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11 November—15 November

Hello and welcome to this week's school newsletter. We would like to thank all parents and carers who attended this week's year 11 revision evening on Tuesday. We hope you found information informative in preparation for upcoming mock exams. Thank you also to all parents, carers and students who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday where we revealed our exciting new pathways for September 2025.

Year 7 Sparx Reading Champions

On Friday 8 November, a group of enthusiastic year 7 students, who had achieved well in Sparx Reading, were taken for a trip to Waterstones, and some lunch in Ormskirk. All students enjoyed their trip with the manager of Waterstones expressing that they were welcome back any time! We are proud to hear how members of the public asked students how they qualified for their trip and were really impressed when students revealed how much they had read in order to have been selected for the Sparx Reading Reward Trip.

Two lucky students (names picked at random) also received a free book each from Waterstones, courtesy of our school.

Sparx Reading Tests have now been completed for all students in year 7, 8 and 9, with reading homeworks now set on this platform. Students achieve points the more they read. Our next Sparx Reader Reward Trip will run for students in year 8.



Attendance

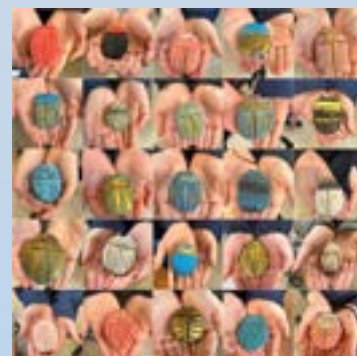
We understand that some parents/carers have struggled to make contact with school to report an absence due to busy phonelines. When reporting your child's absence, please email attendance@maghullhigh.com so a member of the team can get in touch.

Artwork

Students in year 9 have been working really hard in art to create poly prints of skulls as part of their project which explores Mexico's Day of the Dead Festival.



Meanwhile, students in year 8 have been busy creating clay scarabs as part of their project on Ancient Egypt. Other students have been working hard on screen printing.



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.

Regular Attendance



Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress. Being present allows children to form lasting friendships, develop essential interpersonal skills, and contribute to better mental health and overall well-being.

Authorised Absences



Schools must only grant leaves of absence for specific circumstances set out in the 2024 attendance regulations.

The permitted circumstances are:

- Taking part in a regulated performance or employment abroad
- Attending an interview
- Study leave
- A temporary, time-limited part-time timetable
- Exceptional circumstances

See the guidance (paragraph 37).

Unfortunately a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.



Penalty Notice Changes

There are significant changes to penalty notices for unauthorised absences during term time, effective from 19 August 2024.

What you need to know:

1

New penalty rates:

£160 per parent per child, **£80** if paid within 21 days.

2

Second offence within 3 years:

£160 with no discount.

3

Penalty after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.

This includes late arrivals after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.

4

Max 2 penalties in 3 years per child. Further offences may lead to prosecution.

Regular attendance helps your child succeed!
Contact us if you have any questions.



Late to School

School registers close at **9.15am**. The guidance states, 'if a pupil...arrives...after the register has closed, the attendance register must be amended to record them as absent using code U or another absence code that is more appropriate.'

This means that a child who arrives between 9.15am and 12.25pm will be marked as an unauthorised absence, unless there is a reason set out in the authorised absences section.



ATTENDANCE UPDATES



*New Statutory
Government
Guidelines for 2024*



Academic Benefits



Better Learning	Regular attendance helps children keep up with lessons & understand material.
Steady Progress	Attending school every day means students don't fall behind and can stay on track.
Higher Grades	Being in school regularly gives children more chances to improve their marks.
Increased Participation	Regular attendance helps children get involved in lessons and activities.
Extra Support	Children who attend regularly have better access to teachers and extra help when needed.



Social Benefits

Improved Social Skills	Being in school helps children make friends and learn how to work with others.
Sense of Belonging	Attending regularly helps children feel part of the school community.
Teamwork	Working with classmates in lessons and activities builds teamwork skills.



