

UPTON VOICE

SPRING TERM 2026



Two School Productions

MACBETH

&

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MATILDA

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Competitions

CLIMBING

DEBATE

OLYMPIAD

CHARITY WEEK

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Engage

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Trips + visits

There has been lots including Cambridge University, Storyhouse pantomime and Chester University.

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This term the drama department successfully produced: Matilda and Macbeth. The learners had an amazing time showcasing all their hard work!

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School + Community

As a school, this term everyone worked together to achieve goals, awards and charity week success.

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Sports

Many sporting opportunities such as the climbing competition took part this term with lots of achievements gained.





Editors' NOTE

As the Spring Term comes to an end at Upton-By-Chester High School, we reflect on many exciting experiences, opportunities and accomplishments. From the productions of *Matilda* and *Macbeth*, to the crazy Charity Week costumes and all the terrific trips, we are excited to share what the Upton Voice team have created for you and showcase all the exceptional hard work and detail gone into our 11th issue.

This year our Sixth Form Charity Week raised £3668 for our chosen charities. These charities included Maggie's Cancer Charity, Let's Farm and SPACE Chester. We raised this astonishing amount by organising and participating in the activities: Teachers Vs Sixth form football and netball match, Soak the teacher, Bakesales and many more. We as a school are overjoyed with the outcome of this event and thankful for all donations made. Our school productions *Matilda* and *Macbeth* opened their curtains to amazing audiences every night, presenting the young talent the performers had to offer.

A highlight for us this term was having the opportunity to be a part of the lead editorial team for the first time and experiencing leading Issue 11. We also enjoyed the charity week by raising money, working as a team, dressing up and of course soaking the teachers! We hope you enjoy this edition!

*Lily and Lily
& The Editorial Team*

WRITER'S WORK SHOP

BY EVIE

Wednesday
3:15
Mobile 7
Miss
Blumenthal



Writer's Workshop has students from Year 7 to Year 11 who are aspiring writers. They have been discussing the genres of sci fi, fantasy, horror, and adventure and have been working on their storytelling skills. They have also been discussing the new 'young writers competitions' which is 'Stranger Sagas, volume 2,' and they will be working on their own entries. They have also been working on their entries for the World Book Day competition that the school is running.

"It allows you to fully express your creativity!"
Pearl Y7



HOCKEY CLUB

BY LUCY

Wednesday
Every week
Miss Hunter
MUGA
3:15-4:30



Hockey club, led by Miss Hunter every Wednesday, is becoming part of school sport at Upton after being introduced into the PE curriculum earlier this year. With running weekly sessions, students are given the chance to develop their skills, build confidence and make friends. The club welcomes players of all abilities - whether you're completely new to hockey or looking to improve your skills. We're hoping to continue growing hockey at Upton and this is the perfect time to get involved and try something new.

“Hockey is a fun way to test your athletic skills and make new friends!”



“Joining hockey club is a good way to meet new people from different year groups and to be introduced to a new competitive sport that tests your resilience.” - Miss Hunter



ECO SCHOOLS ACTION GROUP

BY OLEK

Friday
Week 2
Miss Liggett
C1
Plan A



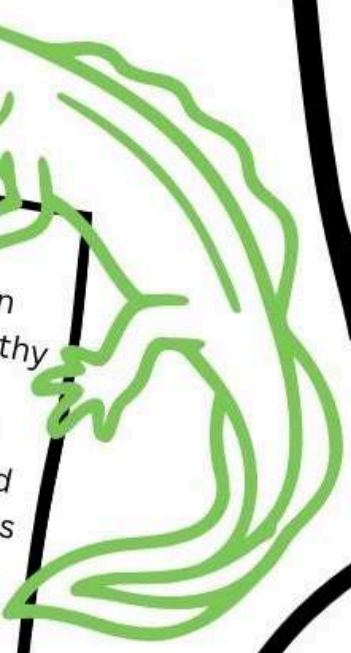
10 members of Eco-Schools have been awarded a Level 2 Environmental Leadership qualification. They celebrated with a private tour of Chester Zoo, and an escape room!





Help Eco-Schools!
Donate bottle caps in the
lower and upper school
canteens in special donation
boxes.
We need all sorts of colours
for our upcoming art piece!
Together, we can reduce
bottle cap littering.

Last year our focus was on
biodiversity, energy and healthy
living.
For biodiversity, pollinator
planters, hedgehog homes and
watery walkways for amphibians
were installed.
For energy, the group calculated
and compared our carbon
footprint to the one from the year
before, finding it decreased!



**IN ECO SCHOOLS WE MOVE
IN THE DIRECTION OF A
BETTER WORLD**



DEBATE CLUB

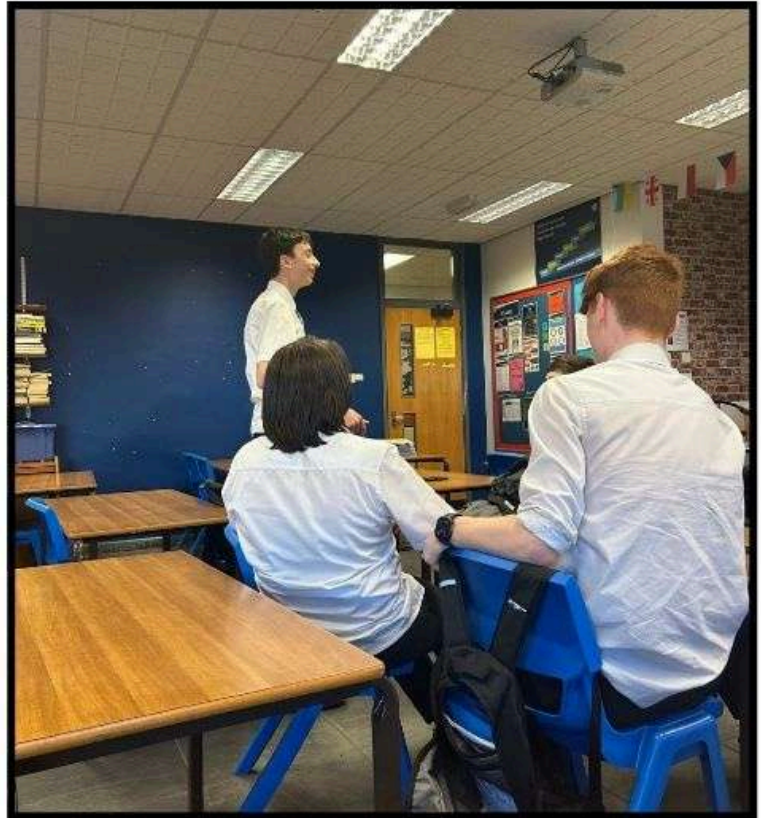
BY FRANKIE



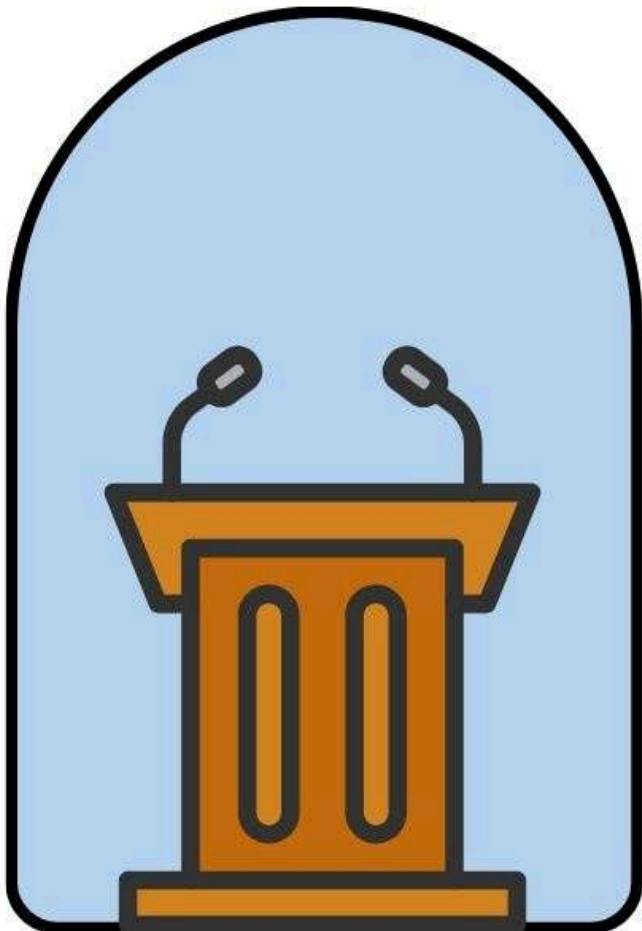
Debate club is an excellent opportunity to build new friendships! It allows you to get involved with up to date conversations.

