

Remodelling the Workforce

The landscape of education changes at a furious pace, but for many years the roles that staff play, particularly in pastoral capacities, haven't always kept up. That's why the Government has challenged all schools to 'remodel their workforce', to identify how they can utilise staff to maximum effect in modern schools. All schools have had to implement changes to their staffing structure in response to this, and some of the roles that we are used to seeing at Turton, such as Assistant Year Heads, are being phased out.

In their place come a number of new roles and duties, and we would like to extend a welcome to the colleagues that we have added to the Turton staff during the last year who are already performing these roles to superb effect. Leanne Grant and Ade King have joined us as Behaviour Mentors, while Nick Hilton will work as Community Mentor. These three colleagues will be working to ensure that all students uphold expectations regarding behaviour across the school site and in classrooms. Diane Ault has joined us as Curriculum Mentor, with the responsibility to motivate and support students in their studies.

Turton, like all other schools, is constantly evolving and striving to ensure that we offer the best educational experience possible to all our students, and these roles underline our commitment to this task.

John Porteous
Headteacher

Walmsley Science Week

Teachers, technicians and Year 12 Students all pitched in to help Walmsley Primary's Science Week go with a bang. This was literally the case for visiting Year 6 students who made rocket fireworks, and Year 3 and 4 pupils who turned film canisters into rockets. Year 4 & 5 pupils meanwhile tried their hand at becoming forensic scientists.

Cathy Bach
Head of Science

Trevor and Rover!

Forget Wallace and Gromit, there's a new animated pooch and his pal in town! Three keen young animators have been cooped up in C5 until nearly 5.00pm every night, absorbed in the time-consuming process of stop animation, and their finally completed masterpiece is soon to be screened at Manchester's prestigious Cornerhouse Cinema. Peter Entwistle, Thomas Beeby, and Dean McDermott have invested countless hours in the project, and the end product is easily Oscar worthy! The film will be screened as part of the 'Step Up' festival, alongside work by students from other schools and colleges. In addition the film is also to be shown at the Museum of Science and Industry between July 1st and July 9th.

Peter Entwistle – 7T1



Election Special

With Year 11 and 13 departing this term it naturally opened up vacancies in the Head Boy and Girl departments, and as in previous years students were allowed to decide which of their peers would do the best job of providing figure-heads for the student body. Year 11 students chose Shaan Bassi and Clare Scholes as Head Boy and Girl, with Dharmesh Patel and Sophie Allan earning the distinction of being their deputies. Meanwhile in the Sixth Form, Hetan Ajwani and Dena Holland were selected as the two Presidents, while Peter Nuttall and Sheetal Patel will serve as Vice -Presidents.

Well done to eight students who we are confident will repay the faith placed in them by their peers. Or else!

Ian Bland
English

Primary Visits

Departments across the school have been giving students from local primary schools a flavour of the work they can expect at Turton. Teachers from English, Science, Design Technology, RE, Media and Modern Foreign Language have all spent time working with younger pupils and helping them prepare for the transition to the secondary school curriculum. Music, meanwhile, entertained visiting Year 5's with a fun music concert.

Liz Smethurst
Assistant Headteacher

So, farewell then...

Turton will say goodbye to two of its most faithful and long serving members of staff when this term expires and Mr Elliot and Mr Ireland head into retirement. For almost 80 years collectively they have cast a wry and watchful eye over comings and goings in the staffroom and have steered thousands upon thousands of students to academic glory. Tireless both in their willingness to help students of all abilities achieve their best, and in their readiness to inject the driest of staff meetings with a jolt of wit, the contribution both have made to the school simply cannot be underestimated and is all too rare in modern education. While Mr Ireland plans to sail his yacht around the world, it is thought that Mr Elliot is planning to retreat to a castle just outside Stirling from where he will be launching a full-scale military attack on England. We wish both of them a long and fulfilling retirement.

