



Maghull High News

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Spring Term
March 2023

Hello and welcome to this academic year's fourth edition of Maghull High School News. It has again been a busy half term, with lots of extra-curricular activity and mock examinations for students in year eleven and thirteen. We received notification of our September intake and are again oversubscribed. Have a fantastic two week break and we will look forward to seeing you all back on Monday, 17 April.

Attendance

Matters

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| 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 |

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. Two terms into the academic year, there are still too many 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 have frequent absences have gaps in learning, miss social time with friends, and engage in fewer enrichment activities. The impact of this absence on student outcomes is significant, with lower attainment at GCSE which can affect next steps and long-term life chances. The impact of those twenty days off across an academic year is clear 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. If you need any support with your child's attendance,

Youth Sport Trust Performance



It was wonderful to see our students performing at the Youth Sport Trust national conference. We were so proud of them for securing such a brilliant opportunity and then doing such a great job. Ali Oliver, the chief executive of the Youth Sport Trust, said that the confidence, energy and composure of our students blew the audience away and that the story their dance told tied in perfectly with the theme of the conference this year – the power of play and sport in improving mental health.

Maghull Civic Award



Congratulations to Mr Abraham, who recently accepted a Maghull Civic Award for work to produce PPE with the help of Mr Nagi and key worker students for the local community during the lockdown periods of the pandemic.

Sporting Highlights

Boys Football



The year eight team's cup run ended recently at the semi-final stage, against a strong Pensby High School team. Brilliant spirit and determination from the whole team was shown throughout each round of the competition. We wish the team the best of luck next season. Well done boys!



Our year eleven team visited Liverpool College recently to play against Pensby High School. We were up 1-0 but Pensby equalised, taking the game to penalties. Unfortunately, we lost 4-3. This was of course a disappointing result for the students, but we were so proud of the boys, who were a credit to the school and themselves.

Girls Football



Well done to all girls who recently took part in an U13 league match. Thank you to All Saints High School for hosting and we look forward to playing again after Easter.

Sporting Highlights

Netball



A massive well done to our year nine netball team who finished second in the South Sefton Plate Competition. The girls played a total of six games, showing excellent teamwork and resilience throughout. It has been a pleasure to watch them play throughout the netball season.



Well done to all students from year seven and eight who took part in the U12 and U13 South Sefton Netball Tournament at Merchant Taylor's. Congratulations to our U12s (Y7) who finished fourth in the cup and to our U13s (Y8) who finished fourth in the plate. It has been a pleasure to watch them play.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

Careers Education



Last term finished with our second annual Careers and Industry Insight event, where students from year eight to thirteen had the chance to speak to employers, trainers and universities about their potential next steps. At the start of this half term, many of our students from year eight upwards used their INSET day to take part in a Day to Work experience. We are very grateful to our families and friends for their support with this venture, providing our students with meaningful workplace encounters. Students from year seven will have their opportunity in the summer term.

National Careers Week in early March gave us the chance to focus once again on all things careers. During the week, we welcomed a variety of guests to our careers hub. Barclays delivered sessions on financial literacy and we had some virtual headsets for the week, which allowed students to experience VR workplaces. Curriculum areas had their own focus on careers through lessons, students had assemblies on Liverpool City Region growth sectors and staff talked to students about their own career pathways. Sixth formers took part in mock interviews. An action-packed week!

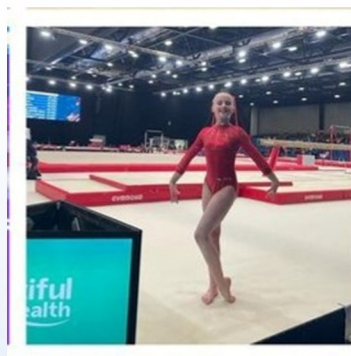


Unilever STEM Competition



Well done to the team of year nine students who represented us in this year's Unilever competition. We may not have triumphed but everyone had a great day. Thank you to Miss Venables for organising everything and supporting the students.

Congratulations to Chloe



Congratulations to Chloe from year eight, who won bronze on the beam at the English gymnastics championships in Telford in February. Chloe secured the first medal in eleven years for the City of Liverpool Gymnastic Club, which she attends five times weekly. Chloe has been involved in gymnastics since the age of five and this month, took part in the Gymnastics British Championships at the Liverpool Exhibition Centre. She competed in vault, bars, beam and floor categories. Chloe said, 'This time, my best performances were in vault and floor. This was my first time at the British and it was really great because when your friends and the crowd are all cheering you on, you hear it and feel proud of what you have just done.' We are proud of you too Chloe – well done!

