



Maghull High News

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Spring Term
March 2024

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of 2024! It has been an exciting start to the new year as we welcome Mr Kay into his new role as Headteacher. Throughout the Spring term, students have engaged in a range of activities, both in and out of the classroom. Year 11 and year 13 students continue to work hard as they finish their final preparations ahead of their summer exams. Revision sessions will run throughout the Easter holidays, with the timetable enclosed in our newsletter. We would like to wish all our staff, students, parents and carers a Happy Easter and we hope you have a restful break. School reopens as normal on Monday 15 April.

Attendance



Staff and students have been working really hard to improve attendance across the school. Well done to year 7 who have the most students with 100% attendance. We have also been pleased to see year 9 making huge improvements to improve their weekly attendance figures. 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

Attendance during one school year	Equal 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



Maghull High Way



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

#kNOwknifeCrime

As a school we are always looking for opportunities and ways to educate our pupils on how to keep themselves safe. We have decided to team up with #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign and London Marathon 2024 and we will be fundraising for bleeding control kits and cabinets for outside our schools in Sefton. We will be having a mini-marathon event in our school the week of 15th April 2024 where KS3 pupils will participate in running 2.6 miles in our school grounds. For participating in this event all children will receive a London mini marathon certificate and our school will receive a trophy. On Wednesday 17th April, representatives from each school will run a relay event, passing on a bleed control kit to the next nearest school. This is to demonstrate how we are working together to keep our communities safe and how we want our localities well-resourced in the event someone is in need of medical assistance. 84 schools in Sefton are also participating in this event!



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.

Welcome Year 6 Students

Congratulations to all year 6 students who have received a place to join Maghull High School in September as they begin their secondary school journey. All parents and carers should have received a welcome pack inviting students into school for their transition day on Thursday 27 June. We will also be hosting an evening with our Inclusion team on Tuesday 25 June for parents and carers of students with additional needs. Our ever-popular summer school will take place week beginning 19 August and we will be sending more details regarding our exciting events planned in due course. Please visit our Transition page on our school website to find out more information about joining our school, including navigating our school buses, and completing admissions forms.



Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday 1 February we held our second Sixth Form Open Evening, offering advice and guidance for students across years 10 and 11 about their next steps post-16. We are pleased to see so many students have applied to join our Sixth Form in September, and Mr Couttie has personally met with each student individually to discuss their option choices. It's not too late to apply for a place in our Sixth Form. If you would like more information, or a tour of our Sixth Form provision, please email Mr Couttie: couttiem@maghullhigh.com

Easter Revision



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	AM	PM
Tues 2nd April	Science	Drama
Wed 3rd April	Maths	Spanish
Thurs 4th April	English	Sport
Fri 5th April	Geography (Mr Perkins)	Dance
Mon 8th April	History	Music
Tues 9th April	Geography (Mr Donnan)	

Year 11 students are invited to our Easter revision programme. This is a great opportunity to brush up on their exam skills and fine tune their knowledge before the final exams. Signing in and out Students need to sign in when they arrive at main reception. They must sign out when they leave school site, even if they are just going out to purchase food. Revision will take place between the following time slots. Please check with subject staff for their chosen start and end time. Morning Sessions: 9.00am-12.00pm Afternoon Sessions: 12.30pm-3.30pm

Art Animals

Year 10 Art students were enthralled by an animal encounter. The company A-Z mal safari visited the department with a chameleon, snake, snail, frog, hedgehog, tortoise, meerkats and parrot. All students took photographs of the animals, which will help them gain valuable marks for their GCSE coursework. We have now drawn from the photographs, before moving on to large acrylic paintings.



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Art Competitions

A number of students listened to Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns, for inspiration as they created work for a local competition organised by the Liverpool Philharmonic. The winning artwork will be displayed during an upcoming concert at the venue. Year 9 students' work was submitted to the annual Dot Art competition. The work will be published in an online gallery, with one entry being displayed in a local exhibition.