If you are interested in politics, attending this club would be a fantastic chance to socialise with those also interested. Welcome for all years!.

“SAM’S THE NAME. DEBATE’S THE GAME!”



“SUPER FUN AND EXCITING! GREAT WAY TO SOCIALISE. BISH BASH BOSH!”



ARMY YOUTH CLUB

BY ISLA +
FINN

Tuesday
Plan A
12:10
Dance
Studio



R.B-"WE GET GOOD
EXPERIENCES LIKE WHEN WE
WENT TO CHESTER UNI"

J.C -"I FEEL
PROUD OF MY DAD'S JOB."

C.C-" ITS HARD TO
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
WHEN IM MOVING
SCHOOLS BUT ARMY
YOUTH HAS HELPED ME
A LOT!"



APRIL IS THE MONTH
OF THE ARMY CHILD.



DANCE

BY PAIGE



"Dance club lets me express myself and make some awesome friends!"

Dance club is a great place to explore opportunities.



FARM CLUB

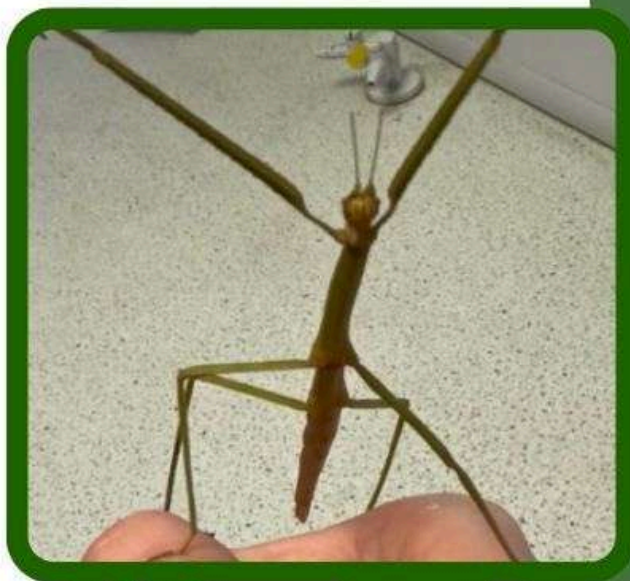
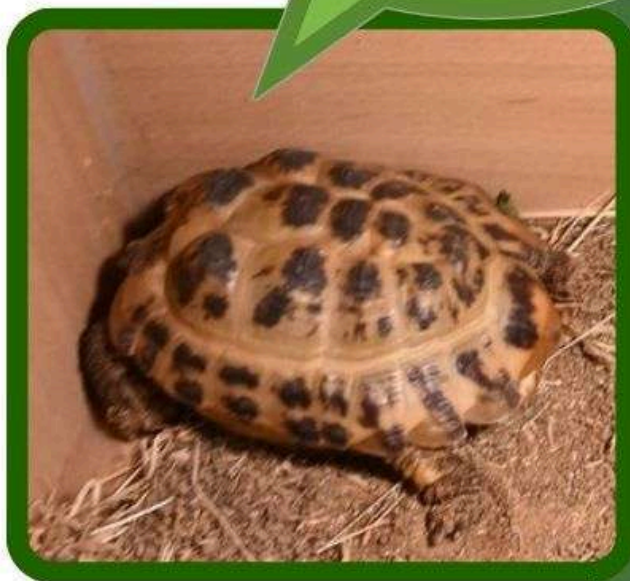
BY PAIGE

FARM CLUB IS OPEN EVERY WEEK FOR EVERY YEAR

Friday
Miss
Costello &
Mr Nelham
L12 & Farm
3.10-4.10



"Farm club is the perfect place to learn how to care for animals!"





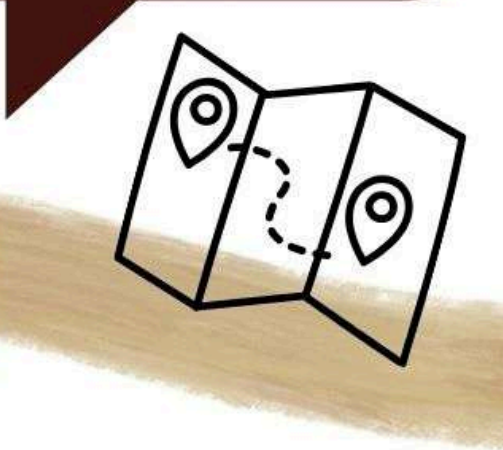
BRONZE DOFE

Wednesday
3:15
E17
Y-Side
Thursday
A24
X-side

Learners can attend DofE club if they have any queries about their DofE course, or they can just focus on filling in their DofE app entries.

"DofE club is a great way for me to catch up with my DofE app and talk to Miss Larkin about my progress"
- Dylan

"It's really helpful to have support available from Mr Whelan when I have questions about my DofE"
- Niamh



PARTICIPANTS PREPARING

The year 10 learners who are involved in Bronze DofE have been busy preparing for their award by doing their volunteering, physical and skills work. They have been spending lots of time outside school recording these and uploading them each week.



"Doing my volunteering for DofE has been great and has allowed me to develop better leadership and communication skills"

"Doing gym work for the physical section in DofE has really helped me improve my overall general health, but also my ability to plan a workout and commit time."



On Thursday the 5th and Friday the 6th of February Bronze DofE learners spent a day doing various workshops in preparation with Get Outside the Classroom. The workshops included First Aid, kit selection, packing a rucksack, pitching tents, food, stove use and basic navigation.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

GOLD



The Gold DofE students from year 12 started off their expedition at Loggerheads braving the rain and wind. They practised their map reading skills and learnt how to use a compass and trekked their way through fields and forests. They made their way to the half way point at Moel Famau to stop for some quick lunch and a look around. Then they started their route again navigating within their groups and learning going over some safety aspects and what to do in specific situations in preparation for their practice walk in May.

"I feel like I connected with nature and learned more skills to help with my qualifying expedition"
Olympia



VOLUNTEERING



PHYSICAL



SKILLS



VOLUNTEERING



For Duke of Edinburgh the Year 12's have to do work towards a physical, volunteering and a skill of their choice. They have to do one for 18 months one for 12 month and 6 months . Francesca from year 12 has been doing dance as her physical activity.

PHYSICAL



SKILLS



"I really enjoy doing dance as my physical as it is a great form of exercise and I do it with all my friends".

Francesca



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TRIP

On the 6th of February, a group of Year 12 learners attended a day trip to the University of Cambridge. Organised by the King's School for schools in Chester, the trip's focus was on the University's Fitzwilliam College (one of 31 colleges which make up the university) and how to make an impressive application to any highly competitive university or course.

After an early morning and a three hour coach drive, the group arrived in Cambridge at 10AM for the first activity of the day: the college tour. The facilities at Fitzwilliam, one of the university's more modern colleges (it became a college in 1966 - Cambridge's oldest college Peterhouse, was founded in 1284) , include its striking gardens, a two-storey gym, and a dining hall.

Following the tour and a lunch break, there was a Q&A with current students, which served as an opportunity for learners to ask questions regarding student life and the courses on offer. Then all of the students were split into groups to discuss "big questions" to practice their critical thinking skills. These skills are among many that elite university interviewers look for in applicants – they listen to the thought processes of the prospective students and how they analyse and evaluate information. Questions debated included "Can AI ever be human?" and "Do prisons work?"