A number of other teachers will also be moving on at the end of this term, scattering to various points on the map. The English department says goodbye to Mr Peace, Mrs Squires and Mrs Whittleworth, while Science bid farewell to Mrs Stacey. Mr Khan is leaving the IT department, while Mrs Elliott bows out from Media Studies and singing in assembly. Farewell and good luck to them all.

Ian Bland
English

Das Capital!

Just when the Germans thought they'd seen the last Englishman off the premises, here come another load! 42 Year 10 students will depart for Berlin on 16th July, and following an epic 22-hour coach journey they will cram in visits to the city's wealth of historical sites, from the Brandenburg Gates and the Holocaust Memorial to the Olympic Stadium, scene of England's glorious World Cup victory (NB we're on an early deadline with the newsletter this time so let's be optimistic). The trip has proved immensely enjoyable and rewarding time and time again, and we're confident this year will be no exception.

Natalie Holmes - 2nd in History

The E Factor!

Over two days at the Last Drop Village the whole of Year 10 competed to find out which of them had the 'E-Factor'. But this was no trawl for singing talent, with the 'E' standing for Enterprise. The students worked in teams of 5, completing a range of simulation tasks to test if they have what it takes to make it in the world of business. While the boys proved more adept when it came to building with Lego, it was the girls who triumphed with the more demanding personnel tasks! Scoring the tasks were advisors from the Bolton Education Business Partnership and they were highly impressed by the quality of work they were presented with.

Bill Tomlinson - Careers Dept.



Lisa's Flipping Great!

Lisa Wiseman of 10T1 flipped, twirled and leapt her way to glory in the pre-novice North-West Gymnastics Championships earlier this term, winning the gold medal on the floor. Well done on this superb achievement.

Chris Mullin - Head of PE

On The Rocks in Roscolyn

In May we joined 50 Gifted and Talented Year 9 Scientists from schools across Bolton on a three-day residential course at Rhoscolyn in Anglesey. We were given a series of tasks to carry out in small groups, including a survey of animals and seaweeds inhabiting the rocky shore, and we visited a wind farm to calculate the mass of the turbine and the speed at which the blades were spinning. Sadly, torrential rain put an end to outdoor evening activities so we settled for team games instead!

On the final day we visited Wylfa Nuclear Power Station and had a debate on nuclear energy and renewable alternatives. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip and it definitely enhanced our scientific ability. Not only that, but we got to make new friends from other schools, and all in all had a fantastic time.

Jessica Hey, Harriet Coxon and Hannah Crickmore - Year 9



T-Rexstacy!

Year 10 students made the acquaintance of Stan, an enormous T-Rex, on a recent visit to Manchester Museum. The students looked at fossil records and learned how movements in Tectonic plates have helped shift the UK from the southern hemisphere to the northern one, depriving us of countless decent summers along the way.

Cathy Bach - Head of Science

Year 11 Having a Ball!



Fantastic Fundraising

This has been a year in which we've learned once again just how phenomenally generous our students can be, both with their money and time. Numerous organizations have benefited over the course of the year, and we'd like to extend massive thanks to all those who've supported any of these causes and events.

Our three non-uniform days helped raise funds for Lord Mayor's Asia Earthquake appeal, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, as well as contributing to improving the school environment.

Asthma UK and Heartlink both benefited from the sale of DVDs of the staff's rendition of "Amarillo", while Bolton Hospice received the proceeds from a range of activities.

Different year groups have supported designated charities. Mr Smith's Year 9's continue to support Water Aid, while Mrs Elliott encouraged Year 10s to support World Aid's Day with the purchase of badges.

Children in Need, Macmillan Cancer Relief, Derian House and Malawi have also received a portion of the fantastic £8,300 that we have raised during this academic year. Once again, many thanks to all who contributed in any way, and we look forward to continuing this vital work next year.

Simon Troop
Student Achievement Co-ordinator

Know Your Knödel!

