



Maghull High News

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Hello and welcome to this academic year's fifth edition of Maghull High School News. It has once again been a busy half term, with the start of final examinations for students in year eleven and thirteen. We have had lots of sporting successes and are looking forward to more next half term. Have a fantastic week off and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday, 5 June.

Attendance Matters



In this final term of the year, we are refocussing on attendance to school and recently wrote to parents and carers with an update on their child's current 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 on student outcomes is significant, with lower attainment at GCSE which can affect long-term life chances. **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.** The impact of those twenty days off is stark and has a knock on effect on students' next steps.

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

We politely remind parents and carers that holidays in term time will not be authorised. For support with your child's attendance, contact us on attendance@maghullhigh.com

Debate Mate Success



Well done to our wonderful Debate Mate team who, for the second year running, are the winners of the national virtual cup. Last year, this resulted in them going to London to compete in the national finals, such an exciting opportunity. Thank you to Miss Kirby for coaching the team to their success and well done to all students who have been involved and have regularly committed time after school to prepare for the event. Good luck in the finals!

STEM Club



STEM Club continues to be a hub of activity for many of our future scientists, with recent experiments including making and testing concrete and testing leaves for starch. Anyone is welcome to attend the club which takes place weekly after school on Thursdays in the science department. If you would like more information about this extracurricular opportunity, speak to any of your science teachers.

Sporting Highlights

Boys Football



Our year seven boys team played well in two games against St Mary's, Crosby recently. What a great start they have made this year.

Girls Football



Well done to our year seven and eight girls who played against Maricourt High School recently. They won 3-1, with a great performance from Antonia, making her first appearance for us and scoring a hattrick—what a brilliant performance! Their success has continued this week, when they played their semi-final league game against St Michael's and won 5-0, which means they are through to the final. Thank you to staff, students and parents who went along to support. What a great season our girls are having - good luck in the final to you all!



Sporting Highlights

Rugby



We are so proud of these boys who recently formed a 12-man rugby team for a tournament at Ormskirk Rugby Club. Despite extremely muddy legs, there were smiling faces all round and the boys were fantastic. We are already looking forward to the next one. Well done to everyone who took part!

Rounders



Our key stage three rounders team lost in their recent rounders tournament at Sacred Heart but managed to triumph in the softball games. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Sacred Heart for hosting.

Summer Sports

Summer sporting activities are well underway, with over thirty students turning up for our first tennis club. Students looked at development of coordination and forehand shots, then played some king of the court games to finish. The club is open to students from all year groups, Tuesdays after school until 4:20pm. For those who enjoy athletics, Thursdays after school is for track and field event practice, with a relay to finish. Well done to all students who are attending these clubs.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

Careers Education



Thank you to JJ Smith Woodworking Machinery for giving some of our year ten students a fantastic insight into different pathways and opportunities available to them when they have completed their GCSEs.



The BBC Bitesize team have been again, to follow the story of some year eleven students on how they revise and cope with the pressures of GCSEs. It is wonderful that the experience of our students is going to help others.

In other careers news, we recently welcomed student ambassadors from Lancaster University to talk to our year twelve cohort about how to make the right choice of university for the course they want to study. They also spoke to year thirteen students about how to develop their skills alongside their academic studies to prepare them for the world of work. All of year twelve attended the UK university and apprenticeship fair at Aintree, where they experienced workshops about student finances and how to apply to high achieving universities.

Planning is underway for our forthcoming year seven Day to Work which is scheduled for Friday 7 July. We thank parents and families for supporting this initiative to help our young people develop their employability skills. We will write to you soon with all of the details.

Languages Local To You



A huge well done to Logan and Esme from year seven. Logan was chosen as a runner-up and Esme was shortlisted in the national Languages Local To You linguistic diversity photography competition. Their photographs and captions will be exhibited across the UK. Well done, we are so proud!

Smashed



Thank you to Mrs Larkin who recently organised a presentation from Smashed Live to our students in year seven and eight. The workshop focussed on the dangers of underage drinking and along with our recent assemblies on vaping, will go a long way towards educating our students on how to protect their long-term health.

