

# Staff Visit to Ireland to help prevent Terrorism

By Kara Jade Ward

**A MEMBER of staff from our school went on a course to learn about radicalisation and extremism and said 'it was the best trip that he has ever been on.'**

DSL, Nathaniel Eatwell spoke about his recent training course called 'Community REACH'.

For this Mr Eatwell went all the way to Northern Ireland with a few other professionals from the Burnley area.

The group went to understand and learn about the impact of hatred between communities to see what they can do to prevent such things happening in Burnley and our community and to learn strategies.

Mr Eatwell said it entailed learning about radicalism and extremism, including the impact of it and what it is.

He also explained that the course was 'hugely insightful and very moving'.

The group stayed at the Corrymeela Reconciliation Centre which is a place in a Northern Ireland community which has an objective of promoting reconciliation and peace building through the healing of social, religious and political divisions.



Mr Eatwell said that the trip helped him understand of the trouble that has been on going in the Northern Irelander people's lives and helped curve his understanding.

He said that along with the group, they visited Derry and had a tour of the city and learned about the famous events that have happened there such as Bloody Sunday.



*VISIT: The pictures show an example of how Derry is now a free place welcoming all from across the border*

The group then discussed the tragedies with people who were combats and victims.

A trip to 'Seige Museum' was also a place where they went and learned another perspective towards what happened when they spoke to the Apprentice Boys.

On the last day of their trip they went to see many different youth groups in Belfast who were in fact Protestant and who explained the interface communities and showed them round the Peace Line from both sides.

Mr Eatwell said that the Catholics and Protestants now work together, including ex-terrorists from Northern Ireland. The terrorists told Mr Eatwell that they realised they were radicalised because they were vulnerable.

Mr Eatwell said: "It was the highlight of my trip to see how Catholics and Protestants now work together - to see the impact of sectarianism on people's lives hit home how important it is to bring communities together and celebrate the things we share and learn about our differences. It is one of the best trips I have ever been on."

# Coal Clough students and staff meet Mayor of Burnley at our MacMillan Coffee Morning

by Shannon Graham

**EXCITED students met the Mayor of Burnley as he attended the school coffee morning.**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Coal Clough Academy staff and students had organised a MacMillan Coffee Morning to raise awareness for cancer.

Alice and her students organised it as part of the Princes Trust Community action module. Almost every student and teacher in the school took part in the event. We included cakes, biscuits and bun sales.

The school made competitions like the best student cake and the best teacher cake - the winners won a voucher. We held raffles as well as a tombola which grabbed attention!

The mayor of Burnley was invited to judge the raffle and baking competition. Farooq won the teacher's award with his yellow Lamborghini cake and Callum Plane won the student's award with his chocolate cake that was decorated with Maltesers.

The school raised a total of £166 that day for MacMillan.

With the left over cakes the school gave them to Elizabethan Street

Project, the hostel for homeless in Burnley.

The school's staff and students are very proud of how successful the day went it was outstanding how everyone was brought together to help the charity.

We took part and interacted well with the visitors who came to the event.

The students were overwhelmed when the mayor came some of us even spoke to the mayor and they said that it was fantastic to have him visit the school.



*Above: Students and Head of School Holly Clarke stand with the Mayor at the school coffee morning held in the hall*



*Left: Callum gets his prize from the mayor and right, Farooq and the Mayor*



## *Mental Health Awareness for all students*

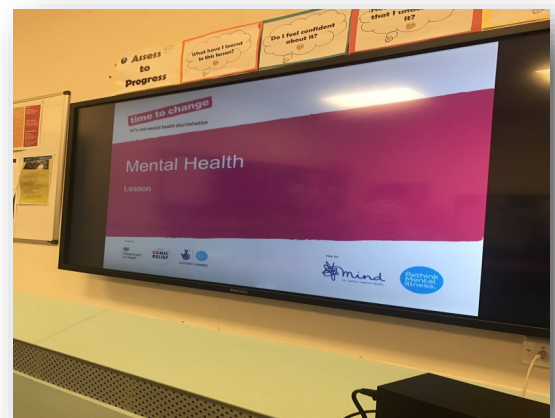
By Isabella Venn

**TO HELP raise awareness of mental health we had a lesson on recognising the signs.**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, students took part in World Mental Health day to promote awareness of mental health problems in young people.

It was a great session and useful to let people know they can talk out about it.

Student, Courtney Burrige commented on the event and said: "It's important to raise awareness for young people with mental health problems, as they need to know there is always someone to talk to and the lesson highlighted this."





