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# WELCOME

**ARSHAD ASHRAF**  
THE PRINCIPAL

**D**EAR Eden Boys' School Bolton community,

As we approach the end of the second term, I reflect with immense pride on the achievements and growth witnessed throughout our school. The dedication of our students, the support of our parents, and the commitment of our staff have truly made this term remarkable.

Our students have shown exceptional resilience, adaptability, and determination in their academic journeys. Each has contributed uniquely to our vibrant school community, whether through rigorous classroom discussions or participation in extracurricular activities.

As we prepare for the upcoming break, let's take a moment to celebrate the successes and milestones achieved thus far, be it academic accomplishments, personal growth, or acts of kindness.

I urge parents to encourage and support Year 11 boys in prioritising their studies during the

holiday period as GCSE exams approach. Your guidance and encouragement are pivotal in ensuring they are adequately prepared for these significant milestones.

My deepest gratitude goes to our dedicated educators and support staff for inspiring and empowering our students. Your unwavering commitment to excellence is truly commendable.

Looking ahead to the remainder of the academic year, let's remain focused on our goals, support one another, and strive for excellence in all endeavours.

Warm wishes to all celebrating Eid. May this special occasion bring joy, peace, and prosperity to you and your loved ones. Let's also look forward to the upcoming term with renewed energy and enthusiasm as we continue to nurture and support our students.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Wishing you a blessed Eid filled with love and happiness, and a restful break filled with cherished moments with loved ones.



# FAITH

## RAMADHAN

**A**S this newsletter reaches you, the blessed month of Ramadhan is likely nearing its conclusion. We extend our heartfelt wishes for a joyous Eid surrounded by loved ones. Throughout Ramadhan, Eden Boys' Bolton was once again imbued with spiritual fervour, offering daily Quran summaries for both parents and students, facilitating Quran recitation during the school day, and allowing for an early finish to recuperate lost sleep.

Our school's Iftar event was a resounding success, bringing together students, some parents, and esteemed guests to break fast amidst captivating student performances and was concluded with a profound spiritual message for reflection.

Just before the start of Ramadan, Eden Boys' Bolton conducted its Eden's Got Talent Finals following a presentation by the Faith and Character Lead on the guidelines for fasting and Zakah distribution. Throughout the event, finalists mesmerised guests, staff, and students with Quranic recitations, Nasheed performances, speeches, and poetry presentations. We want to extend our heartiest congratulations to all the finalists for their efforts in reaching the finals.

Finally, we extend our gratitude for your generous contributions to our Ramadhan appeal, aiding those in need both locally and globally. May the Lord reward you abundantly for your generosity. As we approach Eid ul Fitri, a significant celebration in Islam, let us observe it in accordance with the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad. ﷺ

### Eid Day Sunnah Practices

1. Glorify the Lord with Takbir
2. Eat something sweet in the morning
3. Bath
4. Wear your best clothes
5. Make use of some perfume
6. Establish the Eid Prayer.
7. Ensure to adhere to Government Guidelines

### Eid Mubarak

*May your worship in the blessed month be accepted, may your shortcomings be forgiven and may your life be filled with everlasting*

The Prophet ﷺ states, "Whoever observes fast in Ramadhan, then follows (this observance of Ramadhan fast) with six (more fasts) in Shawwal (the month after Ramadhan), it will be like the observance of fast for a period of time." (Muslim)



## YEAR 9 LEADERSHIP DAY

**O**N the 19th of March a selection of Year 9 students had a fantastic time participating in activities facilitated by the Royal Navy on our Year 9 Leadership Day. The day kicked off with a presentation from the Royal Navy focussing on crucial values of service, teamwork, ambition, and respect, emphasizing their importance in daily life and character development.

Students formed teams and took part in a variety of challenges which involved constructing self-standing towers, wheelbarrows, and windmills using MTa.

This hands-on experience allowed them to work collaboratively, foster creativity, and showcase their ideas through impactful presentations.



## ANNUAL YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE TRIP

**O**UR students recently took part in a youth conference alongside 30 schools from the Northwest.

The conference aimed to inspire young people to find their voice, challenge prejudice and inequality, and advocate for equality. It was an empowering event featuring guest speakers and engaging workshops. During the conference, our students had the opportunity to create and deliver presentations highlighting their stories of prejudice and discrimination. One of our students, Sadiq Bujruk, shared his thoughts. "It was a fabulous experience. I met peer ambassadors from other schools and presented poems and stories in front of a huge audience." The experience was enriching for all involved, fostering a sense of empowerment and unity among our students as they strive to make a positive impact in their communities.



