



## WRHS WORLD RECORD BREAKERS!

Whalley Range has set our standards high, yet again as we broke the World Record for the biggest game of musical bumps. The World Record was organised by student leaders from the Learning to Lead Charity team along with Miss Kenwright. Headteacher Ms Kane expresses her pride in the event. *"Our students are a credit to themselves and our school. They clearly demonstrate the enterprising skills which are fundamental to our co-operative school and to a successful career in the modern working environment".*



Participation in the event was widespread and really showcased the community spirit shared by students, staff and local businesses, who came along and donated fantastic prizes. The event also played host to 'Sharkie' the mascot from Sales Sharks Rugby Club who thoroughly entertained fellow bumpers. We hope this event will provide essential support to Francis House, a local children's hospice through the £280 sponsor money raised.

Once more Whalley Range has shown it is a ground breaking school, offering unique, fun-filled and successful opportunities for all of our students. The event was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.



**MUSICAL BUMPS WINNER!**  
**DEJA TAYLOR 9PR3A**



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## WRHS TEAM - Q & A - FACILITIES

### JEFF HEYWOOD



#### What is your role in School? **FACILITIES MANAGER**

As Facilities Manager I look after all Caretaking, Security and Cleaning staff. Also Buildings maintenance, Health and Safety, Fire prevention, Grounds maintenance, Deliveries, Portorage, Furniture, Classroom alterations, School lettings, Exam setups, BSF work.

**How big is your team, and what part do they play in the life of the School?** My team consists of Manager and Assistant Manager, 3 x Caretakers, Cleaning supervisor, Buildings maintenance school cleaners x 4 and Agency cleaners x 15.

**How long have you been doing your current job?** Since January 2001.

**What did you do before doing this?** British Army for 23 years, retired August 2000, Rank WOII RQMS(T).

**What are the best and worst bits of the job?**

**Best:** People who comment how clean the school is. Handing back a clean, A1 condition School after 6 weeks holidays. The School achieving good results from all working as a team.

**Worst:** Graffiti – Litter picking.

**Hobbies?** Seafishing, Beach Football, Man United fan. Love reading ghost stories, watching Most Haunted. Love holidays to Wales, Anglesey, Porthmadog, Caernarfon, Snowdonia.

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# PARTNERSHIP NEWS



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**WRITING ACHIEVEMENT**

## NATIONAL COMPETITION WINNER!



## HIGHEST PERFORMING SCHOOL IN ENGLAND!

Main picture: A student experiences caving on a recent residential to Kingswood activity centre.

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SUMMER 2011



# INTRODUCTION *from the headteacher*

I hope you enjoy the final edition of Partnership News for this academic year. We were delighted to receive letters from the exam boards to tell us we achieved the best results in the country for Urdu and Arabic at GCE A level and Arabic at GCSE. Our fourth award was presented for the top grades for B Tec, Speech and Drama.

We have also received a certificate of Commendation for our partnership work with local universities through Aim Higher. This is on top of our recent success in achieving the Basic Skills Quality Mark. This means that all students are supported to achieve key targets in numeracy and literacy – the two key areas employers and universities want to see. The assessor commented on how confident our students were that they would make progress and he was impressed that this progress is sustained even when the intervention finishes. Joining the local library as a family (it's free) and reading as much as possible over the summer is a great way for progress to be continued over the holiday.

Our student leaders have continued to make their mark this year on our school community and with our community partners. We are very proud of all that they have achieved.

I hope you managed to see the performance of "Grease" – perhaps our best school production to date. We will share some pictures in our next edition. I hope you will come and see our new building in school next term – we are delighted with the way the new areas will enhance learning spaces.

Have a great summer.  
Patsy Kane

## MEET BEVERLEY CROSSLEY - CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNOR



### How long have you been a governor?

I joined the governing body last September, but prior to that I had been involved in mentoring students from Whalley Range.

### How did you get to be a Governor?

I got to know the School through the mentoring, but in addition to that I am a PA to the Director of Human Resources at the Co-operative Head Office in Manchester. Since Whalley Range became a Co-operative Trust School last September, I was very excited when I was asked to be the Co-op's representative on the Governing Body.

### How much work does that involve?

I attended full governing body meetings, but also the School's inclusion sub-committee. Some months ago we met on a Saturday morning to look at the new

Ofsted framework, and how we can help the school prepare for this.

