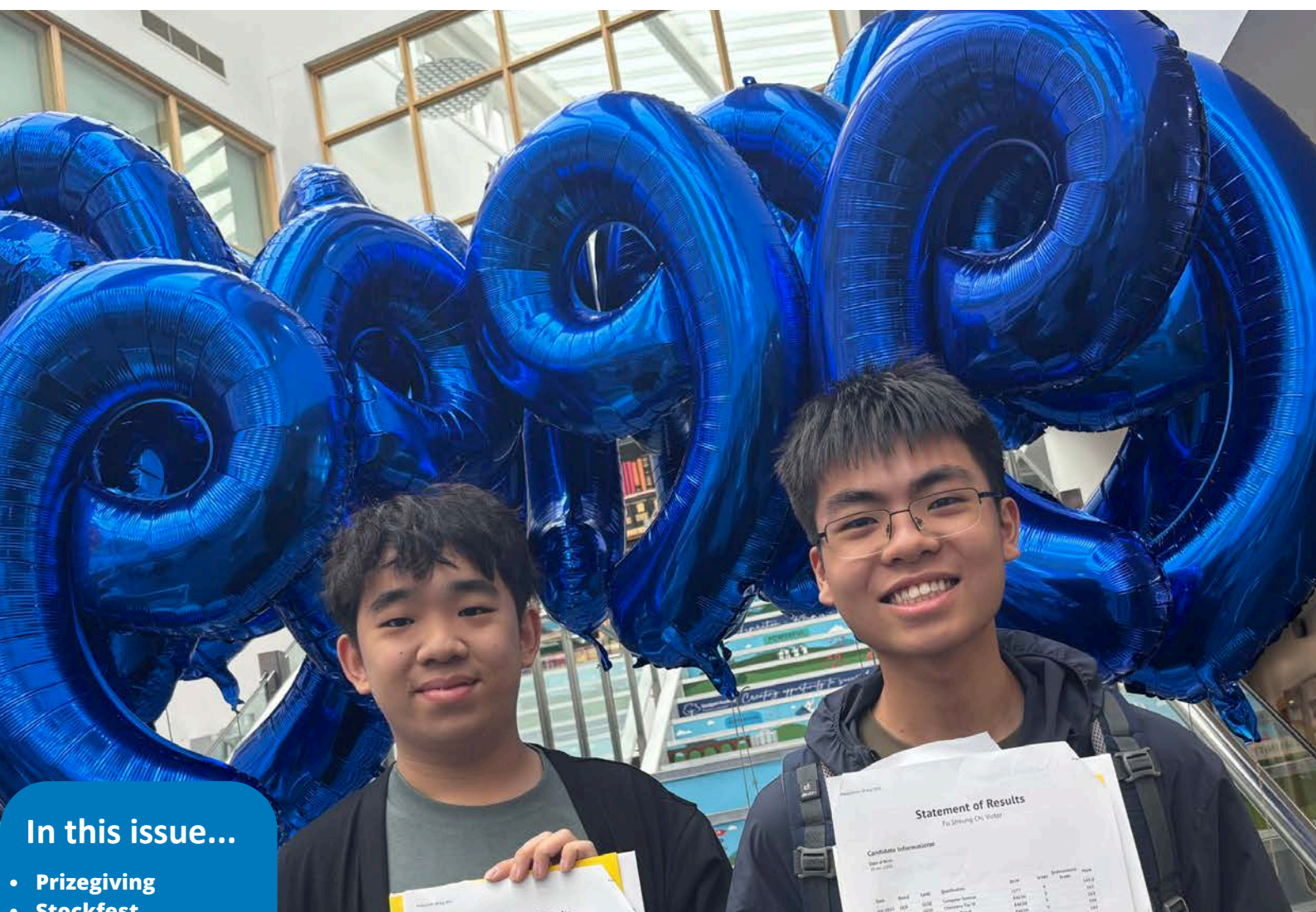


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GCSE Results - On Cloud 9!



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... and much more!

Students and staff at Stockport Academy are celebrating after GCSEs were awarded across the country.

As a whole, the school saw a strong increase in students' performances from 2024, with over 60% of students awarded a grade 4 or higher in English and maths this year.

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Principal's Message

As we begin another exciting academic year at the Academy, I am delighted to present you with our latest newsletter, reminding you of some of the outstanding achievements we made as a school in the final term of 24-25.

We have gone from strength to strength with our GCSE results, as celebrated on our front page and page 3, while many of our staff generously gave up a week of their holidays over Summer to help our newest cohort settle in to life at the Academy as part of our action-packed Summer School, which serves as the perfect introduction to secondary school life (p11).