Wellbeing Benefits

Emotional Stability	Routine helps children feel secure and less anxious.
Good Habits	Regular attendance builds important life skills like time management and responsibility.



CONTACT US

If you would like more information about the government statutory guidelines and the school's policy, which can be found on our website, **please email: attendance@maghullhigh.com**



Additional Support

Following the new government statutory guidance around attendance, we want to reiterate the support that is available to our young people and their family.

At Maghull High School we are committed to fostering a supportive and nurturing environment that prioritises the mental health and wellbeing of every student.

Our dedicated Wellbeing Support Team is here to provide the resources, guidance, and care needed to help students thrive both academically and personally.

There are several external agencies who also provide support for young people and their families. Click the logo to find out more information:

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Online wellbeing offering ways to manage emotions, helpful podcasts and more!



A great app to help with every day worries and to help look after yourself using meditation and breathing techniques.



An app to help learn hundreds of meditations to help with sleep and feelings of worry.



Emotional and practical support and guidance for children, young people and families



A mental health charity offering online counselling to those aged 8-21, who cannot afford or access support quickly.



Safer Schools Officer: PC Charlie Southern



On Wednesday in their Personal Development lesson, P.C Charlie Southern gave a talk in the Howe Theatre to the whole of Year 11 in which he discussed and explained the range of powers that the Police have. He spoke about powers to 'Stop and Search', Dispersal Orders, the rights that the public have when stopped by the Police and advised students on how to act if ever they encounter the Police. He also spoke about future potential discussions with Traffic Police when our students are old enough to be driving. The students were then given a range of case studies to discuss in class to see how well they had understood the information.

Young Carers

At Maghull High School we are aware that students in our school may well have caring roles at home. We believe that all children and young people should have equal access to education, regardless of what is happening at home and that no child should have to take on inappropriate or excessive caring responsibilities. We recognise that when a young person looks after someone in their family who has a serious illness, disability or substance misuse problem, they may need extra support to help them get the most out of school. We aim to understand the issues faced by young carers and to support them through a whole-school approach and through working with other professionals and agencies, with the understanding that support for the whole family is in the interests of the young carer. Please make contact with the Phoenix Centre for further information. phoenix@maghullhigh.com

What is a Young Carer?

Someone aged 18 or under who helps look after a relative with a condition, disability, illness, mental health condition, or a drug or alcohol problem.

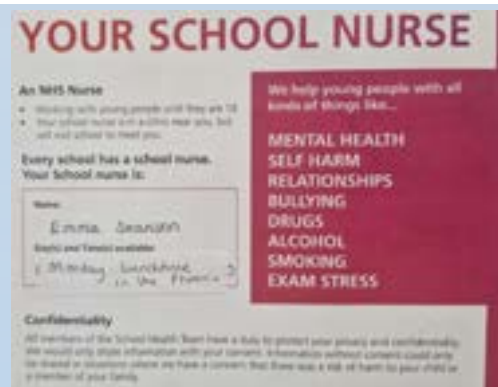
Most young carers look after a parent, brother or sister or grandparent. They may do extra jobs in the home, such as cooking, cleaning, or helping someone to get dressed and move around. Sometimes they may not do much actual care but are impacted significantly by living in the same household

Some children give a lot of physical help to a person who is disabled or ill. They may also be giving emotional support.



School Nurse

The school nurse continues to hold weekly drop in sessions in the Phoenix Centre every Monday. Student can drop in without an appointment or can arrange an appointment by visiting the Phoenix Centre.



KOOTH are coming into school on Tuesday 10th December to deliver assemblies to the whole school on a carousel basis and discuss how they can also offer confidential and emotional support to our students.

Rewards

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher's award winners: Joseph S, Hana S, Max R, Frankie M, Ava L, Esme M and Taylor W.



