



# Maghull High News

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Southport Learning Trust

Autumn Term  
December 2023

**Hello** and welcome to our December edition of our half termly newsletter. It's been another busy half term at Maghull High School as we have been preparing for upcoming mock exams and Christmas festivities. This half term also marks the end of Ms Aspinall's role as Headteacher of Maghull High School and we look forward to welcoming Mr Kay into his new role as Headteacher from January 2024.

## Attendance



We have seen some improvements in our attendance this term but it is important that we continue to drive our expectation that students are in school at least 95% of the time. Missing school can cause students to miss lessons as well as interacting with staff and students. As we get ready to begin a new calendar year, we would like to ensure all students work hard to reach their minimum expected attendance target of 95%. If parents or carers require further support with attendance, please contact our attendance officer : [attendance@maghullhigh.com](mailto:attendance@maghullhigh.com)

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

## Nut Free School

A polite reminder that Maghull High School is a Nut Free School. Most school classrooms will have at least one allergic pupil. To protect our school community Maghull High School is ensuring we are a Nut Free School.

## Christmas Care Competition Winners

Christmas has arrived at Maghull High School . Thank you to Mrs Eborall and Miss Payet for helping in decorating our school Christmas tree using work created by our very talented students.

We are delighted to announce that we won a local competition organised by the friends of Maghull & District

Community Group based on our Christmas artwork. Congratulations to all students and staff in our Creative and Expressive Arts department.



## Maghull High Way

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### Aspire

- Attend every day and every lesson on time



- Wear full school uniform worn smartly and with pride



- Be fully equipped every day for all lessons



### Achieve

- Be ready to learn and listen to all instructions – First time every time



- Stay engaged and always try your best



- Take pride in your work and achievements



### Enjoy

- Treat all members of the school community with kindness, dignity and respect



- Move in a calm and orderly manner taking responsibility for the school environment



- Embrace all opportunities that are offered throughout the school

## Presentation Evening

On Thursday 7 December we hosted our annual Presentation Evening. We celebrated the success of our students both in and out of school. Our students received a warm welcome from our Chair of Governors, Mr Peter Reed, and our Headteacher, Ms Aspinall made her last address to students and parents as Headteacher of Maghull High School. Students received certificates, trophies and vouchers as part of their prizes for their achievements. It was a pleasure to be joined by District Judge, Gillian Johnstone who provided words of encouragement and inspiration to all students this evening.



## Sixth Form Open Evening

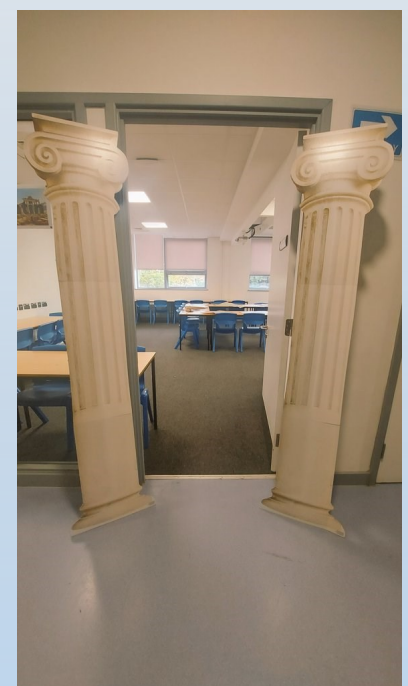
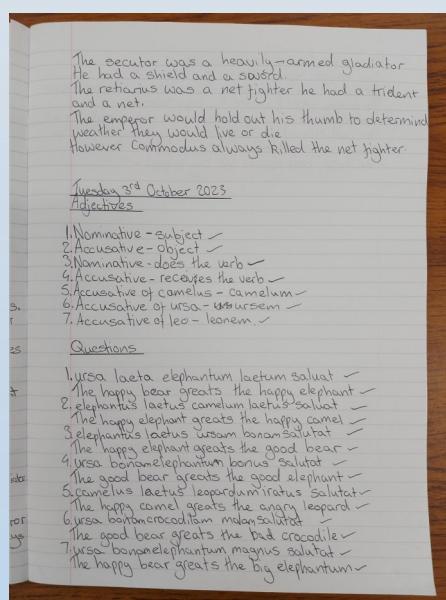
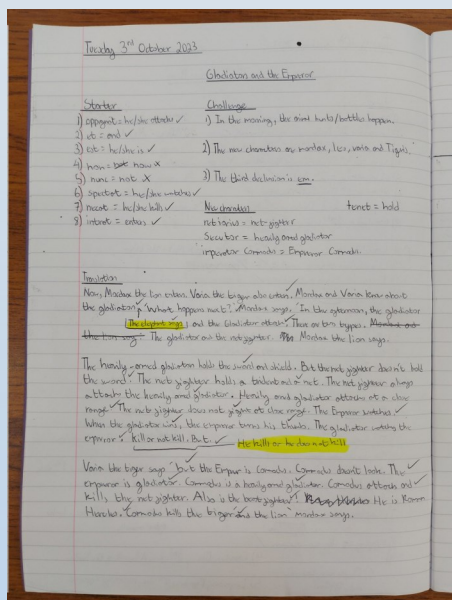
On Thursday 9 November we held the first of our Sixth Form open evenings. Students in both years 10 and 11 attended to explore their options post-16. Parents, carers and students received a warm welcome from our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Couttie, who delivered a short presentation on what to expect at Sixth Form. Our next open evening for Sixth Form is Thursday 1 February.

