

# PE NEWS

How did we reach Christmas so quickly again? Being the PE department is much like being part of a whirlwind. There are so many activities going on, so many people in so many places.

## Basketball

All year groups have shown great promise in the opening games of the season. Year 7 and Year 9 still unbeaten.

## Year 10 & 11 Rugby Union

Mr McElroy's 10's and 11's combined team top the Bolton Schools' League currently having yet to be defeated. Captain Rhys Pritchard has been outstanding in all games alongside Seb Stevens, Josh Ramm and Adam Cole.

## Rugby League

Over 30 pupils from Years 7 - 9 now attend Mr Trainor's Tuesday night sessions.

## Football

With the Bolton Schools' League on hold until February we look to the Year 8's and 11's who were entered into the Lancashire Cup.

## Netball

All the girls teams are safely through to the next round of the Bolton Knock Out Competition.

## Wrestling

At the British Novice Championships held in Salford, George Ramm and Oliver Brandwood won Gold medals and John Townsend won Silver. Congratulations to all three.

## Golf

Four teams entered the Lancashire Schools Knock Out Competition, although we had superb individual performances from Anthony Stirling, Matthew Scholes and Will Bowden, only the team of Daniel Rushton, Rob Taylor and Matthew Lockwood was successful against Formby High School. Well done to all competitors and a big thank you to Simon Kay, the manager of Turton Golf Club for his hospitality.

**Chris Mullin - Head of PE**

## In A (Rugby) League of Their Own



School pupils across Bolton were recently given the opportunity to audition to dance at the rugby league, Great Britain v New Zealand game at Huddersfield in front of a 16,000 crowd. Out of 50 dancers, 17 girls from Turton were successful. Throughout half term they rehearsed and polished the routine, and are a credit to the school.

**Mrs Costello—2nd in PE**



**VOL reps Visit Parliament**  
From 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October, 20 students (19 VOL members, one Student Support Council member) visited London taking a tour around the Houses of Parliament, taking the time to view Queen Victoria's thrones and stand in the spots where Gordon Brown and David Cameron address the MP's from. Accompanied by Ms. Lewyckij and Mr Hilton, the students made the most of their Youth Hostel stay, managing to cram in sight-seeing, shopping and a rather dramatic fire drill! **Lindsay Hoyle**



Dr Iddon, Chair of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Group debates legislation with Year 10 Science students.

Pictured: Dr Iddon, Jeni Burnden (University of York) and Mark Sykes (Science Teacher).

**Cathy Bach - Head of Science**

## Top Man!

A big thank you to Joe Mullin (staff), sponsor of the new t:mac basketball kit, pictured with Josh Close and Matthew Farnworth.



**Chris Mullin - Head of PE**

## Year 9 Bowling trip to Megabowl in Bury

At the start of the term Mr Foy rewarded over twenty year nine students with a trip to Megabowl to celebrate a positive start to the year. Attended by twelve members of staff also, the evening was a huge success and all students involved had a great time. They particularly welcomed the opportunity to beat Mr Foy, and especially enjoyed watching Dr Clare beat Mr McElroy... on the dance mat!

Thank you to all students and staff who made this evening a great success.

**Ray Foy – Head of Year 9**

## Parents' Association A great start to the festive season

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November we held our Christmas Market which was a huge success. As well as the usual assortment of stalls, students from each year group held a stall, ranging from Bottle Tombola to decorating gingerbread men to name just two, and all stalls proved to be very popular.



Thanks to everyone who helped out on the night or turned up and supported us. We raised over £1000.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

To contact the PA:  
e:mail pa@tmac.uk.com

## Winning teams!

Over the last 18 months electrical contractors Pickering and Malloy have completed a total rewire of Turton High. BSP have provided invaluable project management, minimising disruption and ensuring that school stayed open during the whole of the contract period. The two companies have provided a perfect partnership with school and have been kind enough to sponsor two football strips for our very



successful teams, three of which were Bolton champions last year.

