

Fulwood academy

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



As we reach the end of another remarkable academic year, I have reflected on the collective efforts, resilience, and dedication of our community and the feeling of immense pride and gratitude for the incredible accomplishments and memorable moments we have experienced together over the last 12 months since achieving our 'Good' Ofsted outcome.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our pupils. Their commitment to learning, growth, and community has been truly remarkable. Despite the challenges we have faced, they persevered with determination and adaptability, demonstrating an unwavering spirit that inspires us all. Each of them has contributed to the vibrant tapestry of our school, and I am grateful to witness their achievements and personal growth throughout the year.

Looking back at this year, we have witnessed extraordinary achievements in academics, arts, sports, and community service. Our pupils have excelled in various disciplines, pushing boundaries and embracing new opportunities. They have showcased their talents, creativity, and leadership, making us immensely proud.

Highlights of this year include the unforgettable trip to France and Belgium, where our pupils had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich history and culture of these beautiful countries, visiting historical landmarks, such as the World War I battlefields, providing an invaluable learning experience that will stay with them for a lifetime.

The year has produced a phenomenal amount of sporting achievements, with our sports teams showcasing their talents and dedication, securing numerous trophies and accolades, from accomplishments on the football field, the netball court, and the athletics track. Our pupils have displayed sportsmanship, teamwork, resilience and an unwavering competitive spirit. Special congratulations to our U12 football team for winning the Preston Schools Cup and to our athletics team for breaking several school records.

This term our pupils' creativity and talent shone brightly in the school production, the performance of 'School of Rock' was a resounding success and testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils and staff and served to highlight the importance of arts in our curriculum and the individual growth that the arts promote.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to our outstanding staff. Your tireless efforts, passion for education, and unwavering support have created an environment where our pupils can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. To our parents and carers, your partnership and continued support have been invaluable. Your trust in Fulwood's commitment to your child's education has played an integral role in our collective success. Your encouragement and collaboration have helped nurture our strong sense of community in our inclusive and nurturing learning environment.

As we bid farewell to our Class of 2024, we celebrate their accomplishments and eagerly anticipate the bright futures that await them. Their growth and achievements serve as a testament to the transformative power of education, and we have no doubt that they will continue to thrive and make a positive impact on the world.

As we embark on a well-deserved summer break, let us carry the memories of this remarkable year with us. May it serve as a reminder of our collective strength, the bonds we have formed, and the limitless potential within each and every one of us. Please read the end of term letter for updates on uniform, staffing and the arrangements for our return to school in September. Thank you for making this year truly amazing. I wish you all a rejuvenating and joyful summer, and I eagerly look forward to welcoming the pupils back for another incredible year ahead on **Tuesday, 3rd September**.

Mr A Galbraith
Principal



PE THIS TERM

Our extra-curricular programme continues to attract a large number of pupils each week. Athletics, rounder's and football clubs for all year groups have all been extremely well attended this half term. After the summer break, we are looking forward to welcoming even more pupils to our extra-curricular programme. We will publish the extra-curricular timetable for the new academic year on the 2nd September.

The focus this term in lessons has been athletics, softball, tennis and rounders. It has been wonderful to see so many of our pupils engaging and achieving in lessons. To develop pupils confidence and skills further we always encourage all pupils to attend as many extra-curricular activities as possible throughout the week

Young leaders in PE

Our year 9 sports leaders supported local Primary Schools in a Footgolf event held at UCLAN Sports Arena. It was fantastic to see them demonstrating our Fulwood values throughout the day, the primary school children and staff were all extremely grateful to them for being such an amazing help during the day.



Rounders

The year 7, 8, 9 & 10 rounders team were all in action at the annual Preston schools' tournaments, held throughout June at Archbishop Temple School. Some excellent displays of skill, teamwork and commitment from all of our players. Well done to all everyone involved.