Behaviour Curriculum

This week's behaviour curriculum has focused on the importance of sleep. In order for students to perform well in school, it is vital they adapt good sleeping patterns. Sleep can impact physical wellbeing and support emotional wellbeing so it's important that students understand the benefits of maintain a good sleep routine. All information has been sent out to parents and carers to share at home.

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Sleep and Physical Wellbeing

Helps children and adolescents to grow

Increases muscle mass

Strengthens bones

Strengthens immune system

Helps us to regulate our bodyweight

Sleeps helps us to look younger

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Sleep and Learning

- Helps us to commit what we have learned during the day to long term memory.
- Key vocabulary is retained.
- Quality sleep is essential for the part of the brain that is responsible for problem solving, reasoning and regulation of emotions.
- Sleep is essential for our learning.

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Sleep and Emotional Wellbeing

- Lack of sleep affects our mood
- Feelings of tiredness become overwhelming, we become irritable and angry more easily.
- We can feel fearful stressed and unable to cope.
- Problems and worries can increase.
- Low mood and lack of motivation
- Lack of self confidence and low self esteem

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

Sixth Form Open Evening

We were pleased to welcome many families of students in year 10 and 11 to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday. Parents and carers received a talk from Headteacher, Mr Kay, who shared some of our exciting new pathways for 2025. Parents, carers and students were then able to explore the Sixth Form Centre and meet with subject leaders to discuss pathways available. Our next Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on 30 January.









Sixth Form Student Leadership

In addition to our established Sixth Form Leadership team consisting of Charlotte Freeman (Head Student) and Isabelle Barrington and Georgia Sullivan (Deputy Head Students), we have now created an extended leadership team to support across Sixth Form and the wider school. We are excited to develop our students' leadership skills and see the positive impact they have across school.

Sixth Form Extended Student Leadership Team 2024-2025

Subject Leads Art: Daisy-May Hedley and Tai Houghton Business Studies: Charlie Anderton English: Poppy Ingarfield, Joseph Yanez and Lucy Mitchell History: Lara Wright and Layla Duffy Mathematics: Liam Porting, Charlie Callaghan Psychology: Olivia Argent Religion, Philosophy & Ethics: Grace Sheridan Sport: Dan Hindley and Lily McHugh	Charity and Local Community Leads Jess Barnes (Y12) Lilly Douglas (Y13)
Sport Event Leads Kayla Mercer (Y12) Abi Smith (Y12)	







Debate Mate

Debate Mate is back! We have three new mentors and 28 students who attended Debate Mate this week. They enjoyed the “balloon debate” in which they had to justify their opinions. We are looking forward to seeing even more students attending after the Grease production



A Level English Literature

English Literature students stayed behind on Monday to participate in a lecture from a University of Leeds lecturer. Not only was this a great revision opportunity, but it also provoked interesting discussions from all. A Level English students also created their own display in their classroom to demonstrate their course content.



Why me?

Your teacher has identified you as someone who demonstrates the skills needed to thrive at English Literature A Level: confident discussion, critical thinking, academic writing and inquisitive reading.

A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE WANTS YOU



What can I expect?

- Small class sizes to maximise progress.
- Expert teaching.
- Extra-curricular opportunities including guest lectures from University Lecturers and trips e.g. theatre trip to London.

What next?

- Attend our subject taster session and meet current A Level students.
- Attend Open Evening on 30th January 2025.

EMAIL BRADYH@MAGHULLHIGH.COM AND KIRBYK@MAGHULLHIGH.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Sporting Updates



Congratulations to our Year 8/9 girls' football team who travelled to Clitheroe to win 4-0 against Bowland High. The girls are now through to Round 4 of the English Schools FA Cup—something we have not accomplished before. Goals came from Violet and Antonia. Girl of the Game was awarded to Antonia and Molly.

Well done to Year 10 boys winning 4-0 in the Sefton Cup against Sacred Heart yesterday but narrowly losing out 1-0 in the National cup against Pensby tonight. Man of the Matches were awarded to Louis and Junior.



