



NewsFlash

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Message from the Headteacher, Staff and Governors

82% 5A*-C Grades

Best ever GCSE results again for The Swinton High School!

Congratulations to all of our year 11 leavers who achieved 82% 5A*-C grades this summer.

This was our:-

- Seventh successive year of GCSE A*-C grade improvements
- Best ever 5A*-C grades including English and mathematics
- Best ever 5A*-C grades including level 2 literacy and numeracy
- Best ever A*-C grades in mathematics, science and ICT
- Best ever A* and A grades
- Best ever 5A*-G grades and 1A*-G grades
- Fourth successive year that we expect to be members of the elite Specialist Schools and Academies Trust most Improved Schools Club



Outstanding Attendance!

During the last academic year The Swinton High School achieved levels of attendance significantly above the national average. Since becoming a specialist school for the performing arts in September 2004 our attendance has rocketed by a remarkable 4.3%!

Carole Craven, The Swinton High School's Social Inclusion Officer responsible for attendance puts it down to hard work, good teaching and learning and effective partnerships.

"All absences must be explained by a parental note and all parents of absent pupils are contacted from day one, no question. Every day of absence from The Swinton High School is a missed opportunity for our pupils and we find our parents invariably work with us to ensure their children make the most of the first class teaching and learning that our school offers."

Mrs Craven also paid tribute to the outstanding support and advice given to The Swinton High School by Salford local authority attendance experts Joanne Marsh, Elaine Duke and Carole Saunders.



New Frutina in the Canteen

by Zoe Foster, Tammy Cawdry, Lauren Weston and Natalie Beckley, Year 7

Earlier this year we had an idea. Because it is so hot at dinner times in the summer, we thought that we would ask Mr Biddlestone if the school could get a slush puppy machine in the canteen. We are pleased to say that our views were listened to.

You may be thinking that slush puppies are sugary and unhealthy, so we managed to get some healthy slushies made from real fruit. These are called Fruitinas. There are many different flavours, including apple and blackcurrant, lemon and lime, strawberry, apple and mango and more.

You can buy fruitinas from the canteen at lunchtimes for 50p. They have been very popular and we hope that this continues in the future. We were glad that our opinion was considered and that we now have a healthy real fruit drink.

Boys' Football Teams

The 2007-2008 season was the most successful ever for The Swinton High School. We ran five teams (one in each year) all of which finished either first or second in their respective Salford Leagues and all five teams reached the semi finals in their respective Salford Cups.

A large number of awards were given out at the end of term to players' players, managers' players and also to our year 11 boys' football team for winning their Salford League. We look forward to doing better next year!

Outstanding Individual Achievement in this year's GCSEs

Our congratulations this year go to Danny Orwin, who achieved outstanding results of 13 A*-C grade GCSEs, with 11 of those being either an A or an A* grade.



Danny himself said, "I'm ecstatic with my results; all of the hard work that I have put in has really paid off. I would like to say a big thank you to all of the teachers and staff at The Swinton High School, for all of their help, guidance and support over my school career."

