



Urmston Grammar School

1st April 2026

RE: End of Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well and are looking forward to the Easter break.

In this end-of-term newsletter, I am delighted to celebrate the many successes of our students, share highlights from the wide range of enrichment opportunities enjoyed over recent months, and bid a fond farewell to colleagues who will be leaving us at the end of this week.

As ever, our students continue to embody our school values of *Pride, Participation* and *Empathy*. In recent weeks we have seen the Year 12 Debating Team reach the final of the Durham University Debating Competition, while our Urmston chess players competed in the English Chess Senior Challenge. Students in Key Stages 3 and 4 have also progressed to Round 2 of the UKMT Maths Challenge.

On the sports field, students from Years 7 to 11 have taken part in interhouse tournaments, and the Year 8 and 9 girls' netball teams were crowned champions at the PGL Netball Residential. Our Year 11 boys' football team also marked their final match after five years of representing school with an impressive 2–0 victory. Looking ahead, shortly after the Easter break, Urmston Grammar Volleyball U15 boys' team will be defending their national champions title—an event not to be missed!

This term has also been rich in wider opportunities. During National Science Week, students took part in a variety of engaging activities including a drone obstacle course, heart dissections, 'Flash Bang' show, and the Year 7 Science Fair. To celebrate World Book Day, visiting authors Monique Turner and Daniel Dockery led inspiring workshops, while keen readers enjoyed an interhouse book swap and reading competitions.

National Careers Week provided Year 8 students with the opportunity to attend a 'Be Inspired' careers event with local employers, and to mark International Women's Day, a group of sixth form students made a fantastic contribution as part of the Trafford's #IWD2026 campaign – you can see the video [here](#).

In February, the school theatre hosted a phenomenal production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Students excelled on stage in acting, singing and dancing, supported brilliantly by the live band, while the sound, lighting and stage teams ensured a professional and seamless performance throughout. This week also saw our fourth annual Cultural Day, offering a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents and celebrate the rich diversity of our school community.

To mark Easter our school council arranged for a generous donation of Easter eggs to the children's ward at Wythenshawe Hospital—an act that truly reflects the kindness and community spirit of our students.



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As the term draws to a close we say goodbye to two colleagues who are leaving Urmston Grammar. Miss Rohayem has been a valued member of the English Department since the autumn of 2024 and leaves us to return to her native Australia. We also bid farewell to our SENDCO Mrs Smith as she begins her retirement. Mrs Smith has led the SEND provision at Urmston Grammar for the last 8 years and has had a huge impact on the students across the school during this time. We wish both Miss Rohayem and Mrs Smith the very best for their next steps. After Easter Mrs O'Connor will be joining the English Department and we are currently recruiting for a new Associate Assistant Headteacher – SENDCO to take post in September. During the summer term an interim SENDCO Mrs Wollen is joining our team.

Many thanks to all parents and carers who shared their feedback with school by completing the Edurio survey. In the new term responses will be analysed to help inform our school improvement journey. I will write to you again in due course with an overview of the outcomes.

School closes at **3:15 pm on Thursday** and opens for the new term at **8:30am on Monday 20th April 2026**.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you and your families a very happy Easter and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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