Well done to our Y7/8 girls' football team who won their match against St Julie's High School this week. The girls are now through the round 4 of the ESFA cup. Goals were scored by Violet, Sophie and Iris. Girl of the Game was awarded to Violet and Iris.



Our year 8 boys suffered a narrow defeat this week in the Maghull derby in the Merseyside Cup against Deyes High School. The game finished 2-2 with goals from Bailey and George before the team sadly lost out on penalties. The team are still in the Sefton Cup and we look forward to seeing their progress.



Mr Hodge has been really impressed with the turn-out to Year 7 football, every Monday night. All boys show great enthusiasm and commitment in each weekly training session.



Everton in the Community

We are really fortunate to be working with Everton in the community who lead a range of workshops with our students across all year groups. Below is an outline of the various workshops led by Everton in the Community



Female Changemakers

The objective of the changemakers workshop is to increase resilience, self-worth, confidence and to empower young females to make positive, healthy choices and understand their full potential.

Playmaker course

The sessions will be both practical and theory based with the opportunity for the young people to gain an FA accredited qualification once completed.

PSHE/ED

A focus on teamwork, communication, confidence and resilience skills – as well as exploring more social themes such as mental and physical health, local issues and stereotyping.

Make Up Therapy

A small number of students from year 9 and 10 have been attending a session each Wednesday morning. The program content is to share make up principles through application and techniques. The benefits of students attending are to help improve school attendance, behaviour and engagement within the school environment. Students should also improve their self-esteem and confidence and learn how to apply make in a more subtle and natural way to fall in line with school rules and standards.

Yr11 NCS

Selected students from the two cohorts accessing the NCS sessions attended the launch of the Maddison Internship at Goodison Park and enjoyed their day. They learned how the internship can help young people make the first steps into a career in law. On the day, there were a number of activities delivered by the Everton in the Community staff and there was a Q&A session with an ex Police officer, two judges and other staff who work in different roles in the Law courts. Students enjoyed their day and have been sent information on how to sign up to participate with the Maddison Internship this year.



School Show: Grease

Our school show this year will be Grease and rehearsals are well underway to bring this blockbuster hit to our school stage. Grease will run on Wednesday 27 November and Thursday 28 November and is sure to be a sell out. Tickets are available to purchase via Parent Pay.



School Book Fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will come to school week beginning 25 November. Students will be able to purchase books during break times, lunchtimes and after-school.



Maghull High School Extra Curricular Timetable - Autumn Term 2024

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards
Break		Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	
Lunch	Library/Homework Club - LRC Art Club - Room 59 Journalism Club Football on the Field	KS3 German Club Eco Gardening Club-meet by O'Kane Football on the Field	Acro Club - Activity Studio Library/Homework Club - LRC Art Club - Room 59 Journalism Club Football on the Field	STEM Club KS3 Puzzle Club - M20 Football on the Field	KS3 Sparx Reading Club - M27 Football on the Field
After School	KS3 Dance Club KS3 Netball Training Year 7 Boys Football Training	Spotlight Auditions Grease Rehearsals Netball Fixtures Years 8 & 9 Football Training Art Ambassadors - Years 7-9		Grease Rehearsals Years 7-10 Girls Football Training Basketball Club - Sports hall Duke of Edinburgh - Years 9 & 10	

Dates for the diary

Monday, 4 November: All students return to school

Tuesday, 12 November: GCSE Revision Evening, 6pm-7pm

Thursday, 14 November: Sixth Form Open Evening, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, 27 and Thursday, 28 November: School Show (Grease)

Thursday, 28 November: Year 12 Parents Evening

Thursday, 5 December: Presentation Evening

Friday, 6 December: INSET Day.

Monday, 9 December-Friday, 20 December: Mock examinations for GCSE and A Level students

Thursday, 12 December: Year 10 Parents Evening

Friday, 20 December: End of term