



STUDENT VIEWS

An ACTV Original Newsletter

ACTV HAS INTERVIEWED MS. EARLE



Top news of the month

AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH MS. EARLE

By Joey F
School Affairs Reporter

»»» ACTV Interviews Ms. Earle

Talking exclusively to Altrincham College TV, Ms. Earle has revealed she 'didn't go straight into teaching' and before teaching she worked in the jewellery industry. Within her role in the industry, she worked with people like David Robinson, an Altrincham based jeweller, and she was also commissioned work on behalf of King Charles III.

Even though, Ms. Earle enjoyed working in the jewellery industry, she wanted to become a teacher and share her passion for learning.

As soon as Ms. Earle stepped foot in a classroom she 'loved it', and she loved teaching a subject the vast majority of students 'like doing'.

Ms. Earle has worked hard and 'went through the ranks' before becoming CEO of the South Manchester Learning Trust and Headteacher of Altrincham College.

Ms. Earle has told us she wants to 'lead a school' she is happy for her 'children to go to'.

When we asked Ms. Earle what skills were needed to run a school she said 'emotional intelligence' was needed.

You can watch the full interview on the ACTV tab on the website.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING SUCCESS

>>> ENTRIES TO THE SIXTH FORM ARE NOW OPEN

Application Form Sixth Form Entry
2024



The school says 'We are a small, friendly sixth form with space for just 200 students across years 12 and 13. Our size enables us to nurture each and every student and cater to their individual needs. Furthermore, our smaller student population means that staff get to know their students very quickly and students form close friendships for life. Students are supported here every single day, from the day they walk through the door in Year 12, to the day they leave us in Year 13, fully ready to transition to university or employment. We pride ourselves on aiming to keep classes small because we truly believe that student success is determined by receiving quality teaching and 1:1 support. We offer a multi million pound state-of-the-art learning environment and we consistently see excellent examination results year on year, with almost all students who apply to UCAS securing a place at their first choice university. We guarantee that students will receive the highest level of personal support and guidance throughout their studies, following either an academic A Level pathway or an Advanced Level 3 vocational pathway, enhanced by an exciting and varied enrichment programme.'. For more information visit the school website or talk to your form tutor.

ACTV has talked to sixth formers at Altrincham College, and they all said they would 'recommend' Altrincham College's Sixth Form to others.



INTERVIEW WITH THE HEAD OF DRAMA

»»» DRAMA AND PERFORMING ARTS AT ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE

By Edward H Drama and Performing
Arts Reporter

ACTV has recently interviewed the Head of Drama at Altrincham College, Ms. Mrozinski. While talking to us she urged new students coming into the school next year to dive deep into drama, and performing arts.

She also encouraged students to pick GCSE drama, and carry it onto the sixth form.

As all students know, Ms. Mrozinski is in-charge of all the school productions at Altrincham College. This year the play is 'School of Rock'. Talking to a student who is in the play, he told ACTV he 'loves rehearsing and performing in plays, directed by Ms. Mrozinski'. The student carried on to say 'Drama is the best subject I study, and would recommend the GCSE to all students'.

The Drama Department at Altrincham College aims to develop individuality; to encourage students to think and express themselves with flair and confidence and to encourage tolerance and understanding. Students are given opportunities through practical role-play and written drama activities to experience the world around them and begin to appreciate situations from more than one perspective. Through drama, we encourage students to question and challenge their perception of the world and develop the skills employers seek. You can watch the interview on the website and our social media accounts.



'A GREAT SUCCESS': ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE'S BAKE SALE AND ODD SOCK DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK STARTED ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

On Monday the 10th, students took part in a nationwide campaign called 'Odd Socks Day'! The title is simple but the problem the Anti-Bullying Alliance -a part of the National Children's Bureau- is facing is far from simple. The Anti-Bullying Alliance is the UK leading charity against bullying. Bullying is an epidemic in all schools across the UK, and having a charity supporting schools and students is 'vital' to combat this growing problem, says an expert in behaviour.

Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership with CBeebies and CBBC star Andy Day and his band, 'Andy and the Odd Socks.'

At Altrincham College, the odds socks day was celebrated by all students and the week was led by **Anti-bullying and Well-being Student Ambassadors** and **Miss Gilmartin**. ACTV talked to a student who helped in the week and they said they wanted to 'thank everyone who brought or baked cakes or cookies' and everyone who 'donated and wore their odd socks to raise awareness of bullying'.