Wiener Schnitzel, Bratwurst and Knödel will be some of the Teutonic treats on the menu as Year 7 & 8 pupils take part in two days of activities for Gifted and Talented languages students. A German cook will rustle up authentic fare, which should provide students with the energy to create a German web-site which we plan to link to the school's main site. And Knödel by the way is a traditional dish of breaded dumpling served in stew; köstlich as they say in Köln!

Jill Manley - Head of German

Courses starting September



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Turton Evening Centre

We have a range of classes for adults on Monday and Tuesday evenings starting from September 2006 including:

- Absolute Beginners IT
- ECDL
- Sign Language Level 1
- Italian - Year 1 and Intermediate Level
- French - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Advanced Conversation
- Spanish - Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
- Yoga
- Photoshop
- Drawing with Colour
- Expressive Drawing
- Family History

Enrolment will take place during the last 2 weeks of August at the Clarence Street and Manchester Road Centres. For specific enrolment times please ring 01204 907800.

Look out for the full course brochure in July - ring 01204 907000 to reserve your copy.
www.bolton-community-college.ac.uk

Dance Yourself Fitter!

Year 10 GCSE Dance Students took advantage of the recent Target Setting Day by responding to an invitation from Edgworth Primary School to support their healthy schools' week. We did a warm-up and basic choreography for reception and Year 3 classes, and by the end of the day found ourselves totally exhausted by the students' endless supplies of energy! Overall though it was a challenging, yet thoroughly enjoyable day.

Charlotte Howard and Lesley-Anne Vose - Year 10 Students

PA

Fizz Fashion Show

Once again a veritable stampede of the stylish saw to it that this was a roaring success with over £750 worth of clothes bought.

Summer Prize Draw

13th July 2006

By now you should have taken possession of your books of tickets and we hope that you can support us by selling at least one book. With top prizes of £200 and £100, plus an assortment of equally desirable other prizes, you really do want to be in with a shout of winning! Please return your completed stubs and money as well as any unwanted tickets to the Finance Office. And if you've sold your allocation and require more, it's not a problem - just ask! Remember, the funds we raise help lift the standard of life at Turton for every single pupil, so please give us your support.

Future plans

We're planning a social evening on Tuesday 11th July at Barocco's for all those who've helped over the past year. Anyone interested in joining us please contact Deborah. If you've any bright ideas for the next academic year please come and share them with us.

Contact the PA:

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Deborah on 811357

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250 Club Winners

May

- 1st Jonathan Tempest
- 2nd Mr and Mrs Lim
- 3rd Debra Hart

June

- 1st Judith Winstanley
- 2nd Denise Hodgkinson
- 3rd Susan Simkins



History In The Making!

Forty Year 9 pupils might feel a little aggrieved next week when they realise that their reward for a year of commitment and hard work is to find themselves shipped off to a prisoner of war camp! The Eden Camp in North Yorkshire served as a camp for German and Italian prisoners until 1948, but is now a museum dedicated to transporting you back in time, making wartime conflicts and constraints a living reality. Each of the camp's huts preserves a different aspect of life during war, from the Second World War through to modern day conflicts such as Kosovo and Afghanistan. This will be our first expedition to Eden and the pupils are hoping that war-time regime won't make them regret their year of outstanding work.

Liz Ramsden - 2nd in History

Wilkommen to Bolton !

We sent them about 70,000 lager-swilling connoisseurs of the beautiful game, and in exchange we're getting 11 model German students - bargain! Once again we will be playing host to students from our exchange school in Nürnberg for a week towards the end of term. The students will visit some of the jewels of the North, from Old Trafford to Wigan Pier, but they'll be safely back on home soil for the World Cup Final and Germany's inevitable win on penalties!

Jill Manley - Head of German

Art No-Show!

The electrical re-wiring work going on across the school has sadly forced the postponement of our traditional exhibition of art work by GCSE and A-Level students. This year's work upholds the excellent standards that we have grown so used to, but the Art Department's recent stint as the school's first itinerant department made the logistics of a full exhibition impossible. The work will now be available for viewing in September.

