

# Callum bowls 'em over

by Madiah Zaman

HERE at Coal Clough Academy we have a 10-pin bowling champion in Callum Carver.

He started bowling a few years ago, this was when he went to a neighbour's birthday party at the bowling alley in Burnley.

In Burnley he won the bowling league independently, and when you win a competition there is a chance of winning money, which Callum likes a lot.

He said: "I enjoy 10-pin bowling because it's a very good opportunity to interact with other people and also because there is great team spirit."

"You can meet different people with the same hobby and bond in a way."

He now goes bowling in Bury and competes in a Manchester league. He will be participating in a competition in Dunstable.

Callum plays in the league every Saturday morning and is now playing with the under 25s.

Callum added: "My dad said, 'I have a knack for it.'"



## Crafty students show their talent

by Cameron Trickett

**DID you know with a bit of imagination you can turn a juice carton into a wallet?**

Barbara is one of our KS3 teachers who

decided to make a wallet out of juice boxes with her class after finding the idea on the Internet.

She said: "We decided to make it because it has been popular with students in previous years."

"We had four or five students who were involved in making the wallet and it took them an hour to make."

"They didn't find it too difficult because the instructions from the Internet were clear."



Year 11s join Calico on the Pendle Witches Murder Mystery Trail.



## Go-kart madness

by Isabella Venn

**KS3 STUDENTS** have been using their engineering knowledge and skills to make mini electric go-karts.

Students took on the task using carbon fibre, which was provided by sponsors, and then carried out electrical work, wiring and engineering to make the kart.

Shaun set the students the task to teach them responsibility and how to look after cars. The go-karts are set to race this September at a North West Regional Heat.



Well done to our students who sat their European Computer Driving Licence foundation course achieving three distinctions.

A school newspaper written by students from Coal Clough Academy, Burnley.

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# Election fever arrives at school



by Courtney Burrridge

**WHILE** your parents are thinking about who to elect as the new government, we have had an election of our own here at Coal Clough Academy.

Five students: Shunem Muzaffar, Charlotte Cross, Aiden Harper, Aiden Henderson and Paul Jackson all put themselves forward for election.

Each candidate had to present their own 'mini manifesto' to say what they were going to offer to us – the students.

Charlotte Cross said one of the things she wanted was a shelter for outside, Aiden Harper wanted more assault courses for school and Aiden Henderson said he wanted takeaways to be introduced as a reward.

Paul Jackson wanted more break time equipment and last, but not least, Shunem Muzaffar wanted to introduce a slush machine in school, get better cars for driving and to introduce

school shorts.

Almost everyone in school voted for the student they wanted to win. We set up a polling station in Key Stage 4 and you had to put a cross against the name you wanted to win.

The election was held to give our students the experience they will have when they are an adult.

Isabella Venn said: "I think it was a fun learning experience and it gave students' confidence to stand up in front of others and speak."

"I didn't know what you did to vote before, but this has given me the confidence to vote when I am legally allowed to do so."

The candidates were invited to an all-school assembly when the winner was announced.

And... drum roll... the winner of the election was **Shunem Muzaffar**.

So we'll all be looking out for the slushes at break time and chilling out on those summer day in our best shorts.

Congratulations!

## DEADLINES

Thursday April 20

**NOMINATIONS**

Friday April 21

**3 POLICIES**

Monday April 24

**VIDEO**

Thursday April 27

**POSTER**

Friday April 28 -

Friday May 5

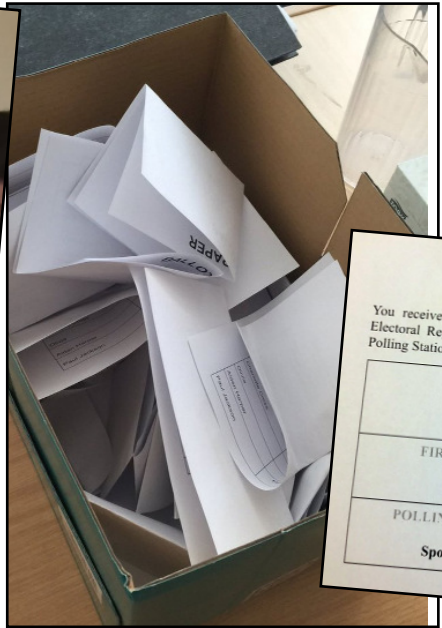
**CAMPAIGN**

Friday May 5

**POLLING DAY**

Monday May 22

**RESULTS**



POLL CARD	
You receive a Poll Card when your details have been added to the Electoral Register. Having a Poll Card means that you can vote at the Polling Station.	
CONSTITUENCY COAL CLOUGH ACADEMY	
FIRST NAME	SURNAME
POLLING STATION	DATE & TIME
Sports hall	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 9:15am – 12.30pm



***WE have had several new students starting here at Coal Clough Academy and here are their reflections on their first few days.***



