



Maghull High News

Aspire Achieve Enjoy

25 November—29
November

Hello and welcome to this week's school newsletter. This week saw the long awaited showcase of our school production, Grease. Our write up for this is below. We cannot believe that we are almost into December! The year has gone so fast and there's still a lot to do. Mock exams for year 11 start next week and their timetable has been included in this newsletter. Please note, year 10 will sit their GCSE English Literature mocks on the afternoon of Monday 9 December and Monday 16 December. Mock exams for year 13 start week beginning 9 December. Next week, we will host our annual Presentation Evening. A reminder that next Friday, 6 December, is staff inset meaning students will not be required to attend school. Advanced notice that Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Thursday 12 December.

Grease Is The Word!



After months of preparation and rehearsals, our students took to the stage this week for our school performance of Grease. Not only did students perform across two evenings at two sold out shows, they also performed two matinee performances for local primary schools. Our students once again proved just how talented they really are with a performance that incorporated acting, singing and dancing. We even managed to acquire the Greased Lightning car!



The audience were left in awe of our students on both evenings—we didn't want it to end. A big thank you to Mr Dutch, Mrs Middleman, Miss Payet, Mrs Forster, Mrs Smith and Mr Hoyte for working tirelessly to bring this production to life.



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 School is ensuring we are a Nut Free School.

Rewards

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher's award winners: Harrison B, Harriet McG, April Mc, Daniel J-K, Sophie G, Lilly-May R and Jack W.



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	Achieve	Enjoy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend every day and every lesson on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be ready to learn and listen to all instructions – First time every time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Treat all members of the school community with kindness, dignity and respect 
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear full school uniform worn smartly and with pride 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay engaged and always try your best 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Move in a calm and orderly manner taking responsibility for the school environment 
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be fully equipped every day for all lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Take pride in your work and achievements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Embrace all opportunities that are offered throughout the school

Knife Crime Event

Young people from across Merseyside were invited to help tackle knife crime at an event organised by Merseyside Police Safer School's Coordinator, Faye Smith and took place at Goodison Park on Monday 25th November supported by Everton In The Community and LFC Foundation. The tournament forms part of the Police force's dedicated approach to tackle serious violence and knife crime through education, prevention and engagement.

Young people aged 11-13 were invited from a number of schools across the Liverpool City Region participated in a football tournament and sessions regarding the consequences of carrying a knife or being involved in others who make that choice.



Young Carers

Students who are identified as young carers attended the first group session this afternoon. Students have been able to share their experiences with each other and feel connected. We are looking forward to the next one already.

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

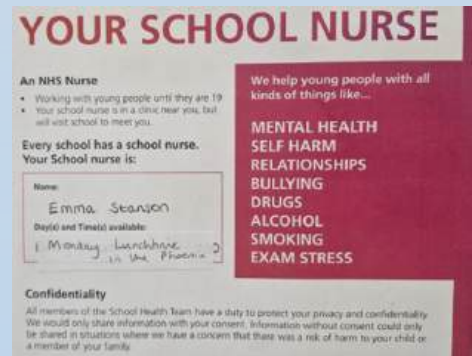
Some children give a lot of physical help to a person who is disabled or ill. They may also be giving emotional support.



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.

Sporting Updates



Well done to our year 10 boys who were 1-0 winners in the Merseyside Cup against an organised Ormiston team. Man of the Match was awarded to Ian W. We look forward to watching their progress in future games.

We had further success in the Merseyside Cup this week when our year 7 team won 5-2 against a strong West Derby school. Well done to goal scorers Isaac R (3) and Oliver H (1) and Alex C (1)



Last Friday, some of our year 7 students took part in a skills festival held at Chesterfield High School. Students demonstrated great ability and teamwork skills throughout the afternoon. It was great to see their enthusiasm and enjoyment in taking part.



Well done to year boys who played a brilliant game of rugby against Hillside High School. There were many smiling faces and some fantastic performances on display. Special mention to Lee D-M for a Man of the Match performance.

