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SCHOOL OF THE YEAR!



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Stockport Academy was named Secondary School of the Year at the National School and Trust Leadership Awards, capping off one of the most successful years in the school's history. The award was presented at a glamorous event in June, off the back of several other national honours we have received in recent months. (cont'd on p3)

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Principal's Message

As we begin a new academic year, I am delighted to welcome our students, families and staff back to Stockport Academy. The start of a new term always brings a sense of excitement and possibility, and we are looking forward to another year filled with achievement, opportunity and unforgettable experiences.

As you will see throughout this newsletter, we ended the previous academic year on a tremendous high. Being named Secondary School of the Year at the National School and Trust Leadership Awards was a proud moment for our entire community and a reflection of the dedication, ambition and commitment shown by our students, staff and families every day.

Alongside this national recognition, our students celebrated outstanding GCSE results, achieved success in competitions, enjoyed memorable educational visits and came together for events that showcased the very best of our Academy community.

It has also been wonderful to welcome our newest students through activities such as Summer School, helping them build confidence, make friendships and feel ready for their journey at Stockport Academy. Their enthusiasm has provided a fantastic glimpse of what lies ahead this year.

We are particularly excited to open our doors to prospective families at our [Year 6 Open Evening on Wednesday 7 October from 5pm until 7pm](#). This is a fantastic opportunity to meet our students and staff, experience life at Stockport Academy and discover how



we create opportunities for every young person to succeed.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we have much to look forward to in the months ahead, and I am excited to see what our students will achieve as we begin the next chapter of our Academy's journey.

Mrs J McCann
Principal



School of the Year (cont'd)

The award places our school among the very best in the country, recognising the remarkable journey of improvement, ambition and success seen across every aspect of school life.

This prestigious recognition celebrates the exceptional work taking place across the school and reflects the dedication of staff, the commitment of students, and the continued support from families and the wider community in creating an environment where every young person has the opportunity to succeed.

Reflecting on the achievement, Mrs McCann, Principal, said: "Winning Secondary School of the Year is an incredible moment for Stockport Academy. This recognition belongs to our entire community - our dedicated staff, our brilliant students, and our supportive families. We are so proud of how far we have come together and excited for what the future holds."

Our Year 6 Open Evening takes place on Wednesday 7th October 5-7pm.



And We're Up For One More!

We are also delighted to have been shortlisted for ANOTHER national award - this time in recognition for our dedication to supporting students in their transition to secondary school.

Our Transition Team has been named a finalist in the Effective Pastoral Care to Support Transition category at the National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education (NAPCE), recognising the school's innovative approach to helping young people make a successful move from primary to secondary school.

Ms Foster, Head of Transition, said: "Starting secondary school can feel daunting for both children and their families, so our aim is to make every student feel welcomed, supported and excited about the opportunities ahead. We want young people to arrive in September already feeling part of the Stockport Academy community, with the confidence to thrive from day one."

The winner will be revealed at a ceremony in October.





GCSE Results

Our students and staff celebrated not only individual successes at GCSE but a strong increase in the school's overall results.

71% of students achieved a Grade 4 or above in both English and Maths with 56% achieving a Grade 5 or above. 20.5% achieved the highest grades of 7+.

Over 100 Grade 9s (the highest possible score) were awarded to Stockport Academy students.

Among those celebrating this morning are:

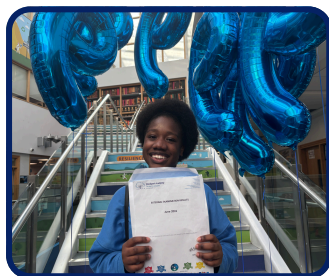
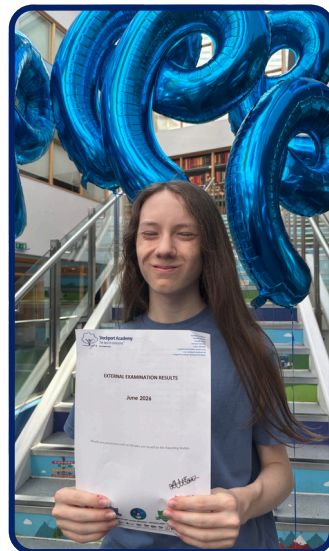
- Amelia, who achieved a 'full house' - nine Grade 9s;
- Devika, who achieved Five Grade 9s, Two Grade 8s and a Grade 7;
- Connor, who achieved a Grade 9, Six Grade 8s and Two Grade 7s;
- Harry, who achieved Two Grade 9s, Three Grade 8s, Two 7s & a Grade 6.

Commenting on the day, Principal Mrs McCann said:

"I am extremely pleased and proud of all our students who have done so well. It is always a pleasure as a Head to see students open their results and get the external validation they deserve for their hard work and commitment. All of us as staff enjoy sharing the students' excitement and pleasure at their results.

"It's a very important day for each student as these results set them on course for the next stage of their lives and education. But it's an equally important day for us as a school because it demonstrates our trajectory of improvement and the positivity across the school.