A photograph of three students smiling and holding a certificate. The student on the left is a young woman with long blonde hair, wearing a blue patterned top. The student in the middle is a young woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a green patterned top and a blue lanyard. The student on the right is a young man with a beard and short brown hair, wearing a grey sweater over a patterned shirt. They are holding a certificate that reads: "MAGHULL CIVIC AWARDS 2023", "YOUTH AWARD - NOMINATION", "Maghull High School - Art Students", and "Nominated by Marie Bennett". The certificate has a decorative border and a small logo at the top.

Thursday, 20 April - Year 10 Parent Evening 4:00 - 7:30pm
Monday, 1 May - Bank Holiday
Monday, 8 May - Bank Holiday
Thursday, 25 May - Year 12 Parent Evening 4:00 - 6:30pm
Friday, 23 June - INSET Day
Thursday, 29 June - Year 6 Transition Day/Parent Evening 6:00 - 7:00pm
Thursday, 6 July - Year 11 & 13 Proms
Wednesday, 19 July - End of Term

A photograph of a hallway with colorful murals on the walls. The murals include 'The Book of Maccbeth', 'The Book of Micah', 'The Book of Malala', and 'The Book of Malala'. The hallway has a blue pillar in the center and a door on the left.

World Book Day

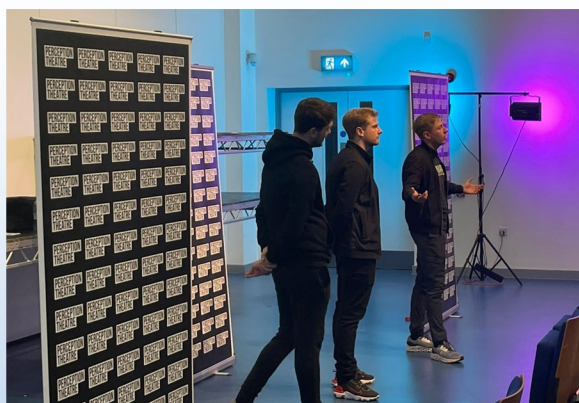


We were once again blown away by the efforts of our staff in supporting World Book Day this year. We had lots going on, including staff fancy dress, virtual meet the author and our sponsored Readathon. Our art department once again pulled out all the stops with their beautiful displays to celebrate reading.



To further celebrate the importance of reading, we entered a year seven and year eight team into the National Reading Champions quiz, supported by the National Literacy Trust. Our students really enjoyed taking part but unfortunately, this year, we were not the winners. Thank you to Mrs Christian, our librarian, for entering, preparing and supporting the teams. We hope everyone will keep reading over the Easter break, such a good opportunity to have time to lose yourself in a book.

Perception Theatre



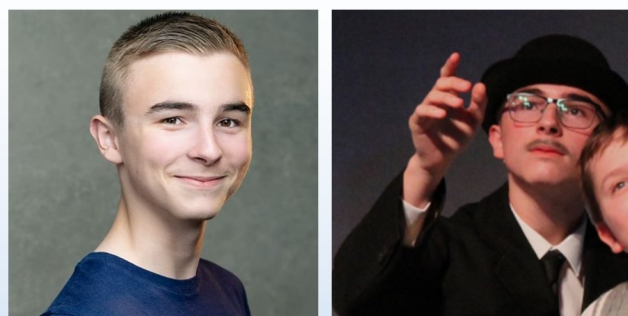
Thank you to Perception Theatre for their thought provoking performance of 'Grass', addressing the importance of a strong moral compass.

Barclays Financial Workshops



Thankyou so much staff from Barclays UK life skills team who spent two days in our maths department, delivering different skills lessons across different year groups. The students all gained so much from these sessions and financial literacy is so important.

Congratulations Adam



Congratulations to year ten student Adam McElroy, who has secured a part in Taming of the Shrew at Shakespeare North Playhouse for Shakespeare North Youth Theatre and Imaginarium Youth Theatre later on this year. You may remember Adam playing George Banks in our school production of Mary Poppins earlier this year. We wish him luck in his latest venture.

Well done Y11 and Y13



Well done to all students in year eleven and thirteen who have been working hard for mock examinations. Keep up the effort on the final stretch, you've got this.