



# Maghull High News

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2 December—6  
December

**Hello** and welcome to this week's school newsletter. We've had an exciting week this week, with some very special visitors to school—more information inside. Mock exams for year 11 students began this week and will continue through to the end of term. Mock exams begin on Monday for year 13 students, with year 10 students sitting English Literature mock exams on 9th and 16th December. As part of the Maghull High Pledge, our year 8 students enjoyed an afternoon of wellbeing activities, and we celebrated student successes during our annual Presentation Evening on Thursday.

## A Visit From Hollywood!

On Tuesday, we fortunate enough to be joined by Hollywood royalty, Grant Armstrong. A former student of Maghull High School and our partner primary school, Aintree Davenhill, Grant now resides in Los Angeles as an acclaimed art director whose work includes Spider Man, The Batman and Les Misérables. Grant Armstrong held an audience with over 150 students, including our Sixth Form, to share his awe-inspiring career journey. Following his motivational presentation, students took part in a Q&A session with their many questions for Grant—including, who was the most famous person in his phonebook! We are so grateful to Grant for giving up his time to meet and inspire our students.



## West End Workshop

Our Performing Arts students were excited to take part in a workshop led by West End superstar, Kelly Sweeney. Originally from Bootle, Kelly is a musical theatre performer who is currently touring with the stage production Heathers. Kelly has a Masters degree in musical theatre from the Royal Academy of Music in London and her other professional credits include Six and Hair. Kelly worked with our students on a range of musical theatre performance skills and shared her own path into the performing arts industry.



## 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](mailto: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 School is ensuring we are a Nut Free School.

## Presentation Evening



On Thursday 5 December, we hosted our annual Presentation Evening. This is an opportunity to celebrate the success of our students and their contribution to Maghull High School. We were delighted to be joined by former student, Ryan Ledson, who handed our prizes to all of our deserving winners. Ryan was signed by Everton Football Club whilst attending Maghull High School and has gone on to have an outstanding footballing career. Ryan currently plays for the first team at Preston North End. Awards presented included subject prizes, sports awards and special prizes. Our Performing Arts students also gave us a musical performance.





# The Maghull High Pledge: Year 8 Wellbeing Afternoon

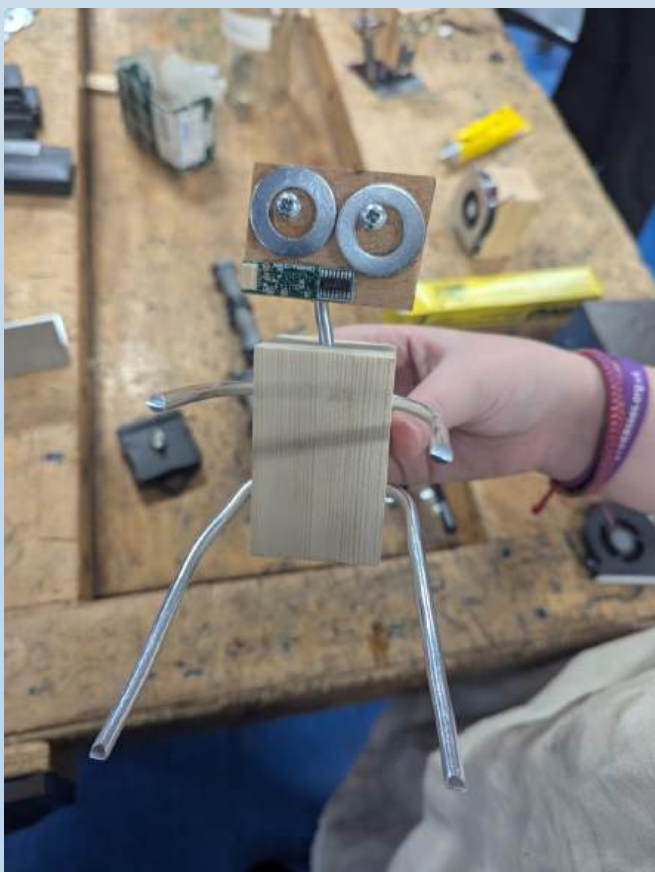
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>ASPIRE</b> Look about the wider world	Liverpool Cathedral & Philharmonic Orchestra	Liverpool Theatre / Musical	Liverpool Museums & Art Gallery	Shakespeare Performance	Manchester Museum and University
<b>ACHIEVE</b> Contribute to your community and the wider world	Formby Beach	Growing Plants & Writing Letters	Charity Fundraising	Animal Care	First Aid Course
<b>ENJOY</b> Have fun and make amazing memories	Cheshire Zoo	Adventurous Activities	Trampoline Park	Student Choice Trip	Prom
<b>WELLBEING</b> Look after yourself and your team	Carousel of wellbeing activities with your year-group, one afternoon a year.				



