

The BLC News

'We believe in a learning community where everyone feels valued, included and achieves...'



July 2023

SAXON HALL

Saxon Hall pupils have spent the summer term preparing and taking GCSE examinations.

The Careers Team have worked hard with the Year 11 pupils throughout the year, to ensure pupils are looking forward to their next steps, and we are proud to say 25 of our pupils have applied for college courses, ranging from Hair and Beauty, Plastering, Forensic Science, Law and a football scholarship.

We have seen our Year 11 pupils blossom into mature, kind and future ready young adults. We look forward to celebrating their successes with them on Year 11 presentation day.



DARNHILL

What a fabulous few weeks we have had in primary. We have studied life cycles and the children have witnessed chicks hatching from eggs and caterpillars metamorphosing into butterflies.

Bertie the school dog has been involved in interventions involving social and emotional sessions and reading.

Friday afternoons have also been fun, we have taken part in Singo, dance sessions by an external company, pamper sessions, bikes and scooters and much, much more.



PRIDE @ THE BLC

'To be yourself is a truly revolutionary act, and I think more and more people should try it, because it's gotten me a pretty cool life.'

Lena Waithe

For June this year we hosted a parents/carers information event for parents and allies seeking to support young people in their lives. For any information about LGBTQI+ please contact school if you think we can help support you support your young person.





HEIGHTS LANE



ST ALBANS HOUSE



The focus of our cultural awareness day this half term was Holi. Pupils learned all about the festival including its traditions. Rainbow cakes were baked. The day ended in pupils and staff taking part in a colour run. Much fun was had, despite the mess!

Our year 10 and 11 pupils cooked up a storm in the BLC Bake Off competition as part of their BTEC course. We were really impressed with the final cakes!

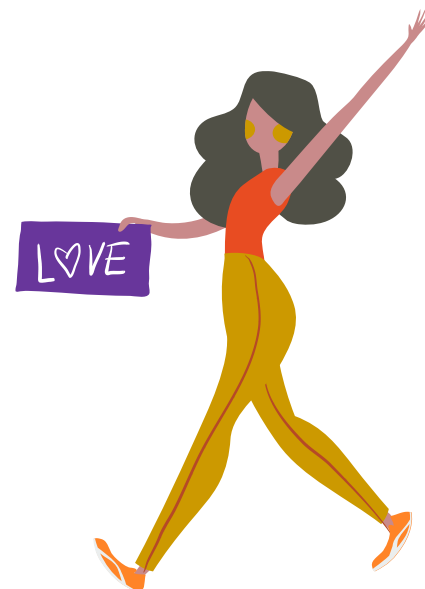


St Alban's House is shaping up to be our new Year 11 Centre.

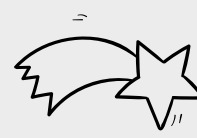
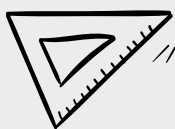
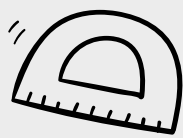
The final additions like furniture are on their way and it's great to be able to share the space with the Education Tuition Team!

We are looking forward to having our Careers and Youth Team based there so we can really help our learners be future ready.

Can't wait to welcome students to our new site in September!
More information to come soon...



Children from Darnhill.





YOUTH TEAM

Heights Lane students completed a hike at Dove Stones reservoir, which was an all-day hike, although students at times found this challenging, they powered through building resilience and self-confidence, and we were super proud of each and every student upon completion. Darnhill pupils have been completing water sports sessions at Helly Hansen at Salford Quays every Thursday and have been really engaging and enjoying these sessions.



MENTAL HEALTH

Paula is currently developing a collaborative approach to create strong links with external mental health services – CAMHS and #Thrive. We are aiming to recruit a new counsellor soon to join our team and they will provide a person centered, trauma informed approach, offering therapy on site.



Useful Websites:

- <https://www.penninecare.nhs.uk/thrive>
- <https://www.theproudtrust.org/young-people/>
- <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/cost-living>

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