



# St Patrick's RC High School

## Newsletter

### Summer 2013

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### A Message From Our Headteacher



As the examination period comes to an end we bid a fond farewell to our Year 11 students. All our prayers, and I am sure yours, go with them as they move

on to the next stage of their lives. They have had the best of starts and have been well prepared to meet their next challenges; they will continue to benefit from belonging to a school community which has the highest expectations and is committed to public service. We are very proud of our 2013 school leavers. These young people have been an absolute joy to have in the school.

We anticipate a new year group of equal talent and quality and look forward to the next cycle of success. Yet again the school is oversubscribed.

In many ways we are continuing to be a school which meets the needs of every child by developing our curriculum, offering additional opportunities and showing that we care.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together we will continue to go from strength to strength.

### From Memory Lane to New Lane

As we move into a new era now our amazing new school is open, we take a nostalgic trip down memory lane with former pupil, Tony Green. As one of the first pupils to start at the 'new secondary modern school' back in 1957, Tony is well qualified to paint a picture for us of days gone by! Tony writes;

*"My association with St. Patrick's began on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1957. It was the opening day of the school and was pointed out to us that we would be the first group to complete the entire 4 years*

*(official leaving age 15).*

*...I did look forward to metalwork and woodwork, I managed to use some of my dinner times in the woodwork room making models. Mr. Hoare would supervise me during those times guiding me in the right direction. It is through his encouragement that I knew exactly what I would do on leaving school. What a great guy!*

*...St Pats had a good reputation, and would have turned out very successful graduates over the years".*

Well, 56 years later and some things haven't really changed at all, we are still proud of our outstanding reputation and continue to 'turn out' very successful graduates year after year!

Many, many thanks to Tony Green for sharing his fantastic memories and photographs with us. To read Tony's full story and see more photographs visit our website at; [www.stpatricksrchigh.co.uk](http://www.stpatricksrchigh.co.uk).



Tony at his desk in the original striped uniform, earning our pupils the nickname, 'The Bumblebees'!



### Green Coats Perform at National Festival



Once again, we applaud our super talented senior chamber group, The Green Coats. They never fail to wow an audience and their performances this term have been no exception. The group qualified for the national finals of Music For Youth, earning them the privilege of performing at the National Music for Youth Festival in Birmingham Conservatoire early in July.

*"The National Festival is a massive celebration of youth music-making, bringing together young musicians from across the UK to perform in some of Birmingham's top venues. Throughout the week there are performances of jazz, orchestral, rock, folk and world, wind and brass, pop, choral and chamber music."* Text taken from; <http://www.mfy.org.uk/coreseason/national/birmingham>

A fantastic achievement for both the pupils and the school, well done Green Coats!

School closes for summer on Friday 19th July @ 12.30pm  
Check on the school website for which school buses will be operating.

From September 2013 we will be offering Computer Science which is part of the English Baccalaureate.  
Pupils attended a taster session at Loreto College, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, to see what it's all about & get hands on experience.

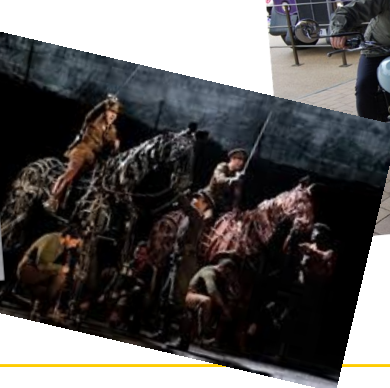
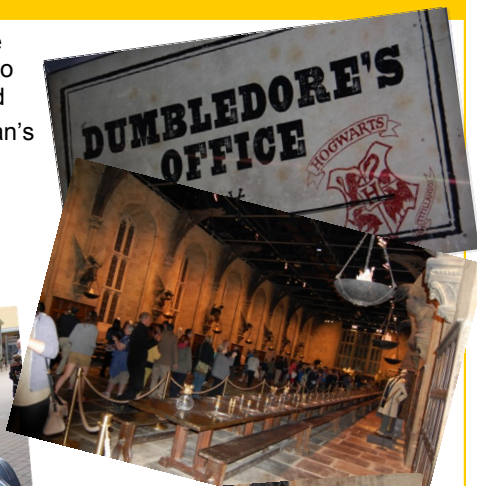
Shakespeare for Schools - the cast are currently rehearsing for their 30 minute performance of 'Othello'. This is part of the Shakespeare for schools festival and they will perform their piece at the Contact Theatre in Manchester on 12<sup>th</sup> November, with three other schools.  
This is a brilliant opportunity for the students involved and tickets are available from the Contact theatre box office.  
Well done and keep up the good work for what will be an excellent performance!