This is pre-costed, and can be paid for in small installments, to ensure less surprise expensive trips.

The  
Maghull  
High  
Pledge

Following the introduction of the Maghull High Pledge this year, and following the success of our year 7 wellbeing afternoon, this week was the turn of year 8 students to enjoy an afternoon of some fun, relaxing and exciting activities. Students took part in activities including acrobatics, Just Dance, board games, making friendship bracelets, playing dodgeball and making some Christmas crafts.



# Kooth



KOOTH coming into school on Tuesday to talk to all students about their service. Information given on the day will include how students can manage any worries or anxiety, get help with exam stress and other supportive ways to help manage their mental health and wellbeing.

## Year 11 SEND Coffee Morning



Mrs Corrigan and the Inclusion department were delighted to be joined by Allison from Together Trust for our first coffee morning for parents and guardians of students in year 11 with SEND. The session covered Maghull High School's SEND offer, how we support students both academically and emotionally, supporting children with exam stress and anxiety, and how to support neurodiverse children with revision for exams. Keep an eye out for future dates for parents/carers of students across years 7-10.

## School Uniform and Standards.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of our uniform and standards expectations. We understand that we are entering into the last month of the year, and the final few weeks of what has been a long term. However, keeping our standards raised is imperative. We want to ensure students are able to get the basics right and set them up for a successful day in school, in-line with the Maghull High Way.

ALL students must arrive to school wearing correct, full uniform in line with our behaviour policy. One coat, in addition to blazers and/or jumpers is permitted to be worn around school. Trainers of any kind are not permitted in school, except at lunchtime if students wish to participate in activities on the field, or as a result of medical evidence. All students are expected to have a bag with them every day, and a fully stocked pencil case. Pencil cases can be purchased via Student Reception if needed. Jewellery is not permitted in school except for one pair of studded earrings. Mobile phones, ear-pods and fizzy drinks are not permitted at any time on our school site. Any items not permitted will be confiscated and returned to students at the end of the school day. Where a student is not wearing the correct uniform, fails to carry equipment or a school bag, they will receive a 'Standards and Expectations Log' on Arbor. Students can also be logged for 'Standards and Expectations' if they fail to hand in homework on time, are late to lessons, or are in possession of items not permitted in school. Such logs can equate to an after-school detention should they accumulate three or more.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support so far this year.

**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



Well done to our year 7 and 8 girls who won both their football Sefton Leagues games this week against Deyes High School and Hillside High School. Goals came from Molly, Violet, Iris, Emily and Sophie. We are so proud of how well these girls are doing!

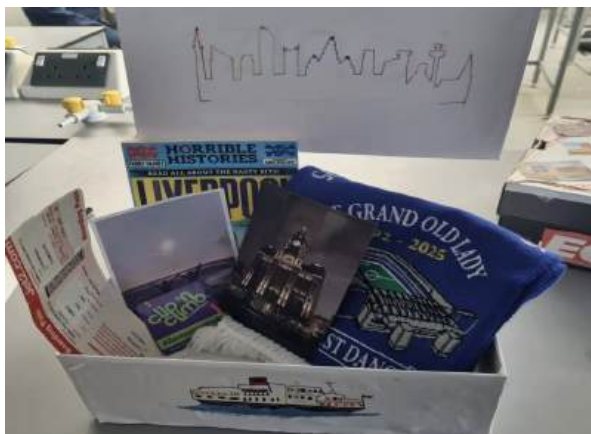
Congratulations to our year 11 boys who won 6-2 against fellow Trust school, Stanley High School earlier this week.