"It's always a team effort to achieve GCSE success and behind every student celebrating today are family, friends and staff across the Academy who have all played their part in encouraging their learning, preparation and ultimate success. A huge thank you and congratulations to them all"



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Y8 Peak At Geography Residential

Year 8 students put their classroom learning into practice during a residential Geography visit to the Peak District.

Based at a youth hostel near Castleton, Y8 students spent three days investigating rivers, settlements and landscapes while developing important teamwork and communication skills.

During the visit, Stockport Academy students carried out river studies, using specialist equipment to record measurements and assess biodiversity by collecting and identifying different species living in and around the water. Others explored Castleton as part of a village study, investigating land use, speaking to local people and carrying out traffic surveys to better understand the challenges faced by rural communities.

Students then turned their attention to the dramatic landscape surrounding Castleton. They completed a hike around Mam Tor, learning about geological features including the famous Broken Road, which was abandoned following landslides. They also explored the underground world of Treak Cliff Cavern, discovering how rock formations are created and learning about Blue John, a rare mineral found only in this part of the world.

Mr Ellor, Teacher of Geography and organiser of the trip, said: "They approached every activity with enthusiasm, curiosity and maturity, and we were incredibly proud of how they represented Stockport Academy throughout the trip."



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Y7 Summer School

Our new Y7 students enjoyed an exciting Summer School programme designed to help them feel confident and ready for the start of secondary school.

Throughout the week, students took part in a wide range of activities that encouraged them to make new friends, try new experiences and become familiar with life at Stockport Academy. Activities included rocket launches, arts and crafts, creative writing, ukulele, cheerleading, sign language, Chemistry and multi-sports. Students were also introduced to our house system and had the opportunity to earn house points by demonstrating our core values of Aspiration, Respect and Community. The winning house celebrated its success with a special pizza and a cinema trip.

One highlight was a school-wide treasure hunt, where students worked together to solve clues and explore different areas of the academy. The challenge helped students build teamwork and problem-solving skills while becoming more familiar with their new surroundings.

The week ended with a house competition day, with students dressed in their house colours while taking part in a range of team challenges, including tug of war and traditional sports day races. The event created plenty of friendly competition and showcased fantastic house spirit.

Transition Lead, Ms Foster, said: "It has been fantastic to see our new Year 7s throw themselves into every aspect of Summer School. From trying new activities and making new friends to showing our values through the house competition, they have already shown what a brilliant group they are. We hope the week has helped them feel excited, confident and ready to start their Stockport Academy journey."



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Prizegiving at Stockport Plaza



Our annual Prizegiving ceremony brought the Stockport Academy community together once again for a memorable evening of celebration. Held at the iconic Stockport Plaza Theatre, the event showcased the many ways students have excelled both inside and beyond the classroom.

Families, staff, governors and guests gathered to celebrate success across a wide range of categories, from academic attainment and progress to attendance, leadership, enrichment and contribution to school life. The evening reflected the values that sit at the heart of Stockport Academy, highlighting the determination, commitment and ambition shown by students throughout the year.



A special feature of the evening was an inspiring address from guest speaker Steve Hill MBE, who spoke passionately about the importance of resilience, perseverance and setting ambitious goals. Drawing on his own experiences, he encouraged students to believe in their potential, embrace challenges and continue aiming high in everything they do.

Music also played a central role in the celebrations, with the school choir delivering two outstanding performances. The evening opened with an uplifting rendition of Dream On, setting an inspiring tone for the event. The choir then returned to close the ceremony with their own unique interpretation of Kate Bush's Running Up That Hill, bringing the audience to its feet and providing a fitting finale to a night dedicated to achievement and aspiration.



Mrs McCann, Principal, said: "Prizegiving is one of the highlights of the school year and an opportunity to recognise the incredible achievements of our students. We are enormously proud of everything they have accomplished and the positive contribution they make to our school community. The evening was a wonderful celebration of their success, and we look forward to seeing what they achieve next."



Prizegiving Photos





School of Character

Our school has been recognised nationally for its outstanding commitment to character education, achieving the prestigious School of Character Quality Mark Plus from the Association for Character Education.

This highly regarded award is given to a select number of schools across the country, placing Stockport Academy among a small group to reach this standard. It recognises a sustained, whole-school approach to developing character alongside academic success.

The report highlights the “significant dedication and commitment” shown by staff, students and governors in embedding character education across all areas of school life.



Young Enterprise Win

Our Y10 Young Enterprise Directors rose to the occasion when they competed at the Young Enterprise Greater Manchester Area Finals, taking on teams from across the region in a highly competitive showcase of enterprise and teamwork.

‘Build a Bloom’ focused on sustainability by designing, producing and selling house plants using recycled glass jars, with the aim of reducing their carbon footprint. Their clear sense of purpose, strong teamwork and confident communication stood out throughout the competition.

Judges praised the professionalism and resilience shown by the team, and in a particularly competitive field, their efforts were recognised with a Judges Award - a fantastic achievement at this level of competition.