Our site team have spent the last few weeks getting the building ready to go once again in September, and I am so proud to be able to offer a truly

inspirational setting for our young people to learn in over the coming months and years ahead, with upgrades across many areas.

Our Stockfest Community event (p14) at the end of term was a real highlight for us, with another huge turnout showing the power of community in our school and just why this is such an important core value to us.

As you know, our school mission is 'Creating Opportunity to Succeed', and this newsletter is packed full of examples of this. From our Geography Residential (p13) to an Author visit (p9) with a celebrated writer sharing her tips with aspiring young authors, we have had so much on to help our young people achieve their potential.

We have had much to celebrate too, with Prizegiving (p4) and our



Performance Awards (p6) being two other highlights in the school calendar that our students and staff love to be a part of.

For those in Year 6 who are now considering their next steps - this is such an important decision and we would love to welcome you to our Open Evening on Wednesday 15th October. Please scan the QR code at the back of this newsletter to pre-register your place. We hope that you too can become part of our story in the years to come.

Mrs McCann
Principal.



On Cloud 9 (cont'd)

As the entire school community celebrates these outcomes, there were some students in particular who earned particularly impressive results, including:

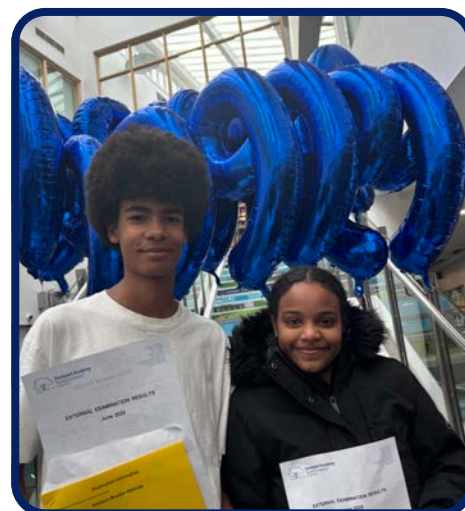
- Twins Charlotte and Jessica, who both achieved an incredible eleven grade 9s and five grade 8s between them;
- Victor, who achieved eight grade 9s;
- Lolex, who achieved five grade 9s, a grade 8 and a grade 7;
- Jessica, who achieved five grade 8s;
- Emily, who achieved two grade 9s and six grade 8s;
- Johnny, who achieved three grade 9s and three grade 8s;
- Joe, who achieved six grade 8s;
- Leen, who achieved seven grade 9s and three grade 8s;
- Jackson, who achieved three grade 9s and three grade 8s.

Thanks to these outcomes, students will be going on to study at local colleges including Aquinas and Xaverian Colleges.

Mrs McCann, Principal of Stockport Academy, said:

"What our Year 11s have achieved in their GCSEs is a testament to their continuous efforts not only this year, but each year since they joined us as a Year 7 cohort. We are pleased that so many of them are celebrating outcomes that will – along with the skills, knowledge and character they have each gained – allow them to move forward with confidence. I wish them all the best in their exciting futures.

"Today marks the end of what has been a fantastic year here at Stockport Academy, following our 'Good' Ofsted in January and all the amazing contributions and achievements of our students. I would like to thank all of our staff and the wider school community as always for their support of our students and the school."





Prizegiving At The Plaza

Our end-of-year Prizegiving event brought the school community together in spectacular fashion, as almost 300 students were involved in celebrating their achievements at the historic Stockport Plaza Theatre.

The evening was a true celebration of aspiration, respect and community, with awards presented across a wide range of categories. From academic excellence to leadership, attendance to extra-curricular involvement, the event showcased the incredible talent and dedication of students from across the school.

Among the most prestigious honours were the Principal's Award and the Governors' Award – the latter nominated by parents and carers – recognising students who have gone above and beyond in their school journey. A special moment came as students were awarded for an incredible five years of 100% attendance, demonstrating outstanding commitment and resilience.

The ceremony was opened and closed by the school choir, with over 100 students delivering powerful performances that set the tone for a truly memorable evening.

Guest speaker Leah Chowdhry – the first British Asian woman to swim the English Channel – inspired the audience with her story of overcoming adversity. Despite being diagnosed with dyslexia, Leah has written her own book and raised hundreds of pounds for charity. Her message about mindset and perseverance resonated with students, staff and families alike.