Miss Gilmartin, with help from the student ambassadors, hosted 5 assemblies about bullying and what bullying was. The theme was banter, and how to separate banter from bullying.

In conclusion, students vibrantly enjoyed Anti-bullying Week.

We'll be wearing odd socks with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their patrons, Andy and the Odd Socks, on Monday 13th November for Odd Socks Day. Will you?

Odd Socks Day 

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay



ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATES HARRY POTTER BOOK DAY

HARRY POTTER BOOK DAY WAS ON THE 12TH OF OCTOBER

Harry Potter Book Night – the annual celebration of the magical world of Hogwarts and the iconic Harry Potter series – has been rebranded as Harry Potter Book Day. In 2023, Harry Potter Book Day took place on the 12th October and the theme for this year was Magical Places.

Here at Altrincham College, Mrs. Turner in the LRC (Learning Resource Centre) celebrated the day in Altrincham College's trademark, fun way.

The Harry Potter series, by J.K. Rowling, was first published in June 1997, but their books are still being sold every sing day! ACTV talked to students celebrating the day, and one student told us 'I've read all of the books at least twice'. This just shows that young people at Altrincham College are inspired by the things they read. Harry Potter books are available in the LRC for students to take out and read at home.



PUPILS TELL ACTV WHAT THEY LOVE ABOUT BEING A STUDENT LIBRARIAN

The Learning Resource Centre is a place young people can volunteer as a student librarian. In the LRC, all students have access to computers, educational games, **2,800 books**, and a safe place to come alone or with their friends!

What we love about being a Student Librarian!

By Altrincham College Student Librarians



I love helping and doing jobs
so when I saw a poster for
Students Librarians at the
LRC I knew I had to join- **Molly**

I enjoy arranging the books
and keeping the area clean so everyone can have a nice
environment - **Ahmed**

I love helping out in the LRC and making new things for the
library. I also love organising books- **Hollie**

I really enjoy helping in the LRC organising and tidying books to
make it nice for other people and I love being surrounded by books!
-**Imogen**

VISIT THE LRC!

By The Student
Librarians!

**Want something
to read?**

The LRC has a large selection
of books including graphic
novels, non-fiction and
magazines

**Want to join in events and
play some games?**

The LRC has a lot of games to
keep you entertained including
chess and puzzles. There are
also regular fun events

A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR TELLS HIS STORY TO YEAR 10 STUDENTS AT ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE



REMEMBRANCE DAY AT ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE

Student and staff alike came together to observe a minutes silence at 11am on Friday the 10th of November. In the tradition of Remembrance Day, 'the Last Post' was played by Y11 student Kai S.

After the one minute silence, year 10 students, who study history at GCSE, went up to the Sixth Form Drama Studio, and listened to a holocaust survivor's story.

Tomi is in his 90's and survived the holocaust being a Jewish boy. His dad was took away by the Nazis, and his mum was going to be taken away but escaped while being transported.

Tomi told an important, but emotional, story to students, and some students left the room with a 'tear in their eye'.

Tomi left students with an important message to consider: how it was bullying behaviour that led to one of humanity's worst atrocities, and how important it is to support anyone who is being picked on because they are different.

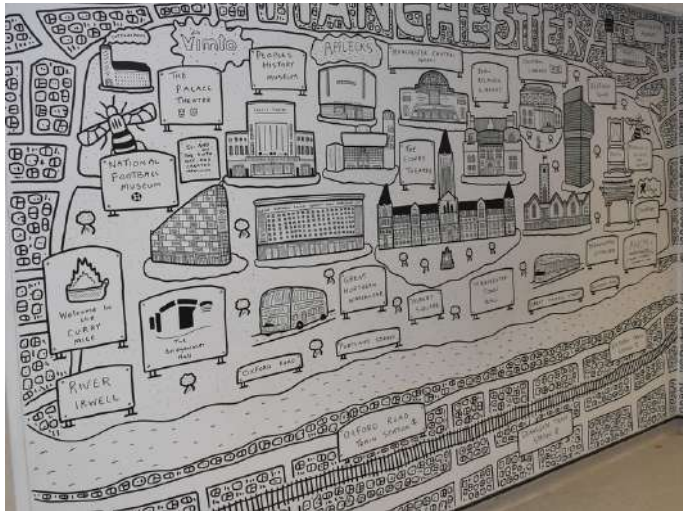
Following the talk, Tomi spent considerable time answering our students' questions about his life experiences.