### What impresses you about Whalley Range?

The fact that it's an all girls school – I also went to an all girls school, and it helped give me confidence and belief in my own ability. We still have a long way to go in the battle for equality and I believe that Whalley Range inspires its students – I've seen it for myself with the girls that I have mentored. The school has a great history and tradition, but there is an energy and enthusiasm here that is exciting. The new building programme also has a big part to play in ensuring the success of the school in the future.

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## FRENCH TRIP TO NORMANDY



For the 3rd time Whalley Range has led its troops to Normandy in France for an educational visit. This visit was a great success thanks to the staff involved: Ms S. Barud, Ms M. Allen and Mrs A. Peers. The students gained an insight into French culture and cuisine and visited several places of interest such as The D-Day Beaches in Arromanches, the Bayeux Tapestry, Mont St Michel and the British Military Cemetery to name a few. Many thanks to those involved in the organisation of this trip.

Mr S. Soobiah



## HARD TIMES THEATRE TRIP

On Tuesday 21 June 2011, the Library Theatre Company took us back in time to the days of Charles Dickens, when Victoria was Queen, in the nineteenth century. A group of Year 10 students, who are studying Critical Thinking, went to watch them in a converted cotton mill in Ancoats. One whole floor of the old mill was used for different stage settings and the audience moved about, following the actors from scene to scene. There was singing, dancing and a circus act, as well as a good story. It was a great evening's entertainment, which ended with us having our pictures taken with some of the cast, as we waited for the minibus to bring us back to Whalley Range. Thank you to Loreto College for organising and funding the event as part of the IBLink programme.



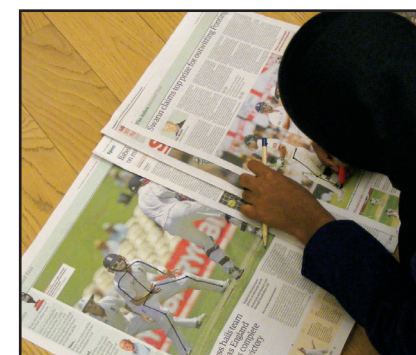
## ENGLISH - CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Miss Lashley from the English Faculty took a group of Year 9 students to Manchester Art Gallery for a Creative Writing workshop with MMU's Creative Writing School. The students travelled around the gallery using paintings as visual stimuli to create writing on characters, feelings and places. Creative Writing MA students were on hand to give tips and direction. The students were encouraged to enter their work for the MMU All Write competition - details of which can found with Miss Lashley. It is a competition to find talented young writers in the Manchester area. The writing can be in any form (poetry/song lyrics/short story/opening to a novel) and about anything you want! Shortlisted entrants will have their work published in the 'All Write' anthology.



## YEAR 9 ART WORKSHOPS WITH JIM MEDWAY

A large group of Year 9 pupils who intend to take Art at GCSE level next



year were treated to a gallery workshop with international artist, Jim Medway. Our girls were shown the fantastic displays at Manchester Art Gallery and then learnt how to draw figures using the gallery pictures for inspiration. Mr Forman said, 'These talented artists really had a great day to remember and hopefully it will inspire them to pass their GCSE!'



## HOUSE LEADERS

**ALAINA IQBAL 8VW1B** - I wanted to be a House Leader because Westwood House is wonderful with great opportunities to do things for others. Being a House Leader means being confident, proud, and showing a standard of how to behave to other students. It means expressing your opinion with the teachers and trying to make our House better with the help of other students. As a House Leader, I think I get respect for what I do and this makes me very proud.

**KHADIJA HAJRAH 8VW5A** - As Westwood House Leaders, we work together and get on with others, whom we have never met before. In the past, we have had important roles such as organising assemblies about behaviour, punctuality and getting prepared for the future. If we keep our responsibilities up, together we will become stronger.





## A CAREER IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

### PSYCHOLOGY

On Higher Education day Mrs Edwards ran a session on studying Psychology at uni. Mrs Edwards attended MMU and her degree is in Psychology. She is very passionate about the subject and everytime she talks about psychology a huge smile appears on her face. When Mrs Edwards was going through the presentation it influenced students into choosing psychology at university. Surprisingly she influenced us as well. We believe that lots of girls will now choose psychology after her presentation and she has given us confidence to choose this subject.

We now have an idea about what a psychology degree consists of, the different units and future career paths. We as students are very grateful and lucky to have a teacher like Mrs Edwards.

