

HONESTLY, IT'S TRUE!

ELIZABETH BLACKWELL WAS REJECTED FROM 29 MEDICAL SCHOOLS. SHE WAS TOLD SHE SHOULD PRETEND TO BE A MAN AS WOMEN WEREN'T FIT TO RECEIVE MEDICAL SCHOOLING. SHE REFUSED. SHE WAS ACCEPTED BY MISTAKE AND MANY DOCTORS REFUSED TO WORK WITH HER. SHE BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO RECEIVE A MEDICAL DEGREE IN THE US IN 1849. SHE THEN BUILT A MEDICAL PRACTICE, CREATED A PLACE WHERE WOMEN COULD HAVE MEDICAL INTERNSHIPS, SERVED IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES AND ESTABLISHED THE FIRST MEDICAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

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Gifted and Talented provision at the Academy has gone from strength to strength, with the Spring term containing more extra curricular provision than ever before. Encouragingly, this development has also seen an increase in the number of top places being awarded to students representing the Academy in competitions and events. Not only is this a huge celebration of their Gifts and Talents but also shows how their communication and confidence skills are blossoming.

Well done to all involved—we are very proud of you!

Exam season for Year 11 is underway. If you should have any questions or require any further information about how we can work together to support your child during this time, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Miss V Hallam

The best pupils don't perform well because they are "gifted," or "talented", but simply because they are better "prepared" than their classmates.



On March 9th, three Year 11 students, Aryana Jizan, Hina Akbar and Nathan Moscovita visited Bury College to participate in the North Manchester Medical Day to learn about what a career in medicine entails.

They talked with current medical students and qualified Doctors about academic requirements, how they are assessed, course structure, cost and then took part in 3 workshops; anatomy using 3D models, medical ethics and CPR training. They gave presentations in each session in front of the professional and students from Wardle, ESSA Academy and Bolton Girls School and....they won!

They were a credit to the Academy and we are sure that they have a fantastic career in medicine ahead of them. Well done Aryana, Hina and Nathan!



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The mixed trampolining teams competed in the final of the Rochdale Schools competition this term with the KS3 and 4 teams finishing 4th and 3rd respectively. In what was a highly competitive and tense competition, these results reflect the hard work and effort that the students have put in, both on the team and in practice more widely. Well done James Flanagan, Connor Walsh, Naomi Redican, Chantelle D'Arcy, Ellie Jones, Mia Greenwood and Jack Dean who all performed excellently!!



All the boys' football teams have been in cup and league action this term with the current highlight being the progression of the Year 8 team to the Rochdale Schools Cup final with a hard fought but superbly contested 4-2 victory over a strong and talented Cardinal Langley side.

A Harrison Lancaster hat-trick when coupled with a tremendous individual goal from Brook Jones was enough to win the tie, but tremendous credit must go to the team as a whole and the imposing central defensive duo of Blake Pimlott and Rafael Pizarro who defended superbly. Well done lads and bring the cup home!!

Abi Nolan, Lizzy Stack, Ellie Jones and Georgia Cocking travelled to Holland over the Easter Holidays to participate in an International football tournament with their team, Manchester Girls F.C. They travelled for 18 hours and raised the money needed to fund their trip through various fundraising activities such as bag packing and a sponsored bike ride in Heaton Park. They played teams from Denmark, Germany and Holland over the course of 5 days. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, from the planning stages through to the actual games and are looking forward to the tournament next year which is being held in Benidorm. Well done girls—we are very proud of you!



The Under 13's boys' and girls' volleyball teams were in action this term representing not just St Anne's Academy but Rochdale in the Greater Manchester Winter games. The girls' team of Kacey Taylor, Sharon Usuanlele, Katie Hamlin, Marta Korpalska and Oluwabukuola Daniels performed superbly to reach third place in the competition and record a bronze medal for Rochdale. The girls won two of their group stage games to qualify for the semi-finals and were defeated by the eventual winners. They recovered to win the bronze match and all the girls were sensational in their efforts and the quality of their volleyball on show. The boys' team of Ben Chalton, Rafael Pizarro, Harrison Lancaster, and Connor Morris went one better and were heartbreakingly defeated 25-23 in the final of the competition in controversial circumstances. The boys who had led 23-20 were poised to level the score at 24 all when a kick save from their opponents (that was against the rules) led to a tie. Following on from this they were edged out in another fantastic point that prevented them going on to represent Greater Manchester in the National Championships.

The final was against the only team who had beaten them in the competition and the lads came so close to what would have been a fantastic triumph. A silver medal was the least they deserved.

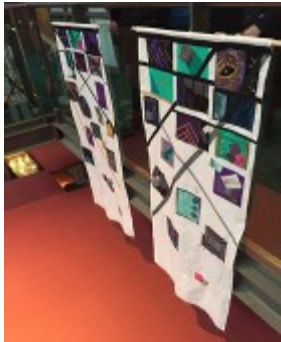
All the students involved performed at a fantastic level and they represented the Academy with tremendous pride and application. The Academy is rightly proud of their superb efforts – Congratulations to all involved!!

