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STUDENT VIEWS

An ACTV Original Newsletter

Human Rights Day 2023

Mrs. Acharya's successful 'Human Rights Day' took place late last year.



Top news of the term!

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2023 SUCCESS

By Bill C
Editor-in-Chief

Speakers included Mike Reed from Amnesty UK.

Human Rights Day was on the 10th of December. To celebrate this liberating day, Mrs Acharaya -Head of RE at Altrincham College- held a human rights event throughout our school.

Experts on the topic of human rights came to our school to talk to year nine pupils, and educate them on this theme.

One of these experts was Mike Reed from Amnesty UK. He talked about his experience on the topic, and how young people can fight the injustices of our modern world.

Another brilliant speaker was Professor Kevin Malone, and he spoke about his humanist values (someone who doesn't believe in a God, but still believes in doing good), and why Freedom of Religion is important.

Billy, from the Anne Frank Trust , also spoke on the day. 'The Anne Frank Trust uses Anne Frank's life and diary to empower young people with the knowledge, skills and confidence to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination.'

Everyone would like to thank Mrs. Acharya for her brilliant work within the school community.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2023

About the Charities!

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty works to protect people wherever justice, freedom, truth and dignity are denied.

As a global movement of over ten million people, Amnesty International is the world's largest grassroots human rights organisation.

They investigate and expose abuses, educate and mobilise the public, and help transform societies to create a safer, more just world. They received the Nobel Peace Prize for their life-saving work. Amnesty International UK is a dual entity comprising of two distinct organisations, the Amnesty International UK Section and the Amnesty International UK Charitable Trust.

Anne Frank

The Anne Frank Trust UK

Learning from Anne Frank and the Holocaust, we empower young people aged 9 to 15 to challenge all forms of prejudice.

Anne Frank is uniquely powerful as a catalyst for learning and reflection about prejudice. Her experiences as a young Jewish person during the Holocaust provide a powerful insight for young people to learn and reflect on the dangers of antisemitism and all forms of prejudice. Through their programmes, young people gain the knowledge, motivation and skills to make a real difference.

They focus on 9- to 15-year-olds because they can relate to Anne, and because this age is crucial to the formation of values and beliefs.

BRITISH HUMANIST ASSOCIATION

Humanists believe this:

Throughout recorded history there have been non-religious people who have believed that this life is the only life we have, that the universe is a natural phenomenon with no supernatural side, and that we can live ethical and fulfilling lives on the basis of reason and humanity. They have trusted the scientific method, evidence, and reason to discover truths about the universe and have placed human welfare and happiness at the centre of their ethical decision making.

ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - CHRISTMAS FAIR - CHRISTMAS DINNER



Altrincham College celebrated Christmas in style, with the main Christmas tree being in the Sixth Form reception. There was also other trees around school, including a small, pink tree in Mrs. South's room.

The Christmas Fair was also a huge success. There were lots of stalls with beautiful handmade gifts and decorations for Christmas. Among the best sellers were the mince pies!

Another popular event happened on the 21st of December. With the choice of roast turkey, honey glazed ham or pork sausage, students were spoilt for choice in this year's student Christmas dinner.

On the same day as the Christmas Dinner, student celebrated the annual 'Dress Festive Day'. Students came in wearing festive clothes, and celebrated the day in style.

One student told ACTV that it got them in the 'Christmas spirit' and reminded them of the 'meaning of Christmas.'

The annual Christmas Concert took place on the 19th December and was a wonderful festive evening.



CHARITY NEWS: JUST IN THE ST. NICK OF TIME!

Year 10 Student Council collect 1,000 food products for a local food bank.

Christmas comes at a cost. A cost that many can't afford. 2.1 million people live in a household that use a foodbank. Foodbank use is reaching record highs this Christmas, and the **Student Council** didn't want to 'sit by and watch it happen'.

Member's of the Student Council collectively worked with **Ms. Gatward** and **Mrs. Witchalls** and activated the 'Tin to Win Initiative'. Students ranging from year seven to thirteen worked together to collect tins and other goods for our local foodbank. Teachers even joined in with maths teacher, **Mrs. Hudson-Kirkham** bringing in about 25 tins on the same day!

The whole school Student Council has set a target of £6,000 to raise this school year.

Winners got Amazon gift cards, chocolate and an array of different biscuits. One of the many winners included Jake C, year 10, and although he only brought in one tin of food he still won chocolate. You've got to be in it to win it!