# *New way of peer teaching is a Great Success*

by Albert-Mihai Buruiana

**TEACHERS move over! Students at Coal Clough took part in a peer teaching activity.**

On 12<sup>th</sup> October in the medical Science lesson, students Kara Jade Ward and Shannon Graham were given the opportunity to peer teach the rest of their class.

This is a fantastic indication of how the students are developing their confidence and taking ownership of their learning.

Kara said: "I remember that I have done the lesson in the past so Shannon and I decided to teach the lesson on the board because some of the students didn't understand it very well. First we started to write some definitions and

keywords on the board then we did a practical exercise about the electrical circuit. It was a good and fun experience."



*Above: Kara teaching her class*

## **Lancashire Police talk on Human Trafficking**

By Tyler Simpson

**THE POLICE came into our school to talk about the dangers of human trafficking and modern slavery.**

Students were told about the types of crimes carried out in this way, what the dangers are and how to spot the signs of someone being targeted with such crimes.

They were given a chance to ask questions and were also informed about where they can go to if they know somebody being affected by human trafficking or modern slavery.

Crossing Lines and members of the Lancashire Constabulary joined our Year 11 cohort to talk about the dangers and they discussed issues such as labour, exploitation, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude and forced criminality.

We found the session to be engaging and thought it was

very important for them to go through.

Police officers Mark Blackey and Tom Sanford said we were a great set of students.

They said: "We thought the kids were really well behaved some of the schools we visit the pupils can be quite disruptive and immature but these students were engaged and interested."

"They asked some really good questions and participated in the quiz at the end. We were really impressed with the school facilities and it was very different to what we expected."



## **National Poetry Day**

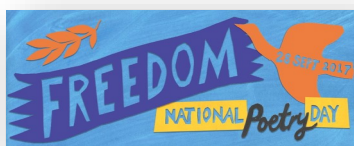
**STUDENTS recently took part in a poetry competition for National Poetry Day.**

All of us were asked to write an acrostic poem about freedom.

Every student had an individual and unique poem about freedom and explained what it meant to them. Many schools across the nation

have taken part in the event, including Coal Clough Academy.

But 11G won the competition with Ian Nelson as a runner up and Shunem Muzaffar coming third.



## **Learning British Values**

By Courtney Burrige

**On 6<sup>th</sup> October Coal Clough Academy were asked to place a vote from the Make Your Mark forms.**

The member of the Youth Parliament who gained the most support from young people will be invited to the closing speech at the House of Commons sitting.

It was important for Coal

Clough Academy to get involved in something so significant because it allowed them to have a voice.

We embed British values into a lot of SMSC work across school such as the Student Council and getting the Student leader to support the staff in learning walks to ensure the student voice is heard.

# Girls Boxing their way to channel emotions

**EACH Tuesday morning a group of girls from across the school attend Five Ways Boxing Academy on Valley Street, Burnley.**

The girls have an hour of boxing with qualified instructor Kev Dand.

Our school counsellors Edel and Vicky from the pastoral team, accompany them and join in to encourage and support the girls.

Kev ensures that there is a thorough warm up to not only avoid injury but also to help them understand the importance of discipline, rules and boundaries.

Edel asked to be involved with these boxing sessions as she believes it can be therapeutic for the girls helping them to channel their emotions in a more controlled and beneficial way.

It also develops their self-esteem, self-worth and self-belief together with promoting the healthy body healthy mind principle.

Furthermore it encourages trusting relationships in a neutral environment which is invaluable for all involved.



Head over to our  
Twitter Page  
**@CoalCloughAcademy**  
to see more pictures and  
boxing videos of our  
girls boxing

## *Jamie Oliver inspires our cooking classes*

**OUR students' cooking skills have taken a huge boost as they continue to attend the Ministry Of Food cooking courses that are inspired by celebrity chef Jamie Oliver.**

The cookery lessons take place at Blackburn Youth Zone and give them a skill for life enabling them to cook and learn to eat well.

Ministry of Food is a Jamie Oliver initiative and enables youngsters to make the right choices with their diet.



It also gives them the opportunity to become educated in the kitchen and to be inspired by enabling skills towards future employability.

This engaging lesson has inspired the students to think and see what a job as a chef would be like in the future.

## Show My Homework

By Courtney Burrridge

**COAL Clough Academy have introduced an app called Show My Homework.**

It is a system introduced to extend the student's learning and help promote learning outside of the classroom.

It is a great tool to develop independent learning skills and speed up their progress in certain topics.

Isabella Venn has said "It's a digital alternative to the old system that was in place. I think it's a good idea. We are all looking forward to using it."

Show My Homework can be monitored by parents and teachers, as well as those using it to do their work away from the classroom.