Adam in Community Action

Adam McElroy, vice chair of our student council, recently sat on the youth independent advisory group for Merseyside Police. Last year, Adam attended a Unicef child friendly city award Q & A panel and was invited to attend the advisory group, the purpose of which is to support better community liaison. Adam then invited the head of police community engagement to the Croxteth GEMS centre where he volunteers and as a result, officers will now be supporting their summer play scheme. Well done Adam, a great example of student leadership.

Art Updates



Huge congratulations to Ana, Alyssa and Sam who have all been shortlisted for the Dot Art competition. The winning work will be exhibited in June at the Walker Gallery. We are so proud of the work of these students. We wish them all good luck.



A big thank you to Edge Hill University and Mrs Wallis for our recent Chinese art workshop. Year 7 students had the opportunity to make a range of artwork using paper cutting and folding skills. Great work everyone!

Mental Health Awareness Week



We were proud to once again support Mental Health Awareness Week, which this year was focussed on the theme of anxiety. A presentation was sent to all students explaining why we might experience anxiety, and offered practical advice on how to manage those feelings. This included a few helpful short videos giving practical strategies that students can try to adopt to help them support their emotional wellbeing. Parents and carers are reminded that all students have free access to Kooth, an anonymous site which helps children and young people to feel safe and confident in exploring their concerns and seeking professional support if needed. It offers a wealth of resources, online counselling and signposts to other services. You can access Kooth here: [Kooth is available in many areas across the UK - Kooth](#) If you need advice about your child's emotional wellbeing, you can speak to their form tutor or a member of their pastoral team.

Parking Reminder

A reminder to parents and carers that access to the site from the right-hand fork of the Ormonde Drive gate is for staff and deliveries only. There is no access for parent parking, so parents and carers need to drop off and pick up children away from the school. When doing so, please be mindful of our neighbours and do not park on the yellow lines outside of school. Students, parents and carers who require accessible parking can use the intercom system on the left-hand fork of the main school entrance to gain access to these limited spaces. Thank you for your support.

Dates for the diary

Monday, 26 June - INSET Day
Tuesday, 27 June - Year 6 SEND Information Evening 5:00 - 6:00pm
Thursday, 29 June - Year 6 Transition Day 8:50am - 3:20pm
Thursday, 29 June - Year 6 Transition Evening 5:00 - 6:00pm
Thursday, 6 July - Year 11 & 13 Proms 7:00 - 11:00pm at Aintree Racecourse
Saturday, 15 July - Open Morning 9:00am - 12:30pm
Tuesday, 18 July - Blackpool Trip 8:30am - 6:00pm
Wednesday, 19 July - End of Term - Finish at 12:30pm



Sporting Superstars



Massive congratulations go to Max Purvis from year eleven who after playing for Wrexham for the last five years, has signed a two year sponsorship deal with them. A talented footballer playing since the age of four, Max has played for the school team as well as Merseyside Schools. We wish Max all the luck in the world and will keep a close eye on his development in the future.



Currently playing for Liverpool from year seven are right wing, Tye Healy and right back, Max Rowland. Both boys started playing football in infants and aspire to go pro at sixteen. Their most recent match was against Accrington last weekend, where they won 4-3.

Examinations

Well done to all students in year eleven and year thirteen who have embarked upon this year's final examinations. Their commitment to preparation, in class, at intervention sessions and at home has been impressive. We wish them all the very best of luck with their results. Results days are 17 and 24 August, for A Level and GCSE respectively.

Sefton Footballers



Well done to Mollie, Bella and Antonia who are all not only representing the school in football but are also part of the Sefton team. They recently played in the national semi-final against Liverpool, missing out this time on the final. Keep working hard girls!

Emma Jump



On Sunday 14 May, Emma from year nine appeared on BBC Radio Merseyside's "Daybreak with Paul Beesley" to discuss the Eurovision Song Contest, where she sang part of her new song, "Four Seasons". You can listen to her interview on BBC iPlayer – well done Emma!

Millionaire Readers



Our millionaire readers enjoying browsing the shelves in Waterstones on their reward trip— keep reading!