The Year 10 Student Council would like to thank all the student who entered this raffle and the teachers who helped and donated.



JOINT STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

The South Manchester Learning Trust hosted its first ever joint student council meeting last month. Altrincham College Student Leaders went to Reddish Vale, Altrincham College's partner school. The Student Leaders travelled to Stockport in the school minibus and had a 'productive' meeting with Reddish Vale's Student Council.

Writing in the Head Teacher's Bulletin Mr Keegan said: On Wednesday 6th December, students participated in a joint Student Council meeting with our partner school, Reddish Vale High School in Stockport. This meeting provided a wonderful opportunity for both schools to discuss our Trust Values: Ambition, Inclusive, Aspiration, Community and Belief and the ways in which we can work together across the Trust to celebrate these. The meeting also provided an opportunity for students to discuss the issues facing our young people and enlist the support of our partners in order to make a real difference on the issues that matter the most to them. The meeting was very productive, and the council agreed on the following ways to embed the Trust Values this year.

Some of the ideas the schools came up with include a joint school Olympics, a trust wide award and a joint school podcast. Altrincham College's Student Council wants to 'keep working with Reddish Vale to improve both schools.'



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

EXCLUSIVE

An ACTV deep-dive exclusive into enrichment activities at Altrincham College.

Altrincham College is home to one of the greatest enrichment timetables in Trafford. Ofsted even mentioned this in their latest report on our school.
Over the last few months, ACTV have been recording a two part series on enrichment activities at Altrincham College.
ACTV have interviewed pupils, the school's football team and managers, as well as Mr. Wakefield.
ACTV ran an article about the Enrichment Broadcast episode one, and how we spoke to the Head of the Drama Department.
In episode two, which was released this January, we spoke to Mr. Wakefield and others about a number of different clubs. We even spoke to Erin C, a sixth former, a reporter for ACTV, and a football coach. She highlighted the importance of involving women in sports, and equal representation.

JOIN ACTV TODAY

All broadcasts are available to watch on the ACTV tab on the school website. (https://www.altrinchamcollege.com/news-and-calendar/actv).





ACTV are always looking for new writers, camera operators, broadcasters and more! Come along on Tuesday after school in the LRC.
It is something great to have on your CV, you learn new skills, and make new friendships too. As well as this, we cover events not only within the school, but the local community!

RUTH STOLLER: A LOCAL LEGEND DIES AGED 101

Miss Stoller was Headteacher of the school for 21 years, from 1966 to 1987, when it was known first as Delahays Girls' School, and then Green Lane High School. She recalled her time at the school fondly and said, "the school was about caring and providing for young people and this was reflected in our motto at the time, which was, 'through learning and caring to life."

Miss Stoller turned 100 years old in 2022 and was honoured with a congratulatory birthday card from Queen Elizabeth II, just one month before her majesty's death.

She always maintained a keen interest in our school, especially the performing arts. An award in Miss Stoller's name has been presented for the past two years at our Summer Presentation Evening and will continue to be presented every year as we honour her memory.

Miss Stoller was the former headmistress of Altrincham College.

Members of the local community have already been sending their regards with one saying 2Ruth was a wonderful supporter of Altrincham College and we always enjoyed welcoming her into school. She was in fantastic form just after her 100th birthday, pictured here with the three head teachers who succeeded her. Rest in peace Ruth." Miss Stoller's values and messages will stick with Altrincham College pupils always.





ACTV'S BEST ADVICE FOR ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE PUPILS

ACTV'S TOP TIPS AND TRICKS FOR SCHOOL

1. **Talk about it**
   If you have a problem at school or at home, just talk about. In school there are so many members of staff who you can talk to. You are never alone.



2. **Make new friends**
   It can feel overwhelming being in a large school, especially when moving up from a small primary school. There are lots of opportunities to make new friends, joining after school clubs is a great way to meet new people with similar interests.

3. **Give it time**
   Things might not feel comfortable at first, but after a while you can start to feel more confident. If you're struggling, seek support and things will get better.

4. **Use a positive mindset**
   Look on the positive side. What are you looking forward to? Do you have your favourite lesson today? A positive mindset in school, and life more generally, can be really good for your mental health.

