

The Great Howarth Gazette

Young Lives. **Bright Futures.**

November 2023 - Issue 1



Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Staff

Welcome to the very first edition of the Great Howarth Gazette!

I am delighted that I have recently completed my first month as the permanent Headteacher here at Great Howarth School. Time has flown by, and I am thrilled to report that it has been a month filled with exciting developments and positive changes.

From the first day, I have been warmly welcomed by students and staff. The sense of community spirit at Great Howarth is inspiring, and it is evident that we share a collective commitment to fostering a nurturing and stimulating environment for our young people.

One of my primary focuses during this first month has been to familiarise myself with the unique strengths and challenges that define our school.

I am pleased to announce that we have already initiated several positive changes aimed at enhancing the learning experience for our students. Furthermore, I am pleased to highlight that we have started a review of our school facilities. We aim to create an environment that is conducive to both academic and personal growth. Plans for various upgrades, including the modernisation of classrooms and improvements to communal spaces are in progress ensuring that Great Howarth provides the facilities that our pupils need in order to flourish in every aspect of their learning journey.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the possibilities and we will continue to foster an environment that encourages curiosity, embraces diversity, and ensures that our young people are appropriately prepared for adulthood.

Here's to the future - filled with growth, success, and endless possibilities!

Gavin Hosford, Headteacher



Art

Over the past month in art, students started by looking into numerous artists and produced pieces using traditional and non-traditional techniques and methods. Students have chosen a project brief that they find relevant to themselves and have begun creating large pieces.



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Children in Need

A bake sale was held in school on the 16th November to help raise funds for Children in Need. Pupils baked goods in their Food Technology lesson and staff donated cakes and tray-bakes to sell for the cause.

We raised £80.00 in total – amazing!



Photography

This month students have worked on further developing their understanding of camera settings and produced many images.



Students have created light paintings by setting the camera to the correct shooting modes and changing the camera aperture.

Students have also created magazine front covers using Photoshop which show their hobbies and interests.



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Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was beautifully observed in school on the 10th November. A school assembly was led by School Council member and the poem 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon was impeccably read.

Some pupils also attended the Wardle Memorial Garden to lay our Great Howarth wreath and pay their respects.



Science

This half term, pupils in KS3 have been working on their practical skills to prepare them for going to Wardle Academy after the Christmas break. Some of our pupils have never done any science practicals before, so the idea is to introduce them to experiments that are safe in order to build up their skills.

This then also ties into the endothermic as well as the exothermic reactions which are to be covered next with KS3 learners.



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Work Experience

Tanya, one of our Key Stage 5 students is making excellent progress and enjoying her work experience at Ace Training, Rochdale. She would like to open her own nail bar in the future – *Tanya's Tip Top Nails* - and she is demonstrating a real talent in this area of work.

As part of her work experience and preparation for adulthood she has been making appointments with clients and showing really effective time management skills.



Primary Provision – Willow Class

In Willow, we have been working on using different strategies to solve addition and subtraction word problems.

We have been going to the farm weekly and caring for the animals, which we all love!

We have also been learning about human impact on the environment - We made a positive impact on the local community by doing a litter-pick around the school. We collected data whilst doing the litter-pick and then presented our findings in a pictogram.



Library

Our school library has had a real makeover since we came back to school in September. We now have a wonderful space where our pupils can enjoy their books and develop their love of literature.



Sarah Leech, our English lead, has been instrumental in the design of our new space and the colour schemes, lighting and soft furnishings all support the best possible conditions to read in. With a range of new books on order, watch this space for further updates!



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Diwali

We celebrated the Hindu Festival of Light on November 15th with a wonderful tasting experience for our young people. Charlotte, our School Chef, created an amazing menu for us all.

Our young people (and staff!) had the chance to try samples of the following;



It was a memorable day full of wonderful experiences – a very special time was had by all.



English Literature

Students are currently working towards their English Literature GCSE.

For their Autumn Term assessment, they are preparing a formal essay exploring the theme of 'responsibility' as presented in JB Priestley's 1945 play, "An Inspector Calls".



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This is the number to contact for any student absences, and of course any queries you may have.

Dates for the diary

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December 2023

Last Day of Autumn Term 2 (Students)

Thursday 21st December 2023

Staff Training Day (School Closed to Students)

Friday 22nd December 2023

Christmas / New Year Holiday

Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January 2024

Students return for Spring Term 1

Monday 8th January 2024



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