Then, it was time to head home from the action-packed day. "The trip really affirmed my choice to apply to the university," said Jess. "And I'm definitely considering applying to Fitzwilliam College now, too!"

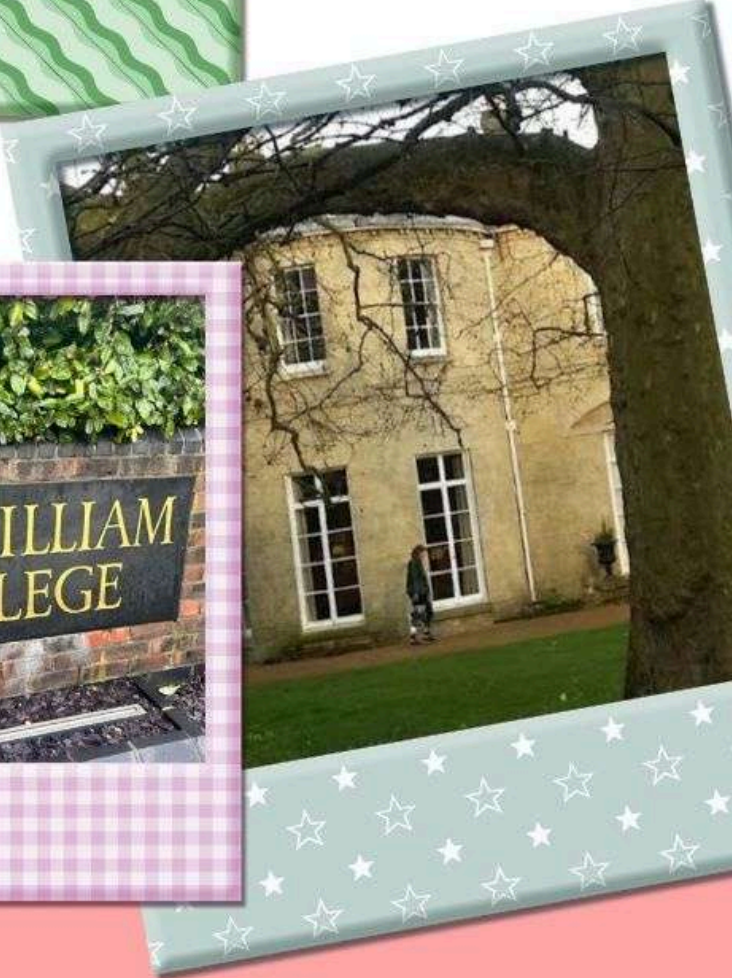
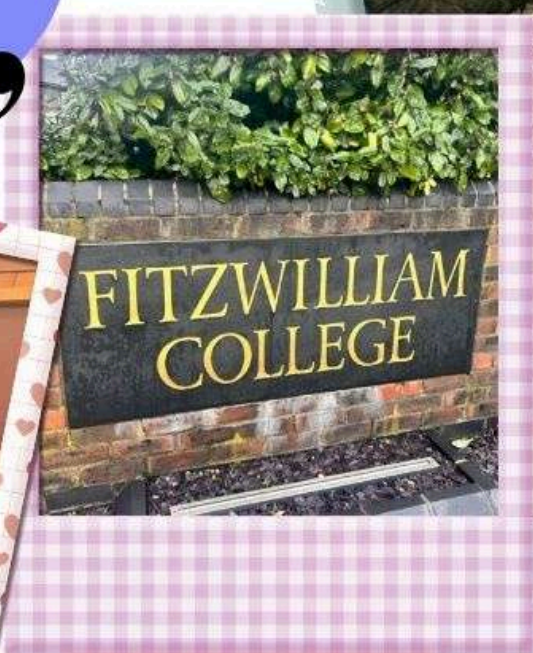




VIEWS FROM CAMBRIDGE



“
The university and the city were so beautiful.
I learnt so much!
-Maria”



Beauty and the Beast



"It was a very good performance, I would definitely watch it again"
- Learner

*"It was so fun!
I loved all the songs they sang."*
- Will



A group of year 10 learners and sixth formers had the opportunity to see a pantomime of Beauty and The Beast at Storyhouse. It was a fun, high energy production including many well loved songs that appealed to a wide audience.



Running from December 5th until January 4th, the production offered a captivating interpretation of the well known fairy tale, with impressive set designs and costumes, upbeat dance numbers and a hilarious script! Immersive and engaging, the learners were given the opportunity to appreciate live theatre while enjoying a timeless story brought to life on stage.



CLIMBING COMPETITION



Experienced Team Scores:

1st Calday Grange 96

2nd Upton By Chester Female 92

3rd Upton By Chester Male 90.5

Experienced Female:

1st Emily A. 140 Upton By Chester

1st Georgina D. 140 Upton By Chester

2nd Hollie S. 135 Wirral Grammar Girls

3rd Olivia T. 104 West Kirby Grammar

Experienced Male:

1st Josha E. 140 Calday Grange

2nd Eathan MG 127 Calday Grange

3rd Jasper R 117 Upton By Chester



As you can see from the results, both of our Upton teams gave a phenomenal performance at the Boulderhut Climbing Competition, especially against the might of Calday Grange! Amazing teamwork and bravery were shown across both teams, with commendable results to prove it. Well done to everyone involved, and hopefully we can get similar results next year!



DEBATE COMPETITION

On 28th January, our speakers and debate team from the Year 12 politics class competed in the “Youth Speaks” competition, run by the Rotary Club, at the Crowne Plaza hotel. Our three speakers performed a debate on the topic of:

“WHETHER THE MONARCHY REMAINS A RELEVANT STRUCTURE IN MODERN BRITISH SOCIETY”

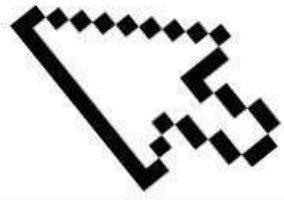
We are very proud to say that our Upton team beat all the other schools such as King’s (on the topic of beauty pageants) and The Hammond (on the topic of the symbolism of flags), to advance to regionals at Wrexham University on 9th March. Here, on a rare occasion, we beat South Cheshire College (the dangers of AI) and Alun school in Mold (dramatising true crime) to become the senior debate champions of Mersyside, Cheshire and North Wales. There is no nationals competition set as of yet, but this is still a fantastic achievement! Well done to speakers Grace, Bella and Maria, as well as the rest of the debate team for all your hard work!

Our debate points

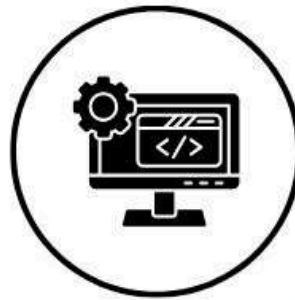


Propp	Opp
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The King still has an important and relevant role in politics, despite the powers of the Prime Minister• The charitable contributions of the Royal Family are crucial for many• The tourist revenue brought in by the Royals are indispensable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The King has an irrelevant role in politics and is unnecessary• The Royal family are elitist and out of touch with the public• As the monarch is unelected, this means that it is undemocratic

COMPUTING QUALITY MARK AWARD



We're delivering great computing education! We've achieved the Computing Quality Mark, from the National Centre for Computing Education, recognising the outstanding provision across our school. We are the only school in Cheshire to receive this!