Artsmark - Inspiring young people through the arts and culture.



Year 8 and 9 talented artists have continued with their Artsmark project in collaboration with The Royal Exchange Theatre and Buile Hill Arts College in Salford.

They have been to see a show, toured the theatre and had 3 artist workshops making a textile hanging. The final part of the project is seeing the textile piece up at the theatre and sharing what they have done. They have produced some amazing pieces of work and we are very proud of them—well done to all involved.



STOCK MARKET CHALLENGE

On March 10th, five Gifted Mathematicians from Year 10 took part in the 'Stock Market Challenge' which was hosted at the Alliance Manchester Business School and sponsored by HSBC. Lorna McGhee, Courtney Rigby, Emily Tarrant, Matthew and Daniel Vere had to work as a team and attempt to

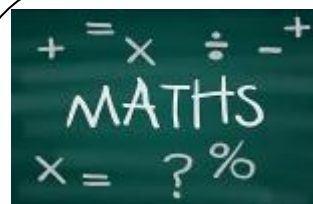
build a portfolio of shares from 10 "fictional" companies. The day was split into 5 days to represent a week of trading on the a real stock market floor. Students had to allocate themselves with roles including sales representatives, data analysts and treasurers and had to study a multitude of factors to make their decisions on which shares to trade and when to trade them. The students fed back that this was a very enriching experience as the students had no previous knowledge of investments and stock markets. This was the first time the Academy has participated in the event and the students managed to secure a top 10 position out of 25 schools which is a massive achievement—well done!

The same students also participated in 'Maths Feast' on March 15th, which was a Maths competition for Year 10 students held at Manchester University. The day was split into small tasks, one of which included a Maths comprehension task on complex numbers. St Anne's were the winners of the 'Pentominoes' round.



MANCHESTER HISTORIES

Manchester is one of the UK's most vibrant cultural heartlands, with a unique history to be proud of. On March 23rd, 13 Gifted Year 9 Historians took part in a Manchester Histories Day in conjunction with the University of Manchester. They were provided with access to wonderful resources at the Manchester Museum and the Whitworth Art Gallery to explore the diverse history of Manchester, where they were able to attend workshops on Roman Manchester, and explore the history of Manchester's great pioneer Alan Turing. They also had their creative skills stretched as part of a Manchester inspired Poetry workshop too.



Lizzy Stack Year 9

Thomas Read Year 9

Kieran McClay Year 8

Emma Dickson Year 8

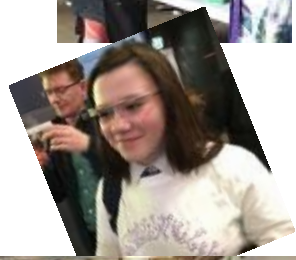


On 24th February we and many other schools in Greater Manchester attended the Junior Manchester Maths Challenge. The event was held at Manchester Grammar School. We took part in 4 activities where we had to work as a team and apply what we had learned in Maths. Some of the activities were team cross-numbers and a Maths relay race. The activities were different than what we were used to in class and the experience helped us improve our teamwork and problem solving skills.

Wearable Technology

By Leah Blakebrough (10th March - 13 G&T female students from Year 8)

Today at the Museum of Science and Industry we started the day by making a LED tote bag and looked around at the different fabrics there were in the Museum. Then we went outside and did some hula hooping which was really fun,. We then moved onto weaving and made bracelets using all sorts of colours of cotton. Around ten to twelve we had a break and then went to the experiment room. In the experiment room we were left to go and explore. There were many interesting things like the never ending lights, water ball for friction, different coloured lights to show white light and a bike to generate light and when you moved the pedals you could see the reflection of a moving skeleton. Lastly we went to the Revolution Manchester Gallery which was the best part of the day,. in the gallery we made screenwriter t shirts, made LED badges and had the chance to wear 3D goggles. Everyone really enjoyed the day and we all came home with lots of different things like bracelets, badges and t-shirts (which glow in the dark). We would love to go again and recommend it to families and other schools.



On March 17th, 25 Gifted and Talented Year 7 and 8 students visited the University of Manchester to celebrate British Science Week. At the event students attended a science fair, visiting approximately 20 different STEM stands, a workshop led by a PhD student and a 45 minute guest lecture, delivered by one of the Universities academics, where students were encouraged to ask questions at the end. The topic of the lecture was 'Cognitive and Social Psychology' and was delivered by Dr Luca Ticini.

Find out more about Dr Ticini's work here: <http://www.lucaticini.com>

"First of all, we went into a lecture theatre and we learned about the circulatory system and what happens inside it. Then we had to draw the circulatory system on it. After the lecture was finished, we went to a Science Fair. It was full of exciting experiments and that was the best part. Finally, we ended with a talk by an expert on the Brain; it was fascinating!" By Rebecca Hunston, Year 7

