



Maghull High News

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Hello and welcome to this year's final edition of Maghull High School News, a bumper edition. It has been another very busy half term, with lots of extra-curricular activity and events, examinations for students in year eleven and thirteen and planning for next year. We wish all students good luck with exam results and look forward to seeing you all back in September. Have a fantastic summer break.

Attendance



As we approach the end of term, we would like to remind parents and carers that children who have frequent absences from school have gaps in their 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. Every student should be aiming for at least 95% attendance in each school year and even that equates to fifty lessons missed.

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 have seen recent improvements in attendance for individual students and year groups, which is encouraging but this momentum must continue in the new academic year. Our wider pastoral staff and attendance officer are here to support you with any issues around attendance and you can contact attendance@maghullhigh.com for support. We politely remind you that holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Bleed Kit Fundraiser



During July we have been educating our community on the dangers of knife crime and raising funds to purchase bleed kits that could be used in the event of someone being stabbed. We have been working alongside campaigner Laura Hughes who established 'In Memory of Colin McGinty', a #kNOwknifeCrime initiative that aims to educate young people on the wider lasting impact of knife crime and dissuade the carrying of knives and other weapons after the death of her brother, Colin McGinty in 2001. Our ambition is for the kits to be hosted by retailers and public venues in our community, especially in places where young people may be vulnerable or gather in larger numbers.

During the week beginning 3 July we had an assembly roadshow, a relay between our Trust schools and various fundraising events including a donation day. Nine of our students ran from Maghull High School to Kew Woods Primary in Southport, which was over nine miles. They did an amazing job, raising additional money on the way and passing a symbolic bleed kit to Kew Woods who then ran to the next school. We are now only twenty pounds from our fundraising target. Thank you for all of your support. You can still donate here:

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/charity-champions-liverpool-the-north-west/fundraisers/maghull-high-school/>

Art Updates



Students across all year groups have continued to produce some stunning artwork this year, a few examples of which can be seen above. We really are lucky to have so many talented students and were happy to display some of their work at our recent performing arts Summer Showcase event.



Congratulations to Sam from year nine, who recently had his work exhibited in the Walker Art gallery after being entered for the Dot Art competition. We are extremely proud of Sam's achievement. We look forward to seeing more fantastic work from our budding artists next academic year.



Summer Showcase



We were so proud of the fifty or so students who took part in our Summer Showcase variety show last week. The show, which was a mix of dance, drama and music, was very well received by parents, governors and staff who were in attendance. Our Spotlight Academy cohorts really did themselves proud. We even had some of our year eleven leavers coming back into school to take part in one final show. We are looking forward to next year's Spotlight Academy auditions where we are bound to welcome new talent.

Wally Cain Dance Festival



Our amazing Spotlight Academy dancers gave another outstanding performance recently at the Wally Cain dance festival. Their routine was well received and was a fantastic representation of Maghull High School talent. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Brogden who worked with the students to deliver such a wonderful performance.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

Debate Mate London Trip



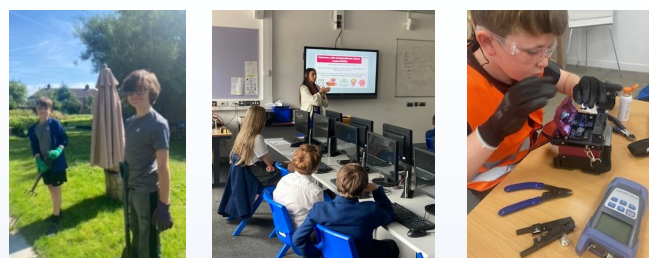
Congratulations to our Debate Mate team who for the second year running travelled to London for the national finals. They won their first debate and were placed fifth overall, a significant achievement for them all. Thank you to Miss Kirby who has worked with students all year to prepare them for the competition.

School Food Showdown



Well done to all staff and students who took part in our recent food showdown with Ben the chef. They certainly cooked up a storm with the whole of year seven watching them in the theatre. Students worked well under pressure to create the scrumptious delights you can see here.

Careers Update



Some of our year seven were involved in our recent day to work with families and friends. They really did experience a myriad of jobs, visiting construction sites, planning meetings, creating presentations, walking dogs, delivering parcels, helping in an engineering department, learning how to tattoo and much more. Thank you to everyone who was able to get involved, and for those families who also sent in photos, sharing with us how hard our students worked.

