



Maghull High News

Aspire Achieve Enjoy

18 November—
22 November

Hello and welcome to this week's school newsletter. Despite the icy weather, staff and students have continued to work hard both in and out of the classroom. Year 9 students have been busy fundraising on behalf of Zoe's Place; Year 11 students have completed part of their BTEC exams and our rehearsals for next week's show, Grease, continue. Advanced notice that Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Thursday 12 December.

Year 9 Fundraising for Zoe's Place

This week, three students from year 9 took it upon themselves to organise a 'fun 'run' for their entire year group in order to raise funds for Zoe's Place. Mia, Ava and Eva put forward their proposal to the Student Leadership Team and really demonstrated the Maghull High Way by showing support and respect for the wider community. All three girls also showed fantastic leadership skills in organising this event.



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.

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

Rewards

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher's award winners: Callum M, Freya S, Phoebe E, Charlie M, Laila D, Ian W, Freddie D, Daniel C and Leo G.



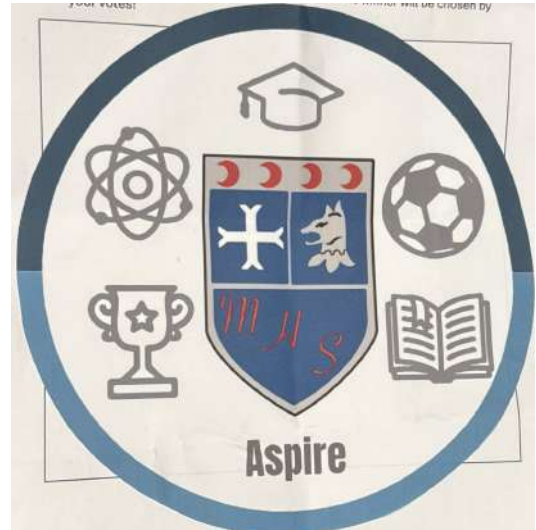
Aspire Programme

It has been a busy week for the aspire programme! The year 8 group met in our Sixth Form Centre during tutor where they entered their designs and voted which school badge they wanted. Year 8 had their first lunch time TED talk on perfectionism.

The year 7 group met during tutor, similar to year 8, and entered/voted for their school badge. The designs were all amazing and the votes were close. Here are the winners:



Ruby Carpenter Y7



Dominic Edwards Y8



On Wednesday, Miss Brady and Mr Moran took a small number of year 11 students to watch a performance of An Inspector Calls at Liverpool Empire. It was a fantastic performance, which our student really enjoyed.



Safer Schools Officer: PC Charlie Southern

PC Charlie Southern, our Safer Schools Officer, led year 7 assembly on Monday to introduce himself to all students, and explain his role within the school and local community. Many of our year 7 students met PC Charlie during summer school, and have gotten to know PC Charlie around the school site. PC Charlie is available to support students and families during their time at Maghull High School

Attendance Updates

We have been working closely with the Local Authority to target students in KS4 regarding their attendance. We have been engaging in positive conversations regarding barriers to school, their future, any further support and revision support. We are extremely proud of the students who have made huge improvements with their attendance so far and we continue to work with this cohort. We will be continuing to work with more students moving forward to improve their attendance and identify as a school, how we can best support with this.

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.

YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

An NHS Nurse

- Working with young people until they are 19
- Your school nurse is in a clinic near you, but will visit school to meet you.

Every school has a school nurse.
Your School nurse is:

Name: Emma Stanson
Day(s) and Time(s) available: Monday Lunchtime in the Phoenix

Confidentiality

All members of the School Health Team have a duty to protect your privacy and confidentiality. We would only share information with your consent. Information without consent could only be shared in situations where we have a concern that there was a risk of harm to your child or a member of your family.

We help young people with all kinds of things like...

**MENTAL HEALTH
SELF HARM
RELATIONSHIPS
BULLYING
DRUGS
ALCOHOL
SMOKING
EXAM STRESS**



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.

Sporting Updates



Students in year 7 from both Maghull High School and Birkdale High School enjoyed a morning visiting Liverpool Football Club's training ground on Monday 18 November. Here, students experienced being coached by some of Liverpool Football Club's under-18s team. This provided students with the opportunity to practice their football skills, as well as develop teambuilding skills and ability to listen to coaches.



Students in their year 11 BTEC Sport completed their leadership assessment this week by delivering a ten minute sports session to year 7 and 8 students. The PE department are extremely proud of those students involved as they all demonstrated excellent leadership skills and attributes in their carefully planned sessions. Year 11 practical assessments will take place next week.



There has been a great turn-out each Thursday after-school for Y7 Girls' Football

Scholastic Book Fair

From Monday 25 November—Friday 29 November, the annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Howe Theatre. Last year we raised over £750 and hopefully this year, with your help, we can raise even more and qualify for more free books for the school library.

Our school book fair will be open at break, lunch and after-school all week and there will be a range of competitions to take part in.



Grease

Grease rehearsals continue ahead of next week's performances. On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, students will perform for some of our local primary schools. A reminder that live performances for parents and carers take place on Wednesday and Thursday next week, starting at 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay.



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.



SCAN ME!



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.



Christmas Jumper Day

This year's Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Thursday 12 December. We ask all staff and students to wear a Christmas jumper over uniforms, bringing in a £1 donation towards Save the Children charity. We will also be serving Christmas dinner on this day.



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