



# Autumn Newsletter

December 2025



## Head of School - Glenn Prime

As we come to the end of what has been a very busy and rewarding first term for me as Head of School at The Kassia Academy, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we have achieved together.

It has been a pleasure getting to know our wonderful pupils and seeing first-hand the energy, character, and resilience they bring to school each day. Our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils sat their mock examinations this term, and I was incredibly proud of the maturity and determination they showed throughout the process.

We also introduced a new assessment system designed to strengthen how we report progress to parents and carers. This aims to make communication clearer, more meaningful, and more supportive of each child's development. Our first Parents' Progress Evening under the new system was a great success, and it was lovely to see so many families engaging in honest and positive conversations about learning.

The term has been filled with memorable moments, from our Children in Need pyjama day, to a competitive and creative short story competition, and of course our Christmas dinner, cooked and served by our fantastic staff team. I am also grateful for the generosity shown within our community. We were able to provide hampers to families through St Joseph's, and the donations from Birchwood Shopping Centre helped us offer festive treats and toys to our pupils, ensuring every child felt the warmth of the season.

This time of year, can bring a range of emotions, thoughts, and feelings. While many look forward to rest and celebration, we know that it can also be a challenging period for some. Please remember that we are here to support you, do reach out if you need anything over the break.

As for me, I will be spending this time with my family, taking the opportunity to rest, recharge, and prepare for the new year ahead.

A big thank you to all our staff and pupils for their hard work, dedication, and support throughout this term. I look forward to seeing everyone again in January, ready for another positive and productive term at The Kassia Academy.



Wishing all our families a peaceful, joyful, and restful holiday.



## *Executive Headteacher - Lindsay Regan*

As we come to the end of another incredibly positive term at Kassia Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our learners, families and staff for their continued support and commitment to our school community.

I am incredibly proud of the fabulous participation shown by our Key Stage 4 learners at our new Alternative Provision providers, Quick Bricks and Global Makeup. The engagement, professionalism and maturity our learners have demonstrated has been wonderful to see and is a real credit to their determination and resilience.

This term we have also warmly welcomed new staff to Kassia. Lisa Seabrook has settled in extremely well, building strong relationships with our learners and launching our new Pastoral Hub, which is already having a very positive impact. I am also delighted to welcome our new Head of School, Glenn Prime, who is doing a fantastic job leading Kassia with clarity, ambition and care.

It has been a real pleasure to see the Sycamore classes engaging so well in their off-site animal care provision, and I am delighted with how successful the move of both Willows and Sycamore classes to the main school site has been. Learners have settled in quickly, embraced the transition and are thoroughly enjoying Kassia's facilities.

We have also welcomed Acer Academy into our SEMH hub this term, and it has been wonderful to see the collaboration growing across our three schools, all specialising in SEND and SEMH. Staff are enjoying the opportunity to work together, and it is inspiring to see such a strong range of expertise being shared across our settings for the benefit of all our young people.

As we head into the festive break, I would like to thank every member of the Kassia community for your hard work, resilience and unwavering commitment to our learners. I wish you all a peaceful, joyful and well-deserved Christmas break.

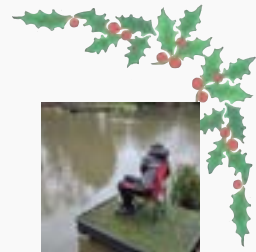
Warmest wishes,  
Lindsay Regan



# REDWOOD

There's never a dull moment at Redwood, and this half-term has been a brilliant example of our learner's showing resilience, creativity and determination. From focusing during November mock exams to stepping up in practical learning, our learners continue to prove that progress looks different for everyone and at Redwood, every step forward truly matters. This half-term, our KS4 learners have been busy:

- Building confidence through small group learning and personalised timetables
- Developing real-world skills in Careers sessions with Danielle
- Quick Bricks Construction, and Global Makeup Hair and Beauty
- Learning beyond the classroom through outdoor education including orienteering, off-site sports sessions and fishing
- Extending learning beyond school by caring for animals at the farm, studying animals through visits to Pets at Home, developing responsibility and empathy
- Creating delicious dishes in catering, learning practical cooking skills, kitchen safety and producing food they can be proud of
- Earning reward trips to the Trafford Centre in recognition of positive behaviour, attendance and effort



Our learners also thoroughly enjoyed Children in Need Pyjama Day, showing fantastic enthusiasm and generosity while raising money for a worthwhile cause.

We are especially proud of how our Year 10 and 11 pupils have supported one another this term. Their positive behaviour and attitudes have been recognised and rewarded in a variety of ways. As they move towards exams, accreditations and post-16 pathways, the focus in KS4 remains firmly on High Standards, Empathy, Resilience and Emotional Response.

Well done Redwood keep pushing forward, believing in yourselves and making positive choices every step of the way.



## SYCAMORE UPDATE



Our KS4 students have been engaged in their mock exams this half term, staff have been impressed by the maturity, focus, and resilience shown by pupils throughout this demanding period. These assessments provide valuable experience ahead of the summer exams.