**Farihya Osman and Shukri Warfa SF5**



### NURSING

For the past five years I have been very passionate about becoming a nurse and working with adults who are ill. Recently I attended a presentation on nursing at College run by Mrs Pym who was a nurse before she became a teacher. She discussed how to get into nursing and there are three routes depending on your level of qualification. The diploma and degree involve theory as well as practical experience. To get onto the diploma course you need at least 5 A\*-C grades whereas the degree requires A levels. The courses last 3 years and at the end you are a registered nurse. To apply for the diploma the application is through NMAS rather than UCAS. The presentation was full of relevant and interesting information which drew from Mrs Pym's experience of being a nurse. I now feel confident about what I need to do to become a nurse. It is important that I complete some voluntary work during my A2 year to ensure that I am seen as a suitable student for a nursing course. **Aneesha Hussain SF7**



## MATHS PRIMARY CHALLENGE CUP

Throughout this academic year the Maths Department has been working with gifted and talented pupils in local primary schools to extend their learning and develop their maths skills. To round off these sessions the primary schools were invited to send teams to compete in the inaugural Maths Primary Challenge Cup on Wednesday 29th June. The teams spent the day battling it out in a series of fun rounds organised by Mrs Turner and the Maths Leaders. It was close but Heald Place won the Cup. The rest of the pupils vowed to be back next year and everyone said they had a great day. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

## YEAR 9 ENTERPRISE WEEK

Our Co-Op Bank partners organised a Fit4Finance Day for Year 9s on Monday 13th June. Students took part in a series of workshops run by bank staff aimed at developing financial literacy and money skills. Students learnt about managing their money and issues affecting the economy. Students said the day had been interesting and useful.

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## BUSINESS STUDIES ENTERPRISE WEEK

This year was another successful year in the Business and Enterprise Faculty during the Year 9 Enterprise Week. The students who had selected a Business related subject for Year 10 were invited to take part in completing an extra qualification, 'Enterprise and Employability'. Students designed innovative and enterprising ways in which the Trafford Centre could increase customer numbers next year. Their tasks included primary research at the Trafford Centre, developing English, Maths and ICT skills, alongside an introduction to Business Studies. The students enjoyed the whole week learning valuable skills and having new experiences.



## MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY - LANGUAGE DAY

In June, Year 8 Spanish students participated in the Language Day "Making Foreign Languages an Option" organized by the Manchester Metropolitan University. All students, coming from different High Schools, were welcomed by Language Teachers who highlighted the importance of learning foreign languages for our current society. They were accompanied by ambassador students who told them their experiences at the University.



Working in groups, students made a poster about the most famous cities of the Spanish-speaking countries and took part in an enjoyable quiz about the Spanish language and culture.

After a delicious lunch offered by the University, students attended a Chinese language sessions for beginners in which they learnt how to greet and introduce themselves. In this session students were also able to approach the interesting Chinese culture. Finally, the winners of the quizzes of all the schools received a prize.



## AYSHA NASIR WINS A NATIONAL COMPETITION!

Aysha Nasir a Year 10 Spanish student, travelled to London on the 25th of May as the winner of the second runner-up prize for the Second Short Story Competition El Quijote de mi vida.

The competition was run by the Instituto Cervantes in London and the Embassy of Spain Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs. All the winners were welcomed by the Director of the Instituto Cervantes in London and presented by the Head of the Library. The presentation of the prizes to the winners was carried out by Mr. Fidel López Álvarez, Cultural Attaché of the Spanish Embassy.



The guest of honour was Eliacer Cansino, Spanish National Prize of Literature for Children and Youth 2010, who congratulated the winners.

Aysha Nasir, representing our school, read her story which is about an old lady who complains about present-day social problems. She won a selection of books, CDs and DVDs of Spanish and Latin American authors and artists including Eliacer Cansino, the National Prize, who signed and dedicated his book to her. Finally, she was interviewed for Cervantes TV channel.

All of us should congratulate Aysha for her prize because being the youngest and only girl winner of her category she has proudly represented our school.



# INCLUSION FACULTY *news*

## QUALITY MARK AWARD

Our school has just been awarded the Quality Mark for Basic Skills. The assessor was very impressed by the school's provision for basic skills. He spoke very highly of the students that he met. Areas of best practice were highlighted as; Intervention Strategies, links with Special School's and Academic Tutorials.