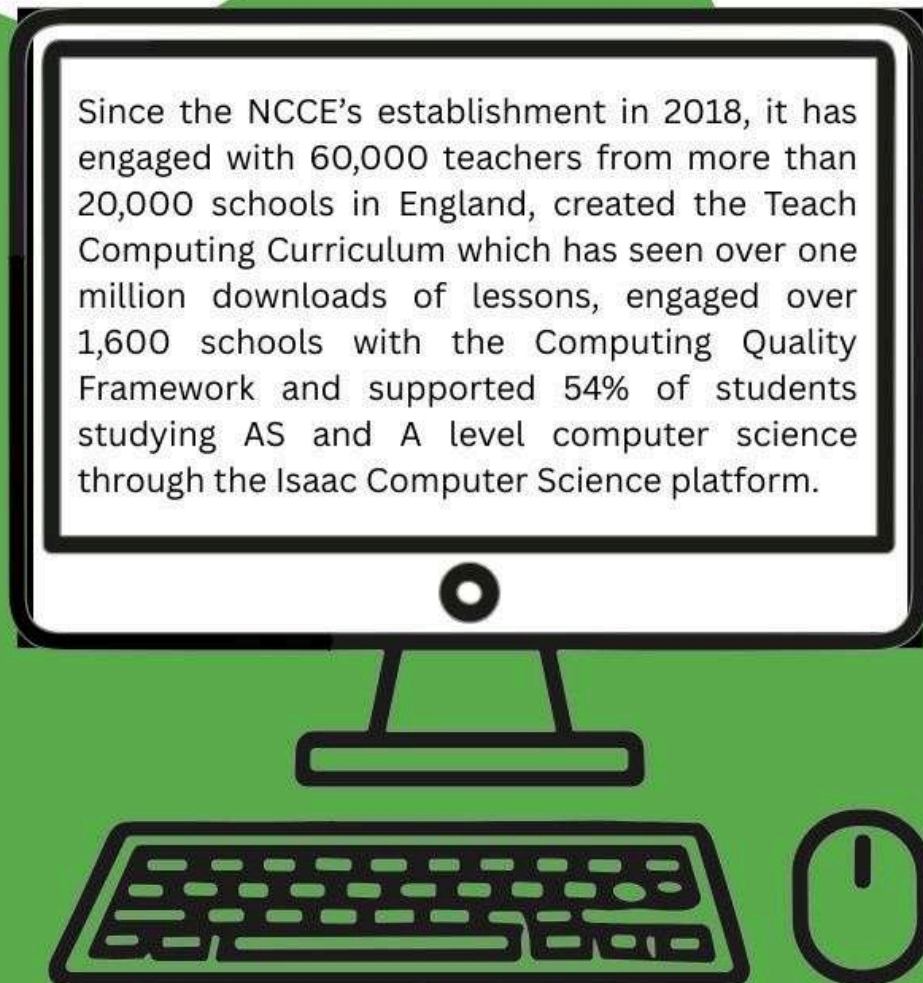
The teachers completed all seven aspects of the CQF in order to receive the Computing Quality Mark, which recognizes achievement in:

- Leadership and vision
- Curriculum
- Teaching, learning and assessment
- Workforce development
- Addressing the needs of each pupil
- Enrichment, destinations and careers
- Impact and outcomes

Since the NCCE's establishment in 2018, it has engaged with 60,000 teachers from more than 20,000 schools in England, created the Teach Computing Curriculum which has seen over one million downloads of lessons, engaged over 1,600 schools with the Computing Quality Framework and supported 54% of students studying AS and A level computer science through the Isaac Computer Science platform.

**"THE COMPUTING QUALITY MARK
RECOGNISES THE QUALITY OF THEIR
PROVISION TO ENSURE ALL
STUDENTS
RECEIVE THE COMPUTING SKILLS
AND KNOWLEDGE"**

Claire Garside, senior lead
facilitator at the NCCE



BENTLEY GIRLS IN ENGINEERING



Three of our learners had an incredible time at the Bentley Girls in Engineering Day in Crewe on Tuesday 3rd March.

From hands-on drilling and precision painting to examining the luxury leather hides used in Bentley's iconic interiors, they got a real taste of what goes into crafting these world-class cars.

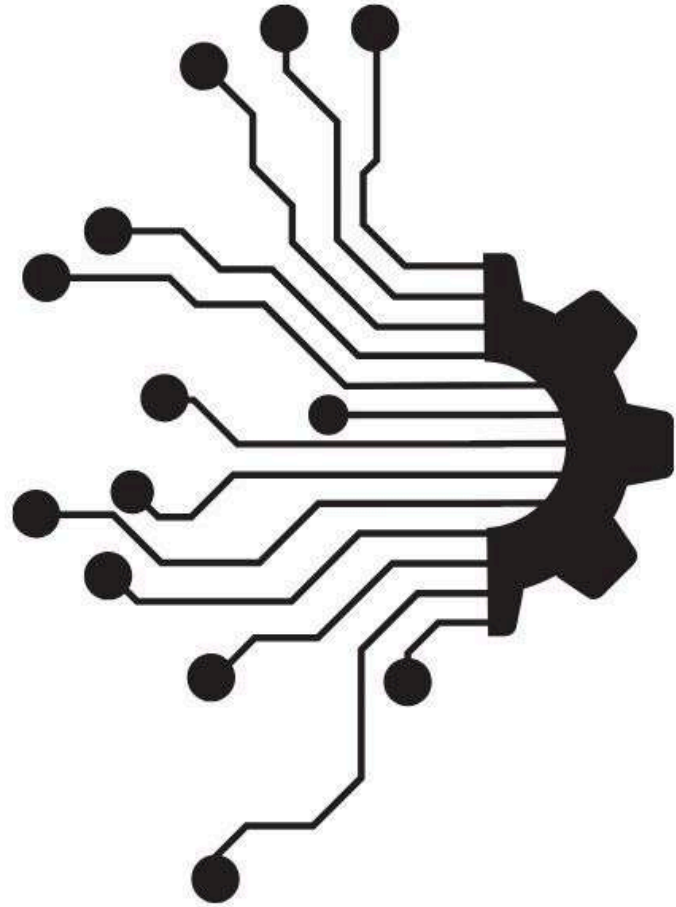
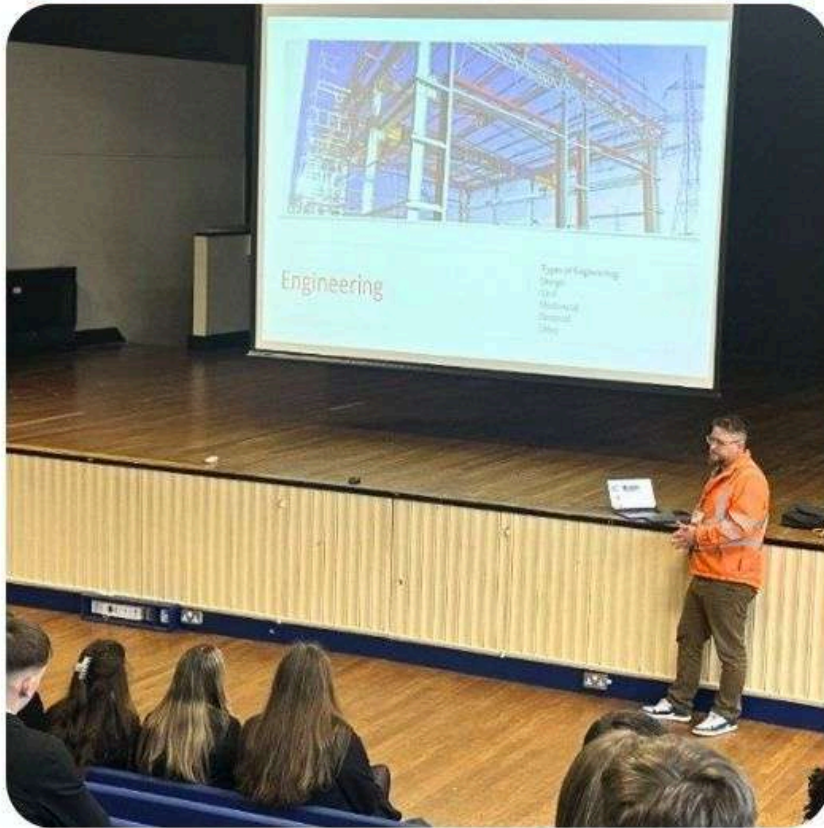
They were amazed to learn that Bentley produces around 10,000 cars a year and even heard about a client who ordered a bespoke car colour to match her favourite lipstick! A truly inspiring and fun day that opened their eyes to the creativity, craftsmanship, and innovation behind automotive engineering.

We were proud of our learners for getting stuck in and representing their school brilliantly!



NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

We launched National Careers Week with an inspiring Assembly talk on Monday for our Year 11s from Matt Cooke, who shared brilliant insights into the world of Engineering.



