



Maghull High News

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4 November—8
November

Hello and welcome to our new, weekly newsletter. Due to the wealth of activities that take place across our school, we have decided to share this on a weekly basis so we can keep you updated on all our successes and latest news more frequently.

This week, we have welcomed students back following their half term break. All students received a reminder of our standards and expectations as part of a rolling assembly programme on Monday. Inside this newsletter shares upcoming events next week including Sixth Form Open Evening and Year 11 Revision Evening. This week we have launched Debate Mate, saw further success on the sports field and enjoyed a live performance of A Christmas Carol. We look forward to sharing all Maghull High news each week.

Sixth Form Open Evening



Maghull High Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 14 November
5:30pm-7:30pm

Come and hear all about our exciting new pathways for 2025!

Please arrive to the Howe Theatre in our main build for 5:30pm for our Headteacher's talk

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We will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 14 November, 5:30pm-7:30pm. We ask that attendees sign in at our main school reception before reporting to the Howe Theatre to hear from our Headteacher, Mr Kay, and Director of Sixth Form, Mr Couttie, as they reveal the exciting new pathways on offer to students from 2025. Following this, there will be an opportunity for students, parents and carers to visit the Sixth Form Centre to explore each subject area and speak with key members of staff. Further information on how to apply to Sixth Form will be shared on this evening.

Year 11 Revision Evening

We would like to invite all year 11 students, parent and carers to our Year 11 Revision Evening on Tuesday 12 November, 6pm-7pm. This evening will provide an opportunity to learn effective revision strategies to support students ahead of their examinations, as well as provide the chance to speak with Heads of core subjects and senior staff. Revision guides will also be available to purchase on the evening.

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.



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

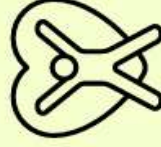


Better Learning	Regular attendance helps children keep up with lessons & understand material.
Steady Progress	Attending school every day means students don't fall behind and can stay on track.
Higher Grades	Being in school regularly gives children more chances to improve their marks.
Increased Participation	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.



Rewards

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher's award winners: Evie Horwood and Harry Matthews (Y7); Caiden M, Millie Weir, George Hickey and Hallie Woodall (Y8); Charlotte Hogan and Liam Morgan (Y9); Luke Evans and Evie Woodall (Y10) ; Max Manville, Taylor Wright and Leo Gilsenan (Y11).



Behaviour Curriculum

This week's behaviour curriculum focused on standards and expectations in line with The Maghull High Way. This served as a reminder for all students following their half term break and supported in reiterating rules and expectations across the school. Staff and students revisited the importance of having a school uniform. All resources have been emailed out to all parents and carers so our message can be reiterated at home.

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Uniform Policy

* for our full policy please see www.maghullhigh.com

- Students are to wear the correct uniform at all times with shirt/blouse tucked in.
- Ties to display at least 4 stripes and with top buttons fastened. Clip on ties are recommended.
- All students to wear in years 7, 8 and 9 wear a blazer.
- Blazers should be worn at all times around school and can be taken off in lessons at the teacher's discretion.
- Blazers are not to be kept in bags, coats are not to be used in place of a blazer.
- All students to wear a jumper in years 10 and 11.
- One outdoor coat is permitted in school and should be removed before entering classrooms and assembly halls.

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Footwear

- All students to wear appropriate school shoes that are flat, ankle high and polishable.
- Trainers and boots are not allowed to be worn during the school day.
- We do not allow any sportswear branded school shoes including Adidas, Hoka, Lonsdale, Nike, New Balance, Asics, On Cloud or Puma.
- Trainers can be worn during PE lessons or if playing sports on the field at lunchtime.
- If worn at lunchtime, students are to ensure they change back into their school shoes before period 4.
- Any student arriving to school wearing trainers will be given a standards log, and issued with school shoes to wear.

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Jewellery

- students are allowed to wear one pair of studded earrings and a wrist watch
- No other jewellery should be worn at any time in school. Items such as bracelets, necklaces and rings will be confiscated.
- Facial and other piercings must be removed for school or covered over during the school day.

Hairstyles

- While the school respects the wishes of parents and students in determining their own hair styles, extreme and unnatural colours should be avoided.
- Long hair should be tied back as requested for health and safety reasons.

Makeup

- Subtle makeup can be worn by students, however, students wearing excessive makeup will be asked to remove it.
- False nails are not allowed. Nails should be natural and free from products



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

Sporting Updates



Congratulations to our Year 7 boys who secured a 2-1 victory of Deyes High School in the Sefton Cup. Man of the Match was awarded to Sonny for his outstanding performance as Centre Back.

Mrs Foley accompanied year 8 and year 9 girls to LCFA where they competed in a football tournament against other Sefton schools. The girls performed well and achieved 4th position overall. The girls have had a fantastic start to the football season and we are excited to watch their progress continue.

Elsewhere, year 7 girls enjoyed their first football training of this half term on Thursday evening.



Our Year 7, 8 and 9 netball teams competed against Merchant Taylor's earlier this week, with a great win for the Y7 B team. Girl of the Game was awarded to:

Y7 A Team—Ruby
Y7 B Team— Grace
Y8— Elsie
Y9— Hallie

Debate Mate Launch

Following on from the success of our school's participation with Debate Mate over recent years, Miss Kirby took our Debate Mate team of students across year 7-9 to LJMU for the 2024 Debate Mate launch. Alice and Harry led the team in presenting in the show debate about school uniform. This experience provided an opportunity to demonstrate to students the conventions of debating. Debate Mate will run every Wednesday starting next week (13 November) in M14.