Sir Charles Dunstone Cup

The annual 'Sir Charles Dunstone' Cup took place on 21st June and was once again well attended and a roaring success. It was great to see so many primary school pupils visiting our school and enjoying our facilities. A massive thank you to our young leaders for supporting the event and to all of the competitors who took part.

City Sports

On Friday 21st June 50 pupils represented the school at the annual City Sports Athletics meeting. Pupils competed in a variety of different track and field events showing commitment resilience and skill. We were so proud of all of their achievements. Special mention to Destiny (Yr8), who won the 100m race, Edward (Yr10), who won the High Jump and Victory (Yr9), who won the shot putt.





Girls football

Girls Lancashire Cup

We are so proud of the Year 8 girl's football team who made it through to the Lancashire Schools football finals.

The event took place at Darwen football club on Tuesday 18th June. The girls played in a mini final's tournament against the top 3 schools in Lancashire. They all played with grit and determination, and it was wonderful to see them all working together in pursuit of victory. Sadly, the result didn't go the way we hoped, but they still finished as the 3rd best team in the whole of Lancashire, and we are so proud of the achievement. Well done to all involved, we are looking forward to chasing the title again next year!



YOUNG LEADERS

A big shout out to our young leaders in PE, who have supported us this term and throughout the year at various different sporting events, we have been so pleased to see them working collaboratively and with such maturity. Keep up the great work.



ART & DESIGN

KS3 art pupils have been exploring a wide range of artwork this term, ranging from exploring the mark-making techniques of Henry Moore, Albrecht Durer and Alberto Giacometti, to the clothing illustrations of Miles Thistlethwaite and the architecture of Antoni Gaudi.

The Year 10 Art pupils have been working on their 'flavours' project, developing a range of illustrations in different media inspired by Artists such as Christina Drejenstam and Photographers such as Edward Weston. The Art and Photography pupils have also enjoyed their trip to Beacon Fell, in readiness for their upcoming landscape project and were inspired by the textural landscapes and experience of working in an outdoor environment.



The Year 10 Photography pupils have started their Extended Project with the theme of IDENTITY. They have been learning how to create portraits using different lighting techniques. The photos have then been edited in 'Photopea' and the results have been fantastic. Pupils have worked really hard to get the best results and have been innovating by using lots of different angles and perspectives.

The pupils have also been taking some beautiful landscape photos on our recent trip, which they will merge with the face photos to respond to the artist Antonio Mora. I am really excited to see what the results will look like!



Student Council Election

The School Council Election was a huge success, with pupils from Year 7, 8, and 9 all taking part. The candidates did an amazing job - nominating themselves and going 'all out', campaigning for those precious votes.

On Election day, the buzz in the air was palpable. Pupils who had registered to vote, carefully filled out their ballot papers, with it all to play for as we waited eagerly to see who would be elected as the leaders of the Year 8, 9, and 10 Student Council Leaders for the next academic year.

After a day filled with anticipation, the votes counted, and the results in, it was amazing to see our Student Leaders stepping up, ready to make a difference. Well done to everyone who took part! Keep an eye out for more updates as our student councils get to work making positive changes around the school.

The School of Rock

Last week, pupils performed their first musical in 6 years! Performing 'School of Rock the Musical', the pupils told the story of Dewey Finn, a hard up, wannabe rock star, who ends up pretending to be a substitute teacher, in order to earn some money.

For some of our pupils it was the first time they have ever performed in front of a live audience, but they rose to the challenge. Their performances were fantastic and showed the academy's values throughout, being **committed** to the rehearsals, their role and the performances. **Challenging** themselves by taking on such a big performance and **caring** for each other, whether that be helping with each other's make-up for the show or checking in with each cast members following long after school rehearsals.

Thank you to all the staff who supported and helped with the musical, to Mr Gelson for his technical support with sound, lighting and set and also to Miss Bins and Mrs Holding, thank you, for all your hard work and for supporting this wonderful experience for the pupils. Congratulations and well done to all the amazing pupils involved.



Fulwood MasterChef Competition!