# YOUTH MP ELECTIONS – CONGRATULATIONS TO MUHAMMAD AMMAAR NASIR IS OUR NEW YOUTH MP!

**THE school continues to prioritise leadership learning opportunities for every pupil, empowering them with skills and confidence for leadership roles in diverse contexts. Furthermore, the school fosters and nurtures the leadership potential of the students by recognising the moral, performance, and civic virtues.**

Since attending the "Youth in Politics" event Muhammad Faisal Hassan (Year 9) and Jesse Short (Year 9) are now active members of the Youth Council.

Recently students participated in the Bolton Youth MP elections. From the 9 candidates standing for election, 2 were students from Eden Boys' School. In addition, a former student from Eden Boys' School currently studying at Bolton Sixth Form College also stood as a candidate, making Eden Boys the only school in Bolton connected with a third of the candidates. Their remarkable embodiment of our STAR values, demonstration of student leadership and excellence is highly commendable.

The candidates underwent a great deal of training and tirelessly campaigned for weeks to gain votes. Students cast their votes via ballot box.

The results of the campaign were announced on 12th March and we are thrilled to announce Muhammad Ammaar Nasir was selected Bolton Youth MP. Jesse and Mohamed Faisal Hassan are also part of the Bolton Youth Council. Together, they will represent our voices in Bolton.

We extend our best wishes to them in their new roles. The school is immensely proud of their achievements and are fully committed to supporting them in making Bolton a fantastic place for our youth.



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# YEAR 7 TRIP - FAITH MUSEUM BISHOP AUCKLAND

**I**N January our Year 7 students excitedly embarked on an enriching trip, delving into the rich tapestry of faith and culture. On the trip pupils explored:

### Discovering Faith in Britain:

Students had an interactive tour and trail, of historic churches to mosques, synagogues, and temples, the trip offered a unique opportunity for our Year 7s to witness the evolution of different faiths from ancient times to the present day.

### Art as a Window to Understanding:

As part of the expedition, our students had the privilege of engaging with the artwork of Nicola Green, a contemporary artist known for her exploration of religious leaders and faith.

### Hands-On Exploration of Religious Artifacts:

Our Year 7s had the opportunity to handle and examine artifacts ranging from religious texts to ceremonial objects, gaining a tactile understanding of the cultural and religious significance behind each item.

Whilst on the trip Huzaiifa Mohamed remarked, "I am really enjoying myself. It was fantastic to see how faith has evolved in Britain over thousands of years! It was an invaluable experience."

### Bishop Auckland and Auckland Tower Adventure:

The trip also included an introduction to the historic town of Bishop Auckland, where our students learned about the town's religious history. The highlight of the expedition was a thrilling trip up Auckland Tower, offering breathtaking panoramic views of the town and its religious landmarks. Guided commentary provided valuable insights into the role of faith in shaping the identity of Bishop Auckland.

As we were leaving Ebrahim Qasim highlighted, "My favourite part of the trip was the Faith Trail and seeing all of the artefacts that different followers of religion use."



# YEAR 7- WATERPARK – LAKE DISTRICT

**L**AST half term many of our Y7s attended a fabulous trip to the Lake District and participated in a variety of activities including high ropes, trust falls, abseiling, the leap of faith, canoeing, kayaking and paddleboarding and ghyll scrambling. During the trip, pupils learned valuable lessons in discipline, teamwork, resilience, and life skills.

# SCIENCE TRIP - CHESTER ZOO

**Y**EAR 8 students had the opportunity to explore diverse wildlife exhibits, gaining insights into conservation efforts and biodiversity. The trip aligns with our curriculum, enhancing their understanding of science and geography. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

**T**HIS year Eden Boys' Bolton celebrated World Book Day with a focus on female writers. All week, our students learned about key female authors who have had a huge impact on literature. This has highlighted the importance of female voices in literature. On World Book Day we focused on JK Rowling and her popular Harry Potter series.

It was a huge success with a 100% participation rate. All pupils participated in a form time quiz with a prize of delicious cupcakes. KS3 lessons were Harry Potter themed. The Art department created bookmarks that have been entered into the National Bookmark Competition. Food technology created some very tasty Snitch Truffles and there were some interesting facts about the history of magic in the humanities department, just to name a few.

KS4 participated in a whole day scavenger hunt to find the names of female authors and books written by them.

As well as this we had a cake competition, form doors transformed our school into our very own Harry Potter World and the library was abuzz with activities including the yearly book giveaway, which could not take place without the kind donations from the community of Bolton and beyond.

