St Ambrose Barlow RC High School
Weekly Newsletter
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School That Matters: Remembrance and Dialogue

Our pupils did a superb job of remembering this week. From those who led the Service of Remembrance, to those who attended in the uniform of service organisations, to those who participated in quiet, respectful contemplation. All were dedicated to the important task of remembering the sacrifice, sadness and human cost of conflict, both military and civilian. It is not enough just to remember, we also need to consider the present and the future.

This we did in assembly and through our theme this week: dialogue. It is Interfaith Week, a time that reminds of the need and the power of listening and speaking to one another with understanding. Pope Leo has been clear: there is no such thing as 'holy war' only the 'holy peace'. Through dialogue, the sharing of ideas, the embracing of difference and by learning from the injury of the past, we can and must be people of peace. Our challenge in assembly this week was for all of our pupils to be people who build bridges of understanding, starting with those around them and reaching out to others further away.

Our Service of Remembrance was not only a way of marking the losses of the past that have so far provided us with a period of relative peace, but also about uniting everyone in our building in a shared moment of gratitude and understanding. That this was led by our pupils is even more powerful.

This week our Year 11s have been magnificent in their work ethic and attitude towards the mock exams. The Year 11 canteen has been a hive of revision activity, flash cards on every surface and intense self-testing just prior to entering the exam hall. Year 8 attended Mass with Father Chris, who spent time with our GIFT team training them on leading Lectio Divina for Year 7 forms. Finally, it was a celebratory moment to see the five panels of school and local history on display in the foyer. These were designed by former pupil and designer Michael Connor and the stories of Catholic education, our Patron Saint, our city and our school.

Ben Davis,
Headteacher

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. Our constant and consistent message to pupils is one of love: for themselves and for others. We have recently held assemblies on relationships and kindness for years 7 – 10, emphasising the impact of unkind words, excluding people and cyber-bullying.

We reminded pupils of the importance of not being a bystander, of how staying silent can contribute to the unhappiness of others and of our mutual responsibility to one another to speak up when others are being harmed.

Relationships are at the heart of what we do, but no-one gets this right all the time. We know that many young people need constant help and guidance to navigate complicated relationships with one another than are often made more difficult by social media. As well as well-trained, empathetic staff, we also have clear policies and a commitment to listen and act without judgment so that young people know that they can be heard and supported. If you feel your child is struggling with peer relationships or is being bullied or experiencing unkindness then we are here to help them. We ask all pupils to report any concerning behaviour to their form tutor or head of year (or another adult if they wish) and we will take action. Our main aim will be to repair relationships and ensure that the young people concerned feel safe in school, but we will also take more punitive action if necessary

Safeguarding Leadership

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.
Our school mission is founded on Love: everyone safe, healthy, included and deserving of dignity. Through our lived mission we promote British Values.



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Notice the Niggle
If you are worried about a child in any way, please ask to speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team. We take nothing for granted. **Think: it can happen here**.

As a guest in our school your safety and wellbeing is paramount, please ask to speak to a member of our Safeguarding team if you have concerns. We have staff trained as **Appropriate Adults** – please ask for a member of our Safeguarding Team.

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Year 8
Year Manager: Mr G Healey
(Senior Leader: Mrs K O'Leary)

Year 9
Year Manager: Mrs E Jones
(Senior Leader: Mrs B Tulloch)

Year 10
Year Manager:
(Senior Leaders: Mr R Jordan)

Year 11
Head of Year: Mrs C Vincent
(Senior Leader: Mr N Irwin)



Empowering Parents in a Digital World:

A free webinar and toolkit for schools and community settings, (LGfL)
Wednesday, 9th December 2026

LGfL has released a free Parent Online Safety Toolkit to help schools start safeguarding conversations with parents and carers. It covers generative AI, social media and gaming, and includes a ready-made presentation that staff can deliver to parents. It is free to schools and community settings.

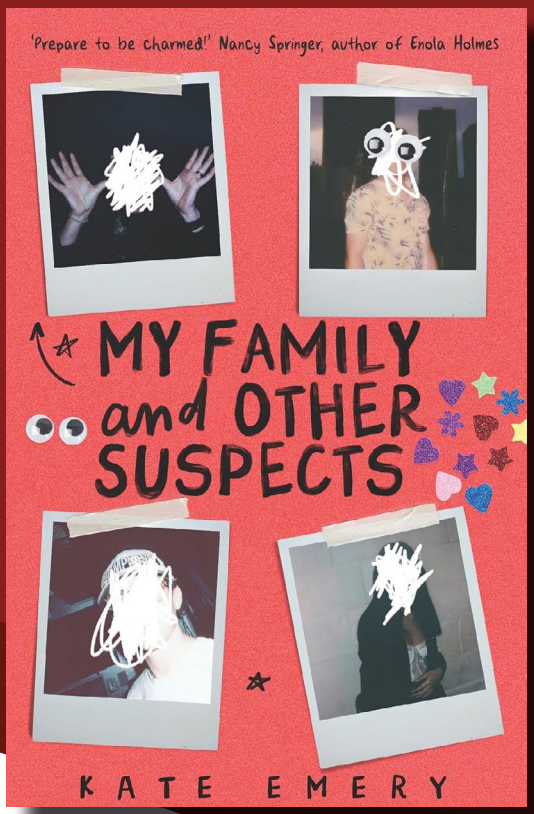
To help settings get the most from it, LGfL is running a free webinar for DSLs and online safety leads on Wednesday 9 December at 3.45pm. It will cover how to personalise a parent event, activities to lead discussions, and resources on emerging risks, screen time, safety settings and wellbeing. SLT, governors and anyone with online safety responsibility are also welcome.

Download the toolkit: parentonlinesafety.lgfl.net
Book the webinar: lgfl.bookinglive.com



Art Focus:

Artist Study -
Queen of Hearts:
Milana Year 7.



Book of the Week:

My Family and Other Suspects by Kate Emery

Holly Jackson meets Agatha Christie in this cosy modern-day YA murder mystery where your closest family are your prime suspects.

Ruth is not thrilled to be spending the weekend at the family farm visiting the ancient GG, her coolly distant step-grandmother. With no internet or phone coverage, Ruth occupies herself by re-reading old Agatha Christie novels, eavesdropping on the adults, and definitely not daydreaming about her sort-of-cousin Dylan.

But when GG dies under suspicious circumstances, Ruth's dull weekend turns into an enforced-family-holiday-slash-possible-murder-investigation – and she's not about to let the police get in the way of her chance to solve a real-life murder mystery. With Dylan as the Watson to her Holmes, Ruth soon discovers that plenty of people had reasons to be rid of GG, and her list of suspects grows to comprise everyone in the house. Including, in the interests of fairness, herself.

Year 7 Football:

The Year 7 football team played their second game of the season with an emphatic 12-5 win against Star Academy. The team showed a fantastic attitude throughout and great determination to get the win. We are proud of all of you. Well done!



Netball Development Day:

Well done to our Year 7 girls who took part in the Netball Development Day.

Six schools from across Salford came together for an exciting event, giving students the opportunity to develop their netball skills, build confidence and put their abilities to the test in a friendly tournament.

It was an excellent day, with an incredible atmosphere filled with teamwork, determination, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. The girls represented our school brilliantly, showing great effort, resilience and team spirit throughout.

A fantastic opportunity and a brilliant day of netball! Well done, girls!