Mrs McCann, Principal, said: "Prizegiving is always one of the highlights of our school year. It's a chance to reflect on the incredible achievements of our students and to say thank you to the families, staff and wider community who support them every step of the way. It was wonderful to welcome everyone to the Plaza to celebrate together."



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Performance Awards

Stockport Academy celebrated the incredible achievements of our talented students in sport and the performing arts at the annual Performance Awards Evening – a glittering event held at Edgeley Park, the home of Stockport County.

The night saw dozens of awards handed out to students across all year groups, recognising their hard work, dedication and exceptional contributions to school life, both on the stage and on the sports field.

A number of accolades were dedicated to the school's show-stopping production of Aladdin, which enjoyed a sell-out run back in December. The event was also an opportunity to showcase the success of the school's sports teams and individual athletes across a range of disciplines.

Students and staff were treated to a motivational speech from special guest Paul Lakin, Chief Executive of Super League rugby club Hull KR, who shared his career journey through the world of professional sport before helping to present trophies to the award winners.

Head of Performing Arts Ms Lakin said: "Celebrating the achievements of our students in the arts and sport is so important. These subjects give our young people a platform to express themselves, build confidence and develop valuable life skills. It was a fantastic evening and one the students will remember for a long time."

The night ended in style with a disco and photo booth, giving students the chance to dance, capture memories, and reflect on a truly unforgettable evening.



Careers Week



Year 10 students recently took a bold step towards their future during an exciting and inspiring Careers Week.

Over 130 pupils left the classroom behind to take part in work experience placements across a wide range of industries. From offices and workshops to salons and studios, students embraced the opportunity to explore the world of work and develop valuable skills that will support them in their future careers.

For those who remained in school, a packed programme of careers-focused activities ensured they didn't miss out. Pupils took part in workshops and talks led by professionals from a variety of sectors, including:

- Social Media & Digital Marketing
- The Royal Air Force (RAF)
- Medicine & Healthcare
- Music Composition & Production
- Education & Teaching
- Hairdressing & Beauty
- Construction & Scaffolding

One of the highlights of the week was a buzzing Careers Networking Session, where students met with over 21 employers. These professionals shared their career journeys, offered advice, and answered questions about the skills and qualifications needed in their industries.

Ms Stirling, Assistant Principal, said: "Careers Week is a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore their ambitions and gain real insight into the world of work. We're so proud of how they embraced every opportunity and grateful to all the employers and professionals who gave their time to support them."