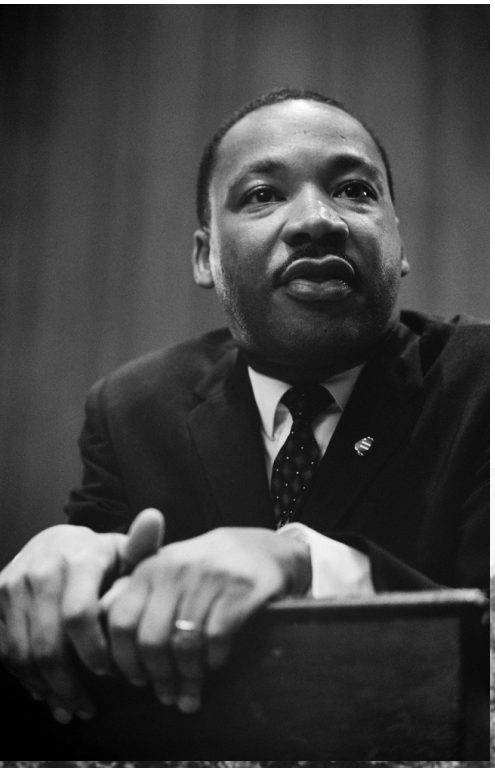
5. **Use the LRC**
   Did you know that the LRC is home to thousands of books? From revision resources to gothic novels, the Learning Resource Centre is a great hub for student's education. Computers are accessible at lunch and break for people to do their homework and revise. As well as this, the LRC is a good space to collaborate with your peers about school work.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S VALUES STILL STAY WITH ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE STUDENTS

By Joey F, Year 7

Martin Luther King Jr was a civil rights activist, who was a Reverend in the Baptist Church.
Throughout his time as an activist, he helped end segregation on buses; he was jailed 29 times; and he won the Nobel Peace Prize.
His famous 'I Have a Dream' speech has inspired people at the time, and even now! His speech highlighted the importance of treating everybody with dignity and respect.
King was assassinated on the April 4 1968, and he is celebrated around the world on the third Monday of January every single year.

It was Martin Luther King Day on the 16th of January. It is always celebrated around the world on the 3rd Monday of each January.



MLK's values of courage, truth, justice, compassion and humility still stays with Altrincham College students today. One pupil in year 10 said "Martin Luther King Jr's pursuit of fighting injustices is inspirational."
We cannot forget the values he spread, because racism and other injustices start at a local and very small level.
It is a national holiday in many countries around the world, including the United States of America.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

By M. Ahmed, Year 11

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is the most important traditional holiday in Chinese culture. It is a time of celebration and new beginnings, marking the start of a new lunar year. The origins of Chinese New Year can be traced back thousands of years to ancient Chinese mythology. According to legend, the holiday began with a mythical beast called Nian, who would come out of hiding on the first day of the new year to attack villagers. To protect themselves, villagers would put up red decorations and set off firecrackers to scare the beast away, the tradition still goes on to this day. One of the most iconic symbols of Chinese New Year is the red envelope, also known as hongbao. These small red envelopes are filled with money and given as gifts to children and unmarried adults as a symbol of good luck and prosperity for the new year. Another popular tradition is the dragon and lion dance, where performers dress up as these mythical creatures and dance through the streets, accompanied by drums and firecrackers. Chinese New Year is not only celebrated in China, but also in other countries with significant Chinese populations, such as Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia. In fact, it is estimated that one-sixth of the world's population celebrates Chinese New Year. As we welcome the Year of the Dragon, let us also reflect on the values of hard work, determination, and perseverance that the ox represents. I wish you a happy and prosperous Chinese New Year.





RISHI SUNAK IN ALTRINCHAM

The Prime Minister spent less than an hour in Altrincham, whilst on a short tour of the North West.

Rishi Sunak was in Altrincham recently for a short visit.
Rishi was in his local area with other members of the conservative party.
After talking to Conservative Party activists and buying a pie, Rishi spent less than an hour in Altrincham.
An ACTV roving reporter was there while Sunak looked around our town along with Sir Graham Brady, the MP for Altrincham and Sale West.
Brady has been the Member of Parliament for our town since 1997. In recent years he has made national news, whilst chairing the 1922 Committee. This committee, whilst under his leadership, has seen the downfall of Boris Johnson and Liz Truss.
Brady is standing down at the next election, but polls predict the Conservatives won't hold on to the seat anyway.


Pictured: Graham Brady.