**Alison Bailey - Business Manager**

## Connexions Bolton – How can we help pupils at Turton High School Media Arts College

Connexions is the information, advice and guidance (IAG) service for teenagers in England. The service is staffed by Personal Advisers and every school in Bolton has at least one Personal Adviser (PA).

Personal Advisers speak to young people aged 13-19 (13-25 for young people with a learning difficulty or physical disability) to decide what help or support they may need in order to make the most of their education and qualifications.

**Vivienne Forkgen** is the main PA for Turton High School Media Arts College and has worked with Turton for many years. She is supported in her work by another very experienced colleague, **Oona Banner**.

In an educational setting such as Turton High School Media Arts College Vivienne and Oona will typically:

- Prepare and deliver group work sessions focused on option choice.
- Advise pupils on how best to complete application forms for work, training and college courses.
- Help sixth formers with university choice and applications.
- See pupils on a one-to-one basis to provide advice and guidance.
- Be available on GCSE and A level results days.
- Attend parents' evenings.
- Track pupils that have left the school to make sure they are happily settled into some form of education, employment or training and help them if they are not. This usually involves ringing you at home.

To find out more about Connexions Bolton visit our website [www.connexions-bolton.com](http://www.connexions-bolton.com) or call us on 0800 052 5559.

**Madeleine Melling - Information Team Leader, Connexions Bolton**



**Family Fun Night**  
Year 7 students were given the opportunity to show their parents and younger siblings, who may join us in the future, their new school environment.

**Mrs Hodgson - Head of Year 7**

## Wayne's World: Enterprise Week at the TIC Centre

Year 13 textile students recently went to the TIC Centre to meet Blackburn born founder of 'Red or Dead', Wayne Hemmingsway.

He offered an insightful look in to the world of design and production, and discussed his life and achievements and how he has gained a respected position in the fashion world.

**Year 13 Textiles Students**

## Poetry in Motion

The visit to Turton by the performance poet Mike Garry was an exciting event. The day began with a performance to all Year 7 pupils and was followed by workshops with a range of English classes. Year 7 were keen to suggest their thoughts and ideas, and competition for bookmarks was fierce! In the smaller workshop sessions Mike shared with pupils his own poems and the process he goes through to create them. He encouraged them to discuss their own interpretation of poems and think about the ways poets express their ideas. The enthusiasm and energy that Mike had for poetry, and the process of writing, clearly had an impact on the pupils that he worked with.

**Nicky Russell – Acting Head of English**

## Lancashire Senior Schools' Champions



**Danny Khan 2007 Captain**  
For the second time in three years Turton Sixth Form are holders of the Lancashire Cricket Trophy for Senior Students. The Sixth Form has again wrestled the trophy from the Independent School domain being the only team in the state sector to have done so, and twice. Having gone through the early stages of the competition the serious challenges came in defeating Clitheroe Grammar School and Lancaster Royal Grammar School.

There were several influential performances but the total team effort was the most important factor in the successful challenge to win back the trophy.

Cricket is alive and well at Turton, with most of the team being eligible to play again next year - bring it on!

**Brian Andrews  
AST Physical Education**

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## Newsletter



### Beyond the Curriculum!

In the last newsletter we concentrated on the outstanding academic achievements of the summer and it is a pleasure to finally be presenting certificates to the successful classes of 2007.

So this time, the focus is on the huge range of activities, projects, challenges, clubs, trips, teams and achievements which Turton students are engaged in outside of the classroom. We believe these are important factors in the personal

and social development of our young people, alongside their academic progress.

On behalf of all the staff and governors at Turton, may I wish you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break and hope that 2008 will bring you health, happiness and success in all that matters most to you.

Best regards.

**John Porteous - Headteacher**



### Operation Christmas Child

Hannah Collett, Lucy Haselden, Sophie Porter and Abbie Ryder from 8S1 held a sponsored silence for the whole school day and raised £90.84. This helped to pay the postage for some of the 119 shoe boxes collected in school for despatch to Eastern European countries.

### Valencia Trip

The year 8, 9 and 10 football teams underwent an intense training regime in Valencia over half-term, working on technique, skills and match-play. They also enjoyed attending a 'La Liga' match at the el Madrigal stadium between Villarreal FC and the Mighty Barcelona FC, with the home team running out 3 – 1 winners.