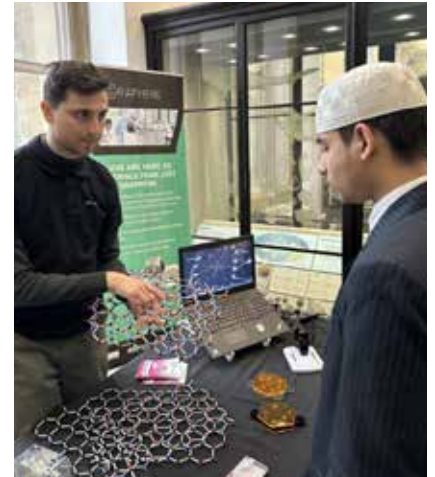
Pupils had fun choosing the staff best dressed Harry Potter character, which really brought the books to life. World Book Day at Eden Boys School had a great impact on our reading culture by involving all staff and students and bringing to their attention to some great female writers, as well as igniting a desire to read more Harry Potter Books! We are very much looking forward to the next World Book Day.



# BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2024

## Manchester Museum

Our Year 9 students visited Manchester Museum. They completed challenges and spoke with researchers about their current scientific research. Our students had a great time and can't wait to visit again next year.



## Escape Room

Students in Year 9 and 10 were given the opportunity to participate in an escape room as part of one of the activities for BSW 2024. Students used and developed problem-solving and teamwork skills under time pressure, solving science-based puzzles and riddles.

Well done to the winning team who cracked the codes in 33 minutes 53 seconds. The students from Year 10 are: Omar Shata, Khalid Sidat, Muhammad Nehan, Muhammad Saeedul Haq, Huzaifa Patel, Haider Ali Chaudhary, Abdul Rahman Khan

**Year 9 students Waheed Dabbagh and Eesa Dean said “ we really enjoyed the escape room and want to do this again next year and beat the winners!”.**

## Form Quiz

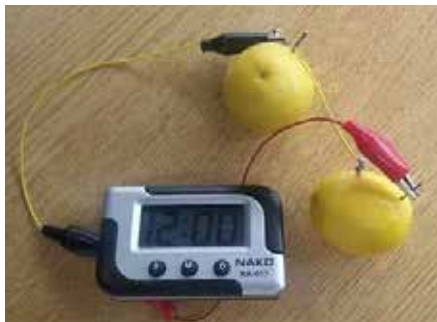
All forms took part in a whole school science quiz based around the British Science Week theme of ‘Time’. Well done to the winners 71 who have received a little treat for iftaar.



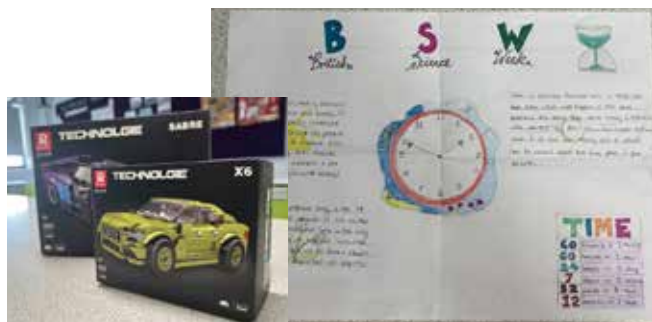


**In-class Activities**

KS3 students did some fun activities in science lessons this week around the theme of 'Time'. Students had the opportunity to power a clock using lemons and potatoes, looked at the history of the universe, and looked at how to build a timer using sand or water.

**Poster Competition**

All students were able to participate in a national poster competition around the theme of 'Time'. Well done to 1st place: Adan Hassan (Yr7) and 2nd place: Ukasha Adia (Yr7) on winning best poster prizes within the school. Great prizes to be won.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE****WEEK IN ACTION!**

**S**TUDENTS demonstrated their commitment to Community Service and Faith Character Education by getting involved in Bolton Action Week: litter picking project to showcase their commitment to service and our Faith Character Education values.

Students dedicated their time to clean up areas surrounding the school, in particular Back of Halliwell Road Rawsthorn Park.

This initiative not only helped beautify our community but also raised awareness amongst the students about fly tipping and the vast scale of littering in the locality.

It's heartening to see our students become aware of these problems and express the desire to become long-term ambassadors of "Love for Bolton" and "Opposition to Litter" initiatives.

**COMPETITIONS****LANGUAGENUT UK SECONDARY COMPETITION**

**E**DEN Boys School Bolton came 25th out of the UK secondary schools and 4th on the Star Academies schools in the Languagenut UK secondary competition from 5th February to 18 February. Our students performed admirably, putting in tremendous effort to complete their assignments and to develop their linguistic skills. Two students achieved remarkable rankings:

1-Dastageer Patel: 1st linguist in Eden Boys and the 42nd out of all the students in the UK secondary.

2-Nadim Patel: 2nd linguist in Eden Boys the 42nd out of all the students in the UK secondary.

