

17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the final few days of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the year. It has been a really busy and successful year. I would like to share with you some of our achievements, which have only been possible due to the hard work of the staff and support from governors, pupils, parents and the community.

- We are now fully embedded within Consilium Academy Trust and working very effectively with the other 8 schools within the organisation. We have received invaluable support in numerous curriculum and leadership areas, which continue to help us to improve, and members of Buile Hill staff are heavily involved in school to school support within the trust. You will have read the letter that was distributed last week stating that I had been asked to support a school in the North East Hub and as a result Jon Marsh will act as headteacher for two days a week when I am out of school.
- There is a gap in provision for young people with Social Emotional and mental Health (SEMH) needs in their first years in high school within Salford and due to our excellent reputation in this area the local authority are looking to finance an enhanced resource provision linked to our school. Although this will have extensive benefits to all Salford children, it will clearly have significant advantages to Buile Hill pupils who require additional support in this specialised sphere.
- Despite there being significant challenges within the education system to respond to the 'one size fits all' accountability measures being imposed on schools at national level, we continue to expand the alternative provision (AP) offered to our children. We have included the following courses this year: *City and Guilds Hairdressing* and *Construction*, and continue to enhance this menu with a range of other vocational qualifications. This year has seen us partake in a wonderful project with Jamie's Farm where 12 pupils experienced life on a working farm. We have seen a positive impact in both behaviour and attainment in all pupils who attended. As a school, we believe the impact has been invaluable and are looking forward to utilising the project in the future.
- Our outstanding links with our local feeder primary schools continue to develop. This year we have invited primary teachers in to school to work with us to ensure that our curriculum for Year 7 is challenging and inspirational. Headteachers joined us for a 'Primary Conference' and we continue to send our teachers and pupils to work with children in their primary schools. As a result, we continue to be the school of choice within the local area. We would particularly like to thank Willowtree, St John's, St Luke's, Lark Hill and Summerville for taking part and we look forward to strengthening these links in future.
- Our Year 8 Language Leaders have learnt the craft of teaching and have been back into our Primary schools to deliver Spanish lessons to primary pupils.
- Our links with Further Education continue to strengthen as we will have a unique programme with Pendleton College, who will be offering A Level masterclasses to our pupils in Key Stage 4.
- Pupils in Year 8 and 9 competed in the Manchester Science and Technology Day where they came first in all three challenges and have now been invited to a regional STEM competition.
- Our school debating and public speaking teams went from strength to strength, with success in Debate Mate and last week The Speakers Trust 'Speak Out' finals were organised by Mrs Hill and held in Buile Hill. Our very own Erika Dunn was the Regional winner.
- More great work was done to help promote our young people's aspirations, with guest speakers such as Salford MP Rebecca Long-Bailey coming in to inspire our pupils. She had such a brilliant visit in July she has asked to return for much longer in September!

- Pupils were given invaluable opportunities to experience theatre, through trips to see *Blood Brothers* at The Palace Theatre, *War Horse* at The Lowry, and a number of visiting performers. More than ever before, pupils are learning to foster a love of live performance and this has helped to develop their appreciation for English and drama.
- Pupils have also visited more historical sites and museums this year. Pupils studying history have visited Durham Cathedral, the People's History Museum, London and the Houses of Parliament, Thackray Medical Museum and the battlefields in France and Belgium. This has enriched and brought to life the study of history for our pupils.
- During February, the school joined local and national commemorations for the centenary of women's suffrage. The art department, with Year 9 pupils, designed artwork that was hung outside Swinton Town Hall and 20 girls from Years 7 to 9 were invited to the Houses of Parliament for the celebrations recognising 100 years of women having the right to vote.
- More opportunities have been provided to pupils to experience more challenging topics and subjects through the Loreto Masterclasses, which aim to stretch pupils to explore subjects in more detail.
- Our School Centered Teacher Training (SCITT) remains an outstanding provider of new recruits to the profession. This year 25 trainees achieved qualified teacher status, all of whom have gained employment for September. Next year we have 36 new entrants joining the programme, including 6 who are training in the primary phase for the first time.
- The newly structured Pastoral Team has proven to be an integral part of the life of the school, underpinning academic progress, with the team working tirelessly to remove any barriers to learning. With increased standards and expectations, the pupils have never looked smarter! Behaviour in and around school continues to be a real strength and stems from the positive relationships between staff and our fabulous pupils. Next year, we aim to develop these relationships further through developing the role of the Form Tutor as well as maintaining and building upon the improvements made this year.
- In order to help improve our communication with parents and to ensure you are able to support your child much better in their learning we will be introducing an additional parents' evening next year for each year group. This will replace the written reports you currently receive. However, the progress reports will continue to be distributed each term so you can easily track your child's achievement.

The GCSE exam results day this year is on Thursday 23rd August 2018. Our tracking data indicates that the expected results from our Year 11 students should be very pleasing, although with many of the courses being assessed differently this year, it is very hard to predict.

This year we will be saying farewell and good luck to the following staff: Mr. Coyne, Miss Flynn, Miss Watts, Miss Pardon, Miss Carvell, Miss McKeeney, Mr. Beaumont, Mr Whitehead, Miss Colgan, Miss Jones, Miss Burke, Miss Greenhalgh, Mrs Fernandez and Ms Ashley-Walsh. On behalf of everyone associated with the school we would like to thank you for all your contributions to our school and we wish you well in the future.

We have some outstanding staff joining us in the coming year:

- Miss Monaghan - Head of Year
- Mrs Williams - Teacher of Hairdressing
- Mr Wilson - Temporary Teacher of Music
- Miss Hall - Teacher of Science
- Mr Bird - Teacher of PE/Science
- Miss Tarry - Head of Geography
- Mr Lambe - Temporary Teacher of History
- Ms Wood - Head of History
- Mr Heeley - Teacher of Creative Technology
- Mrs Spirydowska - Teaching Assistant

The final day of term is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and, for a contribution of £1 to charity, there will be non- uniform day. Pupils will leave from 12.00. Please let us know if this causes you child care issues and we will make provision in school until 2.30pm. School reopens at 8.25am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for all students.

Please note the School Uniform must now be purchased from Whittakers, 123-125 Chorley Road, Swinton, M27 4AA

### Opening Times

Mondayx - Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

From 5th August 2018 they will also open every Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm.

I wish you all a safe and restful summer break and look forward to seeing you in the autumn where we will hopefully be celebrating yet another bumper year of examination results.

Yours sincerely



Mr. J. Inman  
Headteacher