I would personally like to say a big thank you to all the boys for their good behaviour throughout the tour, which contributed to the trip being a huge success.

**Liam Carr - PE**

### Christmas Concert – A Triumph!

With the school production of 'Oliver' looming the larger music department ensembles (Wind Band & Junior Jazz Band) took a breather in the Autumn term to allow members to get involved in the show. This resulted in space for soloists and small ensembles to really make an impact this Christmas Concert – which they did! Two new, small, pupil-run jazz ensembles made their debut and clarinet and sax quartets also featured. Xfm rock band finalists 'Mining Castro' made an appearance and there was a fair smattering of Yuletide music to bring the term to a festive close.

**John Parkinson - Head of Music**

### A Well-Earned Victory!



Whilst most sixth-formers enjoyed a cosy lie-in on the morning of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, a dedicated team of budding Barristers descended upon Manchester Crown Court to lead Turton to victory and a place in the National Final in March 2008. And about time, too! For over five years, Turton has

competed and narrowly missed out on being crowned winners at the annual Manchester Bar National Mock Trial Competition, organised by the Citizenship Foundation. This year, however, the Year 12 and Year 13 students beat off stiff competition to wow Court Judges, Barristers and Court Officials alike with their professional conduct. The school has received a shield, now proudly on display in the t:mac building, and each participant received a book token and certificate for their fantastic achievement, although the real reward came in the valuable experience and networking our prospective lawyers and barristers had on the day.

**Anna Cook - English Teacher**

### Diary Dates

School will close for the Christmas and New Year break on Thursday 20th December and will reopen on Monday 7th January.

The school production of 'Oliver' will take place 28th January to 1st February at 7.30pm in the Arts Theatre. Tickets will be £6 adults and £3 children/OAP's. Booking slips will be sent out the first week of next term.

### Toe-Tapping Turton Talent

Symphony of Dance was an exciting project held for gifted and talented pupils in Bolton, danced in front of a packed crowd at the Albert Hall. Turton stole the show with a dynamic and fast paced dance of different styles which included ballet, tap, jazz and street all fused together by one track.

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## STUDY SUPPORT TIMETABLE 2007/08

Day	Classroom	Library	Dance Studio C36	Student Support Centre	B Block	DT Rooms
Monday	Music GCSE Twilight Yr 11 3-4:30pm M26 ICT Yr 9 (top set) 3:05-4:05pm M1 Spanish Support Yr 11 3-4pm M12	Study Support All Years 8:30am – 4pm Study Support All Years 8:30am – 4pm	Media Suite C5 GCSE Dance Revision 3-4:15pm C36	Drop in All Years (homework help/advice/computers) 3-4pm	Twilight History Yr 10 & 11 3:15-4:45pm B17 & B18 English Coursework Support Yr 11 primarily but Year 10 are welcome 3-4pm B12 Acquisition of Skill Paper 2562 Yr 13 Resit Revision C18 3-4pm English GCSE C/Work Club Yr 11 3-4pm B12	Food Technology Coursework Yr 11 3-4pm DTG Coursework Support Yr 11 3-4:30pm L17/DTG Resistant Materials Yr 11 Coursework Catch Up 3-4pm DT12
Tuesday	Geography Drop In All Years L17 3-4pm Music GCSE Twilight Yr 10 3-4:30pm M26 Science Revision Yr 9 3-4pm (from February half term to SATs) S8 Spanish Coursework Support Yr 11 3-4pm M12 German Coursework Support Yr 11 3-4pm P1 SK	Study Support All Years 8:30am – 4pm Study Support All Years 8:30am – 4pm	Media Suite C5 GCSE Dance Revision 3-4:15pm C36	Drop in All Years (homework help/advice/computers) 3-4pm	History Coursework Help & GCSE Revision Yr 10 & 11 3:15-4:15pm B18 Contemporary Issues Paper 2563 Yr 13 Resit Revision 3-4pm C18	Coursework Support Yr 11 3-4:30pm L17/DTG
Wednesday	RE GCSE Twilight Yr 11 3:15-4:15pm M16/17	Study Support All Years 8:30am – 4pm	Media Coursework (additional lesson) Yr 11 C1 3-4:30pm	Drop in All Years (homework help/advice/computers) 3-4pm	History Coursework Help & GCSE Revision Yr 10 & 11 3:15-4:15pm B18 Contemporary Issues Paper 2563 Yr 13 Resit Revision 3-4pm C18	GCSE Textiles Yr 11 3-4pm DT3 Coursework Support Yr 11 3-4:30pm L17/DTG
Thursday	Yr 7 Girl's Group Nurture Room & Circuits (see Mrs Hodgson) 3-4pm Science for Public Understanding Yr 11 3:15-4:15pm S8 Science Coursework Catch Up Yr 11 3-4pm (until Christmas) S8	Study Support All Years 8:30am – 4pm Study Support All Years 8:30am – 4pm	Drop in All Years (homework help/advice/computers) 3-4pm	History Coursework Help & GCSE Revision Yr 10 & 11 3:15-4:15pm B18 Contemporary Issues Paper 2563 Yr 13 Resit Revision 3-4pm C18	Child Development GCSE Catch Up Session 3:05-4pm DTG Coursework Support Yr 11 3-4:30pm L17/DTG PE GCSE Rev/Coursework 3-4:15pm L17	Coursework Support Yr 11 3-4pm L17/DTG
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## EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2007/08