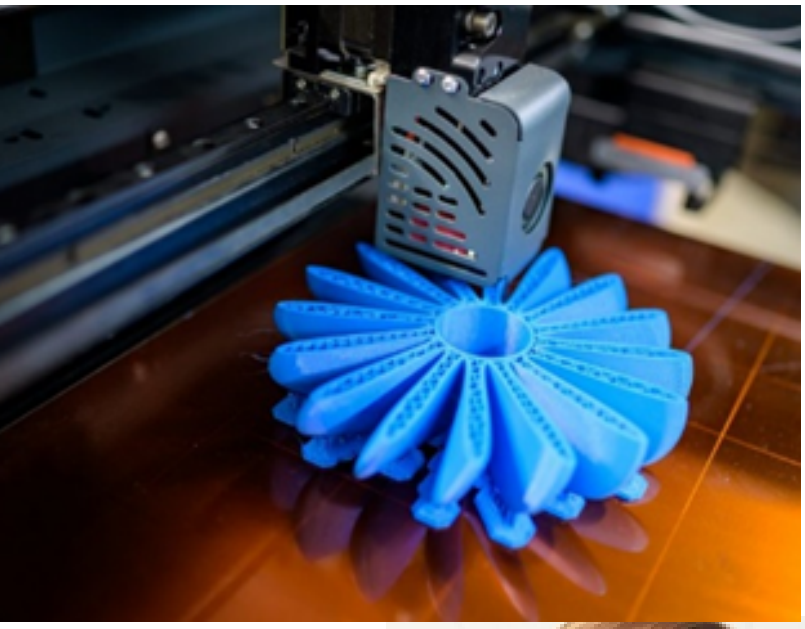
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

A new GCSE course will be offered to students from 2024.

Careers and opportunities where STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical) skills and knowledge are required are on the rise and forecast to increase further over the coming years. Many jobs in the STEM sector have yet to be created due to the technological advancements happening at such speed.

This is an exciting time to be a student with your career ahead of you! To prepare you for this ever-changing world, we are developing our curricular offer to allow you to gain first-hand experience of the engineering skills, technology and attitudes required for your futures. As part of the expansion of our school, a new engineering hub will be created featuring a workshop, CAD/CAM suite, electronics areas and robotics.

For 2024, GCSE Design and Technology will be launched, focusing on modern design and manufacturing techniques including 3D printing and 3D CAD (Computer Aided Design); electronics programming will also be introduced.



This course links closely with mathematics/science and you will use your skills and knowledge from those subjects in real life applications. In September 2025, GCSE Engineering will be added to the school offer. This subject will further develop students who wish to pursue further study or careers in the engineering sector.

In March 2024, we will be holding a STEM week around the theme of TIME. There will be activities, competitions and presentations for students to inspire them about STEM pathways and careers as well as to develop their understanding of how the different subject areas are interrelated and to appreciate how STEM influences our daily lives. More information about this will be shared soon.



XAVI TO LEAVE BARCELONA: WHO COULD BE THE NEXT MANAGER?

By Stephen J, Year 10 Sports reporter

After Jurgen Klopp's shock decision to quit Liverpool at the end of the season, Barcelona boss Xavi followed suit over the weekend by announcing he would also leave his post in the summer.

While Klopp will be leaving the Reds in good shape, whoever takes over at Barca will know they have a rebuilding job on their hands - amid financial pressures.

They do have a host of talented youngsters, though, and the role of Barcelona manager is one that will appeal to many no matter what the challenges are.

Here we take a look at some of the potential contenders - including the bookmakers early favourite.

Mikel Amatriain is a Spanish professional football manager and former player who is the manager of Premier League club Arsenal.

Antonio Conte Cavaliere OMRI is an Italian professional football manager and former player who was most recently the head coach of Premier League club Tottenham Hotspur.

Roberto De Zerbi is an Italian professional football coach and former player who is the head coach of Premier League club Brighton & Hove Albion.

Rafael "Rafa" Márquez Álvarez is a Mexican football coach and former player who played as a defender. He is the current head coach of Spanish team Barcelona Atlètic.'

José Mário dos Santos Mourinho Félix GOIH, is a Portuguese professional football manager and former player who was most recently head coach of Italian Serie A club Roma.

Thiago Motta Santon Olivares is a professional football manager and former player. He is currently the head coach of Serie A club Bologna. A midfielder, Motta spent his early career at Barcelona, where he was injury-prone.