This morning, learners enjoyed a Breakfast Talk from local entrepreneur Nick Owen, offering a real glimpse into business and innovation.



It's been wonderful to open our learners' eyes to such a wide range of career pathways. And we're not done yet! Throughout the rest of the week, we've got more exciting sessions lined up, including talks on Becoming a Vet, Careers in the Police and Jobs in the Marine Environment.

A huge thank you to all of our speakers who have generously given their time to support and inspire our learners. Your contributions make a real difference!



MACBETH

Our recent 'KS3 and KS4 production of Macbeth has been a success! The cast and crew have worked incredibly hard to make this show possible and for the learners to learn such a complex script was highly acknowledged.

Production



"Stars, hide your fires: Let not light see my black and deep desires."

The show highlighted the talent and dedication of the learners involved. From the beginning scene to the powerful ending, the cast delivered confident and compelling performances that captured the intensity of Shakespeare's tragedy. The raked staging captured the hierarchy of power between characters, physically elevating them to reflect their status and portraying the dominance and imbalance of Macbeth's reign. The clever use of a Gauze allowed the witches to be eerily backlit, creating silhouettes that heightened their supernatural presence and added a sense of unease for the audience. Atmospheric lighting and minimal costume helped to create a dark and dramatic mood throughout. The production not only demonstrated incredible acting abilities, but also appreciated those responsible for the technical elements.



“Playing *Lady Macbeth* has been an absolutely fantastic experience. I feel so incredibly lucky to have been given this opportunity and to have performed with such a talented cast. It was a pleasure working and getting to know everyone and being able to see their talent shine through the amazing words of Shakespeare. I will carry this memory with me forever, it has been so special! -Martha

“What’s done cannot be undone.”

Without the unwavering support of Mr Daltry and Miss Kilgannon, this Shakespearian tragedy couldn’t have been brought to life.



“I loved playing *Macbeth* because I have never played such a complex and interesting character. The experience was incredible as I got to meet incredible people that are truly talented. -Max

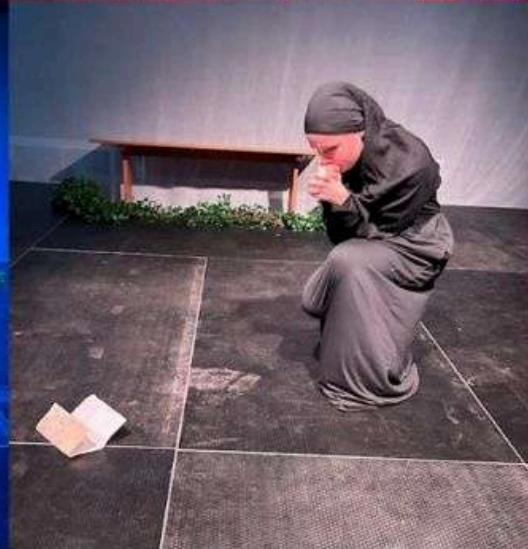


“Look like the innocent flower, but be the serpent under’t”



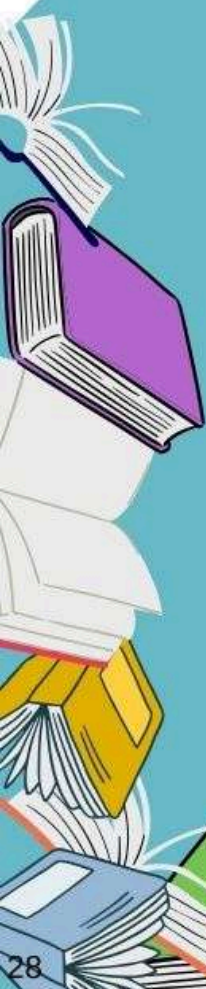
Overall performances from the cast exceeded expectations, especially from Max and Martha, whose dramatic scenes together were particularly gripping and intense, showcasing their guilt and emotional turmoil. Supporting acts were equally as impressive with strong performances throughout. This cast was truly special and the bonds they have made will be carried into future productions.





MATILDA

This year Upton High brought the story of *Matilda* to life on stage from the 9th to the 12th of February. Running for four days straight, *Matilda* is one of Upton's most anticipated performances.

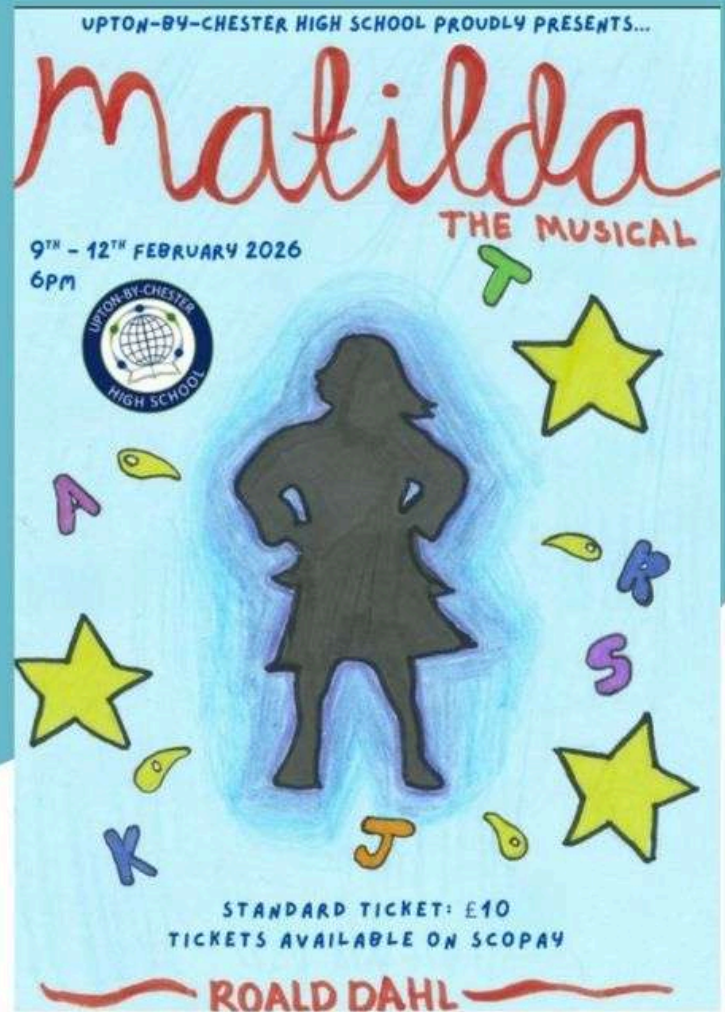


Matilda The Musical follows the troubled yet bright Matilda Wormwood, played by Flora D through the start of her school life, and the extraordinary discovery of her telekinetic powers. The musical opens with the song *Miracle* and it's quickly revealed to us through Matilda's solo that her family don't treat her like they should.

We also follow the heart-wrenching story of the Acrobat and the Escapologist narrated through Matilda's stories to the librarian Mrs Phelps. We learn of the couples biggest wish, to have a child. Later on in the play, it is revealed to us that when the acrobat finally falls pregnant, they are forced to perform a death defying stunt by the evil sister, resulting in the death of the acrobat. Mrs Phelps, played by Evie S gives us a charming and engaging performance standing in stark contrast to the distressing tale of Acrobat and the Escapologist, leaving the audience with a sense of comfort while struggling with the questions of - what happened to the daughter? was the evil aunt brought to justice? what will happen next?



"I have really enjoyed doing the show this year and I am so happy to get this opportunity!"
Flora D Y9 Matilda



A huge amount of talent was showcased during the *school song*, setting the tone for what life is really like for students at school. A well done is in order for stage crew for manning the sets this year which were both impressive in both size and detail, really immersing the audience into the show. Nell H gave an unforgettable performance as Miss Honey, we first meet her character after the *school song* in class and we get to witness the undeniable chemistry between her and Flora D/ Matilda - she is instantly likeable portaying everyone's favourite teacher extremely well.



