



NEWSLETTER

ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7 Trip to Bridgewater Hall Concert

Our Performing Arts department took 100 Year 7 pupils to the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, for a concert by The Halle orchestra designed to take the audience through a sensory experience of the four seasons.

Students listened to pieces by Vivaldi and Beethoven, whilst experiencing the smells of each season, through a special postcard, using the scratch and sniff technology.

Students were in awe at the musical ability of The Halle and watched in fascination the speed of performers, especially in the string section of the orchestra. The Bridgewater Hall is an amazing venue to experience and a must on our 'Beyond the Curriculum' offer.



Parliament and tour the Palace of Westminster In Citizenship, our Year 10 students have the opportunity to visit Parliament and tour the Palace of Westminster including watching a debate live in the House of Commons from the public gallery. They also have the opportunity to meet their local MP and take part in a debating workshop to help them fully understand the important work done in Parliament. As part of this trip they are also able to visit Westminster Hall, the site of many historical developments in Parliamentary democracy and take in some sights in the local area such as Downing Street, Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace.





Barcelona Trip

In MFL pupils are given lots of opportunities outside of the classroom. Pupils can take part in residential trips abroad. In July 2023, 31 pupils and 4 staff travelled to Barcelona for 4 days to experience the Spanish culture and way of life first hand. Pupils visited La Boquería food market where they were able to see and taste Spanish cuisine first



hand. Following this, on day 2, pupils then visited Barcelona Aquarium and La Sagrada Familia to look at the work and designs of Antoni Gaudí! And what a sight it was! Day 3 involved a visit to the Camp Nou and Picasso Museum, where pupils learned more about the culture of this amazing city! Pupils had the opportunity to explore Las Ramblas, and various other famous tourist spots in Barcelona during their time abroad and learned a lot about the Spanish culture and way of life.

Visited to Murbros Printers

Year 10 Creative Imedia class are currently studying visual identity for their coursework. They designed brochure covers for a country of their choice using a design brief. They visited Murbros Printers in Atherton to get them printed and gain an insight into a potential future career.



New Brighton on the Wirral

In Geography our Year 8 students have travelled to New Brighton on the Wirral to complete geographical fieldwork relating to coastal management techniques. They completed an environmental survey on the hard and soft engineering strategies being used to protect the wildlife habitat and the tourism facilities at New

Brighton as well as talking to tourists in the area about the amenities in the area. In addition, they studied the changing nature of the industrial and commercial buildings on the River Mersey and the surrounding area, this was to gain an understanding of how the space has been used in the past and today and why it has changed over time.



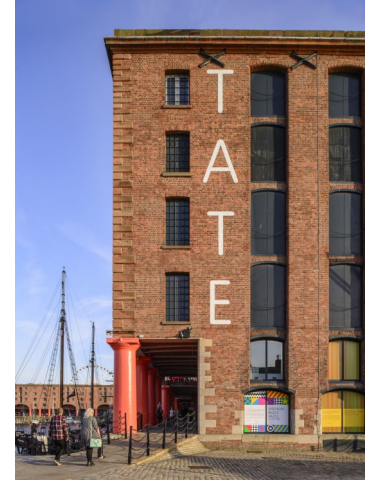


Year 8

Tate modern/Liverpool trip

“It is important that all pupils have the opportunity to visit an art gallery or exhibition broaden their ideas around art, understand the industry and observe artwork from a variety of artists that may inspire them, in a more organic way than selected artists in the classroom. Pupils in Year 8 have visited the TATE gallery in Liverpool, this was a fantastic insight into the wider art industry as the Tate Liverpool

displays work from the Tate Collection which showcases a variety of British art from the year 1500 to the present day, and international modern art. The gallery also has a programme of temporary exhibitions from a range of practising artists and designers. The gallery visit was an exciting, engaging and eye-opening trip which allowed pupils to appreciate a variety of traditional and contemporary art but also to inspire them to potentially showcase their own work in the future.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Team Training to Navigate

This week the Year Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Team has been out navigating their way unaided around Rivington Country Park. The team competed their hike as a group but unaided in navigation by staff and successfully reached their checkpoints to take them one step closer to their expedition in July. The group have one more training hike which will be undertaken in full kit including rucksacks before they complete a two day expedition and camp out for the night, being responsible for looking after themselves and cooking their own meals.



40 Year 7 pupils travelled to Birmingham's NEC for The Big Bang Fair 2023. Pupils had the opportunity to consider a range of careers in the STEM industries and talk to various companies about the service or product produced by the company. There was a range of hands-on activities for pupils to get involved in from next generation renewable energies to animal conservation.