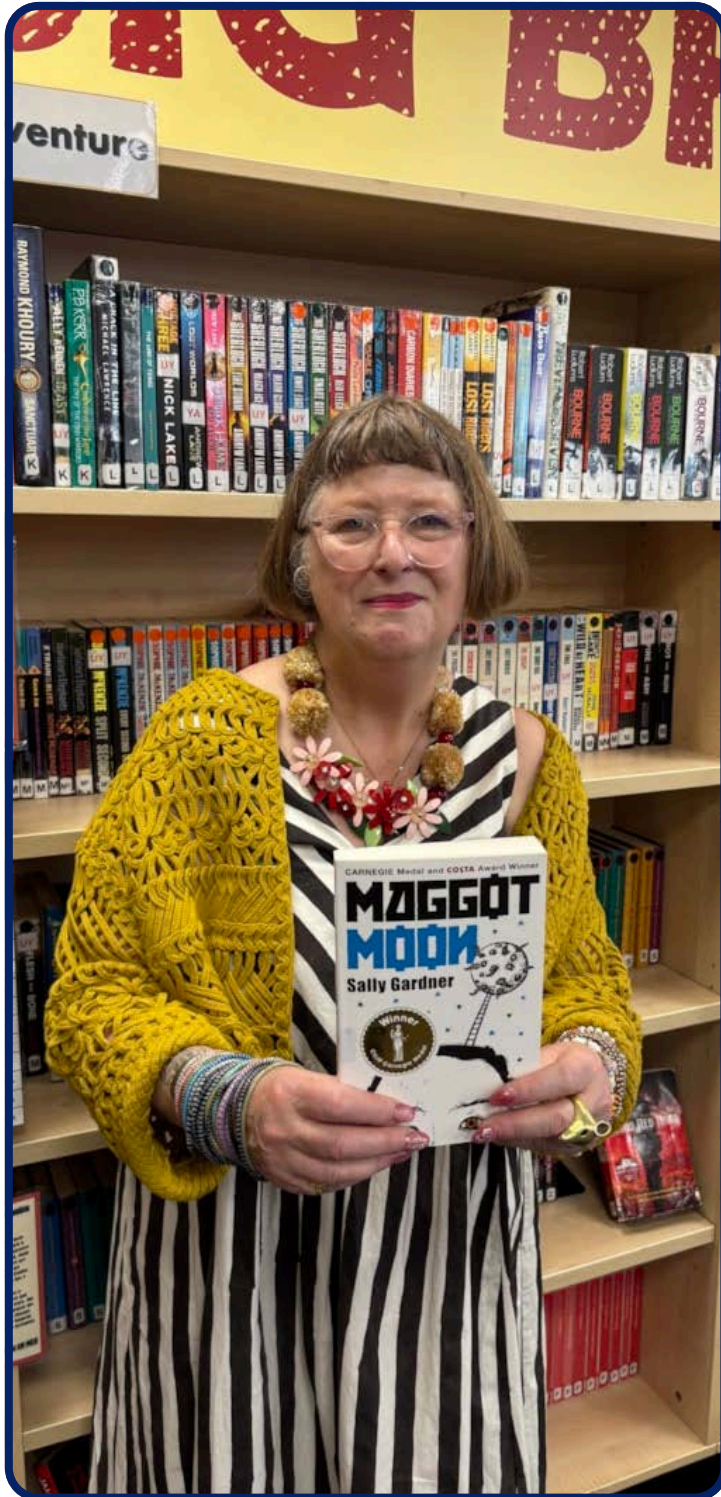


Year 11 Prom

Our Class of 2025 enjoyed their well-earned Prom at The Mere in Knutsford. It was a night of celebration of the hard work our students put in throughout their GCSEs and a wonderful way to say goodbye after five years at Stockport Academy. Below is a selection of photos from the evening, with more available on our website!



Author Visit



We were delighted to welcome bestselling author Sally Gardner into school for a series of inspirational sessions with our students.

Sally, who has sold over two million books in the UK and won both the Costa Children's Book Prize and Carnegie Medal for her novel *Maggot Moon*, visited to speak about her journey to becoming a writer – against the backdrop of being diagnosed with severe dyslexia as a child.

In two engaging sessions, Sally shared stories from her life, speaking honestly about the challenges of growing up with dyslexia and how she learned to embrace it as a unique strength rather than a limitation. While much of her talk focused on overcoming this particular learning difficulty.

One highlight was when Sally read aloud a gripping extract from *Maggot Moon*, leaving students on the edge of their seats. The sessions, held for Y7 and then Y8 and Y9, lasted 45 minutes and concluded with a lively 15-minute Q&A, where students asked thoughtful questions about her books, writing style, and life as an author.

The visit ended with a book signing, with all students receiving a free copy of one of Sally's books to take home and treasure.

Mr Clarke, Stockport Academy's librarian, said: "It was an absolute privilege to host Sally. Her honesty, humour and encouragement left a lasting impression on our students – particularly those who might not always see themselves reflected in the world of books. Events like this are so powerful in showing students what's possible."





Enterprise Day At Edgeley Park

Year 9 students from Stockport Academy stepped into the world of football business during an unforgettable Enterprise Day at Edgeley Park - the iconic home of Stockport County FC.

In glorious sunshine, students swapped textbooks for team sheets as they took on the challenge of creating their own football clubs from scratch. The day began with high-energy team-building games before pupils got to work as club directors, designers, marketers and financial planners.

Working in groups, students:

- Allocated job roles to mirror real-world football operations
- Designed and built model stadiums
- Created home and away kits
- Negotiated sponsorship contracts
- Produced financial forecasts
- Pitched their club vision to their peers

The event gave students a unique opportunity to develop leadership, creativity and teamwork skills in a professional sporting environment.

Mr Lewis, who led the event, said: "This has been one of the most rewarding enterprise days I've had the pleasure of leading - and I've overseen quite a few! What truly set it apart was the opportunity for students to build their own football clubs in a real stadium environment. That connection made the experience feel authentic and exciting, and the students responded brilliantly. They showed outstanding teamwork, leadership, creativity, and confidence throughout the day. I couldn't be prouder of what they achieved - well done, Year 9!"



Summer School

We were thrilled to welcome our future Year 7 pupils to our Summer School this week, helping them settle into life at Stockport Academy.

The four-day event was packed with exciting activities designed to build confidence, spark curiosity, and create new friendships. From rocket building and science experiments to drama, dance, mini golf and cake decorating, pupils had the chance to explore a wide range of subjects and get familiar with their new school environment.