Thank you to Mr Gillan, Mr Guy and Miss Duffy, and also A Level History student Steph who organised the event, following her trip to Auschwitz in March 2023.



ACTV MEET DAVE DRAWS!!

by Molly T and Jessica B Arts Reporters



Dave Draws is a freelance illustrator, mural artist and serial map doodler originally from Chesterfield but living in Manchester.

Dave's trademark is his doodle maps that combine his unique doodle style with cartoonish illustrations creating a map of a city, using only his trusted Posca pens.

Dave has come to Altrincham college to create a doodle map of our school and the local area.

Dave has been working on the mural for a week and it looks fantastic. Dave has been doing this for around 8 years, before that he lived in Berlin and worked in an art gallery. His favourite part of the mural is Dunham Massey and the school. He particularly likes the school because he has never drawn a school before and enjoys the challenge. He uses POSCA pens for his artwork and has gone through at least 30 so far! He has 3 different sizes to make his art more interesting. Dave will be spray painting his artwork with a matt varnish to prevent graffiti and damage. Here is a quote from Dave 'Art is all about being creative, so draw what you enjoy'.



ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE PAY TRIBUTE TO A FOOTBALL LEGEND.

SIR BOBBY CHARLTON CBE DIED LAST MONTH.

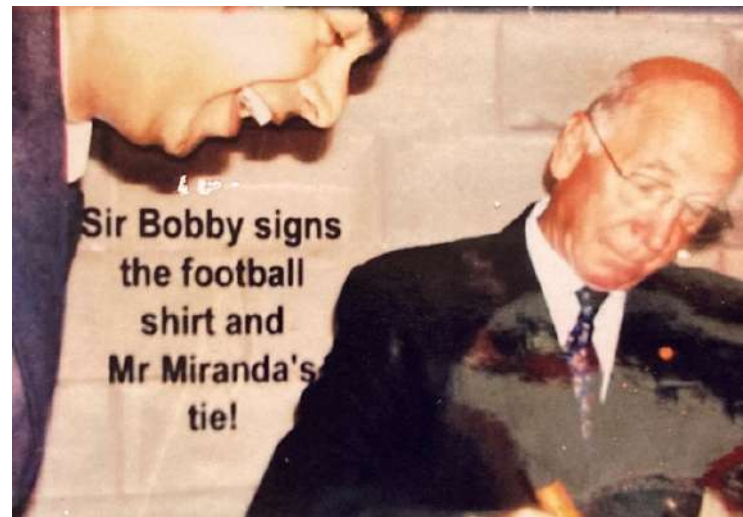
Altrincham College's Sports Hall was opened by Sir Bobby on the 27th of June 2003. Altrincham College shared photos and some words about Sir Bobby. The statement said 'Staff at Altrincham College, like so many others, were saddened to hear about the passing of Sir Bobby Charlton CBE'.

We were honoured when Sir Bobby officially opened our sports hall back in June 2003, (pictured here with Mr Larkin and Mr Miranda).

Mr Miranda remembers how Sir Bobby signed his tie, even though he supports Liverpool!

The memorial plaque to commemorate this event can be found at the entrance of the sports hall, as shown in the photograph below of Mr Jones with Year 7 student Alfie'.

RIP Sir Bobby'





SIR BOBBY CHARLTON CBE

1937-2023

DANCE NEWS: YEAR 10 STUDENTS VISIT MARPLE HALL SCHOOL

ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE NOW OFFERS DANCE AT GCSE.

Our Year 10 GCSE Dance students attended an insightful workshop this week led by Marple Hall School. Students were challenged with choreography tasks, collaborating with Year 11 students from other schools and learning a set phrase for their practical examinations.

Miss Matthews is very proud of everyone who took part and their fantastic effort was noted by the workshop host.

This is the first year Altrincham College has dance on our curriculum, and you may be wondering what is in the dance GCSE? On the school website it says 'Dance at Altrincham College aims to empower our students through developing their confidence in creative expression. We believe that students deserve a broad and ambitious dance curriculum, rich in practical skills and theoretical knowledge, which immerses students in a range of styles and exposes them to the rich and diverse history, and indeed future, of dance'. Miss Matthews leads the course, and would encourage any student interested in dance to join in!