# Caring for our neighbours

*by Deni-Shay George*

**STUDENTS will be visiting residents in a nursing home to assist dementia patients take a trip down memory lane.**  
Medical Year 10 students have been researching dementia

and they discovered that often people living with dementia respond well to music from their younger years.  
Dove Court Nursing Home has asked for our befriending service students to visit their Dementia Ward.  
While there they will be leading a sing song and bingo. They have chosen a selection of songs, poems and speeches linked to the Second World War, we hope to also take in some sweet treats.  
This is a follow on from inviting grandparents into our school as part of a project with Age UK

*by Kara-Jade Ward*

When my school suggested I move to Coal Clough as it may benefit me more than mainstream, I was adamant about not going because I had heard rumours and many of my friends told me, "You won't get any GCSE's there." But I couldn't be more pleased that I moved.  
In my first few days, including my induction days, I couldn't have felt more welcome and understood; I didn't feel like any teachers or anyone else was judging me.

In the handful of weeks that I've been here, I have felt happier, less uptight and more calm compared to being in mainstream, which made me feel apprehensive and unhappy.  
I felt like they didn't know what to do with me or how to cater for my needs properly because of the vast amount of students they have in mainstream schools.

Now I've moved to a school, which makes me feel comfortable it is almost like a 'safe place' and I can actually achieve my potential.  
I honestly cannot express how much this school has already helped change my perspective on the education system and has helped me feel less constantly on edge.  
When I was in mainstream, mornings were very difficult and I couldn't even face getting up and ready for the school day. Now I'm up and ready way earlier than I even should be; I'm excited to go to school now.

*by Madiah Zaman*

I was bullied at my last school so I didn't want to go in.  
I got into the habit of staying off and I would dread going into school.  
Since I have come here I think the teachers have been more understanding than my old school.  
I feel good and am getting more confidence.

*by Cameron Trickett*

I was struggling at my old school because I was bullied and so didn't feel like I fitted in.  
I think it is better here because I feel like I fit in. I no longer feel like I am being judged, I think I am going to do well.  
Now, I feel confident when I am coming to school.  
I feel better about myself now.

*by Callum Carver*

I had bad attendance at my previous school because I was ill. I am fine with the pupils here and the staff have also been good.  
I am looking forward to catching upon my missed GCSE work. I just want to get my head down now. It is more relaxed both as a school and the teachers.

**Y10 boys at their first Thai Boxing class they all got involved and enjoying it at Hakuda Gum, Burnley.**



## Rewards for creative quartet

*by Isabella Venn*

**GIFTED students were all rewarded with £50 vouchers after serving a delicious afternoon tea party which expressed their culinary and creative talents.**  
Their efforts were rewarded when our school was placed second out of the 15 groups that took part. Next year, we hope to achieve first place and win an iPad...each!

In the last issue of Coal Clough News students talked about their experience at The North Lancs Training Group in Accrington where the Mad Hatter's Tea party was held.  
We had to make a picnic and also create wooden cake stands and decorate a table for the tea party.  
Of the event, Charlotte Cross said: "It was good, it made us work together, which improved our team building skills."



# Pet power

*by Deni-Shay George*

**WHENEVER you feel 'ruff' don't worry because Laurel and Bramble will be there to cheer you up.**  
Tracy Lowe regularly brings in her therapy dogs to visit the children and they always get a terrific response.  
The dogs are called Laurel and Bramble they are Cockerpoos; that means they are half cocker spaniel and half poodle.  
Laurel and Bramble are pets of Tracy herself and she has trained them to be therapy dogs.  
Tracy brings Laurel and Bramble in free of charge because she understands how therapeutic the dogs can be.  
It was Edel's idea to bring the dogs in because Tracy is her counselling supervisor; she met and fell in love with the dogs when she was at supervision.  
Laurel and Bramble are very calm and friendly to everyone and they also except everyone.  
On Tuesday May 16 it was Laurel and Bramble's birthday and they spent the day with us – how lucky for us when they could have stayed at home.  
Edel said: "The dogs are very relaxing and nice to everybody and don't have their favourites. They help the children keep calm."



# Revving up for fun

*by Callum Carver*

**YEAR 10 and 11 have been building their own go-karts and track at school**  
We bought a go-kart from an internet auction site, but when it arrived it had no engine.  
The engine came from a lawnmower and the Year 10

and 11 students have spent a month putting it all together.  
They are also building a go-kart track, which hopefully will be finished in the summer.  
The purpose of this project is to let students learn about engineering and they have been working after school to get the go-kart and track ready.

# Memorial for victims

*by Courtney Burridge*

**A MEMORIAL tree has been planted in the grounds of Coal Clough Academy in memory of the victims in the Westminster terrorism attack.**  
Students decided they would plant a tree in remembrance and to show

support for the victim's family and friends.  
The tree commemorates the people killed in the attack and was planted April this year, in a flower bed near the staff car park, where poppies already grow.  
Thoughtful messages of sympathy and support from students at Coal Clough now hang from the branches.



**Year 10s went weaseling and bouldering at Orchen Rocks**