## POTS OF GOLD FOR RAINBOW READERS

Thanks and congratulations to the Year 8 students who are taking part in the pilot group using the Rainbow Reading Scheme in Room 40. Twelve students attend three sessions every week to read short, interesting books whilst listening to the story on individual CD Players. They also enjoy completing various activities such as written tasks, word searches and cloze passages to extend their skills. The students are really committed to improving their reading and have attended all sessions regularly and punctually, receiving many well-deserved Gold Awards. Four students have read their way through Yellow, Green, Blue and Violet levels, completing the course and being awarded Certificates – Well done!



Some Year 7 students have recently joined Rainbow Readers and Mrs Sumner is going to further increase the group this term. Thank you to Staff and students involved,

for the fun and hard work we have all shared!



## CITY COLLEGE - YEAR 11

Congratulations to Year 11 students Katie Hines and Rhea Holmes for completing the NCFE Level 1 Award in Creative Craft using Cookery, as well as Parris Chin and Riyanne Tornish for completing the NCFE Level 1 Award in Pre-Uniformed Services. Miss Emmanuel and Mrs Hamnett of the Inclusion Faculty have thoroughly enjoyed accompanying the students to City College every Friday this year!

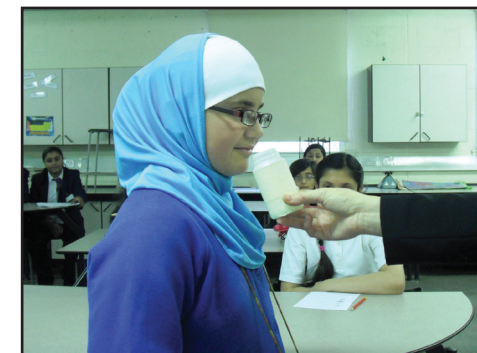


## AQA UNIT AWARD SCHEME

Last March we launched the Unit Award Scheme which is a qualification that goes alongside all subjects taught in school. This qualification has really taken off this year with lots of students and staff taking the unit awards on board. We have well over 100 students who have successfully completed 82 different units so far this year. Well done to all students and staff!

## YEAR 6 SCIENCE

During the recent Year 6 days, 9 groups of students attended a science lesson learning about their senses, and how scientists use their senses. They carried out a series of interactive activities designed to develop their knowledge and engage the students. Activities included blind 'smell tests' and 'guess the sound' before fooling their sight with a series of optical illusions. The Year 7 WRHS students who accompanied them as guides provided excellent support, ensuring that the lesson went smoothly. At the end of the session some comments were collected.



Robina Noor from Heald Place Primary thought that, *"Science was really fun. I really enjoyed it, and want to do more"*. Saba Khan from Plymouth Grove said, *"I found this lesson helpful and amusing"*.



## SCIENCE LEADERS

What I have enjoyed about being a Science Leader?

*"We got to do different things like questionnaires for Scientist of the Month and we helped our teacher"*. Tahmina Prity

*"I particularly enjoyed working and getting on with other students especially those older than me in the Sixth Form"*. Aysha Rashida

*"Helping to design a Science Leaders board and having my picture on it"* Zara Howard

How has being a Science Leader helped in your learning?

*"I get to help other students learn in the lesson"* Tahmina Prity

*"I have gained more confidence and addressing other people which makes me ask more questions"* Aysha Rashida



## SIXTH FORM TRIP TO ALTON TOWERS

The Sixth Form students celebrated the completion of their courses and the end of the school year with a visit

to Alton Towers. Staff and students alike had a fantastic day out which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Many thanks to all the staff that came and here's to next year!

Mrs Edwards,  
Sixth Form Head of House.





# ICT NEWS

## TEACHING ICT IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

This term Miss Mushtaq has continued teaching ICT to Year 6 students at St Mary's Primary School in Moss Side in which they have been learning how to create spreadsheets. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the fun and innovative ways of independently creating spreadsheets.

## ICT CHALLENGE

Five local primary schools were invited to Whalley Range High School to take part in the ICT Challenge. The following primary schools took part in this fun challenge: St Mary's Primary School, St. Margaret's Primary School, Chorlton Park Primary School, Manley Park Primary School and Wilbraham Primary School. The challenge involved each group of representatives to design and create a Multimedia Presentation to advertise a new technology product. It was a very difficult decision to choose the winning team as each group had made amazing Multimedia Presentations, showing their creativity and skills in using ICT. However, there could only be one winning team who demonstrated a lot of creativity and worked extremely hard and that was awarded to Chorlton Park Primary School! Congratulations once again.