## Hogwarts and Warhorse



A group of Year 9 pupils enjoyed a spectacular weekend in London in June. They were treated to a plethora of exciting activities, including a night out at the National Theatre to see the highly acclaimed Warhorse. Pupils reported that the production, which is based on Michael Morpurgo's fascinating novel about the First World War, and one young man's devotion to his horse, was, "... absolutely brilliant, very unusual and really fascinating!" The group did a bus tour of the city to see all the sights, from Big Ben to Buckingham Palace, and even had time for a bit of shopping in Covent Garden.

The big highlight of the trip for many was the visit to the Harry Potter studios, the most successful film series of all time. Pupils were able to tour the sets as well as go behind the scenes. They got the chance to see not only what you see in the films but the many things the camera never showed, from brilliantly detailed sets to stunning costumes, props and animatronics.



## Business Studies at Chester Zoo

Our Year 10 Business Studies pupils enjoyed a fun and educational day at Chester Zoo this week. The zoo, which is an educational charity that attracts over a million visitors a year, delivers workshops specifically created to support all stages of the curriculum.

The workshop consisted of a presentation, discussion and group activities to enable pupils to understand the zoo's mission and charitable status and the zoo's staffing structure. They looked at how Chester Zoo recruits, trains and develops its staff and the key responsibilities, personal qualities, skills and qualifications of selected job roles.

Of course, once the 'serious stuff' was done and dusted, there was plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the zoo.

If you haven't been to Chester Zoo lately, it is definitely worth a visit. The butterfly house is an experience not to be missed!



## Bravo to the Cast of Annie!

Huge congratulations to all the pupils who performed in the Year 11 BTEC production of Annie.

Brilliantly directed by Year 11 pupil Katie Cullen, both nights of the production were a sell out and an absolute success.

All the pupils gave exceptional performances worthy of any stage, and were a credit to themselves and the school.

Tickets were sold for £3 each and the performances raised enough money to enable them to donate £100 to the Katrina Appeal. Well done everyone!



## Latest News From the Mission X Team

Mission X is a program that gives pupils the chance to experience what it would be like to train like an Astronaut. St Patrick's have already completed the program, and as a reward we have been invited to the closing ceremony on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This will take place at the ESA base in Holland!

Two year eight pupils (Hope Duncan & Lewis Wilkinson) have been chosen to participate in the concluding events, and will receive amazing opportunities, like touring the biggest European Space Agency base, and meeting astronauts in training in Houston.

We will also be reporting on our visit in an upcoming science magazine, and a new article will be out in the school newsletter once we have arrived back.

The group is really looking forward to this trip, and we're glad St Patrick's was chosen to attend this event.

By Hope Duncan, Year 8.



## Cine Club Latest Film is Short Listed

Cine club meets on a Wednesday after School each week. The club is an opportunity for budding film makers to learn how the film production process works. Part of the philosophy of the club is that every member has to learn all the different roles and responsibilities in film making from director, photographer, producer, actor to continuity coordinator and props. Each film produced, therefore, is a full collaboration of all the participants.

The latest good news about the club is that one of their films has recently been short listed for a national award. 'Cara' is a 4 minute short film that combines the Horror genre with the Soap genre in a whimsical and light hearted way.