Mr and Mrs Wormwood , played by Oliver H and Rosie N, graced the stage with an engaging and comedic performance - not to mention Logan G as Rudolpho who was extremely popular with the audience. The dance choreography was spectacular, Miss Downs really outdid herself this year. Oliver H played Mr Wormwood with great conviction and when Matilda mischievously dyed his hair green or glued his hat to his head, Oliver kept the audience laughing with a truly captivating performance. Another notable cast member was Barnaby N playing Bruce ,who hit the revolting children note perfectly, putting the west end cast members to shame.



Miss Trunchbull played by the talented Sam C brought us a captivating performance singing *The Hammer* with such a convincing attitude the audience didn't know whether to laugh, cry or scream. Sam C continues to give an incredible performance , his most notable song of the night being the *Smell Of Rebellion* followed soon after by the cry of 'there's a newt in my nickers'! Played with such charisma the evil miss Trunchbull was not even booed once!

"I have really loved playing Miss Trunchbull as she's such a fun character to play- playing the villain is always fun!"

Sam C Miss Trunchbull

Those of you who have watched Matilda will know that in the end the villainous Miss Trunchbull is defeated by Matilda and her powers, freeing the school from her tyrannical rule and Miss Honey from a life of poverty and fear. Flora D gave a stunning performance with numerous solos, the star everyone was hoping for. A huge congratulations to everyone involved!

Cast List



Matilda
- Flora D



Miss Honey
- Nell H



Miss Trunchbull
- Sam C



Mr and Mrs Wormwood
- Oliver H and Rosie N



Matilda Trailer



AGATHA, this is Magnus
Give my Jenny back her house
then LEAVE!
Or I will get YOU like you got ME
RUN! RUN! RUN!!!



EPQ CERTIFICATES & CELEBRATION

The Year 13 EPQ learners received their certificates for their EPQ essays and celebrated their success. Some of the essays included the interesting topics of Windpower and Maladaptive Day-Dreaming which then achieved high results. Well done to these learners!

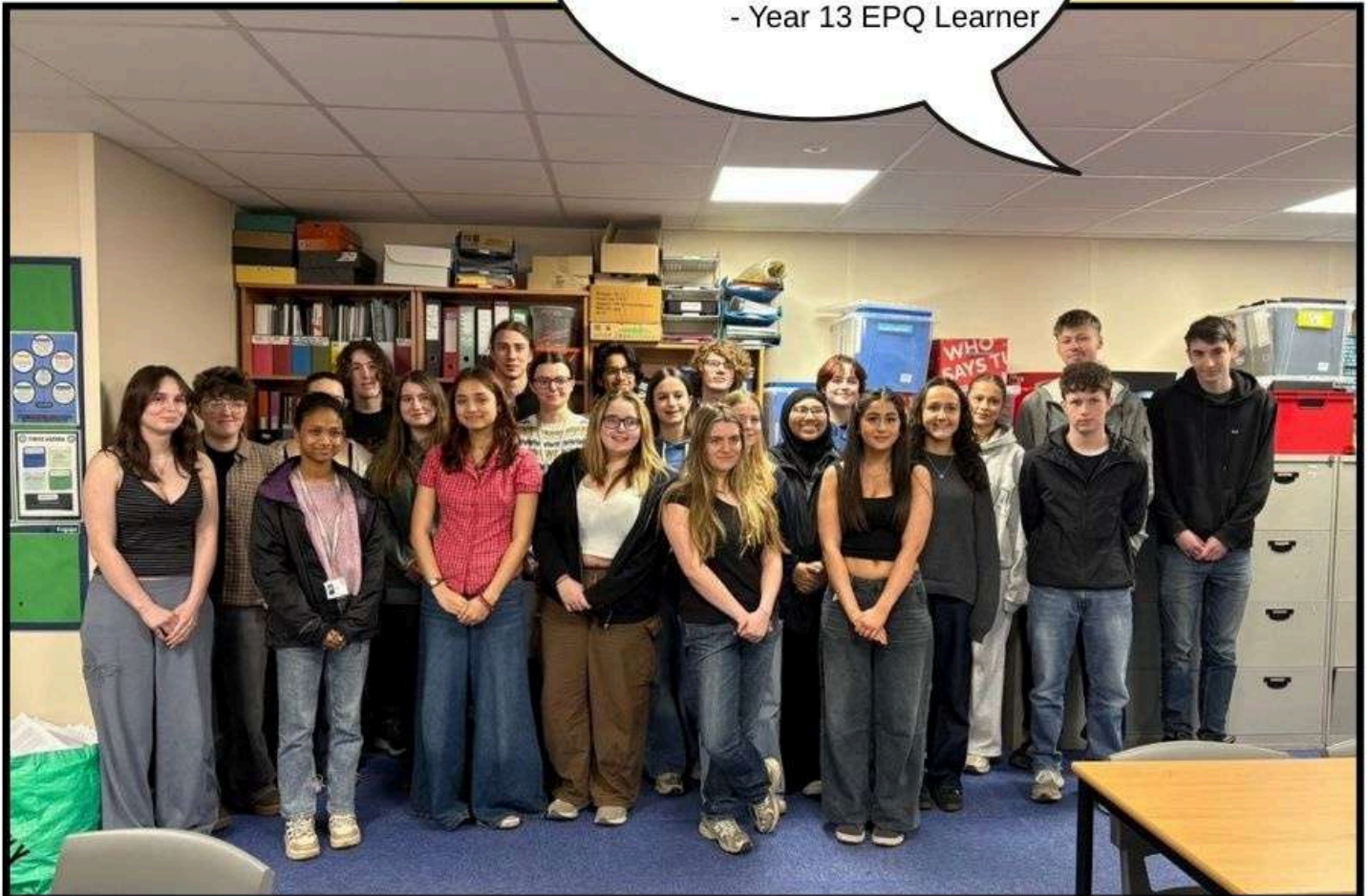


“Congratulations to these learners, you have all worked so hard!”

- Ms McCarthy

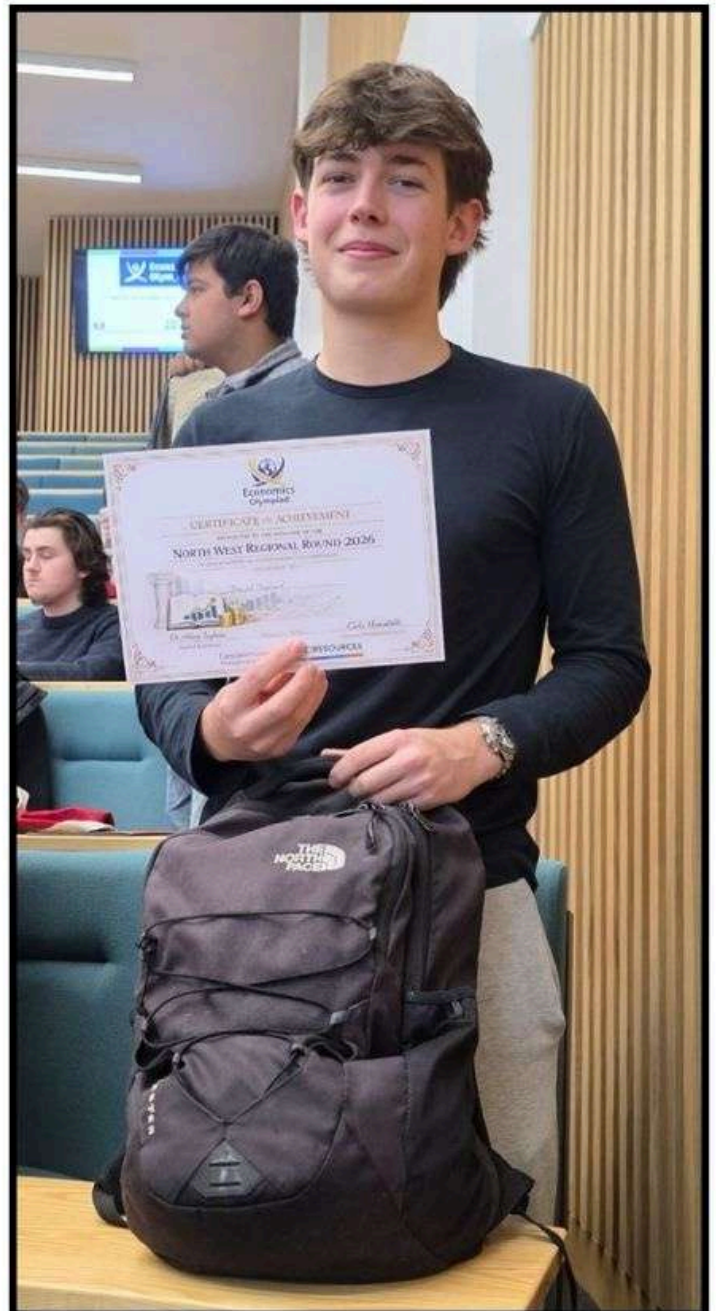
“I hope to use this experience towards my application for university”

- Year 13 EPQ Learner



ECONOMIC OLYMPIAD

Miss McLean took nine of our Year 12 learners to the regional final of the Economic Olympiad at Lancaster University – an amazing achievement with over 4,000 students competing nationally! Our learners did brilliantly and represented the school with pride.