One of the highlights was the treasure hunt, which saw pupils orienteering around the school to solve riddles and unscramble a secret code word. This not only helped them learn their way around the building, but also encouraged teamwork and problem-solving in a fun and engaging way.

Throughout the week, pupils took part in house competitions, earning tokens for their houses by showing enthusiasm, collaboration, and creativity. The winning house was rewarded with a celebratory pizza lunch – a well-deserved treat after a week of

hard work and fun!

Thursday afternoon saw the grand finale: the House Games. Pupils arrived dressed in their house colours, ready to compete in a series of classic challenges including tug of war, sack races, and more. Forms went head-to-head in six different activities, bringing out plenty of team spirit and friendly rivalry.

Beyond the activities, one of the most valuable outcomes of the week was the friendships formed. Pupils met others who will be in their tutor groups, helping to ease any nerves and build a sense of belonging before term begins.

Transition Lead, Ms Foster said: "It's been amazing to see our new Year 7s grow in confidence and build friendships that will carry them through their time at Stockport Academy. Summer School is all about making that first step into secondary school a positive and exciting experience – and judging by the smiles, we've definitely achieved that."





Transition Day

Stockport Academy opened its doors to the next generation of students as hundreds of Y6 pupils took part in Transition Day – a fun and exciting opportunity to get ready for life at secondary school.

The day is designed to help students settle in ahead of joining us in Y7, giving them a chance to meet their new classmates and Form Tutors, explore the school building, and experience some of the subjects and spaces they'll be using from September.

Activities ran across the school, with pupils enjoying a packed timetable of lessons and team-building sessions. In Science, students learned how to safely operate Bunsen burners for the first time, while in the Library, a fast-paced book hunt helped them get to grips with our wide range of reading resources. Elsewhere, students got active with a range of

multi-sports games, and they even had the chance to try their hand at archery.

The day not only introduced pupils to their new surroundings, but also gave them the chance to begin building new friendships and becoming part of our school community.

Transition Lead Ms Foster said:

"I'm so proud of how well our new students adapted to their new environment – they were enthusiastic, polite and a credit to their primary schools. We can't wait to welcome many of them back for our Summer School from 11th–14th August, and then officially in September!"

You can hear all about what our new students thought of the day on our Instagram channel and Facebook page.



Geography Residential

Year 8 and 9 students swapped the classroom for the countryside on a recent three-day residential to Castleton, diving into hands-on Geography fieldwork in the heart of the Peak District.

The trip, packed with engaging activities, gave students the chance to explore topics such as river studies, village settlements, and the dramatic landscape of Mam Tor. From river dipping and data collection to team challenges and a film night, the itinerary was designed to bring Geography to life in a fun and memorable way.

Students arrived on Wednesday and jumped straight into their first sessions, investigating local rivers and the village of Castleton. The following day was dedicated to a full exploration of Mam Tor, where students examined geological features and discussed the impact of erosion and tourism on the landscape. The final day wrapped up with more fieldwork and a packed lunch before heading home.

Geography Teacher Mr Ellor, who organised the residential, said: "This trip is a brilliant opportunity for students to apply what they've learned in class to the real world. It's always great to see them so engaged and enthusiastic about Geography – and Castleton is the perfect place to inspire that curiosity."





Stockfest



Our end-of-year community celebration, StockFest, returned in spectacular style - and this year's event was bigger, brighter and busier than ever! Held on the school grounds, the event welcomed students, families, staff and local residents for an evening of music, food, games and fun in the glorious sunshine. With over three hours of entertainment and activities, StockFest 2025 was a true showcase of the school's values of aspiration, respect and community.



Live music was a highlight of the evening, with performances from Mrs Duffy's Ukulele Group and the school's Steel Pans Band creating a vibrant festival atmosphere. Visitors enjoyed delicious food stalls, student showcases, craft activities, competitions and prize giveaways - all designed to celebrate the end of another successful academic year.



Ms Stirling, Assistant Principal and event organiser, said: "StockFest is one of the most joyful events in our school calendar. It's a chance to bring everyone together and celebrate everything that makes our community so special. The atmosphere was incredible, and we're already planning how to make next year's even better!"

Now in its second year, StockFest has quickly become a much-loved tradition at Stockport Academy, offering a warm and welcoming space for families and friends to connect, relax and celebrate the end of term.





Term Dates and Contact Details

Autumn 2025

3rd Sep - 24th Oct

All students in

27th Oct - 31st Oct

Half Term

4th Nov - 18th Dec

All students in

3rd Nov and 21st Nov

Inset Days - School Closed

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Open Evening

Wednesday 15th October
5-7pm



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