## Year 7 Aspire Programme

The Year 7 Aspire cohort had a lunch time TedX talk from Miss Robinson about finding your own passion and interest, and 'owning your weird!' They looked at examples of people who have made their unusual hobby their career, like Insect Enthusiast Adrian Kozakiewicz and Indoor Skydiver Máté Feith.

## Geography: Liverpool in a Box

Students in year 7 are currently working on a project called 'Liverpool in a Box'. This is part of a year-wide competition with the top three winning entries being chosen by our Headteacher. Some examples of pupil boxes are below:



## STEM Club: UniLever Competition



The Unilever Bright Future Inspire Programme aims to get students engaged with STEM subjects by introducing them to the sorts of activities that take place on site at a global organisation's Research and Development site. A team of 5 students from Y8 attended a day of workshops at Prenton Park each hosted by Unilever Port Sunlight employees from the following on-site functions:

- ◆ Formulation
  - Packaging
  - Processing
  - Digital
  - Customer Technical Insights

The workshops introduce students to the work done within each of the functions, as well as highlighting the different types of roles and entry routes available within a global organisation such as Unilever.

Following the workshops, teams are set a real-world product design challenge, which they work on for several months, in school and with the support of their teacher, before returning in March, along with all the other school teams, to take part in the Inspire Celebration and Assessment Day.

# Year 13 Mock Exam Timetable

## Week beginning: Monday 9 December

MORNING						AFTERNOON				
STAR T	DURATION	BOARD	BAND	PAPER – SUBJECT (UNIT)	DAY / DATE	START	DURA- TION	BOARD	BAND	PAPER – SUBJECT (UNIT)
09:00 09:00	120 120	AQA PEAR- SON	Y13 Y13	BIOLOGY P1 BUSINESS	MONDAY 9 DECEMBER	13:20	120	PEARSON	YEAR	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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09:00 09:00	150 120	AQA OCR	Y13	HISTORY P1 RELIGIOUS STUDIES P1	WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER	13:20	120	AQA	YEAR 13	PSYCHOLOGY P1
09:00	120	AQA	Y13	MATHS P2	THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER	13:20	120	PEARSON	Y13	POLITICS
09:00	180	EDUQAS	Y13	ART	FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER	13:20	120	AQA	Y13	BIOLOGY P2

# Year 13 Mock Exam Timetable

## Week beginning: Monday 16 December

MORNING						AFTERNOON				
STAR T	DURATION	BOARD	BAND	PAPER – SUBJECT (UNIT)	DAY / DATE	STAR T	DURA- TION	BOARD	BAND	PAPER – SUBJECT (UNIT)
09:00	150	AQA	Y13	ENGLISH LITERATURE P2	MONDAY 16 DECEMBER	09:00	120	AQA	Y13	PSYCHOLOGY P2
09:00 09:00	150 120	AQA OCR	Y13	HISTORY P2 RELIGIOUS STUDIES P2	TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER	NO EXAMS				
09:00	60	AQA	Y13	BIOLOGY P3	WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER	NO EXAMS				
NO EXAMS					THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER	NO EXAMS				
NO EXAMS					FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER	NO EXAMS				



## 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](mailto: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.



**The**  
**SCIENCE**  
**Department**

**FATHER CHRISTMAS' SLEIGH**

Design a new sleigh for Father Christmas and explain your design using science.

- Will your sleigh be faster? Why?
- More comfortable? Why?
- Environmentally friendly? Why?

**Prizes and certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd**

If you need any paper or other resources, just ask your science teacher.

Submission Deadline:  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Hand entries to your science teacher or email to Miss Venables at [venablest@maghullhigh.com](mailto:venablest@maghullhigh.com)

## Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 12 December is year 10 parents evening. Please ensure you have booked your online appointments by Wednesday evening. <https://maghull.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Maghull High School Extra Curricular Timetable - Autumn Term 2024

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b>	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
<b>Break</b>		Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	
<b>Lunch</b>	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
<b>After School</b>	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, 2 December-Friday, 20 December:** Mock examinations for GCSE and A Level students

**Thursday, 12 December:** Year 10 Parents Evening/Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner Day

**Friday, 20 December:** End of term