Huge congratulations to Dan S, who has qualified for the national final in June – one step closer to the international final stage in Greece!

We're incredibly proud of them all!

CHARITY WEEK

This February, we were thrilled to host many different events and very pleased to have so many people volunteer! From bake sales, to fancy dress Friday, everyone involved in organising and taking part did us very proud. In total, Year 12 and Year 13 learners raised a total of £3668.10, totalling at £1222.70 each. This will be split between their three chosen Charities, which you can read about below.

OUR CHARITIES



for accessible play and support

SPACE is a charity for children with learning difficulties and their families. It was founded in 2014 by a group of parents whose children had specific needs that required additional resources that could not be found locally.



MAGGIE'S

Everyone's home of cancer care

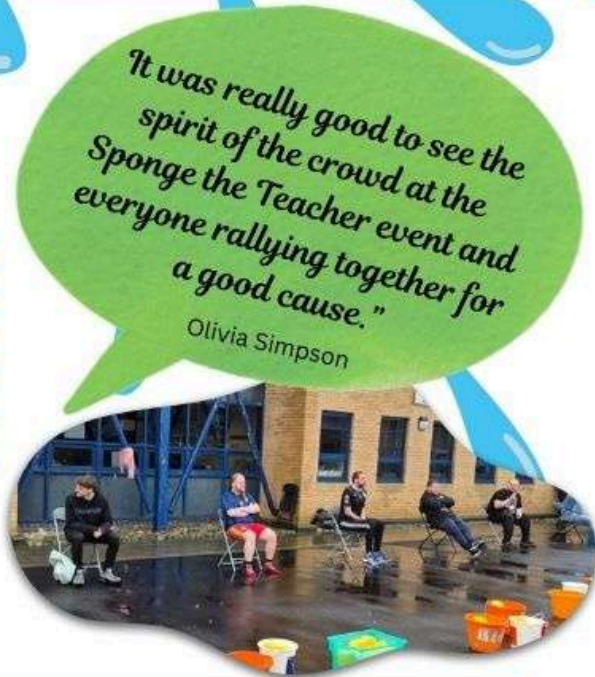
Maggie's is a charity providing free, high quality emotional and practical support for those who are struggling or affected by cancer. It was founded in 1995 by Maggie Jencks and her husband, Charles Jencks. Maggie was inspired by her own experiences: in 1988 she was first diagnosed with breast cancer, with it recurring in 1993.



Let's Farm is a working farm charity that helps young adults with disabilities and learning difficulties by training them to be "farm rangers". It was founded in 2021 by farmer Rosie Lee and Nicola Colenso.

CHARITY WEEK

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



It was really good to see the spirit of the crowd at the Sponge the Teacher event and everyone rallying together for a good cause."

Olivia Simpson

SPONGE THE TEACHER AND LEG WAXING!



STAFF KARAOKE!



SIXTH FORM

STAFF VS SIXTH FORM

This year, the annual Staff vs Sixth Form football match was arguably the most anticipated of the fixtures to date, and it certainly didn't disappoint. Whilst the final score didn't quite flatter the Staff, with the Sixth Form team coming out 4-0 winners, they definitely managed to hold their own delivering strong performances throughout. Most notably from Mr Cresswell in goal, who produced a number of jaw-dropping saves.

OFFICIAL SQUAD LIST

STARTING XI

- 23 FEARON (M)
- 01 CREZZY G (C)
- 28 MR IQBAL
- 15 MR PREST
- 14 MORGAN
- 03 DOHERTY
- 99 CASTLES
- 27 RYAN
- 11 WEARDEN
- 07 LEWIS
- 30 TOGHER

SUBS
Petty, Hunter, Leigh, Davies, Morgan, Boothman, K.M, Kewely, Nelhans, Jones, + many more tbc.

OFFICIAL SQUAD LIST

STARTING XI

- 23 GRUNDOG
- 01 GREIG (C)
- 28 BATES
- 15 ABDERRAZAK
- 14 DEVILLE
- 03 MANO
- 99 MITCH
- 27 AZZA
- 11 WINNING
- 07 MOHAMMED
- 30 EHLEN

SUBS
Hopwood, Evan's, Barrett, Assinder, Kras + more

We were lucky to interview both teachers and Sixth Formers, asking them their prediction for the game. It was clear that Sixth Form were the favourites, with all but one teacher, Mr Castles, predicting a victory for them.



CHARITY WEEK



The goalkeepers of both respective teams pictured together.



Fan favourite goalkeeper, Mr Cresswell looking focused as ever.



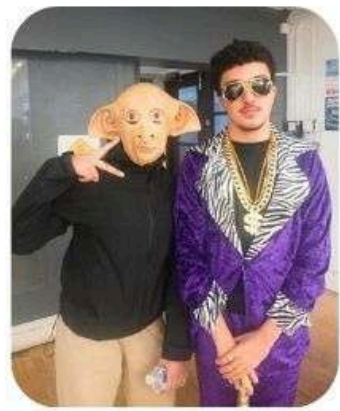
A joint team photo of our charity match players.



Staff Team player, Mr Casstles pictured in action.

SIXTH FORM

COSTUMES



CHARITY WEEK

Once again, this year's costumes from our wonderful Year 12 and 13 were nothing short of spectacular!

From comedic groups and duos, to iconic individual outfits, our Sixth Form learners definitely impressed all of us and rounded off the charity week brilliantly!



For the first time ever in Upton Charity Week, we decided to introduce an award for best costume! This was especially difficult considering the sheer amount of amazing participants.

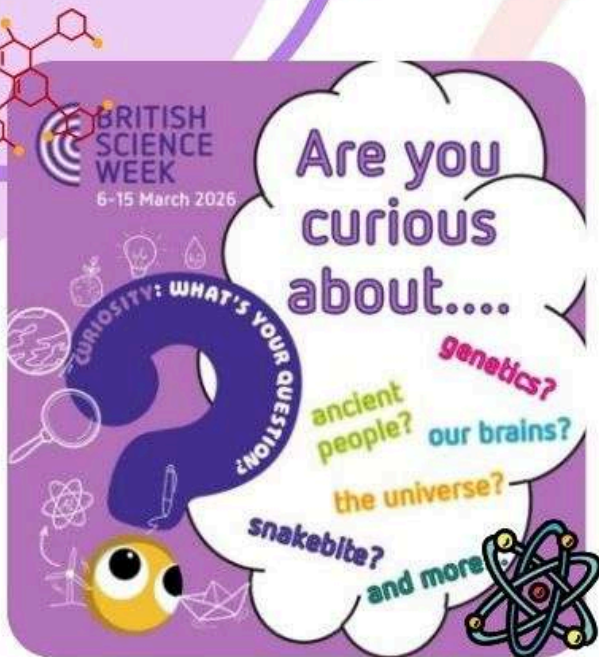
And the Winner is...

After multiple ballot counts, the Best Costume Award for Upton By Chester Charity Week goes to Bobo and Katie as Ant and Seb from X Factor!