Performance Awards



Our students were celebrated in style at a memorable Performance Awards evening, recognising excellence across Performing Arts and PE.

Hosted at Edgeley Park, the event brought a sense of occasion from the moment students arrived, dressed in their finest for a sit-down meal with friends and staff. The evening provided a chance to reflect on dedication, progress and standout achievements across both departments.

A highlight of the night was hearing from guest speaker Antony Cotterill, a Paralympic table tennis athlete who has represented Great Britain on the world stage. Antony shared his journey into elite sport, speaking openly about resilience, setbacks and the determination required to succeed at the highest level. His message about perseverance and self-belief resonated strongly with students.



The evening also celebrated key moments from across the year, including the school's sell-out production of Fame Jr, which showcased the incredible talent, teamwork and commitment of our performing arts students. Awards were presented to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional effort, skill and progress, as well as those who have contributed positively to teams and productions.



Mr McGahey, Head of PE, said: "These awards recognise not just achievement, but the effort and mindset behind it. Our students continue to show real aspiration in everything they do, pushing themselves to improve and supporting one another to succeed."

After the formal presentations, the celebrations continued with a lively disco and photo booth, giving students the chance to enjoy the evening together and mark their achievements in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.





A Day To Remember!

Students across Stockport Academy enjoyed unforgettable experiences and created lasting memories during A Day to Remember – a landmark event that brought the entire school community together.

As the first whole-school experience of its kind, every student had the opportunity to take part in a day designed to celebrate belonging, connection and community. Whether exploring new places, embracing outdoor challenges or taking part in activities on site, students shared experiences that many will remember for years to come.

Students travelled across the North West to experience new places and challenges. From observing wildlife at Knowsley Safari Park, Blackpool Zoo and Chester Zoo to reaching the summit of Rivington Pike, they embraced opportunities beyond the classroom, while those in school enjoyed a range of engaging activities designed to make the day just as special.

The day was about far more than trips and activities. It was an opportunity to strengthen relationships, build confidence and ensure every young person felt included, valued and part of something bigger than themselves. Throughout the day, students stepped outside their usual routines, discovered new interests and enjoyed quality time with their peers and teachers.

Ms Stirling, Assistant Principal, who coordinated the day, said: "A Day to Remember was about creating a shared experience for every member of our school community. We wanted every student to feel a genuine sense of belonging and have the opportunity to take part in something special. "Seeing students enjoying new experiences, supporting one another and creating memories together made all the planning worthwhile. It was a wonderful example of our Academy values in action and a day I know many of our students will remember for years to come."



Lhotse Champions



There was a dramatic finish to the school year as Lhotse were crowned Stockport Academy's 2025–26 House Champions.

The winners were announced following the final tally of points, with Lhotse securing an impressive 34,391 points to lift the House Cup. Makalu finished in second place with 33,932 points, followed by Annapurna on 31,861 points and Sagarmatha on 31,685 points.

The result marks the end of another fantastic year for the House System, with students across the school embracing every opportunity to represent their house and make a positive contribution to school life.

Sports Day Win For Sagarmatha



Our annual Sports Day was a huge success, with all four houses competing for the Sports Day Cup.

Throughout the day, students showed excellent sportsmanship, encouraging their teammates and celebrating each other's achievements. Staff and spectators created a fantastic atmosphere, cheering participants on and helping to make the event a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

After a closely contested competition, Sagarmatha emerged as overall champions to retain the Sports Day Cup following their success last year. Their strong performances across the full range of events secured enough points to keep hold of the trophy for another year.





StockFest Returns

StockFest returned in spectacular fashion, bringing together more than 1,000 students, families, staff and local residents for an unforgettable evening of community spirit, entertainment and summer fun. Bathed in beautiful sunshine from start to finish, our annual Summer community event was our biggest and most successful yet. With more than 30 stalls across the school site, visitors were able to explore a fantastic range of food, crafts, community organisations, games and activities, creating a vibrant festival atmosphere for all ages.

The school grounds were filled with music, conversation and celebration as families and friends came together to enjoy the evening. Events like StockFest reflect our values of Aspiration, Respect and Community, while providing an opportunity for students to share their talents and connect with the wider local area.



Physics Olympics

Y9 students showcased their creativity, teamwork and scientific thinking at the annual Physics Olympics held at Bolton School.

Competing in two teams, students tackled a series of challenging activities designed to put their engineering and problem-solving skills to the test.

Throughout the day, students took part in a wide range of tasks, from designing marble runs to make a marble take as long as possible to travel from top to bottom, launching rockets at a target, using springs to estimate the weight of mystery objects, and constructing towers capable of supporting an egg using only spaghetti and jelly babies.



Term Dates and Contact Details

Autumn 2026

3rd Sep - 23rd Oct
All students in

26th Oct - 30th Oct
Half Term

3rd Nov - 18th Dec
All students in

2nd Nov and 20th Nov
Inset/Planning Day -
School Closed

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Open Evening

Wednesday 7th October
4.30-7pm



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