day with music trainee teachers learning many different musical instruments like the African Drums. They also took part in a song writing exercise, and body percussions.



Sports

Huge congratulations to all the pupils who represented St Patrick's in the Salford Schools Athletics Championships on Thursdays 20th June at Cleavleys track. There were some great individual performances and these are the overall team results.

Year 7 girls	Overall 5th place
Year 7 boys	Overall 2nd place
Year 8 girls	Overall 3rd place
Year 8 boys	Overall 3rd place
Year 9 girls	Overall 3rd place
Year 9 boys	Overall 7th place
Year 10 girls	Overall 3rd place
Year 10 boys	Overall 4th place

OVERALL St Patrick's finished in 4th place within Salford

We wish all athletes competing on Tuesday 16th July the best of luck when they represent the school at Sports City in the Manchester Schools Championships.

Rounders

St Patrick's girls have been busy representing the school in the Salford Schools Rounders rallies held at St Patrick's. All played really well and were a credit to the school. Year 9 finished overall 3rd place, Year 8 finished runners up and Year 7 finished runners up. Well done girls.



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Watch out for the next issue of the St. Patrick's Newsletter!

It'll be packed with more fabulous news about our pupils and their amazing achievements!

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