## REAL SMART

This year the ICT faculty have begun using Real Smart – an online assessment tool which enables students to access work uploaded by teachers and for them to then submit their work. This has been used by Year 12 and 13 ICT classes as well as a Year 8 ICT class.

Students have given some positive feedback about using Real Smart: *"Real Smart is good because it allows me to assess my progress and it means that I don't have to print out my work, and instead can upload it on Real Smart. The written feedback from my teacher is helpful for me to improve my work. I can also access the Real Smart website from home and send a message to my teacher if I don't understand anything."* - Sana Khan – Year 8

## ICT CLUBS

The ICT faculty have successfully been running ICT clubs during lunchtimes and after school for Lower School and Sixth Form students on a daily basis all year round. These have been a huge success as students have been able to take up this opportunity to improve their grades up to a Distinction in OCR and also their GCSE ICT grades. These clubs have been led by Mrs Wragg, Mr Bashir and Miss Mushtaq. We would also like to thank our fantastic ICT leaders for helping to run the lunchtime clubs.

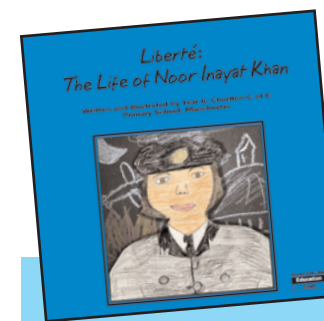
Mrs Connolly and Mr Mustafa have also been running the Oprah Winfrey ICT club on a weekly basis for students in Oprah Winfrey House, allowing them to do their ICT work. ICT clubs have been a huge success and will continue to run next year.



# ICT NEWS

## INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE...

Shrabani Basu is a journalist and author based in London. She came to visit WRHS and talked to Year 7 and Year 9 students about a book she wrote: "The Spy Princess: the story of Noor Inayat Khan. It's based on the true story of a very brave young woman; Noor was a secret agent for the British Government based in Paris during WW2. The girls pictured had something in common with Shrabani- they also contributed to a book about Noor when they were in Year 6 at Chorlton CE Primary school. The girls asked Shrabani about writing and publishing books, and she talked to them about research and writing. So if you are interested in being a spy, or want to find out more about Noor and what happened to her, get digging!



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## DEVELOPING ENGLISH SKILLS

Last term parents of new students with English as an additional language were invited to come to the school to discuss their daughters' progress. They were given an outline of the English education system, including how to go on to university and were given a handout of tips for helping their daughter develop her skills in English. Parents will be invited every term to meet with teachers and discuss any concerns they may have. If you would like a copy of the handout please contact Ms Kamal at the school.

## YEAR 9 PROJECT WORK

During the last term 6 students working in a small group with the Inclusion Faculty completed a project on Islam using their ICT skills. The students researched the aspects of Islam, then produced a powerpoint presentation along with an information booklet produced on a publishing package.



The group also experienced Islam in a multi sensory way by tasting and smelling typical Muslim foods, listening to Muslim chants and handling items related to prayer and the Mosque. Students used craft skills to make prayer mats, a model Kaaba and Eid cards. They had the opportunity to design their own Mehndi patterns as well as artwork represented in Mosques.



The project culminated in an afternoon where parents were invited to come and see the students present their work and receive certificates from the AQA Unit Award Scheme.



