

26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 1 Weeks 3 and 4

Open Evening – Monday 29th September



Our school Open Evening is taking place on Monday 29th September. To allow us to prepare the school site, **school will close to students on that day at 12.20pm.**

More information about Open Evening is available on our Facebook page and on the school website.

Whether you're a current parent, a prospective parent, student, or simply curious about our community, we look forward to

welcoming you.

📍 Doors open at 4.15pm

🎓 Inspiring talks, student showcases, and guided tours

We would love to welcome as many visitors as possible so they can discover what makes our school a place where students SHINE!

Have you seen our brand-new school video?

We are delighted to share our new school video with you all. The link to the video is on our school Facebook page and is on YouTube.

Flourishing Friday



Last Friday, we recognised and celebrated excellence with many of our students who have made a really positive start to the new school year. They celebrated in style at the ice cream van. It was so lovely to see so many smiling faces in school and celebrating. The ice cream van will be back again in 3 weeks. From today, all criteria are reset, giving every pupil the chance to SHINE, to be in school, to give their personal best and be part of the celebrations next time around.

**CARING, LEARNING
AND SUCCEEDING**

YEAR 10 Football | MATCH REPORT

Our Y10 boys' football team travelled to St Edmund Arrowsmith last Thursday after school for our first round of league fixtures.

The night started off with a tight game of few chances against Golborne where we unluckily gave away a dubious last minute penalty to lose 1-0.

Next up came Shevington and again it was another tight game but we played some nice passing football and ended up sneaking it 3-0 with 3 pieces of brilliance from Mason L claiming his hat trick.

Finally, we played the hosts who were the strongest team we played and we gave them a really good game creating some half chances and defending well through Alex D, Charlie M and Connor B to limit their chances. Behind them Xander S as he had done all night showed great handling to prevent any danger. Unfortunately, we gave away two preventable goals to lose 2-0.

On the whole a pleasing night due to effort and commitment and how competitive the boys were. It was just a shame as they deserved to come away with a point or two more. We look forward to our next round of fixtures later in the year.



Meet our Student Leadership Team!

I am delighted to introduce our prefects and Student Leadership Team for 2025-26. Their appointment reflects their positive attitude, strong sense of responsibility, and the respect they have earned from both staff and fellow students. Through the application and interview process I have been impressed with the level of maturity, ambition and work ethic from each student that applied and was interviewed.

Prefects play a vital role in school. They act as role models to younger students, contribute to school events, and help uphold the values and expectations that make our school a safe, respectful, and inspiring place to learn.

I am confident that our new Year 11 team will embrace this opportunity with maturity and enthusiasm, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in their new role.

Supporting our local community - Family Support Events


The Family Hub on Clifton Street have asked us to share the following information with you:




SEND Engagement Information Evening

This event has been organised in response to feedback from families who have shared with us that they would like support, information and advice about how to support their children with growing up, puberty and relationships. Please book a place by contacting us on 01942 828377, emailing familyhubatcliftonstreet@wigan.gov.uk or send us a Facebook message

 Tuesday 30th September


 6.00-8.00pm


 Family Hub at Clifton Street

World Mental Health Day – CAMHS School Link Coffee Morning

Our CAMHS School Link Worker for this neighbourhood, Chelsea Hodge will be hosting a coffee morning at the Family Hub on Wednesday 8th October, 10.00-12.00pm. This is for any parents and carers who are worried about their child's mental health, no appointment needed, just drop-in.

 Wednesday 8th October

 10.00-12.00pm

 Family Hub at Clifton Street

Supporting our local community – Foodbank Collection



We will be holding our annual foodbank collection for Atherton and Leigh foodbank from **MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER to FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER.**

During this time, we are asking both staff and students to donate a minimum of two items each, if they are able to.

Thank you in advance for all your support with this campaign.

Items the foodbank are desperate for:

- Instant packet mash potato
- Tinned Veg
- Packet noodles
- Coffee
- Tea bags
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned meat
- Toiletries

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Galbraith

Headteacher