## Open Morning

Due to the popularity of our open evening in September for prospective parents of students in years 5 and 6, we held an open morning on Saturday 8 October. Over 80 families joined us and embarked on tours of the school with our very helpful student tour guides. Thank you to students and staff who gave up their Saturday morning to support at open morning and thank you to all families who attended.

## Latin Excellence

Latin is going extremely well at Maghull High School. Students engage in two hour sessions and our cohort of over 30 students is improving every lesson. There is now a waiting list of students who are keen to take up the language! Early in the year, we had the pleasure of showcasing Latin during our open evening, and our prospective parents were astounded by the enthusiasm of our students and the quality of their work. As part of their study of Latin, students also enjoyed a trip to the Roman Baths in Bath. Students enjoyed visiting such a beautiful city and delving deeper into our study of classical civilisation.





## Sister Act Jnr



This year we hosted our annual school show and it was exceptional! Students performed Sister Act Jnr which followed the story of Deloris Van Cartier, an aspiring singer in Philadelphia who takes refuge in a convent where she quickly puts her talents to use and transforms their choir. Students took on singing, dancing and acting roles and even helped staff design the fantastic set. The show was performed for local primary schools in matinee performances and for staff, parents and carers over two evenings in November. Well done to all involved.



## Super Lambanana

On 27 November, a super lambanana was unveiled in Bobby's Wood, Maghull. The Superlambanana was sold to Friends of Maghull and District and was refurbished locally before our Sixth Form student, Amy Burns enhanced it with her creative art work. Staff from school, as well as local councillors and members of the community were in attendance at its unveiling which now stands at the South Corner of Bobby's Wood.



## Salvation Army Competition

Well done to all students who submitted Christmas card designs as part of a national competition organised by The Salvation Army. Some of our entries are shown below:





## Drama Trip: The Woman In Black

Students in year 10 and year 11 were treated to a live performance of The Woman in Black as part of their GCSE Drama study. Students visited The Playhouse in Liverpool as part of their exposure to live theatre.



## Art Trip: London

Students in years 12 and 13 recently visited London as part of their A Level Art course. As always, students were a credit to the school. During their trip, students visited the National Gallery, Mall Galleries, Twist Museum, Outernet, The British Museum and Liberty.



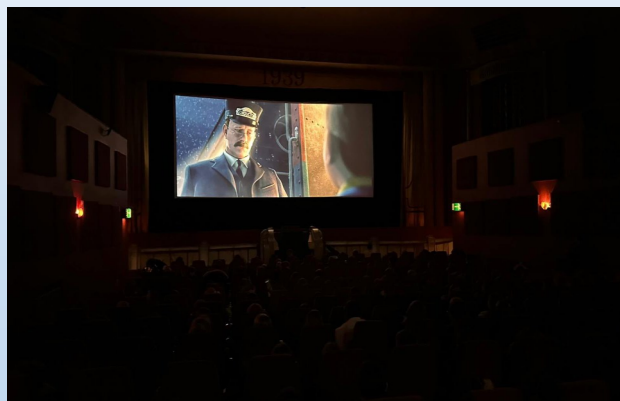
## Christmas Choir

Mr Dutch accompanied students as they spread Christmas cheer across the community. Our school choir performed at several local care homes and relished the opportunity to engage with their local community.



## Year 7 Cinema Trip

Following a great start to their secondary school journey, Head of Year 7, Mrs Brogden, and Assistant Head of Year 7, Mr Blake, took all students on a festive afternoon trip to Crosby Plaza. Students were treated to a showing of The Polar Express to help get them into the festive spirit. Students behaved impeccably and the cinema were really impressed with the attitudes and manners. Well done, year 7!