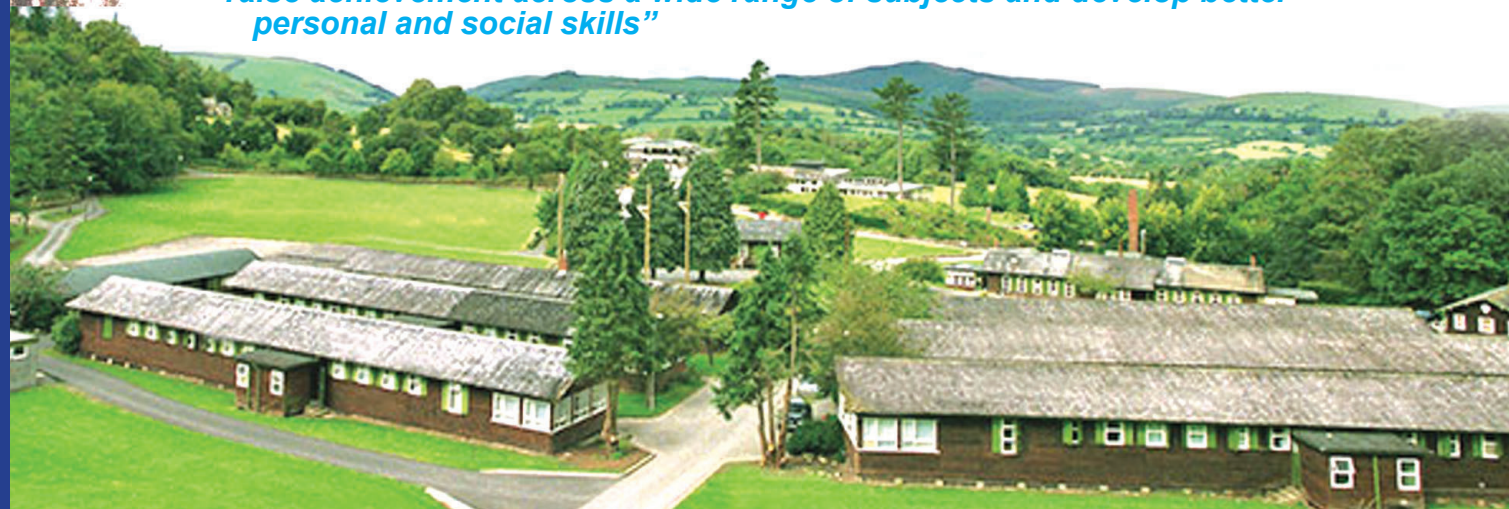
## KINGSWOOD OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE RESIDENTIAL 2011

On Friday 17th June, 150 very excited students boarded 3 coaches heading for Kingswood, Colomendy in North Wales for a weekend of adventure, challenge and team building. Once again we were not let down as the students enjoyed a number of activities over the weekend and had a great time.



### LEARNING OUTSIDE

*“Quality learning experiences in ‘real’ situations have the capacity to raise achievement across a wide range of subjects and develop better personal and social skills”*



## SPORTS COLLEGE *update*

### CYCLING VELODROME

A massive congratulations to all Year 8 girls who attended the cycling programme at Manchester Velodrome. Our top 4 girls were Ruqayyah Hameed came 12th, Alaina Iqbal came 22nd, Sema AlAttbi came 28th and Amna Shai came 29th out of 92 students. During the paired teams our students came 5th and 13th out of all Manchester schools and have now been selected to compete in the Manchester Youth Cup on 10th July. Good Luck to Ruqayyah, Alaina, Penninah Wampamba and KaMan Ng!!!



### ATHLETICS STAR

Laura Rawlins scored a hatrick of medals at the North West Regional Athletics Championships for disabled and deaf athletes. Laura collected gold medals in the 100m with a time of 15.2 seconds, 200m in 32.1 seconds and the 800m in 2.52 minutes. Well done Laura!!



### BASKETBALL CLINIC

Whalley Range were hosts to an NBA clinic on Fri 27th May. The school Basketball teams were invited to a coaching session with the female 'Atlanta Dream' team. Students recieved free merchandise and tickets to see the England team versus the American Atlanta Dreams at the MEN.



### 2010-2011 MANCHESTER SCHOOLS NETBALL

Well done to all our students who have participated in the Manchester Schools Netball Leagues and Tournaments this year.

**Year 7** WRHS came 6th in their league.  
**Year 8** WRHS came 1st in the league and will be promoted to Division 1 next year!

**Year 9** WRHS came 5th in the league.  
**Year 10** WRHS came 6th in the league out of 12 teams.

**Year 11** WRHS came 3rd in the league out of 12 teams.

**Year 8** Netball Team were Champions of Division 2. Congratulations!

### ROUNDERS RESULTS

Well done to year 7 and 9 teams who came 2nd in the knockouts so didn't quite make the semi finals but both teams worked really hard and were dedicated to training practice every week!!

### BTEC RESULTS

A massive congratulations to the 215 (98%) yr 11 students who passed the BTEC Sport course.

### WILBRAHAM SESSIONS

Sports Leaders at Whalley Range have been going into Wilbraham primary during PE lessons to teach and promote Healthy Active Lifestyles. Staff from Wilbraham were extremely impressed with our students practical sessions and their mature presence with the primary pupils. They said they were a credit to our school. Well done girls.