We continue to ensure that students have experienced working to real-world briefs. This term, students work was entered for the INEOS competition, to design a helmet for Lewis Hamilton. The winning design will be made in to a helmet which will be worn by Lewis.



Spanish Ambassadors

We are delighted to introduce to you our 45 Language Ambassadors at Maghull High School who were successfully appointed after submitting brilliant applications. Our Language Ambassadors met up 4th March to share ideas on how to improve language learning across the school

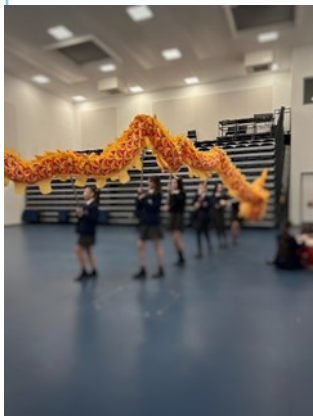


Music Concert Trust

A very successful set of Spotlight Music auditions took place at the beginning of the term, with weekly rehearsals taking place on a Friday. A group of these students attended a vocal festival on 21st March at Meols Cop, led by Mr Dutch.



Celebrating Chinese New Year



In partnership with the Confucius Institute from Edge Hill University, students in Years 7 and 8 learnt about Luna New Year. Our students were taught how to perform the dragon dance and learnt a few phrases in Mandarin.



Japanese Art Club



Students have enjoyed taking part in our latest extra-curricular club: Japanese Art Club. Recently, students have been learning Japanese calligraphy.

Cross Country



Key Stage 3 students enjoyed a breakfast with Mr Kay to celebrate their cross country running achievements. Students completed between 5km-6km every lesson, despite the cold weather in January. As an avid runner, Mr Kay was really impressed with students and their efforts, and they enjoyed listening to Mr Kay sharing his tales of running the London Marathon.

Swimming Gala

Year 7 students took part in the Sefton Swimming Gala and we were so proud of the girls who took joint first place, crowning them swimming champions!



LFC Football Academy

Thank you to former student Ted Smith for inviting year 7 and year 8 students to visit Liverpool FC Academy. Students played in a tournament which was led and refereed by LFC under 18 players. They were given a tour of the AXA training centre where they could observe the facilities first hand, as well as meeting staff such as doctors, physios, nutritionists, education officers and coaches. It was a truly unforgettable experience for our students.



STEM: Unilever



Our Unilever team attended the Unilever Bright Future Celebration and Awards Day where they showcased their amazing prototype and animation

STEM Club: All About STEM



STEM club Students enjoyed an exciting day working with All About STEM taking part in their competition. Students were tasked with designing, making and testing a model of a system that can transport

tomatoes in a way that won't squash them. Students created some fantastic designs for our competition including everything from robots to AI with some brilliant futuristic school canteen designs as too!

Careers and Industry Fair

Our annual Careers and Industry Fair was another huge success. Thank you to everyone involved and to the many, many companies and organisations who joined us this afternoon to provide our students with invaluable careers advice.



Career Champions Roadshow

Our first Career Champion Roadshow took place this term. Our champions gave an update on the Visitor Economy and Marine Lake Regeneration project as well as launching an exciting design competition. Well done.



Y8 York Trip: Gothic Literature



What a fantastic day with Mrs Burns, Mr Blake & 10 of our Y8 students! Exemplary attitudes throughout & enjoyment all day.
We visited York Minster, the Shambles & the spooky York Dungeons. A great opportunity to build on our Gothic Literature scheme.



Y7 Bowling Trip



Y7 Chester Zoo Trip



International Women's Day

Two Sides: Both Equal

She is just like a blooming rose
That has its soft,
Delicate parts.
And strong, dangerous thorns.
Both,
At the same time.
She is feared like a tiger
Sharp claws and bared teeth
But,
Has fears like a rabbit:
Shaking hands and a hidden heart.
She is included
Like branches on a tree.
But,
She feels alone,
Like a bug on a leaf.
She wishes anything but 60/40
70/30
Wishing, to be equal.

