



# Maghull High News

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**Hello** and welcome to this year's first edition of Maghull High School News. It has been another very busy half term, with our new year seven settling well, lots of extra-curricular activity and events and many sporting triumphs. We can't believe it's half term already! We hope you all have a relaxing and safe week off and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 31 October.

## Art Updates

### Community Art

Sefton's Fostering Service launched the #EverydayAngel campaign to show how much we value our foster carers, who are angels and do amazing work to protect vulnerable children in Sefton. The art department have supported the launch of their 'Angel Wing Project' as a selection of KS3 students made feathers for the art installation which will be displayed in various spaces across Sefton.



The department have also supported the Friends of Maghull and Lydiate group by creating two bottle top murals which will be displayed in Maghull town centre.



### Graphic Illustration Workshop

A selection of students enjoyed a webinar with graphic illustrator Lee Jong-Beom, hosted by the Victoria & Albert Museum. Students had the opportunity to hear about the artist's work, gaining an insight into what it is like to be a contemporary artist.

### Level 4 Talk

A Level art students had the opportunity to attend a session with the Head of Art at Carmel College, as she spoke about the Art Foundation Degree, which is a level 4 qualification. This is a next step after A Level Art, which is a level 3 qualification. The course helps students to build professional portfolios in their chosen area of study.



Finally, our art department have been busy creating a careers inspired mural for our main school careers hub. We think it is fabulous.



## Book Fair Coming Up

Advance notice that our annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming up next half term for one week, starting on Monday 21 November. Students will have the chance to purchase books and other items. Mrs Christian, our school librarian, will no doubt be running her usual events and competitions. We will share details nearer the time.



## Sporting Updates

### Girls Football

Our girls' football teams have won a number of matches this half term, with our year seven team recently beating a Chester school 6-0 and now through to the next round of the U12 ESFA Cup. Good luck girls!



### Boys Football

Our year eight boys' team recently took part in a 7-0 victory in the Merseyside Cup against Dixons. They will play Chesterfield in the next round. Good luck boys!



### Netball

Our netballers came back strong after defeat against St Mary's to win all their games against St Michael's, with excellent effort from everyone involved. Keep it up girls!



Well done to all school teams this half term. Great team spirit and effort! Can't wait to see what next half term brings.

## Attendance Matters

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Reviewing attendance at the end of our first term, we are concerned at the number of students who fall into the 'persistent absence' category, that is they have missed 10% or more of the days in school so far. It is imperative that every child strives for **at least** good attendance, as described above. Children persistently absent play catch-up with work, miss social opportunity with friends, missing out on clubs and other extra-curricular activities. The impact of this absence on student outcomes at the end of KS4 cannot be underestimated — every extra day missed at school is associated with a lower attainment outcome at GCSE and can affect next steps and wider life chances. We politely remind parents and carers that holidays in term time will not be authorised.

As we approach the winter months, parents and carers can support their child's good attendance by helping them to look after their general health and wellbeing. The NHS recommends that teenagers get at least 8-9 hours of good sleep each night, for proper development and recharging that they need. It is recommended that a screen should not be the last thing they see before sleeping, as it then takes an hour to switch off. We thank parents for their continued support with this.

## 5 ways to a healthy lifestyle





# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

## World Mental Health Day



The Phoenix Centre raised over two hundred and fifty pounds on World Mental Health Day for Young Minds in support of the #HelloYellow campaign. Our learning mentor Mrs Wareing baked for the staff cake sale and our year ten groups, along with Mr Eyre, made three hundred cakes to sell to students! Needless to say, they did not take long to disappear. Mr McQuade delivered mental health assemblies to students all week, reminding everyone of where they can seek support both in and out of school. If your child has not yet registered an account with Kooth, the online mental wellbeing community that is free to all students in Sefton, please encourage them to do so today: [Home - Kooth](#)



## Student Ambassadors

We would like to sincerely thank all students who helped out at our recent open evening and morning events. We were inundated with visitors who all gave glowing praise about how wonderfully polite and helpful our students were. They really were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Thank you!

## Science STEM Club Success



Our science department STEM club is now award winning! We are really proud to announce that the Maghull High School STEM club has been awarded a silver quality mark thanks to all the hard work put in by Miss Venables, Miss Smith-Bunday and the rest of the science team. If you haven't already attended, we recommend you get up there to see what they get up to. Congratulations to the science team!

## Careers Education

Budding engineers from year eight were recently whisked off to the Bridgewater Hall to attend the equal engineers engineering and technology fair. They learned about robot dogs working with the UK atomic energy authority, small modular reactors made by Rolls Royce and got to try out some optronic devices with Ecelitas Technologies. It was a highly enjoyable and informative trip for all.



Some of our careers ambassadors took part in the launch of the new Liverpool City Region apprenticeship portal which was demonstrated at the Liverpool museum and attended by Metro Mayor, Steve Rotherham and other local dignitaries. Our ambassadors showed the guests how to access the portal, which is to become the one stop shop for all apprenticeship vacancies across the region.