Ian Bland - English

Turton High School Media Arts College

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Farewell and Welcome

This is a busy time of year as we say farewell to Year 11 and 13 and prepare to welcome Year 6 moving up from the primaries. Though tinged with sadness for those departing, it is also a time of optimism and anticipation as we meet next year's intake for the very first time. It is also a season when horizons broaden and school trips take us beyond the boundaries of the classroom. There are more trips than ever this year from Arran to Le Touquet, from Rhoscolyn to Berlin. I am always very proud of the conduct of Turton students and the way they represent you as parents and ourselves as a school. I am also deeply indebted to the staff for their tireless commitment, enthusiasm and expertise in making all these wonderful learning experiences available.

I would urge the new Year 7 to seize these opportunities when their turn comes and make the most of their time at Turton. The reports from our primary colleagues describe them as a very talented and charming

group of people who will have much to offer. I look forward to working with you all in the years to come.

For Year 10 the classroom has been temporarily exchanged for the world of work. I hope this fortnight has been a rewarding experience and provided, perhaps, a fresh motivation or a new perspective as they prepare for the year ahead and plan their future beyond school.

Finally, I am very grateful to my colleague, Charlie Taylor, for taking over as Acting Head during my brief sojourn in the care of the National Health Service. He assures me that we finish this term in good spirit and ready for a well-earned rest. I wish you and your families a wonderful summer break. For us, the work goes on as we continue with major refurbishment of the school buildings and the completion of our astro turf MUGA pitch.

These are exciting times indeed. Enjoy the summer!

John Porteous - Headteacher

Museum Movers!

On May 23rd Year 10 GCSE Dance students took a trip to Bolton Museum with an unusual mission in mind: to perform a dance inspired by the Museum's 'Debris Field' exhibition, in the museum itself. For four weeks prior to the performance we had sessions with a choreographer who specializes in site-specific dance who helped us focus on the difficult task of dancing in a very limited space. As part of the preparation we also had to visit the exhibition to get a sense of what it was about and how its themes could be interpreted through dance, and we also visited the Castle Hill Centre to choose an object, in other words

a piece of debris, that we could make the focus of our piece.

This was a totally new, exciting and enjoyable project to be a part of, and we all gained a great deal from the experience. The work we carried out for the project will be displayed at the museum for a short period of time, and is well worth visiting but we would say that!

Clare Scholes - 10T2 GCSE Dance

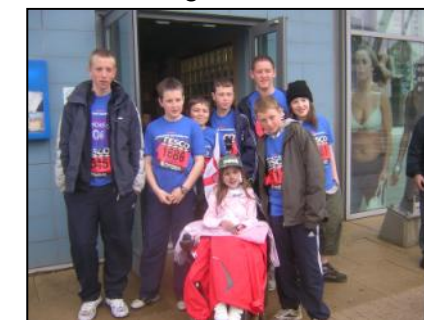


Magnificent Seven Race for Kirsty!

Seven Year 8 and 9 students from Turton High School have raced to the aid of Kirsty Howard's fundraising appeal for Francis House Children's Hospice by taking part in the junior version of the Greater Manchester Run. The seven students completed the 2.5 Km course on Saturday 20th May and, as a result, have collected approximately £500 in sponsorship money. After the race the students met Kirsty, who famously joined David Beckham in handing the Queen the baton that signalled the start of Manchester's 2002 Commonwealth Games.

The seven runners: Isaac Bailey, Lewis Carey, Adam Cole, Liam Evans, Ryan Forster, Elliot Johnson, and George Kay, were Turton's first team of entrants in the race, but next year we are hoping to send a much larger squad to this increasingly popular event.

Ian Bland - English



Camelot Here We Come!

Over 180 pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 will be rewarded for a year of unstinting effort with a trip to Camelot Theme Park during July. Congratulations to the students whose sustained hard work definitely merits what promises to be a really enjoyable day out.

David Walsh - Head of Lower School