To celebrate International Women's Day on Friday 8 March, girls in year 10 were taken to our Trust conference, held in Edge Hill University, where they listened to a variety of guest speakers to celebrate the occasion.

In addition to this, students across the school were asked to enter our International Women's Day writing competition. Our winning entries are showcased here. We are so proud of our talented writers. Well done to Emma and Ruby for their fantastic entries.



Harmony's Call for Inclusion

In every heart, let harmony's seed spring,
For gardens of inclusion to unfold,
Where women's dreams, like blooms in sunlight sing,
And every voice weaves tales in threads of gold.

Walls fall to dust, as hands with soil unite,
To plant the seeds of peace and fairness true,
A celebration in the garden's light,
Where every shade and hue is given due.

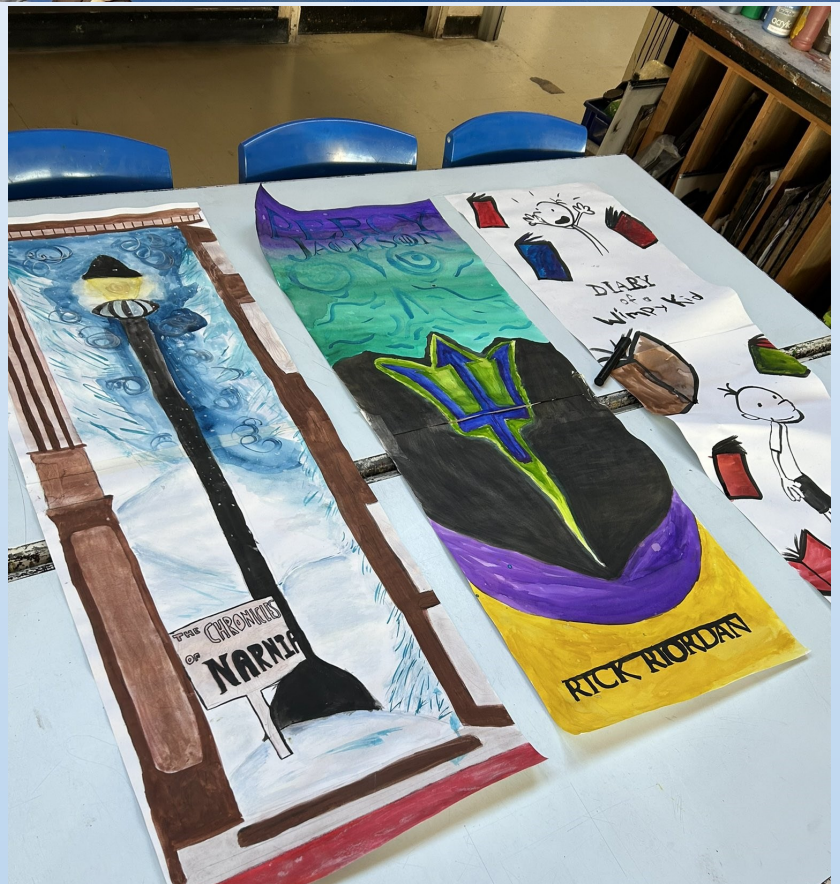
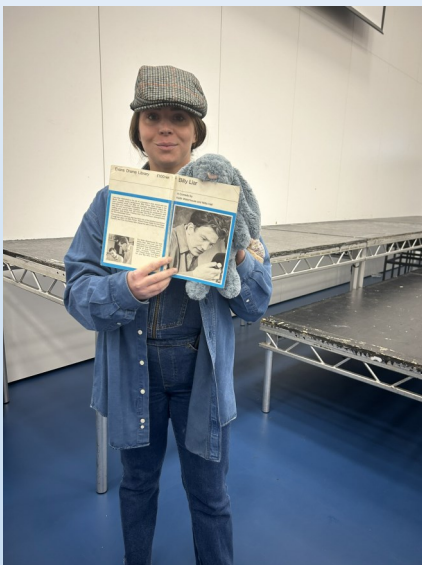
On Women's Day, we tend our common ground,
With admiration for the strength that's shown,
In every soul, where dignity is found,
A world where love and justice have grown.