This term our Year 9 pupils competed in the Fulwood Academy MasterChef competition.

The competition was fierce, with the pupils making it through to the final showcase event displaying amazing skills and professional techniques to produce some wonderful dishes.

The judges had a difficult task during the taste testing but finally announce the top 3 dishes -

3rd place - Chicken breast with honey and lemon sauce

2nd place - Chicken cream and spinach tagliatelle with fresh tomatoes

And the winning dish... Chicken Tagliatelle! Well done





A big congratulations to all the pupils for passing their **Young Interpreters Training**.

The pupils worked hard to complete the training throughout this year and on 5th July they received their certificates and badges. They are now part of the 'Young Interpreters Scheme'.

Well done to them all.



Medieval Day

On Monday the 8th July we welcomed 'Knights in Battle' to Fulwood Academy for our fantastic Medieval Day. The sun shone as our Yr8's completed a series of workshops on different aspects of Medieval and Early Tudor Life. For the squeamish there was the delight of a session by the 'barber surgeon' who demonstrated the tools and techniques of medieval surgery. (No pupils were operated on during the demonstrations!)

For the more fashion conscious, there was a session on medieval clothes and accessories. Miss Atkinson looked the part in Medieval gown and head scarf, meanwhile across the corridor, pupils were shown different types of medieval food.

The finale took place outside, where pupils and staff were treated to a combat re-enactment with medieval weapons, armour and tactics. Under close supervision the pupils were able to handle some of the armour and weapons. Alongside this, the gasps could be heard as medieval longbows were shot demonstrating their power and range. Some of our more confident pupils were allowed to try and draw the string of these bows back - we perhaps need a little more training in this area!

At the end of the day all our Year 8 pupils gathered to shout and cheer as the Knight's fought a series of mock combat melees showcasing what medieval tournaments were all about.

We had a wonderful day and were extremely proud when the reenactors commented on the exemplary conduct and interest of our amazing Year 8 pupils.



GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Year 10 Geographers spent the day in Bowness, Cumbria, completing field work for their GCSE course. The pupils undertook work based around tourism and the effects of this on the local environment. They confidently engaged with the locals and tourists alike, to gain the information and data needed for their investigations. Without exception they represented the Academy in an exemplary manner, a great day was had by all!



College Visits

This half term has been a very busy one for Year 10 pupils experiencing college visits and the world of work.

Discover Your Future: Taster Day Experiences at Cardinal Newman, Runshaw, and Preston College

Choosing the right college is a significant decision, and taster days offer a fantastic opportunity to experience college life firsthand. Recently, Cardinal Newman, Runshaw College, and Preston College opened their doors to prospective students, providing a glimpse into their vibrant academic communities.

Cardinal Newman College: A Day of Discovery

Cardinal Newman College's Taster Day was an exciting event, brimming with activities designed to showcase the College's dynamic environment. Prospective students attended sample lessons across a variety of subjects, offering insights into the rigorous yet engaging curriculum.

The sessions were interactive, allowing pupils to participate and ask questions, gaining a deeper understanding of what to expect. Guided tours of the campus provided a comprehensive look at the facilities, including specialised classrooms, labs, and recreational areas. This immersive experience left many feeling confident and excited about the possibility of joining the Cardinal Newman community.

Runshaw College: Experience Excellence

Runshaw College's Taster Day was an educational adventure. With a focus on providing a hands-on experience, the college offered a range of practical workshops and interactive sessions in fields such as science, arts, technology, and humanities. These mini-lessons were designed to reflect the high academic standards and innovative teaching methods that Runshaw College is known for.

Prospective students had the opportunity to meet and converse with faculty members, gaining valuable insights into course structures and career prospects. The college's commitment to student support was evident throughout the day, with comprehensive information sessions on available resources.

Preston College: Engage and Explore

Preston College's Taster Day was a vibrant event that allowed prospective students to truly engage with the college community. Attendees participated in a variety of hands-on activities and sample lessons, providing a practical feel for the courses on offer. From creative arts and media workshops to engineering and health sciences demonstrations, there was something for everyone.

