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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Over the half term break, Mr Marklove swapped his PE kit for a suit! As our Duke of Edinburgh Centre Manager, he was invited to Buckingham Palace as part of the charity's 70th anniversary celebrations. It was great to have the work we do as a school recognised, supporting students through their Bronze and Silver awards, as well as becoming Duke of Edinburgh Young Leaders!



Members of staff also had a fantastic weekend out completing their Lowland Leader Assessment with @tom_exceloutdoors, covering over 17 miles around the beautiful Beeston Castle area, enjoying the sunshine whilst putting into practice the key skills needed for Duke of Edinburgh, including map reading, route planning, navigation, risk assessment, and leading groups safely through the countryside.

With our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions taking place this half term, students can rest assured they'll be in safe hands. Our staff are fully equipped with the skills to ensure every young person has the very best experience out on expedition!



HART VALUES

Mrs Bolster-Woods, Head of Year 7, writes: As today is World Environment Day, the Geography department have selected the Year 7 Student of the Week, The following students have impressed their Geography teachers with their superb knowledge and wider understanding of the world. Well done to: Max Reid, Lucas Dunne, Rosie Benyon, Lucy Lawton, Thomas Kieran, Emily Finney, Frankin Ravenscroft and Georgia Clorley!

Our other Heads of Year have highlighted this week's students who have proudly displayed our HART values. Well done to:

Mr Farrall's Year 8s: Sofia Thistleton, Freddie Moss, Summer Cheung, Connor Ellis-Toon, Gracie Taylor, Oscar Cross, Zara Lyon and Olivia Porter!

Mr Merryweather's Year 9s: Zara Hill, Anya Boughey, Spencer Billington, Keilan Bailey, Lucas Bamber, Jake Hayes, Blysse Young and Flo Cooper!

Miss Gregory's Year 10s: Olivia Collins, Cody Davies, Max Escott, Myles Fairfoul, Jack Fray, Chloe Riley, Amelia Silker and Keegan Dean!

Well done everyone!

H
HAPPY
Showing respect to one another. Looking after our mental and physical wellbeing.

A
ACHIEVING
Working towards our goals, both academic and extra-curricular. Showing resilience and not being afraid to fail.

R
READY
Being prepared, equipped and ready to learn every day. Wearing our uniforms with pride.

T
TOGETHER
Working together in all things - building a school family characterised by tolerance and kindness.

It's been a very busy week for our Year 11 students, with the entire cohort sitting their Science, Maths and English exams. For some, there have also been exams in PE, History and Geography. Once again, we have been extremely impressed by the dedication and commitment shown by our students. Well done Year 11 - keep up the hard work!

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Year 11 reminder - The deadline to purchase prom tickets is 3pm on **Monday 8 June**.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Marshall Taylor (Y8). Marshall spent last weekend at Berwyn Bike Park in Wales, competing in round 2 of the MTB Stockport World Series. Marshall finished 18th out of 35 riders, which is an excellent achievement, considering that it was only his second race! Well done Marshall!

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Congratulations to Chloe Johnson (Y8), who has successfully qualified for the inter regional trampoline finals for the second consecutive year, moving up an age group & difficulty level. Well done Chloe and best of luck for the finals on Saturday 4 July!

PERFORMING ARTS

Miss Haughton, Head of Performing Arts, writes: This week I would like to congratulate Grace Fisher as musician of the week, Georgia Botticchio as actor of the week and Isabella Goulden-Bloor as dancer of the week. Well done for your continuous dedication, effort and work ethic!

MID CHESHIRE MINORS ATHLETICS EVENT

Miss Thorpe, Teacher of PE, writes: On Tuesday, our Year 7 students took part in the Minors Competition, and it was a fantastic opportunity to see them compete in athletics for the first time. The students represented the school with enthusiasm, determination, and excellent sportsmanship throughout the event. There were some brilliant individual and team performances, showcasing both talent and commitment. It was incredibly encouraging to witness such promising potential, and their achievements have set a strong foundation for future success in school athletics.



We look forward to seeing their continued development and accomplishments in the years ahead!

YEAR 10 BOYS IMPRESS AT NORTHWEST ATHLETICS B FINAL

Mr Jones, Teacher of PE, writes: The Year 10 boys produced an excellent set of performances at the Northwest B Final Athletics competition, showing great commitment and talent across a range of events. Max Keelan led the way on the track with a superb victory in the 100m, demonstrating impressive speed and composure to take first place. Harvey Brown also delivered a fantastic performance, winning the 800m with strength and determination. In addition, Max Watson stood out in the 300m, putting in a superb run and contributing to what was an outstanding team effort overall.

The boys also combined brilliantly to secure victory in the 4x100m relay, showcasing excellent teamwork, smooth baton changes, and pace throughout. The team represented the school brilliantly and should be extremely proud of their achievements at such a competitive event. Well done!

YEAR 8 NATURE WALK

This week, all of our Year 8 students have completed a sponsored nature walk around



Marshall's arm in Hartford. This was a great opportunity for students to raise money for our Whitehall charity: The Cheshire Wildlife Trust. Students were observant, looking for local fauna and flora, as well as using maps to navigate their way round. This opportunity gave students first hand experience of how Science links into nature, ready for their Biology lessons. Well done Year 8!

TALENT SHOW

Our live Talent Show will take place on **Thursday 11 June** from 4.30pm to 6pm. Family and friends of students who are performing are warmly invited to attend. Entry is £2 per person. Tickets can be purchased in advance via Scopay or bought on the door.

REFUGEE WEEK EVENT

On **Tuesday 16 June**, we are running a special Refugee Week event at lunchtime for students in the school library, exploring this year's theme - Courage. Students will watch a recording of inspiring speakers Sita Brahmachari and Hamida Khoder discussing the power of storytelling and how words can help people share their experiences, challenge assumptions, and bring communities together. Afterwards, they will take part in a creative writing challenge for a chance to win a prize for the best entry. Spaces are limited, so students should sign up in the library as soon as possible!

GCSE ART EXHIBITION - ALL WELCOME!

The Art Department is excited to invite you to our End of Year GCSE Art Exhibition taking place in the Art Department on **Tuesday 16 June**, between 5pm and 7pm.

This event will celebrate the creativity, dedication, and talent of our Year 11 GCSE Art students, showcasing the impressive work they have produced over the past two years and will be supported by the fabulous work produced by our KS3 Art club students.

Whether you are a current student, a parent or carer, or someone considering Art at GCSE, this is a fantastic opportunity to see what the course involves and the kind of work it can lead to! The exhibition offers a brilliant insight into the exciting projects our students have been working on, and it's a great chance to support and be inspired by their achievements.

Everyone is welcome to drop-in during the evening and refreshments will be available. We hope to see you there!

DANCE SHOWCASE

Tickets are now available to purchase on ScoPay for our first Dance Showcase, taking place at 6.30pm on **Thursday 18 June**! Our students have worked incredibly hard to choreograph their own pieces, and the showcase promises to be a fantastic evening celebrating their creativity, dedication, and passion for dance. We would love for you to come along and support them as they take to the stage and share the results of all their hard work. It's sure to be an enjoyable and memorable event for everyone!

AND FINALLY...

Our friends at Barnton Cricket Club are looking for new players aged 12+ for the upcoming 2026 season. Taster sessions are being held on 9 June, 16 June and 23 June from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at the Club. To get involved, contact Stuart Barton on 07895 789335.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Rachel Pickerill