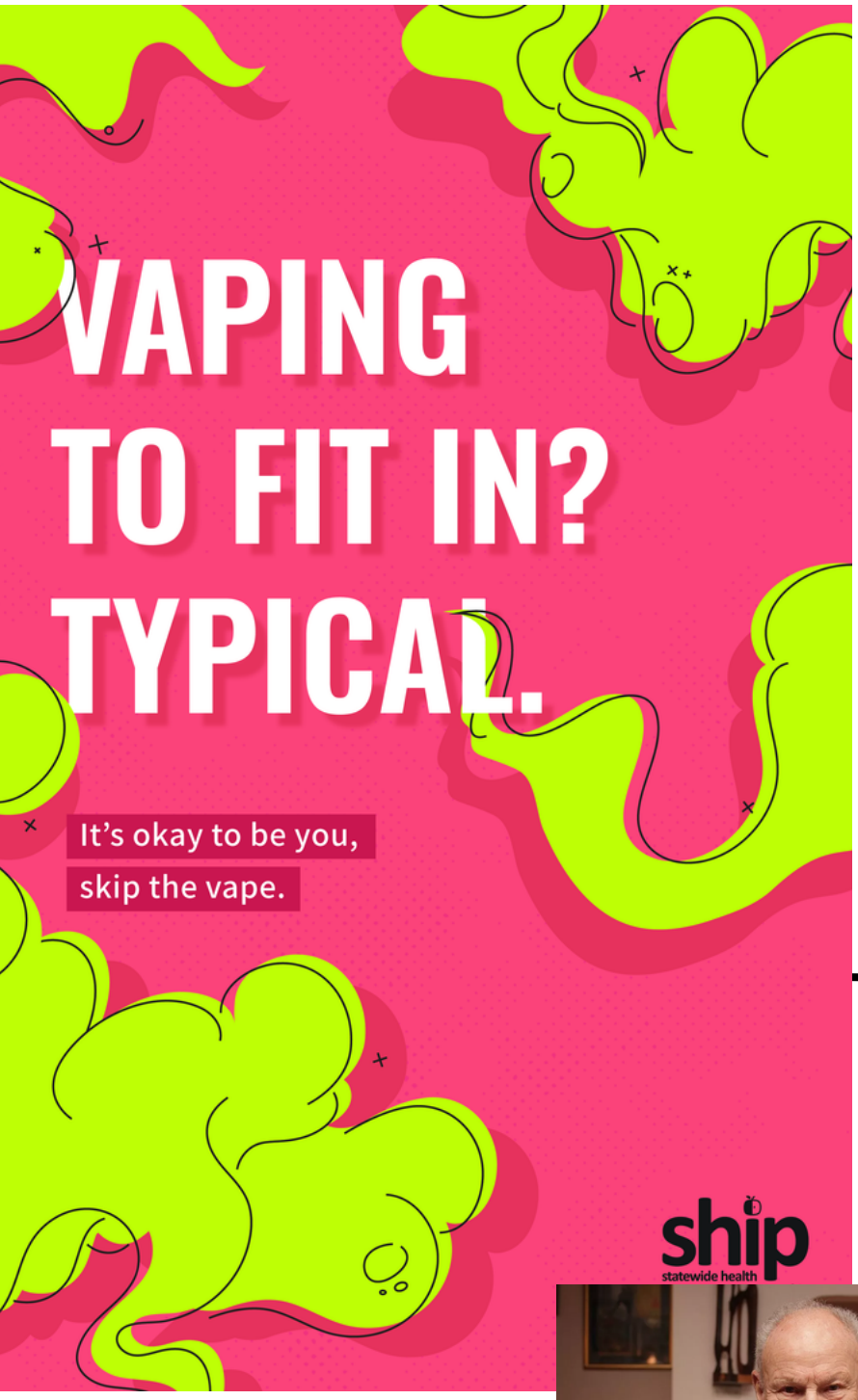


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We meet every Tuesday after school in the LRC



ADVERTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Students finish on the 9th of February, and will return on the 20th of February after the inset day.

Editor's Comment

Tomi Komoly, the holocaust survivor ACTV interviewed last year made regional news! Tomi spoke to the Manchester Evening News about his experiences on Holocaust Memorial Day.
ACTV are still looking for new members, so please join! We are looking for video editors, writers and presenters.