Our Animal Care pupils have thrived this term, taking on increased responsibility within the school's animal provision, students have been learning about animal welfare and habitat management. Their hands-on experience with a variety of animals has supported both their theoretical understanding and their ability to work independently and as part of a team.

Our Catering group has been busy learning essential life skills through food preparation, hygiene, and kitchen safety. Students have enjoyed creating a variety of dishes, developing their confidence with equipment and recipes.

Students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award have completed expeditions where they navigated woodland trails, practice essential outdoor skills, and worked brilliantly as teams. Their enthusiasm and perseverance often in challenging weather were truly commendable.

To round off the term, some students enjoyed a trip to the Trafford Centre, students soaked up the festive atmosphere and enjoyed browsing shops. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the hard work of the term and to get into the holiday spirit.



## WILLOWS



Willows have settled in The Woodlands (now known as Center Parcs) and have increased in size from 3 to 5 at the moment with more due to start early next year.

We have had a busy term across the different lessons. In

PBL we have looked at two topics; *Whose Earth Is It Anyway?* and *Growing*. Within each, pupils have produced some lovely art work on Friday afternoons, from Hokusai Wave to a Claude Monet.

In Math's pupils have learnt equations and inequalities through to math's and money, and in science from reproduction through to charge and electrical current.

In DofE Willows have travelled to Liverpool World Museum, Western Approaches Delamere Forest and the Liverpool Christmas Markets but to name a few.

We are looking forward to the rest of the year



## Oaks

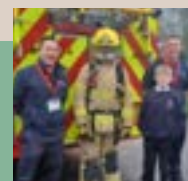
WOW—what an amazing term it has been for the Oaks class! Learners have covered a wide range of work both in and out of the classroom, showing excellent academic progress throughout the term. They have also thoroughly enjoyed the variety of enrichment opportunities on offer, including cooking sessions and working with Mini Chef Ben.

Learners particularly loved their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) trips on Thursdays, where they visited many new and exciting places. As shown in the photos above, these experiences included creative collage work inspired by the artist Mark Bradford, as well as visits to aquariums and museums. These trips were a real highlight and were enjoyed by all.

The Oaks learners have been fantastic this term, and I would like to wish them and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting spring term ahead



## CAREERS UPDATE



This month, our focus has been on supporting pupils to discover the wide range of pathways available to them beyond the classroom. Career exploration is not just about choosing a job; it is about understanding personal strengths, interests, and the skills needed for a successful future.

As always, our aim is to ensure every pupil feels supported as they develop their ambitions and explore the many exciting possibilities ahead.

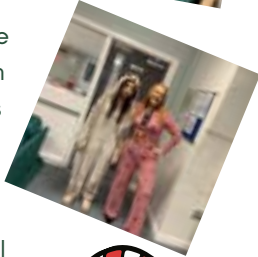
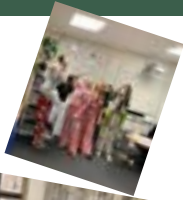
We were delighted to welcome visits from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and The British Army, who provided learners with valuable insight into what a career with their organisations could look like.

In addition, Warrington Vale Royal College visited the school to discuss post-16 options and next steps for when our learners leave The Kassia Academy.

# KASSIA EVENTS 2025



This year's Children in Need event was a fantastic success, with staff and learners coming together in their cosiest pyjamas to raise funds for a wonderful cause. The day was filled with fun, smiles, and a real sense of community spirit as everyone joined in to support children and families in need. It was enjoyed by all, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and generosity shown throughout the school.



## FESTIVE FUN

*On Wednesday 17th December, we held our annual whole-school staff and pupil Christmas dinner, a much-loved tradition in our school calendar.*

*This year, we did something a little different by giving Kathy, our wonderful school chef, the chance to chill out and spend time with the learners, while our staffing team stepped into the kitchen to prepare the festive feast.*

*It was a fantastic team effort that brought everyone together and added an extra sense of fun and community to a truly festive occasion.*



We also had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. The school was filled with bright colours, festive knits, and plenty of sparkle, instantly putting everyone in the Christmas spirit. It was lovely to see both staff and learners embracing the fun and spreading cheer throughout the day. Thank you to everyone for your fantastic efforts and generous support—it truly made the celebration feel extra special.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

*We would like to let parents and carers know that our wonderful site manager, Martin Bonner, will be leaving us in January as he moves on to pastures new. We would like to thank Martin for all of his hard work, dedication, and positivity over the past two years—his contribution has been truly appreciated by our whole school community. We wish him every success and happiness for the future.*



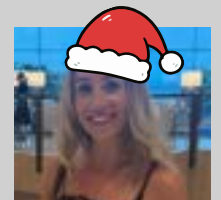
## Thank you

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to St Josephs, Birchwood Shopping Centre, Greencore, and The Longbarn Residents Association for their very generous donations. Their kindness has made it possible for us to provide food hampers to our learners over the festive period, offering much-needed support to our school community. We are truly grateful for their generosity and continued support, and we wish them all a very Merry Christmas.



## Hello and welcome to the team!

We are thrilled to welcome Nicola to The Kassia Academy, who has joined our admin team! Welcome to The Kassia Family!



The Kassia Academy closes for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 19th December 2025. The School reopens on Tuesday 6th January 2025