Newcastle University gave an assembly to year ten students about higher education and delivered workshops to students in key stage three. Two of our alumni Fabiana and Louis were able to support the event sharing their own personal university experiences. Fabiana is at Edge Hill studying nursing and Louis is reading religion and philosophy at Oxford.

Coronation Street Experience



Our students were afforded a brilliant opportunity recently when we were visited by Neil Wareing, head of sound at Coronation Street. The picture above shows them acting out and filming an actual scene from the show. The experience gave our students a real feel for what it would be like to pursue a career in performing arts, either front of stage or behind the scenes and everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you to the staff who organised this for our students.

Sefton Athletics Success

Well done to all students who took part in the Sefton Athletics recently. The work these students have put in in preparing for competitive performances cannot be underestimated. The commitment to attending practices after school has been impressive this year and some of our results speak for themselves.



After being promoted last year to Division 1, the girls worked really hard to secure three gold medals. Well done to Chloe G for winning year eight high jump, Cleo R for winning year ten shotput, and Natasha M for winning year ten 200m.



Competing in Division 2, our boys did really well too, bringing home a host of medals to celebrate their achievements. In total, the boys secured six gold medals. Well done to Tye H for winning year seven 100m and Max R for winning year seven 800m. In year eight, Freddie A took gold in triple jump whilst Sonny W won at high jump. Year nine boys were also successful with Jake A winning 100m and Sonny F taking gold in 400m.

What amazing achievements these are and what brilliant sporting role models we have in these winners and all other participants. We look forward to seeing what extra-curricular opportunities the PE department make available to our students in the new academic year. We recommend that students get involved.

Sports Day Updates

Well done to all students who have taken part in field events as part of this year's sports day. Students across all year groups have so far competed in a range of field events, representing their tutor groups. Below are some of our winning students so far:



The remaining events will take place before the end of the term, weather allowing. Currently, the following tutor groups are in the lead: 7LM, 8PDE, 9SB, 10JF but everything could change. In September's edition of our school newsletter, we will look forward to sharing the overall results with you and some more of our winning students.



Dates for the diary

Friday, 1 September - INSET day—staff only
Monday, 4 September - Year 7 & 12 students only return to school
Tuesday, 5 September - All other students return to school
Thursday, 14 September - Open Evening 6:00-8:00pm
Friday, 20 October - Break for half term



Community Award



We are very proud of Adam from year ten, who recently won a Croxteth Speaks Croxteth Youth Role Models award. Adam is a key member of our student leadership team, a stalwart of our performing arts department, a member of our Debate Mate team and a budding actor outside of school. We look forward to hearing more about his accomplishments next year.

Barcelona



We cannot wait to hear all about the Barcelona trip from our staff and student contingent who spent last week there. They enjoyed a fun-packed itinerary including a salsa dancing lesson, a chocolate workshop, visits to La Sagrada Familia and Camp Nou stadium and a last day in Portaventura theme park. The conduct of students on the journey to and from Spain was commended by several members of the public. Well done to all students and thank you to the staff who went with them.

Duke of Edinburgh



We have been so impressed this year with the resilience, commitment and determination shown by so many of our year nine and ten students working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award. Various walks and expeditions have been completed over the last half term and we can really see how student skills and knowledge have developed. Thank you to the staff Duke of Edinburgh team for all of their work to make it possible. Looking forward to next year!



Prom Celebrations



It was a joy to be able to help our year eleven and thirteen students celebrate at the recent prom celebrations in Aintree. They had a ball! Thank you to all staff who made it possible.

Hally's Success



Well done to Hally from year eight who took part in a strong woman competition in June. She competed in Liverpool's Strong Man competition with over fifty other competitors, securing first place in the women's category. What an achievement!

Well Done Evie



Massive congratulations to Evie who competed for a place at the World Performer Finals and was selected as one of three finalists. Added to this, she has been offered a place with the English National Ballet School Associate programme. We are so proud of you Evie.