Wishing all the best for all our students in the upcoming competitions.



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# MARTIAL ARTS GRADING CEREMONY CONGRATULATIONS PUPILS!

**Y**EAR 8 students had the opportunity to showcase the skills acquired whilst attending Martial Arts enrichment sessions on Saturday mornings over the past couple of months. A Martial Arts Grading Ceremony took place, and based on performance students were awarded a red or yellow belt, symbolising the progress and accomplishments of the participants.

We are thrilled to announce all the students who participated in the Saturday Enrichment sessions achieved a yellow belt marking an exciting milestone for the students.

Already rocking that yellow belt like pros!

Just a pitstop on your way to black belt excellence. Watch out world, these martial artists are on the rise!



## ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Many of our pupils have enthusiastically joined the lunchtime clubs which allow them to enrich and enhance areas they find interesting. Students can join the club by meeting the subject teacher.

### Lunchtime Clubs

<b>Tuesday</b>	Sparx Challenge ICT 1	Science Club SCI 2/AMA	Debating Club EN 1/ NMO	Arabic Reading Club Lang 2/AEI	Urdu Film Club Lang 3/NHM			
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sparx Challenge ICT 1	Choir MR/ GTU	Photoshop Club ICT2/ MYU/NIS	iDea. org Club ICT 3/MST	Sunnah Foods FR/ MSA	Stem Club SCI 1/BAI	Robotics Club SCI	Reading Wise Challenge ICT 1/NMO
<b>Thursday</b>	Sparx Challenge ICT 1	Islamic Study Circle Prayer Hall/ YMO	French Club Lang 1/SNA	Arabic (Quran) Lang 2/AEI	Reading Wise Challenge NMO ICT 1			



# SATURDAY SPORTS ENRICHMENT

11:15<sup>AM</sup> - 12:15<sup>PM</sup>

The enrichment allows our students opportunities to experience different sports, learn skills and foster physical well-being, whilst instilling discipline and focus. Please contact Mrs S Ibrahim if parents wish to have their son sign up.

## Year 7 Archery



## Year 8 Martial Arts



## Year 9 Boxing Club



# AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS ENRICHMENT

START: 3:10<sup>PM</sup> - 3:50<sup>PM</sup>

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## Y7, Y8, Y10 & Y11 Football



## Y8, Y9 & Y10 Rugby



## Y10 & Y11 Gym



# STAR FUTURES – NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE (NCS) ASSEMBLY

**N**CS delivered the annual assembly to our Year 11 students, making them aware of the fantastic opportunities available to them this summer. The NCS programme offers students the chance to learn new skills for the world of work, boost confidence, grow resilience, make new friends and, more importantly, be a force for good.

Every year NCS offer free summer programmes to young people. More information can be found in this link:

[Find a programme | NCS \(www.wearencs.com\)](http://www.wearencs.com)



## ALUMNI INSPIRING PUPILS!

**I**t was a great pleasure to welcome back Zamry Rizwan, a former student of Eden Boys' School, who is our first student to gain entry into Cambridge University to study Law. He spoke to KS4 students and shared his personal learning journey, and how with hard work and self-belief anything is possible.

During his visit, Zamry provided an insight into Cambridge University, the facilities and participation scholarships. He explained the application process and offered useful tips to the students, advised them on revision techniques such as flashcards, active recall, and spaced repetition. Zamry has truly exemplified the STAR values and is now part of our alumni community.



# Y10 & Y11 PARENTS AND STUDENTS CAREERS INFORMATION

**W**E are pleased to announce that the official Meet the Russell Group webinars will again be taking place on 30th April, 1st and 2nd of May. Students will gain the opportunity to hear from experts at universities including Oxford, Kings, Durham, Bristol, Manchester, LSE and Birmingham on vital topics.

We strongly urge our pupils and parents to sign up!

**If you have any issues, please reach out to Mrs Ibrahim.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd April 2024	Easter Holiday Intervention
3rd April 2024	Easter Holiday Intervention
4th April 2024	Easter Holiday Intervention
10th April 2024	Eid ul Fitr (depending on sighting of the moon)
18th April 2024	Year 10 Careers Fair
19th April 2024	Year 7-10 Eid Party
7th May 2024	GCSE Exams Begin
23rd May 2024	End of Term Rewards trip
24th May 2024	Rewards Event
27th May 2024	May Half Term Intervention
28th May 2024	May Half Term Intervention
29th May 2024	May Half Term Intervention
30th May 2024	May Half Term Intervention
17th June 2024	Eid ul Adha (depending on sighting on the moon)
20th June 2024	Year 7-10 Summer Exams Begin
7th July 2024	Eden Boys' School Family Fun Day