A Christmas Carol

On Thursday 7 November, year 11 and year 10 students enjoyed a live performance of A Christmas Carol. This was organised by Miss Brady (Head of English) as part of students' GCSE English Literature study. Students watched the performance and were able to engage in a live Q&A session following this.



Student Spotlight



Two of our students travelled to Rhodes to the WKU World Kickboxing Championships representing England. Molly (Y7) made it to the quarter finals and Mason (Y10) achieved bronze medals in all 3 categories. This is a fantastic achievement for both students and we are really proud of their success.



Whilst in the midst of studying for his GCSE examinations, Callum Slater (Y11) has been raising money for charity through his musical talent and initiative. Callum, a talented ukulele musician and part of the successful act The Strummer Boys, organised his own show which he promoted, in order to raise funds towards guide dogs for the blind. Callum also had an Elvis impersonator join him as part of the show which was hugely successful, raising lots of money for a charitable cause.

Well done to Mollie. H (9SF) who has recently signed for Crewe Alexandra. Mollie plays football to a high standard and trains regularly. We look forward to seeing you progress throughout the season

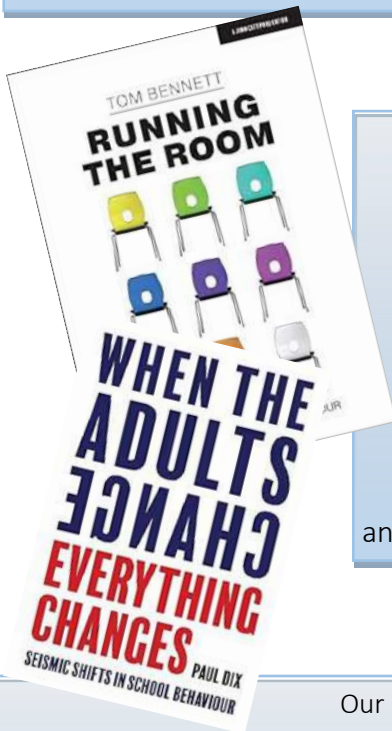


Staffing Updates

Congratulations to Mrs Brogden and Mrs Eborall who have both recently given birth. Mrs Brogden welcomed baby Reeve Brogden in August, whilst Mrs Eborall welcomed Nico Eborall during half term. Both members of staff are doing well and are enjoying the early days of motherhood.



At the end of half term, our long-standing Assistant SENDCO, Mrs Bailey, retired from Maghull High School. Having worked in our school for over 20 years, Mrs Bailey has worked phenomenally hard in supporting the leadership of our Inclusion department. Mrs Bailey has helped many students and their families over the years overcome learning difficulties and the challenges they face. Mrs Bailey will return to support the Inclusion team on a part-time basis over the coming weeks to ensure all students continue to receive high quality education and support.

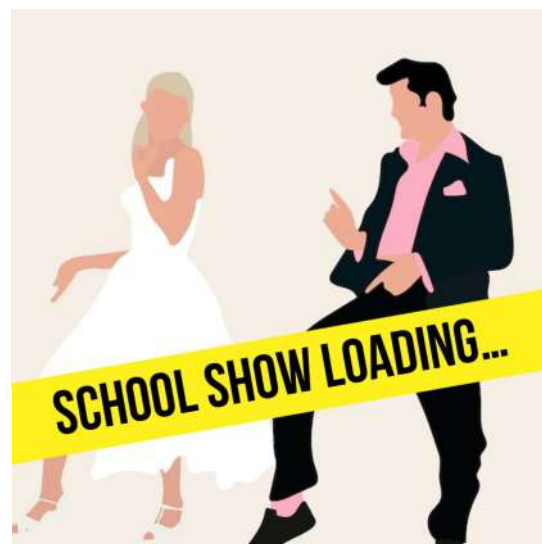


On Wednesday 6 November, all staff attended professional development training led by Assistant Headteacher responsible for Teaching and Learning, Miss Murphy, and our newly appointed Teaching and Learning Leads, Miss Gregory, Miss Bell and Miss Shannon. Staff have currently been focusing development around behaviour for learning within the classroom, which lends itself well in line with the launch of our new behaviour and attitudes policy. Using evidence-based research and reading from Tom Bennett's 'Running the Room' and Paul Dix 'When the Adults Change Everything Changes', staff explored how to embed high expectations and consistent routines to help motivate students. We considered the use of positive framing and reflection for students within lessons in order to build and maintain relationships.

Our Digital Development Leader, Mrs Burns, provided training for all staff around the use of digital resources and access to online platforms. The aim of the Digital Streamlining CPD for staff was to build up confidence on our Cloud based online software. This started with an overview of basics, leading to a step-by-step model of how we use Teams to encourage and empower our own processes in school, whilst also supporting our students with a consistent approach. One focus is for our Homework Hub area to be clear for all staff and students so we can work together in achieving. The CPD allowed for further learning on our Staff Digital Training Hub.

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.



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 Spax 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	



STEM Club



Pupils made their own volcano using bicarbonate of soda, ethanoic acid and red food colouring in this week's STEM club. Miss Venables then demonstrated an experiment known as elephants toothpaste. This involves the breakdown of Hydrogen peroxide. Students had lots of fun with this experiment!

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