Year 6 Transition



What a wonderful day we had with our new intake on 29 June! Many of our new students were able to experience what their new school day will be like in September and those who could not attend were invited for a catch up morning the following week. Students attended an assembly with the head, Miss Murphy and Mrs Brogden, sampled some lessons and even went to lunchtime clubs. The canteen food was enjoyed by many and we were impressed by the number of students who travelled in on the school bus. The new year group certainly made a fantastic first impression on staff and it was lovely to meet so many of their parents and carers in the evening. We are now looking forward to seeing many of them again at our summer school week, beginning on Monday 21 August. We will send further information about this to parents in due course but we have lots of fun activities planned for them.

STEM Club



Our Thursday night Stem club have had their final session for the year dissecting hearts and as usual, it looked like a lot of fun. Their previous session, involving fizzy drinks and mints looked equally entertaining. Thank you to the staff who have facilitated the club this year. The students have loved it.



Goodbye and Good Luck

Mrs Bennett - Senior Assistant Headteacher

We are sad to be saying goodbye to a number of staff this year as they move on to new positions or retirement after long and illustrious careers.



Senior Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Bennett joined Maghull High School 's senior leadership team on in September 2007 as Assistant Headteacher and teacher of Modern Foreign Languages. After gaining a degree in German and French from the University of Newcastle in 1988, Mrs Bennett

went on to complete her secondary teaching degree in 1992 before taking up her first teaching position in Llangollen. From here, Mrs Bennett moved to Lathom High School where she taught for four years before moving to Tarleton High School for a further ten years, taking on roles including Head of MFL and Head of Year. Her passion for her subject along with the level of commitment and dedication shown to her students and the school have made her an outstanding teacher for thirty one years. Mrs Bennett has taken on many roles and responsibilities during her time at Maghull High School, ensuring every child is well cared for and has the best experience at our school. Her energy and enthusiasm have provided amazing opportunities for young people through lessons and extra-curricular activities. As well as this, she has supported many school events. We wish Mrs Bennett all the very best for her retirement and thank her for her long-standing service to our school.

Mrs Velasco - Head of MFL

Mrs Velasco is retiring from the Spanish department at Maghull High School following twenty eight years of service in education. Mrs Velasco began her teaching career at St Ambrose Barlow in 1995 and became Head of Modern Foreign Languages. She was recognised as a specialist leader in education during her time at St Ambrose and helped to coach many other language teachers. She joined Maghull High School as Head of MFL in September 2016 and has been a real asset to our school. As well as being a fantastic classroom practitioner, Mrs Velasco has led our annual school trip to Barcelona which students past and present have loved. She is a dedicated, loyal and supportive colleague, passionate about her subject, who will be missed by all.



Mr Nagi - Design and Technology



Mr Nagi will be retiring as a longstanding member of staff from our DT department. Mr Nagi began his teaching career in Pemberton Community School in 1997 before joining Maghull High School in 1998. Mr Nagi has remained at Maghull High School completing twenty five years of

service to the school and teaching. Mr Nagi has always been a dedicated and committed teacher, and has supported the DT department as numbers in engineering have continued to increase every year, as well as throughout the COVID pandemic when creating essential PPE equipment for hospitals across the area. He will be a great loss to the school but we wish Mr Nagi lots of luck on his well deserved retirement.

Mr Baines - Assistant Head of Maths

The maths department will be saying goodbye to their longest serving teacher, Mr Baines. Mr Baines interviewed for his job at Maghull High School back in 2004 and has given nineteen years service to our school. He has been a prominent figure within the maths department, having served as Assistant Head of Maths under several Heads of Department. Mr Baines has been a dedicated member of the department, supporting staff and students alike in order to achieve successful results. We wish Mr Baines health and happiness upon his retirement.



Mrs Aspinall - Director of Excellence and Engagement



Although not retiring, we are sad to announce that Mrs Aspinall will be leaving Maghull High School to take on a new position as Assistant Headteacher. Having given almost twenty years of service to Maghull High School, she will be a great loss. Mrs Aspinall began her teaching career as a teacher of ICT, before

becoming Head of Faculty. Over the last few years, she has been a prominent member of our pastoral team as a Head of Year, Director of Key Stage and most recently, Director of Excellence and Engagement, as well as our whole-school lead on careers. The support and guidance Mrs Aspinall has provided to our students over the years has been invaluable and she will be sorely missed by all.

We also say goodbye and good luck to Mr Hurst, Miss Redmond, Mr Brennan, Mrs Gore-Smith, Miss Bown and Miss Atherton. We wish them all the best of luck in their new adventures and hope they will be very happy.