



STUDENT VIEWS

An ACTV Original Newsletter

Culture Day Celebrations

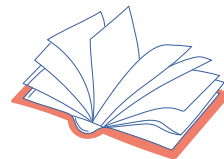
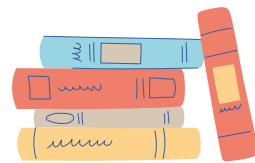


"On Tuesday 5th March we held our second consecutive 'culture and diversity day' which was a fantastic opportunity for students to celebrate their cultures and express who they are through food, music and dance. Congratulations to Juri and her team of Year 12 students who organised the event and helped to make it such a success!"





WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day 2024 took place on Thursday 7 March . This annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading is one of the highlights of our year.

Their mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

World Book Day works with publishers to create a list of £1 books to appeal to a wide range of children at all ages, interests, and stages of reading. They aim for the books to appeal to all children, particularly those who need encouragement to read for pleasure.

We had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day! At Altrincham College we are a reading school and, as such, we look for any and every opportunity to promote reading and advocate a love of reading for pleasure, and this was a brilliant way to celebrate. Children took part in lots of book-themed activities throughout the week. Activities ranged from staff and student book swaps; The 'Whose bookshelf is this' quiz and the annual 'staff dress up as a character' competition.

Congratulations to 11.1 who won the bookshelf quiz, Ms Coleman who won the fancy dress and the Art Department who won best decorated door!

ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE'S LOLLIPOP LADY RETIRES

Mrs Nash has left Altrincham College, but not our community, after 38 years serving generations of pupils. Her dedicated service to our school is 'unbelievable' one Altrincham College student in Year 9 told ACTV.

Writing in the Headteacher's Bulletin, Ms Earle said: "We wish Mrs Nash, our Lollipop Lady, a healthy and happy retirement as she will be soon saying farewell to her bright orange lollipop after 38 years!" Mrs Nash was very touched by the send off and the 1000+ faces wishing her well.



AC AGAINST RACISM

In February, students from the Well-being and Anti-bullying team visited Altrincham Grammar School for Boys for a conference to tackle racism around schools in Trafford.

There were four schools in attendance, and they all respectfully agreed racism had an acute presence in their schools.

Victor E, Alyssa T, Holly W, Florence D, Stephen J, Jake M were among those in attendance.

Speaking to ACTV, one member who was in attendance said "it was a productive conference with strong ideas and solutions to tackle this problem."

RED NOSE DAY 2024

By Shiven S, Year 7,

Red Nose Day was celebrated around the Altrincham community on Friday 15 March 2024! It's that time of year when incredible cake bakers, joke makers, telly watchers, t-shirt wearers, Red Nose buyers and laugh till you criers, do something to fight poverty through humour and fun, for communities here in the UK and around the world.

People take part in all sorts of ways such as fundraising events in schools, big challenges and there was a live show on TV with lots of celebrities, funny sketches and examples of where the money raised will be spent.

This year is the last year that comedian Lenny Henry will host the live programme. Comic Relief was founded by Richard Curtis and Sir Lenny Henry almost 40 years ago. Over the years Lenny has helped to raise more than £1.5 billion for Comic Relief. Lenny Henry said: "When we first started Comic Relief back in 1985, I never dreamed we'd still be here today. I thought we'd probably do three shows and that would be it, but fast-forward nearly 40 years, and that enthusiasm and determination to step up and help others has never wavered."

An Altrincham College student told ACTV that they "love Red Nose Day as communities come together and wear funny red noses". They also mentioned the money raised goes to fund projects that are directly helping people in the UK and around the world. This includes supporting people facing issues such as homelessness and mental health problems. The charity also aims to help people around the world who are most harmed by the effects of climate change.

RED NOSE DAY



"Billions have been raised"

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Year 10 and Year 12 students have work experience on the 13 and 14 May.

Work experience is vital for students to get real experiences within the working world! Altrincham College have said,
"Students in both Years 10 and 12 have the opportunity to go on work experience placement. Work experience introduces and prepares our students for the world of work, allowing them to build their confidence and gain valuable skills that they can use in their future careers."

Students have organised their own unique experience. Pupils have organised to go to work on railways to help Greater Manchester Police Officers.

One Year 10 pupil told ACTV "I am really excited to take part in work experience! I get to network with people in the industry I want to go into, and I can learn practical skills that will help me in the future."