Day	Sports Hall	Classroom	Gym	Outside (including Astro & Muga)	Dance Studio C36	Pool	Arts Theatre
Monday	Netball Yr 9, 10 & 11 3-4:15pm RAC/NRP	Library	Karate Yr 7-10 Boys & Girls 3-4:30pm J Mullin/Clark	Football Training Yr 12 & 13 3-4:30pm Football Yr 7 3-4:30pm Football Yr 8 3-4:30pm Football Yr 9 3-4:30pm	Dance Club Yr 7, 8 & 9 3pm – 4:15pm Dance Club Yr 7-11 3-4:15pm	Swimming Yr 7 & 8 3-4:15pm	Junior Orchestra Yr 7-10 3-4pm M27 or Ath Senior Wind Bands Yr 8-13 3-30pm M27 or Ath (on hold until after 'Oliver' rehearsals)
Tuesday	Basketball Yr 9, 10 & 11 3-4:15pm DME	Creative Writing Club All Years 3-4pm B3	Wrestling All Boys & Girls 3-4:30pm Mr Caranagh	Hockey Yr 7-10 3-4:30pm Netball Yr 7/8 3-4:15pm Rugby League Yr 7-9 3-4:30pm	Girls Dance Club Yr 9, 10 & 11 3-4:15pm	Swimming Yr 9 & 10 8-8:45am	Rock Band Yr 12 4-4pm M27 6 <sup>th</sup> Form
Wednesday	Badminton All Boys & Girls 3-4:15pm CM	Science Club Yr 8 S6 S9 S8 & Yr 7 S4 (after Christmas) 3-4pm NS/HR/CMS Textile Club Yr 7, 8 & 9 3-4pm in DT7 Duke of Edinburgh Yr 10 & 11 C1 NRG	Gymnastics Yr 7-10 3pm EM	Football U19 League Fixtures Yr 12 & 13 Sept-Apr (also in Sp H) Football Matches Yr 7-9pm Cross Country All Boys & Girls 3-4pm Netball & Football Yr 7-10 3-4:15pm	Girls Dance Club Yr 9, 10 & 11 3-4:15pm	Swimming Yr 9 & 10 8-8:45am	Senior Wind Bands Yr 8-13 3-30pm M27 or Ath (on hold until after 'Oliver' rehearsals)
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Careers Library open for all each day in L11 12.25 – 1.55 pm.

Drama Club rehearsing for Oliver most nights.

All subject to change – check with member of staff

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We would also like to thank all the staff, parents and pupils for their valuable contributions to the newsletter

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