Spotlight Academy: Dance



Students in our Dance Spotlight Academy have been working extremely hard over the last few weeks with Mrs Forster, training every Wednesday after school in preparation for their performance in our school show, Grease.

In addition to our Spotlight Academy, year 11 dancers worked with a professional choreographer, Jack Byrne on Friday morning. Students produced two beautiful pieces, videos of which can be found via our social media platforms.



Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable
Week beginning: Monday 2 December

MORNING					AFTERNOON					
STAR T	DURATION	BOARD	BAND	PAPER – SUBJECT (UNIT)	DAY / DATE	START	DURATION	BOARD	BAND	PAPER – SUBJECT (UNIT)
09:00	180	EDUQAS	Y11	ART	MONDAY 2 DECEMBER	13:20 13:20	60 105	EDUQAS PEARSON	Y11	ENGINEERING RELIGIOUS STUDIES
09:00	180	EDUQAS	Y11	ART	TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER	09:00 09:00	75 105	AQA AQA	Y11	COMBINED SCIENCE BIOLOGY P1 SINGLE SCIENCE BIOLOGY P1
09:00	105	AQA	Y11	ENGLISH LANGUAGE P1	WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER	13:20	90	AQA	Y11	MATHS NON-CALCULATOR P1
13:20 13:20	75 105	AQA AQA	Y11	COMBINED SCIENCE CHEMISTRY P1 SINGLE SCIENCE CHEMISTRY P1	THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER	13:20	105	EDUQAS	Y11	GEOGRAPHY P1
NO EXAMS					FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER	NO EXAMS				

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

Week beginning: Monday 9 December

MORNING						AFTERNOON				
START	DURATION	BOARD	BAND	PAPER – SUBJECT (UNIT)	DAY / DATE	START	DURATION	BOARD	BAND	PAPER – SUBJECT (UNIT)
09:00	105	AQA	Y11	ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 1	MONDAY 9 DECEMBER	13:20 13:20	90 60	AQA PEARSON	Y10 Y11	ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 1 SPORT
09:00	90	AQA	Y11	MATHS CALCULATOR P2	TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER	13:20 13:20	90 90	PEARSON OCR	A	HISTORY P1 COMPUTER SCIENCE P1
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09:00	90	AQA	Y11	ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2	THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER	13:20	90	EDUQAS	B	GEOGRAPHY P2
09:00 09:00	60 75	AQA AQA	Y11	COMBINED SCIENCE BIOLOGY P2 SINGLE SCIENCE BIOLOGY P2	FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER	13:20	110	PEARSON	C	HISTORY P2

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

Week beginning: Monday 16 December

MORNING					AFTERNOON					
STAR T	DURA- TION	BOARD	BAND	PAPER – SUBJECT (UNIT)	DAY / DATE	START	DURATION	BOARD	BAND	PAPER – SUBJECT (UNIT)
09:00	105	AQA	Y11	ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 2	MONDAY 16 DECEMBER	13:20	90	AQA	Y11	ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 2
09:00 09:00	45 75	AQA AQA	Y11	COMBINED SCIENCE CHEMISTRY P2 SINGLE SCIENCE CHEMISTRY P2	TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER	09:00	90	AQA	Y11	MATHS CALCULATOR P3
09:00	70 105 90 90 75	OCR EDUQAS EDUQAS EDUQAS AQA	Y11	COMPUTER SCIENCE P2 MUSIC DRAMA CATERING DANCE	WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER	13:20	60	AQA	Y11	SPANISH WRITING
09:00 09:00	50 60	AQA AQA	Y11	COMBINED SCIENCE PHYSICS P2 SINGLE SCIENCE PHYSICS P2	THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER	13:20	90	EDUQAS	Y11	GEOGRAPHY P3
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**



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.



Presentation Evening

We will be holding our annual Presentation Evening on Thursday 5 December. All prize winners have been sent invitations for themselves and their families to attend. We have a special guest to help present each award, as well as some musical interludes throughout the evening. We look forward to celebrate our students' successes throughout the year.

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, 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