## Educate Awards

We are delighted to announce that after entering in several categories last summer term, we have been shortlisted for two Educate Awards. Our entries for outstanding commitment to STEM and SEND provision awards have been shortlisted, along with several other schools. We will find out in mid-November whether we have won in either of these categories. We know you will all wish us luck and we will of course, keep you posted.

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## Relationship & Sex Education



**Sefton  
Sexual Health  
Service**

Year ten students had the chance to attend a bespoke personal development lesson recently with representatives from Sefton Sexual Health, to learn more about consent. The topic had already been covered in this term's safeguarding assemblies but the sessions were an opportunity to have more of an opportunity for discussion, reflection and questions. Our students displayed a very mature attitude to their learning and worked well with staff.

## Parent Engagement Evening



Thank you to parents and carers who attended our recent Parental Engagement event. The event followed on from a revision morning with students, where resources, tips and strategies were shared by staff to support their exam preparation. Information provided to parents and carers included guidance on how to best to support at home in the run up to exams. For those who were unable to attend, we will send out a recorded presentation along with all resources. Subject specific revision videos will be uploaded to the 'Revision' section of our school website: [Revision \(maghullhigh.com\)](https://www.maghullhigh.com) Similar evenings for other year groups are detailed below. We look forward to seeing you there.

## School Production



Excitement is mounting for our school production of Mary Poppins which will take place on the 16 and 17 November from 7:00-8:00pm. The cast, who have been in rehearsals since September, is brilliant, and the students are working incredibly hard to create a fantastic show. See you there!



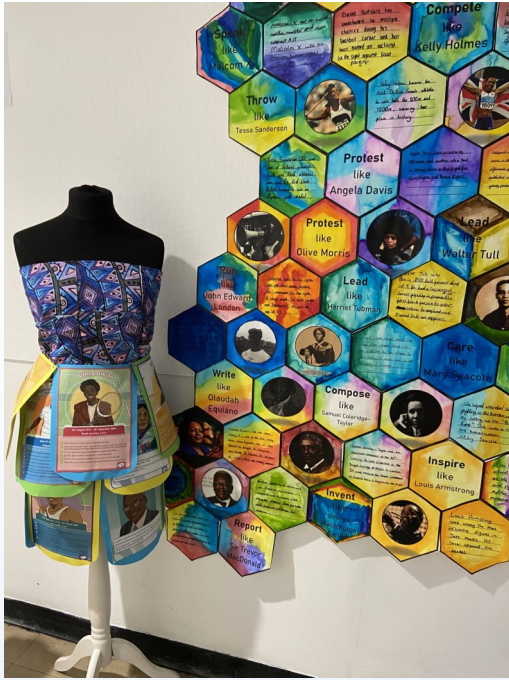
## Dates for the diary

Wednesday, 2 November - Year 7 Parental Engagement Evening 5:00 - 6:00pm  
Wednesday, 2 November - Year 8 Parental Engagement Evening 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Thursday, 3 November - Year 11 Parent Evening  
Wednesday, 9 November - Year 9 Parental Engagement Evening 5:00 - 6:00pm  
Wednesday, 9 November - Year 10 Parental Engagement Evening 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Thursday, 10 November - Sixth Form Open Evening  
Thursday, 8 December - Presentation Evening  
Friday, 9 December - INSET Day  
Friday, 21 December - INSET Day





## Black History Month



To mark Black History Month, students have taken part in a series of activities throughout the wider curriculum and in tutor time. Students have been learning about notable black scientists, the fascinating lives of Africans living in Tudor England and successful black sportspeople, such as Marcus Rashford. In art, students have helped to create work for our #BlackHistoryMonth mini exhibition. The students have created work based on key figures with the aim of raising awareness of their lives and achievements.



This month has also seen a focus on hate crime awareness week through assemblies, with students looking at protected characteristics and what kind of behaviour may constitute a hate crime or incident.

**LET'S END  
HATE CRIME.**

## Poetry Competition

Congratulations to Blossom from year eight who is our school winner of the latest Southport Learning Trust poetry competition.. Thank you to all students who entered; we are very proud of the four finalists from our school. We think you will agree, Blossom's poem is outstanding.

### Kingdom of Moss

Crisp mountain droplets fall into rivers.  
You can't hear life; not even a slither.  
Things are not well in this gorgeous kingdom  
The rivers are polluted by the town  
We shall turn around and think we have won  
But all we will see is the damage we've done  
Alas we, humanity are to blame  
We have poisoned our world with raging flames  
We try to hide it. Try not to forget  
That to the environment, we are in debt  
Everything it gives, we do not give back  
We are responsible for every crack  
We will deal with heartache and we will deal with loss  
Shall we say goodbye to our Kingdom of Moss?

By Blossom McDowall 8PE

## Blood Brothers Trip



We were delighted to be able to take some of our year eleven GCSE drama group to watch Blood Brothers at the Lowry Theatre in Salford this week. There is nothing quite like experiencing a live theatre performance of a set text to help students better understand the themes and gain enhanced knowledge of the plot. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the performance.