



Maghull High News

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Hello and welcome to this academic year's third edition of Maghull High School News. It has been a busy half term, with lots of extra-curricular activity and our Y13 students working hard on their UCAS applications. The last few weeks have flown by can't believe it's half term already! We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable week off and we very much look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 21 February.

Attendance Matters

Students from last year's year eleven cohort who had 95% attendance or above achieved on average one and a quarter grades higher than expected at GCSE, whilst those with 90% or below attendance achieved almost a grade lower than they should have done across the board.

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

At the mid point of the academic year, we remain concerned at the number of students who fall into the 'persistent absence' category, that is they have missed 10% or more of school days so far. It is vital that every child strives for at least good attendance. Children who are persistently absent have gaps in learning, miss social time with friends, and engage in fewer extra-curricular activities. The impact of this absence on student outcomes is significant — every extra day missed at school is associated with a lower attainment at GCSE and can affect next steps and wider life chances. The impact of those twenty days off across an academic year can really be seen in the figures above and has a knock on effect on students' next steps. We politely remind parents and carers that holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Children's Mental Health Week



We were proud to once again support Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week, which this year had the theme of 'Let's Connect', encouraging children and young people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways. The Phoenix Centre provided tutors with resources to share throughout the week, to help reinforce the importance of connection with others and assemblies on the theme were delivered, supported by our Mental Health Support Team and Everton Tackling the Blues. Our wellbeing student ambassadors visited other students to share tips on how we can positively interact and connect with others in a helpful way.

Year 7 Prefects



Congratulations to our recently appointed year seven prefect team. After a rigorous application and interview process, we are delighted for the successful students and look forward to seeing them helping out at school events in the near future.

Sporting Highlights

Sefton Cross Country



Well done to Libby who came third in the year seven Sefton Cross-Country Race recently. It was a truly amazing effort from all students who took part. Special mentions go to Eva from year seven who came sixth, Laura from year ten who came fourth and Frankie, also from year ten, who came fifth.

Girls Football



Well done to our year seven and eight team, who recently won 4-2 against a strong Litherland side.

Boys Football



Our year eight team were in action recently against South Wirral High School. The boys triumphed 8-0, with some fantastic performances all over the pitch. A special mention must go to Jamie who topped off a great debut performance by scoring a brilliant free kick. Well done team!

Sporting Highlights

Netball



Well done to year seven and nine netball teams who recently played against Litherland High School. Our year seven team won 18-0 and our year nine team won 5-4. Well done all players!

Basketball



Liverpool John Moores University recently held a basketball tournament, which some of our students were lucky enough to attend. Well done to all students who took part, especially as this was their first ever basketball fixture. The girls played two tournaments, with one team coming third and the other fifth, which is a great start. All students who attended had a great time and have been honing their skills since by attending regular basketball practice.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

Careers Education



We continue to offer our students a wide range of opportunities to support them with their future careers decisions. This week we have been celebrating National Apprenticeship Week and students have been learning more about the opportunities available within different industries. Our Y9 careers champions recently spent the day at Edge Hill University to design a Trust newsletter, and students in year nine also had the chance to visit Hope University to learn about higher education. Year seven students had a delightful afternoon meeting eleven alumni who told them about life beyond Maghull High School.



Our day to work for students from year eight to eleven will take place on the 20 February - thank you to all who have secured a placement for their child. We are looking forward to hearing all about their experiences on their return after the half term break. Students from year seven will have a day to work opportunity in the summer term. All students from year eight upwards will this week attend our Careers and Industry Insight event, where they will meet representatives from over thirty further and higher education establishments, training providers and employers. Finally, we hope this website will be useful in supporting you in discussing future possible career pathways with your child:

[A parents' toolkit for career conversations \(talkingfutures.org.uk\)](https://talkingfutures.org.uk/)

Science STEM Club



Our weekly science club has had a busy half term, with activities ranging from a visit from the Dogs Trust, to bridge building experiments for our budding engineers and making conductive dough. Students attending the final science club of 2022 enjoyed a Christmas themed quiz and some end of term treats. Our award-winning science department continue to strive to provide fun and innovative activities every week to the students attending our silver quality mark STEM club, meeting every Thursday at 3.20pm in room 50. Why not come along!

Daisy's Jamboree



Daisy from year nine is looking forward to attending the World Scout Jamboree being held in South Korea for three weeks this August. We know there were lots of applicants from across the North West and we are extremely proud that Daisy has been chosen. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity and she will be one of the youngest participants attending alongside the other 40,000 participants from across the world. Daisy will celebrate her birthday whilst visiting Seoul as part of the trip, before heading into camp for the Jamboree. In order to go on the trip, she has been fundraising to help cover the costs and we wish her the best time ever on this trip of a lifetime.