Work Experience

Work experience has been a great success with a lot of positive feedback from employers and pupils. Our pupils have attended a variety of placements including accountants, law offices, beauty salons, restaurants, estate agencies, pharmacies, primary schools, nurseries to list just a few. The positive feedback for pupils on placement has been over whelming. Well done year 10!



PROJECTS



The Girls in Tech project has been a phenomenal experience for our Year 9 girls.

In June our pupils presented their final app designs to Sir Charles Dunstone, the founder of the project, a panel of his choosing and an audience of their peers. Their presentations were outstanding and Miss Boyle and Mrs Houston could not have been more proud of the way the girls conducted themselves. With professionalism and enthusiasm they explained their app idea, how it would make money, displayed an advert to promote the app and detailed how it came about and what research they had found.

After serious deliberations '**Coupy Maths**' was selected as the 2024 Girls in Tech winners. Well done!

The final event of the project was the Graduation. Thanks to the hard work of Miss Clayton, the hall was transformed for the celebration, which welcomed the mentors and parents/carers of our Year 9 girls.

This experience has given the girls valuable knowledge and understanding of how large companies operate and the variety of tech positions available within the industry. They have explored the many different routes into a position within large tech companies and gained vital knowledge to help map out their journey to a future in Tech.



Important Update – Changes to Education-Related Penalty Notices

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence during term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are as follows:

- **New Penalty Rates:** Penalty notices issued for offences that occur after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. However, if paid within 21 days, the penalty can be reduced to £80.
- **Second Penalty Notices:** Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be charged at £160, to be paid within 28 days, with no option for a discounted rate.
- **Threshold for Penalty Notices:** The threshold for considering a penalty notice is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period. This may include absences due to arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- **Limit on Penalty Notices:** A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period. For the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s), another course of action will need to be considered, such as prosecution or another attendance legal intervention.
- **Effective Date:** Only penalty notices issued for absences occurring after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above threshold

We understand that regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress and overall well-being. These changes are being implemented to ensure consistency and to address unauthorised absences effectively.

Celebrating Success: Rewards for Pupils

At our school, we believe in celebrating the hard work and dedication of our pupils. Recognising achievements is a core part of our philosophy, and we have an exciting range of rewards and activities to celebrate our pupils who excel in various areas.

Exciting Reward Activities

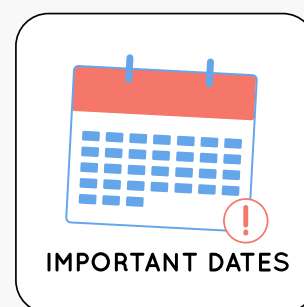
To show our appreciation for pupils' efforts this year, we organised a variety of fun and engaging activities. Among the favorite rewards are trips to the cinema, where pupils can enjoy the latest films with their friends. Additionally, pupils who achieve their goals this term can look forward to exhilarating visit to Flip Out, the ultimate trampoline park where they can jump, flip, and have an unforgettable time.

Reward Assemblies

Our reward assemblies are a highlight of the school calendar, we have the opportunity to acknowledge the remarkable achievements of our pupils. During the assemblies, we present certificates for progress, academic successes, and 100% attendance. The ceremonies are a fantastic way to inspire all pupils and celebrate their hard work and perseverance.

Weekly Achievements

We are incredibly proud to announce that on a weekly basis, we have an average of over 500 pupils who go without a single negative point. This impressive statistic is a testament to the positive behavior and commitment to excellence that our pupils demonstrate every day. We eagerly look forward to celebrating and rewarding our pupils' achievements in the next academic year, making it even more memorable and rewarding for everyone involved.



