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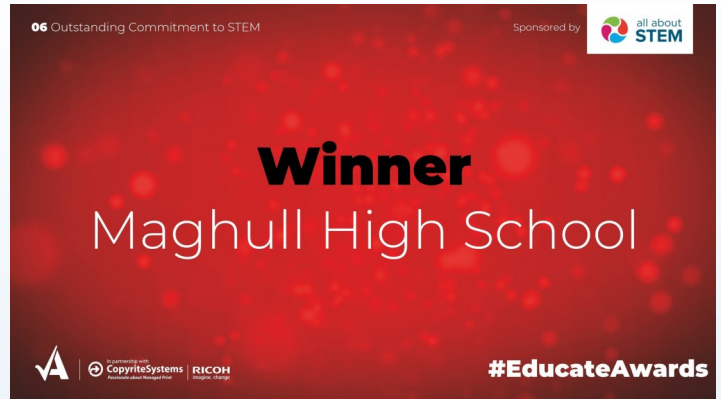
Hello and welcome to 2023's first edition of Maghull High School News. Happy New Year. Last half term was another very busy one, with lots of extra-curricular activity, sporting triumphs and our first full school production in a while. The rest of this academic year promises to be equally jam-packed, so look out for updates in future editions. We hope you all had a lovely festive break.

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

As we start a new year, we politely remind parents, carers and students how important it is to attend school every day. **Reviewing attendance before Christmas, we were concerned at the number of students who fell into the 'persistent absence' category, that is they had missed 10% or more of that term's days.** It is imperative that every child strives for at least good attendance. Those who are persistently absent play catch-up with work, miss social opportunity with friends, clubs and other extra-curricular activities. The impact of absence on student outcomes at the end of KS4 is significant — every day missed at school is associated with lower attainment outcomes at GCSE and can affect next steps and wider life chances. Holidays in term time will not be authorised. As we continue through winter, parents and carers can support good attendance by helping their child to look after their health and wellbeing. The NHS recommends that teenagers get at least 8-9 hours of sleep each night, for development and recharging that they need. We thank parents for their continued support with this.

Educate Awards Success

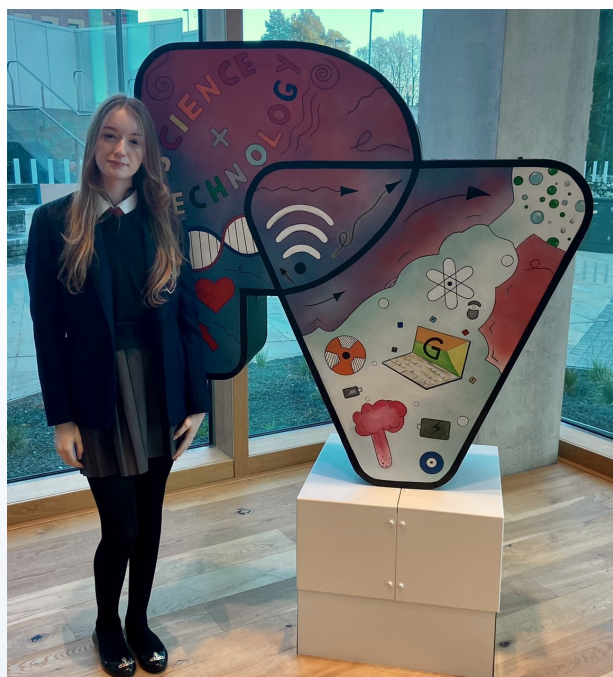


We were nominated last half term for two Educate Awards, one for our Commitment to STEM and the other for our SEND provision. The Educate Awards are the largest education awards in the North West and recognise the excellence of schools and colleges in Merseyside, Cheshire, Lancashire, Greater Manchester and across the North West. The number of nominations submitted to these prestigious education awards continues to grow year upon year and we were therefore delighted to be nominated in two categories. When the awards were announced on 18 November and we found out that we were the winners of the commitment to STEM award, we could not have been more pleased for our hard-working science department. Their commitment to STEM over a number of years, through our thriving weekly science club and success in competitions both locally and nationally has been impressive to say the least and we are so pleased that this has been recognised externally. Well done to our science and SEND teams!



Art Updates

Competition Success for Peyton



We could not be prouder of year nine student Peyton Boswell, who has been selected as overall winner of a local art competition for the KQ Culture Launch event with the Royal College of Physicians. Over one hundred students from across Liverpool City Region entered the design competition and the level of talent demonstrated was outstanding. Peyton's work has been painted by a local artist onto a permanent piece of public sculpture which was unveiled in early December and will soon be sited in Paddington Village within the Knowledge Quarter, Liverpool. What an amazing achievement! Massive congratulations to Peyton and to Jessica Williams as runner-up.

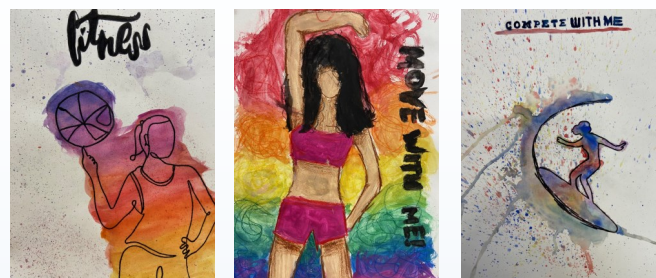
Artists at Work



We were all blown away by the stunning themed mural created for our PE department by Mrs Eborall and Miss Payet last half term. Over three days, they worked tirelessly to transform the space and who could fail to be inspired by the eye-catching, and vibrant artwork? Thank you art team.