With Harmony's call, we blend a chorus wide,
Inclusion's garden, where all hearts abide.



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, staff took part in our annual dress-up, dressing up in characters from some of their favourite stories. Students took part in various competitions throughout the day including designing the next official book token for World Book Day, and taking part in our extreme reading challenge. Students also enjoyed creating book covers that were displayed around the school to celebrate the day.



Debate Mate

Congratulations to our Debate Mate teams who finished in an impressive 2nd place out of all the Liverpool teams for the Urban Debate League. They also finished 24th out of 98 teams nationally. They are looking forward to debating at the Debate Mate Cup at the end of April..



Debate Mate Accelerate

Congratulations to our Debate Mate Accelerate team who have won the National Pitch Project with their ideas on how to improve sporting facilities at Maghull High School. Students worked hard to research and develop their pitch, and eloquently presented their ideas to a panel of senior staff including Mr Kay and Miss Murphy. Students were judged by an external team and we are so proud that out of all the schools competing nationally, our team won. Students will be visiting Sony Headquarters in London to celebrate their victory. Because their pitch centred around sporting facilities in school, predominately boxing, students also enjoyed a visit from champion boxer Steven Smith who put students through their paces with a boxing session. Our Debate Mate Accelerate team will now join our Debate Mate team at Liverpool John Moores University to take part in the Debate Mate Cup in April.



Student Spotlight: Charlie Carey

Charlie Carey Y7 has had great sporting success both in and out of school. For the last three years, Charlie has been at Manchester United as part of their Emerging Talent group, playing weekly games against different academies. Charlie also enjoyed a trial at Liverpool last year before returning to Manchester United.



In addition to this, Charlie represents Maghull High School for Sefton Schoolboys, reaching the National Cup final after beating Stockport 3-0 with Charlie himself scoring a goal.

Charlie is also captain of his local team, River Juniors.



Rotary Technology Tournament



A group of year 8 and 9 students participated in the Rotary Technology Tournament on Friday 8th March at Greenbank school. We had some pretty impressive planning, portfolios and results on the day. Every team involved produced a coin-counter which worked to a greater or lesser extent. There was amazing evidence of team-work and all students worked really hard. Maghull High School teams were second (Team 6) and third (Team 5).



National Reading Champions Quiz

Congratulations to our literacy team who came within the top 10 nationally at this week's National Reading Champions Quiz. We are very proud of you.



New Headteacher: Mr Kay

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Kay into his new role as Headteacher of Maghull High School. Having worked at Maghull High since 1999, Mr Kay has taken on many roles during his time here including most recently as Deputy Headteacher. Mr Kay has been responsible in helping to lead the school and implement many changes to ensure Maghull High School is a 'Good' school. Mr Kay is confident that by working alongside the staff at Maghull High School., students will achieve and make excellent progress, having a rich experience of school life and be happy and confident in school. Mr Kay endeavours to work hard to ensure all students have the very best education, achieve well academically and flourish in the care of Maghull High School.



Summer Exams

Upon our return from the Easter break, students in year 11 and year 13 will begin to embark on their external examinations. Examinations run throughout May and June. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all students the very best of luck and we are grateful for the unwavering support that has been offered to them by staff and parents and carers.

Dates for the diary

Monday 15 April– Return to school
 17–24 April– GCSE art exams
 2 May–Year 10 parents evening
 7-9 May– A Level art exam
 w/c 13 May–External exams begin
 25 June–Y6 SEND Parents information evening
 27 June–Y6 Induction day/Parents information evening
 2-3 July–Sixth Form transition days
 4 July–Y11 prom
 6 July–Open morning
 10 July–School Summer Showcase
 15-16 July–Sports days
 18 July–Rewards trip (TBC)
 19 July–End of term finishing at 12:30pm

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