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(<https://www.altrinchamcollege.com/news-and-calendar/actv>).



ACTV are always looking for new writers, camera people, broadcasters and more! Come along on a 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!

ALTRINCHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

By M. Ahmed, Year 11

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrated annually on March 8 as a focal point in the women's rights movement. IWD gives focus to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women. Spurred on by the universal female suffrage movement, IWD originated from labor movements in North America and Europe during the early 20th century. The earliest reported Women's Day event, called "National Woman's Day", was held on February 28, 1909, in New York City. It was organized by the Socialist Party of America at the suggestion of activist Theresa Malkiel. On March 19, 1911, the first International Women's Day was marked by over a million people in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland. In Austria-Hungary alone, there were 300 demonstrations across Europe, women demanded the right to vote and to hold public office and protested employment sex discrimination. The UN theme for International Women's Day in 2018 was: "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". Global marches and online campaigns such as #MeToo and #TimesUp, which originated in the United States but became popular globally, allowed many women from various parts of the world to confront injustice and speak out on issues such as sexual harassment and assault and the gender pay gap. The theme for International Women's Day 2013 was "A promise is a promise: time for action to end violence against women." It was reported the 70% of women worldwide experience some sort of physical or sexual violence in their life. Irina Bovoka, UNESCO Director General on International Women's Day, stated that in order "to empower women and ensure equality, we must challenge every form of violence every time it occurs."



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY IS CELEBRATED ON 8 MARCH



WE NEED A MULTIFACETED APPROACH TO TACKLE KNIFE CRIME.

By Bill C, Year 10

Knife crime is a major problem, but it isn't a new one. This complex issue demands a multifaceted approach that addresses the root causes while also implementing strategies to prevent, intervene, and rehabilitate.

There needs to be a fundamental shift in the way we think about the solutions to knife crime. Grace O'Malley-Kumar was fatally attacked, alongside her friend Barnaby Webber and Ian Coates, and now her mum is campaigning for mandatory jail terms for carrying a knife. The mum of Brianna Ghey, the transgender girl who got murdered in February 2023, is calling for mindfulness to be taught in school. Although the UK has been presented with tireless efforts to prevent knife crime, the number of cases just keeps rising.

Over the last decade there has been a significant increase in the numbers of deaths involving a knife. Young people between the ages of 15-24 are most likely to be involved in this type of crime, according to the most recent data.

In 2020, there were 45,000 knife related incidents reported in England and Wales alone. This is up 80% from 25,000 in 2010.

Strategies like after school recreational activities, where experts teach skills in a structured and supervised environment, or behavioural parent training (supporting parents to reinforce good behaviour at home) have worked before. Investing in youth services and young people are important too, because it can distract youths away from street violence and gangs.

More common ways to prevent knife crime include knife surrendering bins, and educational awareness have worked, but there isn't just one solution to this complex issue. It is worthwhile to mention, little is understood about who surrenders knives and their motivations for doing so, meaning knowledge around the effectiveness of amnesties is currently limited.



Prevention

Initiatives targeting the alteration of attitudes and values regarding violence in early stages of life have demonstrated encouraging outcomes. In the UK, these initiatives primarily target youngsters aged 13 and older. It is important to note, more evidence is needed regarding these early interventions.



Intervene

We also need ways of intervening, for instance, multi-agency working involving an abundance of organisations, including law enforcement, social services and community-based practitioners have also seen success. It is also vital professionals directly and repeatedly communicate with offenders to make them understand why they are receiving this special attention. This includes community police officers, or police community support offices to play an active role within a community.

ACTV OPINION



Rehabilitation

Community rehabilitation centres have been useful to facilitate the reintegration of individuals back into communities. These differentiate from other centres, and they provide counselling, education, and vocational training in a supportive environment.

By focusing on rehabilitation, communities can work towards breaking the cycle of knife crime by addressing the underlying issues that contribute to criminal behaviour and providing individuals with the support they need to reintegrate successfully into society.

In conclusion, it is clear that more than one solution is needed to tackle knife crime, and no single solution can adequately tackle the complexities of this issue.

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AN 'INSPIRING' MAN. CITY KEEPER VISITS ALTRINCHAM

By Stephen J, Year 10

Alex Williams suffered an abundance of racial abuse during his time as a professional footballer. He visited Altrincham to promote his new book.