Art Updates

National Competition



Students have had a lot of fun creating work for our latest national competition, based on sports. The winning design will be displayed across the country. Fingers crossed for a good result – we will keep you posted.

School Production

Students in art club helped to create several props for the recent school production, Mary Poppins. The props included kites, a fireplace, maypole, bunting, chimneys and Mrs Corry's letter shop. Their work was very much appreciated by the performing arts department and cast.



You can follow the art department on social media for live updates. Twitter: @MrsEborall @MissBPayet Instagram: @MaghullArt

Book Fair Thankyou



Thank you to staff, students, and parents who in any way supported our recent book fair - we have been rewarded with some brilliant new stock for our library.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

Mary Poppins Production



Congratulations to everyone involved in our amazing production of Mary Poppins. What an incredible showcase for our talented students. The show was enjoyed by students, students' families, staff and children from a number of local primary schools. After several years of not being able to hold full school productions, this was certainly a treat. Bravo!

The Base Extra-Curricular



It was a hive of activity in the Base lunchtime club before Christmas. The final of this year's first chess club tournament took place and was won by Ellis Power. He had a worthy opponent in Andy McDowall but strategy won through. Well done Ellis! The crafters came out in force too and produced some lovely felt work Christmas trees.



Trip to Westminster



Some of our sixth formers enjoyed a day trip to London in November to visit the Palace of Westminster. It was a long and tiring day but all agreed that it was worthwhile and very interesting. Accompanying staff praised the students who were excellent ambassadors for the school and had the opportunity to meet MP for Sefton Central, Mr Bill Esterson.

Christmas Writing Competition



It was a pleasure to celebrate with our Christmas writing competition finalists before the break. We had over eighty entries making it super hard to judge. Our finalists enjoyed a hot chocolate breakfast with the headteacher and members of the English team.

All Things Christmas



A great effort was made by all on 8 December, our annual Christmas jumper and dinner day. Hoards of staff and students sporting their best Christmas garb queued to enjoy a Christmas feast with all of the trimmings. Our Atalian Servest catering team also entered into the spirit, with their Christmas-themed uniforms.



We were so happy that this year, our choir had the pleasure of performing for the local community in the Parkhaven Trust, something we had not been able to do for the last two years. Their performance was very much enjoyed.



Sefton Cross Country



Over forty students ran their first Sefton Schools Cross Country race at Birkdale Common in early November. Wet and windy weather did not deter our competitors, who gave maximum effort and demonstrated amazing attitudes. Medal winners were Libby from year seven, placed second and Max from year eleven, placed third. Well done to all who took part.

Social Media & Online Safety



In the wake of Christmas and so many students with new mobile phones, can we remind parents and carers of the importance of monitoring usage of social media and checking that appropriate security settings are applied. Advice can be found on the following link: [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides | Internet Matters](#) and the National Online Safety free app can be found here: [National Online Safety Mobile App \(nationalcollege.com\)](#) The world's most comprehensive online safety app, it is packed with insightful courses, explainer videos, webinars and guides that will help you protect your child online. See the guides here: [E-safety Guides for Schools | National Online Safety](#)

Dates for the Diary

Thursday, 26 January - Sixth Form Open Evening 6:00 - 8:00pm
 Thursday, 9 February - Year 12 & 13 Parent Evening 4:00 - 7:30pm
 Monday, 20 February - INSET Day
 Thursday, 23 February - Year 11 Parent Evening 2 4:00 - 7:30pm
 Thursday, 2 March - Year 7 Parent Evening 4:00 - 7:30pm
 Thursday, 16 March - Year 9 Parent Evening 4:00 - 7:30pm
 Friday, 17 March - Year 9 option form deadline
 Thursday, 23 March - Year 8 Parent Evening 4:00 - 7:30pm
 Friday, 31 March - Last day of term



Remembrance 2022



Our school fell silent at 11am on 11 November to mark remembrance as part of the Armistice Day national silence. Assemblies were held across all year groups to understand why we remember and the art department produced some wonderful work to help us reflect. Thank you to Mr Dutch for his rendition of the Last Post.



Community Award



Congratulations to Adam from year ten who recently received an award for outstanding service to the local community from our chair of governors, Mr Reed. Well done Adam!

Flying High



Nel from year ten was recently given a rare and exciting opportunity to fly a plane. This came about because he is a member of the RAF Air Cadets and has been for the past year. Nel explained that once the pilot got them up to 2000 feet, he was able to take over the controls and flew to Blackpool Tower, before then turning back around. He then pulled back on the controls as the plane climbed to 5000 feet. Now at the right altitude, they were able to go upside down, with both Nel and the pilot in control of the aircraft, while the pilot led the plane through a barrel roll. When asked to sum up the experience, Nel described it as one of the scariest yet best experiences he has ever gone through in his life. We look forward to seeing what else is offered through cadets—well done Nel!

Basketball Update



Well done to our year eight and nine basketball players, who recently played away at Deyes High School. Our boys lost by just one point in an end to end thriller, 24-23 to the home side. Man of the match went to Calum Lawson. Well done to all who took part and good luck with your next match.