## The Katrina Appeal

Since May, staff and pupils have been helping to fundraise for 30 year old local girl Katrina Brown. Katrina, who is in desperate need of life-saving treatment in America, is an ex-Army medic. She is fighting for her life after being exposed to highly toxic radio active material whilst serving in Basra in 2003.

Fundraising is still going strong with an end of June total at just over £600. We are hoping to at least double that amount before we finish for summer and still have lots of events planned.

So far there have been cake and hot dog sales, a French breakfast, a sponsored drum-a-thon, a five a side football tournament and various raffles. The appeal has also received various donations.

All of this would not be possible without our fantastic staff and students who have worked so hard over the past few weeks. A huge thank you to everybody who has organised activities, taken part or made donations. For more information go to the school website and;

<http://www.gofundme.com/2jbkd0>



## Pot Luck for Pupils During College Taster Day

During the recent Year 10 Taster Day at Salford City College, pupils were thrilled to bump into six times world snooker champion Steve Davis, who was there conducting a master class for local students as part of a charity campaign. As luck would have it, Mr. Davis happened



to be still around at break time and challenged our pupils to a quick game! They had a fantastic time and were really pleased when he said how surprised and impressed he was by their skills. Filmed footage of the event will be screened on Sky TV and the BBC who were both present to record the event.

## School Council

Members: Savannah Keegan, Caitlin White, Lewis Wilkinson, Hope Duncan, Kara Sears, Jordan Bright, Bianca Els, Laura Shawcross, Maciek Chybouski, Alexander Thornton, Mr Magee (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Cusick (Business Manager) & Mrs Hall (Catering Manager).

School council discussed many aspects of the move to the new school including the way the new dining area will be used and the new menu.

## Parent Forum

Our most recent meeting, which took place on 20th May, involved a tour of the new school building.

The next Parent Forum will take place on Monday 23rd September 2013 at 5pm. New members welcome.

All queries and items for the agenda please send to;

[amanda.palmer@salford.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.palmer@salford.gov.uk)

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<http://www.stpatricksrhigh.co.uk/>

# Sports News

## Girls Rounders

Well done to the girls Year 7 and 8 Rounders teams who recently won the Salford Schools Rounders Tournament, they are now Salford School Champions! Both teams played excellently and worked together as a team throughout the tournament.

Both teams also played extremely well at the Catholic School Rounders, where Year 7s just missed out on getting into the final. Year 8 got through to the semi finals and played an extremely good game, but lost to St Cuthbert's. The PE department would like to say a big well done and congratulations to all the girls.



## Year 7 Boys Rugby

The team finished runners up in the Salford Schools League Competition. Unfortunately, they just missed out on a place in the final, losing in the semi final to the eventual winners, Buile Hill.

### Results

Walkden 8-42 St Patrick's

St Patrick's 18-4 St Ambrose Barlow

St Patrick's 34 -4 St George's

St Patrick's 4-8 Irlam

### Semi Final

St Patrick's 0-4 Buile Hill

The team also attended the North West Emerging Schools Rugby League Competition at Hindley in Wigan. They produced some great performances again, but unfortunately just narrowly lost against Cowley High from St Helens in the final league, finishing as league runners up. The team qualified for the finals day and will again face Cowley High School in the final in July.

Well done to all the boys involved.

## Sports Day

Well done to all the pupils who took part in sports day this term, there were some brilliant performances across the school. The enthusiasm of the pupils was very impressive, particularly from the Year 7s whose competitions were fantastic.

Congratulations to Da Vinci who were the overall winners.



## Year 9 Boys Rugby

The year 9 rugby team had the opportunity to train and meet England Rugby Union Superstar, Owen Farrell at Eccles RUFC. It was a great experience for the boys to meet a high profile sports player, having the opportunity to ask questions and to get coaching tips. They even got to play a game with Owen!



## Girls Rugby

The girls played a fantastic game at the local borough competition in May. They finished joint first in the event and will be entered into the Summer Games.

Nice job girls!