Mr. Williams, who retired through injury at just 25, signed copies of his book in Altrincham in March.

He made 125 league and cup appearances for City between 1980 and 1986, helping City to promotion from the old second division in 1985. However, his time as the country's first modern day black keeper was scarred by racial abuse.

"There was no hiding place from the cowards on the terraces," he said whilst talking to Altrincham Today.

"Bananas were often thrown on to the pitch, but nothing got reported. It was a sign of the times."

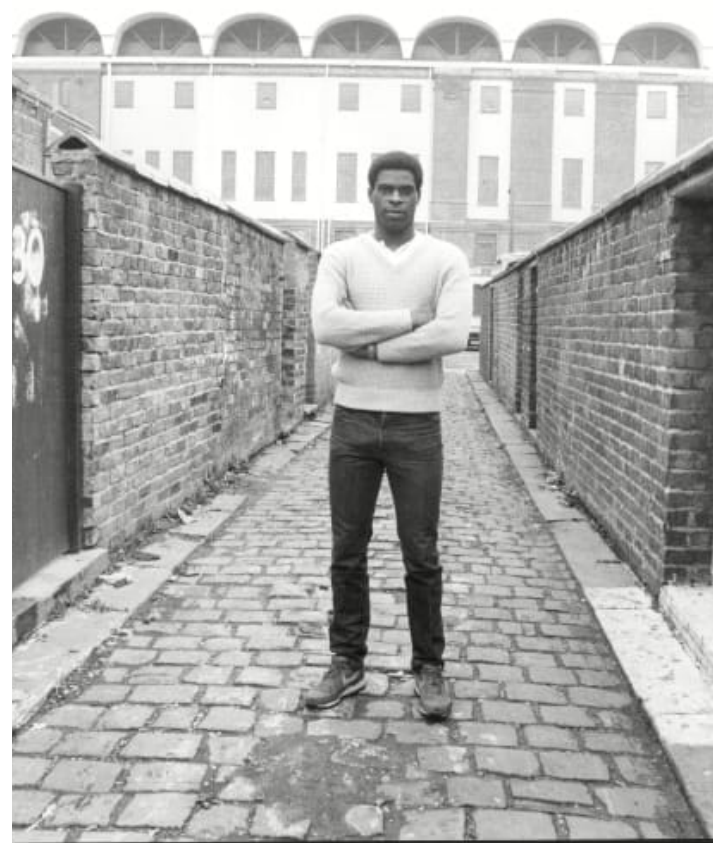
Talking on why he wanted to do a book signing in Altrincham, Williams said:

"I wanted to come to Altrincham to highlight the vital link between clubs, schools and other organisations. Altrincham is a prime example of what can be achieved." He also spent 33 years with City in the Community before retiring last year, and was awarded an MBE for services to young people in 2002. Alex Williams signed copies of his autobiography *You Saw Me Standing Alone* at Waterstones Altrincham. Proceeds from the book, priced £15, will go to community football."

Racial abuse in football is still a never-ending issue, but with players, like Wythenshawe's Marcus Rashford, taking a stand against it, more people are aware about the horrific tragedy that is racism.



United Against Racism



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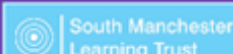
MONDAY 29TH
APRIL, 2024

10AM-3PM

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO TALK
TO EMPLOYERS, APPRENTICESHIP
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EXPLORE DIFFERENT CAREERS
PLAN YOUR NEXT STEPS
BE INSPIRED!

FOR STUDENTS IN
YEARS 9-12



**ACTV
are
looking
for new
members.
Can you
help?**

Contact Mrs Turner
in the LRC.

**The next
half-term
starts on
24 May**

Editor's Comment

As always, ACTV is on the look out for our next presenters, writers, editors, and everything in between.

If you have got what it takes or want to learn how you can get in contact with Mrs Turner in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC).

Student Stars

- Year 7: Gana A
- Year 8: Adrika K
- Year 9: Faith W
- Year 10: Sasha B
- Year 11: Dana N
- Year 12: Macey S
- Year 13: Harry B

"All of these students were highly commended for their attendance, their hard work, their politeness, respectfulness and commitment to being the best they can be! Well done everyone!": Ms. Earle wrote in the Headteacher's Bulletin.