Performing Arts



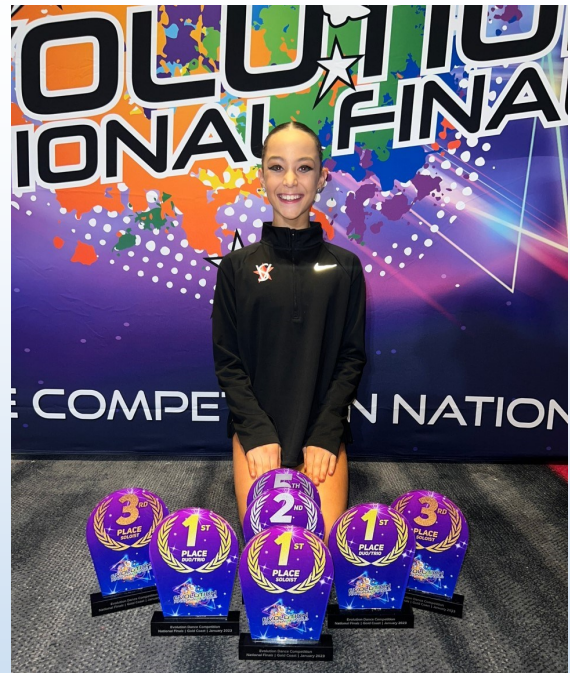
Before Christmas, we welcomed back ex-student and professional dancer Charlie Aspinall to work with some of our talented dancers. Charlie left Maghull High School in 2016 after achieving a grade A in her A Level dance, going on to study with SLP College in Leeds, which led her into a career of freelance performance work. She is now performing on Celebrity Cruises, travelling all over the world. Charlie spent some time speaking to students across years eight to twelve, talking about her career pathway and particularly the positives of going into a career in performance. The students then took part in a contemporary workshop, learning new challenging material that will support their studies in school and their extra-curricular activities.

Geography Alumni



Mr Donnan recently welcomed Adam Kelly, a former geography student who left Maghull High School back in 2002. Adam gave very informative and engaging talks to current geography students from year eleven and twelve on his career journey and the opportunities available to geographers.

Evie's Success



Massive congratulations to Evie from year eight, who after being invited to take part in the Australian Dance Championships, has triumphed in several categories of the competition. What a wonderful experience for Evie, a talented dancer who has had to work extremely hard to qualify for this experience but has made memories to last a lifetime.

Year 10 Study Skills Session



Year ten took part in a study skills session with Miss Murphy recently - great preparation for revising for their summer examinations and mock and final exams next year. Getting into good routines now will make all the difference when those exams come round.

Dates for the diary

Monday, 20 February - INSET Day/Day to Work Y8-11
Thursday, 23 February - Year 11 Parent Evening 4:00 - 7:30pm
Thursday, 2 March - Year 7 Parent Evening 4:00 - 7:30pm
Thursday, 9 March - Year 9 Parent Evening 4:00 - 7:30pm
Thursday, 23 March - Year 8 Parent Evening 4:00 - 7:30pm
Friday, 31 March - End of Term



Maghull Civic Awards



We are delighted to announce that we have been nominated for two Maghull Civic Awards. The Beacon Award is a special award that acknowledges the efforts of individuals or organisations that went above and beyond in supporting the people of Maghull during the pandemic. Mr Abraham and Mr Nagi from our DT department have been nominated for this in recognition of their efforts to produce PPE during lockdown for local communities and organisations. We have also been nominated for the Youth Award in recognition of our community art projects in Maghull. The awards evening is after half term, so watch this space to see whether we are successful.

Art Updates



We loved the outcomes from some year seven students' first attempts at poly printing recently. They combined their poly prints with drawings in order to create these fantastic concertina skylines. We love how colourful they are. Watch out next issue for our art department's latest mural—they are currently at work in the library and we can't wait to see the results.

Spotlight Academy



Extracurricular clubs across Performing Arts are going strong, with auditions for the prestigious Spotlight Academies in music, dance and drama taking place in December. Many congratulations to all those who were successful in achieving a place.

Sixth Form Theatre Trip



Psychology and philosophy and ethics students from year twelve and thirteen recently enjoyed a night at the theatre. Miss Foster and Miss Atherton from our RE department accompanied them to a production that was both brilliant and informative, touching on many aspects of their courses of study.

Magdalene College Visit



Thank you to Magdalene College for delivering a great seminar to students from year eleven, twelve and thirteen on how to apply to Cambridge, Oxford and other competitive universities. It was a useful session.