THE MAJOR PROBLEM FACING MANCHESTER UNITED

By Stephen J Sports Reporter

The major problem at Manchester United is that the owner's, the Glazer family, are using the club for personal wealth and not the love of the sport. The problem is so bad that Manchester United are in a debt of 969.6 million pounds and all the Glazer's care about is 'putting that money in their back pocket', according to a Man United fan.

This means that Manchester United, a club that has a proud history of being one of the world's greatest football clubs, cannot buy the players that they crucially need in a transfer window. In addition to this, Manchester United cannot keep up with the spending of other Premier League clubs like Newcastle. It isn't just players Man. United need to spend money on though. The stadium, and other areas of the club (like the training grounds) have seen better days. Manchester United has reported that Sir Jim Radcliff has a 25 percent stake off the club, and that will increase over the next few years until he has full ownership of the club. He says he want to get rid of the club debt and to build an all new training ground and stadium, so Man. United fans are over the moon with the potential takeover.

JOIN ACTV TODAY

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RUGBY WORLD CUP 2023

by Ashe A and Joey F Sports Reporters

The Rugby World Cup has now ended, so for people who have not watched, ACTV have a summary for you.

With the first match between New Zealand and France with a score of 27-13 for France.

In a Group B match Italy vs Namibia and since Namibia is not noticeably big in rugby in their country, they were obliterated by Italy 52 - 8 now it will be a little long and boring if you talk about every Rugby World Cup match, so we will only talk about pivotal matches being the knockout stages.

In the quarter-finals, Wales faced a strong Argentine team, Wales fought a strong battle, but that was not enough to beat a strong Argentine team that finished by beating them 29-17. On the other side of the quarter-finals, Ireland faced a strong All Blacks team (New Zealand) but then lost 28/24 to this mighty team. While Ireland was losing, England on the other hand was defeating Fiji 30/24 come on England. Finally England won the match.

South Africa took us and narrowly beat us 15/16 on the other side of the semi-final New Zealand defeated Argentina 44/6 which means New Zealand faced South Africa in a high-skill final and South Africa won the World Cup by beating them 12/11. A great and close match was also bronze finals England vs Argentina with England winning 26/23. This was such a great game

This is our summary of the World Cup in France!



ACTV NEEDS YOU!!!



**ACTV meets in the LRC every Tuesday
after school. All welcome.**

NO MORE COLD FEET ABOUT RIDING IN WINTER WITH LOVE TO RIDE

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love to Ride, a global biking organisation is thrilled to announce the return of its exhilarating winter biking challenge, Winter Wheelers, taking place from 1st to 25th December 2023. This annual event, now in its 8th year, is dedicated to embracing the cold weather and encouraging more people to hop on their bikes throughout the winter season.

This year, Winter Wheelers promises to be bigger and better, and Love to Ride is determined to demonstrate that riding in winter doesn't need to give you cold feet!

Winter Wheelers is an all-inclusive challenge that welcomes both seasoned riders and those who haven't been on a bike in years (or ever). Riders will gain access to Quick Courses and a wealth of tips and informative articles to help boost their biking confidence.

All participants will receive personalised emails to help them overcome their specific barriers and to guide them toward riding in a winter wonderland.

"We encourage and support people to ride their bikes during the winter season as a great way to stay active, enjoy a safe and efficient mode of transportation, and uplift their spirits even when the days are shorter and the light is limited," says Thomas Stokell, the CEO of Love to Ride.

Here's how to get involved:

- Register for free at www.lovetoride.net
- Log your bike rides before midnight to enter the daily prize draws
- Invite others to take part for more chances to win

Join Love to Ride's Winter Wheelers to conquer the cold, banish anxiety, boost your energy levels, and enhance your happiness.



ADVERTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



On the 22nd
of December,
all students
finish at
12:30pm and
break up for
Christmas!!

On the 8th of January, all
students will come back
to school.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Bill C is ACTV's Editor-in-Chief

In this half term, ACTV has been busy filming and interviewing people all around the school. For example, we got the honour to meet and interview Tomi, a holocaust survivor who visited our school. His interview was moving. In addition to this, we made a segment about girls in sports and spoke to sixth former Erin C about how Altrincham College can encourage women in sports through enrichment activities.

ACTV has lots of exciting opportunities to offer students, and it is a great thing to put on your CV if you're interested in media or journalism. We are looking for editors, presenters, writers and everything in-between, so join ACTV today! Any questions or comments contact

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