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- Thursday 22nd August - GCSE Results Day
- Tuesday 3rd Sept - Academy Reopens
- Thursday 5th Sept - YR9 Blood Brothers Trip
- Thursday 12th Sept - Open Evening
- Friday 27th Sept - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- W/C 7th October - SMART Week
- Friday 18th October - Finish for Half Term



SAFEGUARDING

Keeping safe over the summer holiday

Children eagerly anticipate the summer holidays all year long. It's a time to break from school, often for a family holiday and a chance to spend valuable time with friends outside of school, engaging in activities they might not usually have the opportunity to do.

As children grow older, they are usually granted more independence to spend time with friends without parental supervision. They often visit local parks, shopping centres or leisure centres. Children deserve to feel secure in their local community, but there may be instances when they encounter other young individuals, adults or situations which could be a potential threat to their safety.

How to prepare

Consider doing these things before your child goes out without you:

- Make sure you know who they are with and where they are going
- Agree on a return time
- Make sure their phone is charged (if they have one) or they have another means of contacting you
- Make sure they have a way of getting home, such as a bus ticket or money.

Instilling these personal safety tips into your child can have a huge impact when they are out with friends:

Interacting with others:

- Only interact with those you know and intended to meet
- Keep parents updated, Let parents know if plans and locations change

No challenges:

- Do not take part in challenges that could potentially be dangerous.

Plan your route home:

- Take the safest route home, leaving yourself enough time.

Beware of your belongings:

- If you have valuable belongings, do not keep them on show.

Stay away from unsafe areas:

- Including: railway lines, abandoned buildings and large, unsupervised areas of water.



USEFUL NUMBERS

Preston Safeguarding Hub: **0300 123 6720** or out of hours **0300 123 6722** (5pm - 8am)

Food banks: Salvation Army - **01772 555425**, Luv Preston - **01772 298107** Noor Food Bank - **07921 887383** or **07764 432643**

Kooth is an anonymous site which helps children and young people to feel safe and confident in exploring their concerns and seeking professional support. Log on to [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

Childline - Get help and advice about a wide range of issues, call us on **0800 1111**, talk to a counsellor online

Shout offers confidential crisis support 24/7. Text SHOUT to **85258**

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Trustee Update

As we come to the end of another school year, I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has worked tirelessly to improve Fulwood Academy. The trustees are incredibly proud of the collective efforts that have enhanced the reputation of both Fulwood Academy and the Dunstone Education Trust.

First, I would like to extend my gratitude to all of our pupils for their hard work this year. Attendance has significantly improved and now exceeds the national average. Behaviour has also seen remarkable progress. Last week when speaking to Mr. Chagas, he mentioned that in his many years at Fulwood, he has never seen behaviour as exemplary as it is now. On Friday, during the Chair's lunch, it was inspiring to hear about the positive contributions our pupils are making to foster a supportive and thriving community at Fulwood.

To our parents, thank you for supporting your children and placing your trust in us. Your engagement is evident, with parental attendance at parents' evening rising from 48% to 79%, which is fantastic and shows your commitment to your children's education. It's heartening to know that 88% of parents are happy with the school. At the recent governing body meeting, our parent governors confirmed that their children are very happy at Fulwood. Next year, we aim to achieve even more, so please continue to support our drive for improvement and spread the word about the great work being done at Fulwood.

Finally, the trustees would like to thank Mr Galbraith and all the staff for their exceptional work throughout the year. Every member of staff has contributed to the school's progress. The cleaners and grounds staff ensure our school is clean and well-maintained; the kitchen staff provide delicious meals – I look forward to trying a Chippy Friday meal; the admin staff keep everything running smoothly; and our teachers have dedicated themselves to enhancing their teaching, ensuring our pupils receive the best possible education. A special thank you to Mr Galbraith for his outstanding leadership of Fulwood Academy and the Dunstone Education Trust.

I hope you all have a restful summer break. To those leaving, we wish you every success in your future endeavours. To those returning, we look forward to welcoming you back, ready to make 2024-2025 the best year Fulwood has ever had!

JOAN DEAN
CHAIR, DUNSTONE EDUCATION TRUST