## Sixth Form Trafford Centre

Our annual Trafford Centre trip went ahead in December. Students in year 12 and 13 enjoyed an afternoon of Christmas shopping in the famous Manchester mall. Students stocked up on Christmas presents, clothes and even made use of the extensive food hall.



## Geography visit to Malham

As part of their study in GCSE Geography, Mr Donnan and Mr Perkins took students out to Malham to embark on a field trip investigation.



## Liverpool FC Coaching

20 students from Y9,10 & 11 were invited by former student, Ted Smith, to LFC Academy. The boys were coached by Adrian, Diogo Jota & Joel Matip as part of their UEFA B License preparation. All boys enjoyed the opportunity and were a credit to the school.





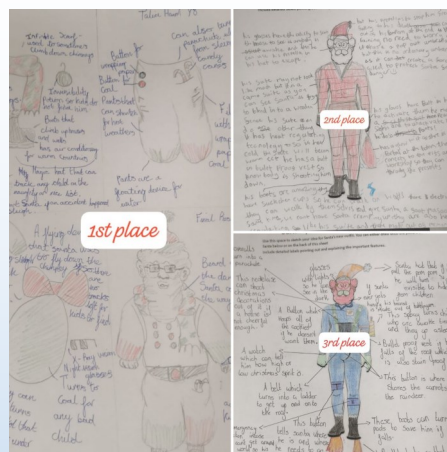
## STEM: Unilever



Some of our students were invited to attend Unilever Inspire R&D Showcase and took part in interactive workshops including Consumer, Formulation, Processing, Digital & Packaging.



## STEM Club



STEM club continues to be well attended. This term, students have completed work around making a PH scale, testing for hydrogen and creating fireworks. STEM club ran a Christmas competition with the winning entries displayed above.

## Career Champions

Our Career Champions took part in a cross-Trust afternoon as they met with Sefton Council and architects AFL to learn about the exciting developments and design the hoardings on site.



## STEM: Red Bull

Students across the Trust were extremely lucky to have Stuart McNeish as a guest speaker to share his experience of engineering and his experiences working for Red Bull as an aerodynamics engineer. Thank you to Birkdale High School for hosting the event.





## Careers Business Breakfasts

Once again, Mrs Wallis organised our Business Breakfasts for year 10 students. Businesses and organisations from across the area voluntarily gave up their time to meet with groups of year 10 students to provide essential career advice and opportunities. Students valued this experience and we are grateful for each business and organisation who have supported us with this event including Sefton Council, HMRC, Maghull Council and Southport College.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Staff and students took part in our annual Christmas jumper day on Thursday 14 November, raising money for Save the Children charity. We also hosted our Christmas dinner for all staff and students to help bring our school community some festive cheer.



## Book Fair

During this term, we hosted our annual book fair. Students across all years were invited to attend throughout the week of the fair and as a school, we successfully took over £500 in sales which has resulted in £215 worth of free books for the school library. Winner of the Book Fair Mascot was Mayah-Rae (Y7) and the winning guess of the number of sweets in the jar went to Michael (Y10). Some students also won £5 worth of book vouchers throughout the week.



## Christmas Writing Competition

This year, the English department organised their annual Christmas Writing Competition. Staff were overwhelmed with the amount of entries from students. Winners from each year group were selected and given the opportunity to read out their work during their Christmas assemblies. All finalists were invited to a Hot Chocolate Christmas breakfast on Wednesday 20 December to celebrate their success.



## Shaping Futures



Shaping Futures have been delivering a Raising Attainment Reading Project with a small group of enthusiastic Year 7 pupils for the last 6 weeks. The initiative is organized through local universities including the University of Liverpool. As Monday was the last session the advocates said goodbye to this cohort with a gift of books

## Food Bank Collection

Staff and students came together throughout December who brought in over £200 worth of items as part of our collection for a local food bank. All items went towards our local Trussell Trust food bank and were safely delivered by our Sixth Form students.



## BBC 500 Word Competition

This term, students in year 7 have taken part in the BBC's 500 word writing competition. The winner will be selected in the new year with their prize including a visit to Buckingham Palace, their writing read out live on The One Show, and a tower of books "as tall as Lenny Henry". We are delighted to announce that Lily Frances Findlay has been chosen to progress to the next round of the competition! We look forward to updating you in our next newsletter as to Lily's progress.





## Student Spotlight: Archie Hewitt



Archie Hewitt (Y7) recently represented England as part of the U14 Chess team. It was an incredibly busy day with Archie taking place in two difficult matches. It has been such an incredible opportunity for Archie to have been selected to represent England as he has only been playing chess since year 6! Archie is also a member of Liverpool Chess Club. We are excited to see how Archie progresses in his next competition.