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Curiosity: what's your question?



British Science Week was created by the British Science Association to inspire people of all ages to engage with science, technology, engineering and maths STEM. It aims to make science more accessible and exciting, especially for young people by showing how it connects to everyday life. During the week, we celebrate the achievements of scientists, past and present such as Tu Youyou and Franklin Aigbirhio as well as modern innovators shaping the future. Overall, the week highlights the importance of scientific discovery, encourages curiosity and recognises the impact science has on improving our world.

Here at Upton High we aimed at providing an inclusive number of events to honour British Science Week. These include poster competitions, debates on controversial science theories and a science fair in the Hub which included solving Maths problems, Jenga competitions and Coke + Mentos explosions which was quite a famous event among our lower years. These were all successful due to the wonderful work of STEM club members who were running the events.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK @ UPTON



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This term, the building of the new school has come well underway! Now that many of the foundations have been completed, you can see the frame of the building starting to take form, with all three floors. Look out for the cranes during break and lunch!



In May, a few members of Upton Voice are going to the building site to interview the builders and take pictures!



YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

On the week beginning 9th February, our year 12 learners went on work experience! We had many different placements ranging from Cheshire West and Chester Council, Airbus, Chester University, Pharmacies, Chester Countess Hospital and law firms- all with the focus on future careers.

This week gave learners an insight into possible future paths that interest them, as well as seeing how different professions work.

We have had lots of positive feedback from employers about behaviour and enthusiasm in their placements, so well done year 12!



MANCHESTER AIRPORT



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Some of our learners even went to the Houses of Parliament for a day!

"I went to a social media marketing agency. I really enjoyed going to video shoots and editing content for them." - Ethan

"Seeing the ins and outs of a courtroom is something you can only really do by actually being there, so work experience with a law firm was really valuable." - Evie

"I went to a TV production studios. It was so interesting to see how TV shows are made and what makes a good or a bad script." - Olivia

TURNING £10 INTO £100 FOR THE HOSPICE.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!

UP AND COMING

BY RABIA AND ALYSE

After half term a hospice fundraiser will be up and running, working directly with Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Four teams will be attempting to turn 10 pounds into a 100 pounds or more by raising money. The learners will visit the hospice for a tour towards the end of March and learn more about what the fundraiser will do to support them, as well as gaining more information about how it will work and what they can do to raise money.

"I'm so excited to help my community, this is a great opportunity to develop my team working skills, and should also look great on my CV!"
-Yr 10 learner

HOSPICE

OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



I'm excited to get involved with the fundraiser, as it raises money for a deserving cause. Good luck to all the teams but we're going to smash this!
- Learner

We ask everyone across the school to get involved and donate whatever you can to these fundraisers. The money made will be going to a worthy cause and the learners leading the fundraiser will be working extremely hard to raise as much money as possible. Good luck to each team and thank you to Mrs Smale for coordinating this event. Who will make it to £100 first?

GA QUIZ AT CHESTER UNIVERSITY

BY NEVE AND FRANCESCA

Following weeks of preparation the two teams of Year 9 learners represented Upton-by-Chester High school, in the annual GA Worldwide Quiz, held on 3rd November 4.30pm - 6.30pm at Chester University. They finished in 6th and 12th place from a field of 15 teams.



The students who were involved were:
Louisa, Isla and Flora
Andrew, James and Charlie

I found the competition very exciting. It was nice representing the school and I had fun going against the other schools.

Both teams started strong with Team 1 in third place at half time. The teams enjoyed the late afternoon quiz consisting of 8 rounds of multiple choice Geography questions ranging from Climate Change to Britain from the Air. Thank you to the learners for dedicating their time after school and also to parents and teachers who came along to support.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A group of learners from across the school were offered the opportunity to take part in our school's first Christmas Concert, hosted at St Columba's R.C. Church, Chester on the 19th December.



*“Being in the Christmas Concert was an untimely good experience. I found it enjoyable to perform with people who have the same passion for singing as I do.
- Elsie”*



“It was an experience full of passion, joy, talent, and mediocre french accents! It was a wonderful opportunity that I will never forget. - Harrison”



The learners left the school in the morning and spent the day at St Columbus rehearsing each aspect of the showcase. Everyone was able to see each others hard work as the concert progressively came together. It was great to see different people getting involved and taking this opportunity to show their talent to the public.

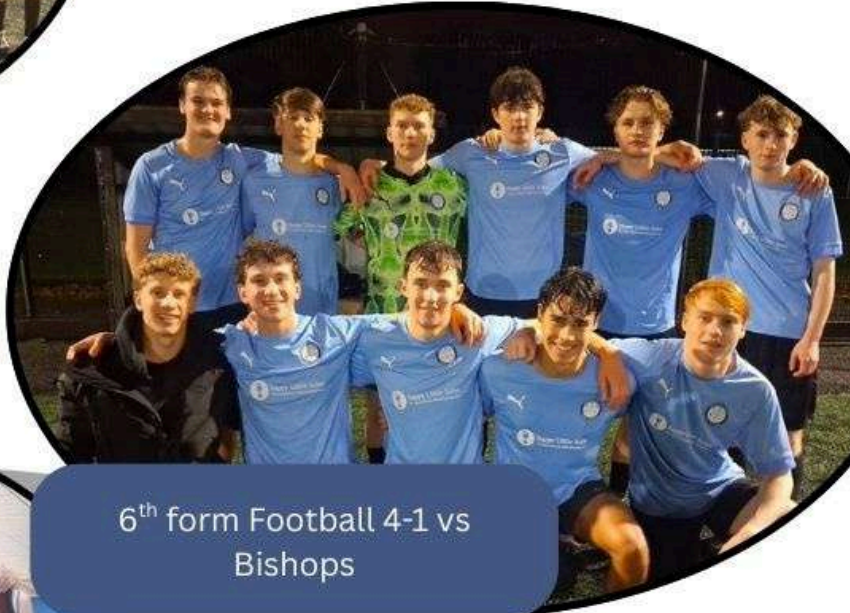


We saw a variety of different performances from choir, to the electric guitar to even bagpipes! Every learner involved represented the school positively with their contribution to a very succesful evening.

SPORTS



Year 8 Football Quarter Final 1-2
Country Cup



6th form Football 4-1 vs
Bishops



U16 Basketball won Chester
leagues 31-20 vs Kings



Year 7 indoor athletics team
ready for competition



Chester and District U14
Basketball Champions





Year 8 Football 3-0 Chester Cup



Year 8 indoor athletics team finished 4th overall



Year 7 Basketball won Chester and District tournament



U18s friendly against Wirral Grammar for Girls



Year 9 friendly Netball against Heber



Year 7 Football 5-0 against Whitby in a friendly



Year 7 and 8 beats Kings Chester 4-1 in District Cup



Year 10 Football progressed to the national cup quarter



U14 Basketball against Bishop bc



Year 7 Netball against Whitby league



Layla Y9 organising a sponsor for the girls' football kit



Dan Y7 won 100m freestyle at swimming meet in Holywell



Year 9 Netball against Wirral Grammar for Girls

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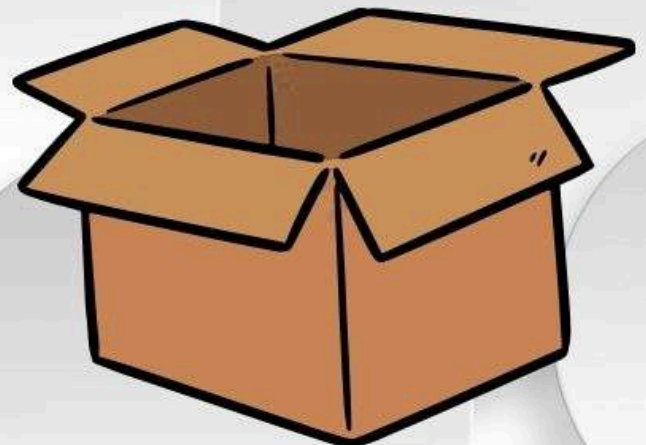
DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR BOTTLE CAPS!!!



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