## Student Spotlight: Alfie Lynch



Congratulations to one of Sixth Form students, Alfie Lynch who has been crowned national boxing champion for his age and weight category.

## Student Spotlight: Daniel Johnson-Kenny



Year 9 student Daniel Johnson-Kenny continues to grow from strength to strength with running. As part of the Liverpool Harriers, Daniel recently took part in a 2K race in Mansfield where his time was 8:10.

## Student Spotlight: Evie & Halle Woodall

We are delighted at the success of both Evie and Halle Woodall in their Dance achievements outside of school. Both girls will represent Team England at the Dance World Cup in Prague next year. Evie has qualified in the Junior age group with a Jazz solo, ballet repertoire and contemporary solo. She is also the youngest in the section age 14-17 years.

Hallie has qualified in the Children's age group 10-13 years with a Jazz solo and a lyrical solo. It will take place in Prague in 2024 June 26th - July 7th Only four children per age group and per genre are selected to represent their Country. The girls will also compete with various group dances with their dance school. Well done, girls.



# Farewell Ms Aspinall

As many parents and carers will know, our Headteacher, Ms Aspinall, will be bidding farewell to Maghull High School as she embarks upon a new journey in another of our Trust schools, Greenbank High School. For over 18 years Ms Aspinall has led Maghull High School through great change and overcome many challenges in her role as Deputy Headteacher and Headteacher of the school. Ms Aspinall joined Maghull High, taking on the role of Deputy Headteacher bringing with her a wealth of experience following her time in several inner city schools including New Hayes and Archbishop Beck. Since taking over as Headteacher in 2018, Ms Aspinall has calmly helped to lead and navigate the school through the opening of our new building, Covid-19 and receiving a 'Good' Ofsted rating. Over the last 18 years, Ms Aspinall has supported hundreds of students both academically and pastorally, ensuring students are fully equipped to succeed. In addition to her fantastic care and support of our students, Ms Aspinall has been a great support and role model to staff. Throughout any storm or challenge that Maghull High School has faced, Ms Aspinall has always been the anchor to help steady the ship. Our school community will greatly miss Ms Aspinall and her outstanding leadership. We wish her every success in her new role as Headteacher at Greenbank High School and we look forward to welcoming Mr Kay as he steps into his new role as Headteacher of Maghull High School.



## Mock Exams

Students in year 11 and year 13 have begun their mock examinations in all subjects. Upon their return to school following the Christmas break, students will continue with their mock exam series. Students have worked hard in preparation for their mock exams and their conduct in examinations has been exemplary. We wish all students in year 11 and year 13 lots of luck as they continue their mock exams.

## Dates for the diary

Monday 8 January— Return to school  
 9 January—16 January— Mock exams continue  
 25 January—Year 7 parents evening  
 w/c 29 January— Year 10 ICT controlled assessments  
 Thursday 1 February - Sixth Form open evening  
 w/c 5 February—Year 9 assessment week  
 Thursday 8 February—Year 8 parents evening

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b>		Careers Drop In Sixth Form Block	Careers Drop In Sixth Form Block	Careers Drop In Sixth Form Block	
<b>BREAK</b>	LRC Study Support	LRC Study Support	LRC Study Support	LRC Study Support	LRC Study Support
<b>LUNCH</b>	Art club KS3,4 & 5  Sparks Maths Help M24 & M26  Sister Act Principle Cast Vocal Rehearsals  LRC Study Support  Careers Drop In LRC	Careers Drop In Sixth Form Block Art club KS3,4 & 5  Email/Homework Support LRC  German Club Year 7 and 8  <b>SISTER ACT</b>	Careers Drop In Sixth Form Block Art club KS3,4 & 5  Science Educake/Homework Support  Yr 7 Dance club  Yr 7 Dodgeball  Sister Act Principle Cast Vocal Rehearsals	Careers Drop In Sixth Form Block Art club KS3,4 & 5  Email /Homework Support LRC    Dance Spotlight Academy  Girls' football years 7-10 Outdoor pitches Fixtures TBC	STEM Club  Gymnastics Club years 7-9  LRC Study Support  Careers Drop In LRC  Sister Act Full Cast Vocal Rehearsals
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>	Debate Mate M14  Netball Training years 7-10 Outdoor Netball Courts  KS3 boys' Football Training Outdoor pitches	Latin Excellence  Art club KS3,4 & 5  Netball Fixtures Dates and venues TBC  Mixed Badminton years 7-11 Sports hall	Rock Band Practice With PC Charlie Southern		