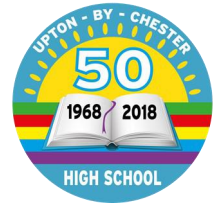




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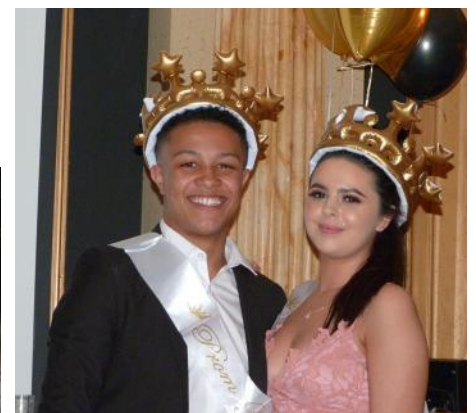
Upton-by-Chester High School Newsletter

May 2019

## Year 13 Leavers

Our Upper Sixth pupils celebrated their Prom in style at the Queen Hotel in Chester on Friday 17th May. The weather stayed fine and they were able to have photos taken in the garden upon arrival, followed by dancing, a buffet and awards ceremony. A good time was had by all! We wish them all the best of luck in their final exams.

**Miss Gordon**  
Director of Sixth Form



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## Dear Parents, Carers, Students, Staff, Governors and Friends of Upton High School,

This half term there has been much to celebrate. We were delighted to receive the recent Ofsted report which endorsed our 2015 inspection, 'a good school with an outstanding sixth form.'

The inspectors had many positive things to say about our school and particularly about our students, who really did us proud! May I also say thank you to the many parents and carers who completed the OfSTED Parentview questionnaire and for the emails of support which I received. The results show that parents/carers have an overwhelmingly positive view of our school, about which the Ofsted inspectors were highly complementary.

As we approach the start of the final half term for this academic year, we are now preparing to host a wide range of partner primary school taster sessions and activities, as well as, of course, our new intake events and Open Evening. I am delighted that we will be welcoming a full complement of 280 youngsters into our year 7 from September, and we also have students waiting eagerly to be given a place.

This edition of the Voice contains so many articles about the wonderful achievements of our students, and of the opportunities they have seized. Well done to each and every one of them, and many thanks to our staff who go out of their way to make them happen.

I would like to wish all of our year 11 and 13 students the very best of luck with their exams; with continued perseverance, determination and effort I know they will succeed. I look forward to seeing them all on their results' days in August.

Good luck also to years 7,8,9 and 10 as they prepare for the school exam season after the break.

With best wishes for a very peaceful and safe half term holiday.

**Mrs P. Dixon**  
Headteacher



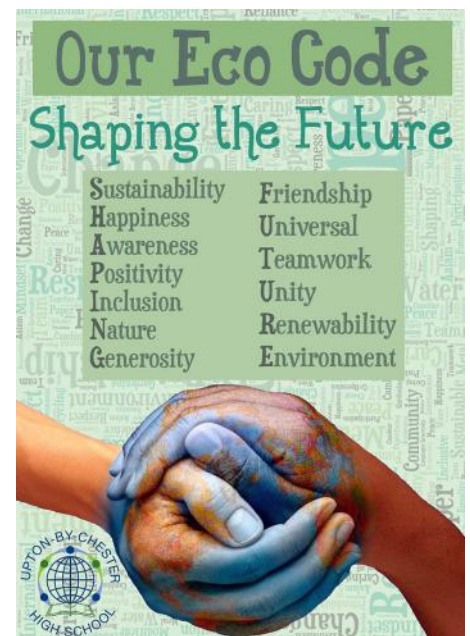
## Eco-Schools Update

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who donated textiles, mobile phones and foreign coins on Green day and the students who brought in a £1 to wear non-uniform.

Our community brought in 67kgs of textiles and 17 mobile phones for recycling. Altogether the Eco-Schools action team raised over £800 including the cake and plant sale which raised £55.

The Eco team is now considering how best to spend the funds raised to benefit our school community and will be donating the foreign coins to the "Send my Friend to School" campaign.

**Miss Beuzit**  
Second Deputy Headteacher



### Award Nominations

We are delighted to announce a couple of recent award nominations. We have been nominated for the prestigious 2019 TES Schools Awards 2019 in the **'International Award'** category. Results will be announced on the evening of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June in London. We have also been nominated for **'Best Secondary School'** and **'Best School in the Community'** in the Cheshire School Awards. Those results will be announced on the afternoon of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June in Chester.

We are keeping our fingers crossed for both!



### Chester Half Marathon

Our students were out in force again volunteering at the Chester Half Marathon. Mrs Smale and Mrs Roberts were in their usual spot with a team of pupils operating the baggage drop with their trademark efficiency. Many other Upton pupils were spotted out on the course and at the finish line giving out water to the runners. Excellent volunteering everybody!



### Easter winners in Languages

The MFL department are pleased to announce that the following students were the winners of our Easter Raffle prizes for consistent excellent effort in their language lessons.

- Sixth Form: Filippa, Matt, Josh.
- Year 11: Ethan, Valentina, Ralph, Marcus, Issy, Harvey.
- Year 10: Eleanor, Olivia, Charlotte.
- Year 9: Ellis, Sam, Toby, Anna.
- Year 8: Areebah, Keira.
- Year 7: James, Gustav.

**Mrs Trott**  
Languages



## Cheshire police host Knife Crime Event

Cheshire is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> out of 42 police forces across the country for instances of serious knife crime. As a result they have a current initiative to educate students about knife crime, its consequences and the law relating to buying/carrying a knife. Carrying a knife is a crime, which brings added risk that a minor issue can escalate into something much more serious and potentially life changing. The damage caused by knives, not just to the victim and their families, but also to the wider community, can be devastating. No one deserves to live in fear of knife crime in their area. The law is quite simple, it is illegal to have a knife in your possession in a public place without a reason and if you break that law you could face a prison sentence.

It is illegal to:

- sell a knife of any kind to anyone under 18 years old.
- carry a knife in public without good reason - unless it's a knife with a folding blade 3 inches long (7.62 cm) or less, e.g. a Swiss Army knife
- carry, buy or sell any type of banned knife
- use any knife in a threatening way (even a legal knife, such as a Swiss Army knife)

Community Police Officer P.C. Sallie Malone has been into school assemblies delivering the Message to our pupils.

Year 7 student Billy entered Cheshire Police's competition to create a digital video to share the message about Knife Crime. Billy's video was highly commended and as a result he was invited to a 'Knife Crime' event at Safety Central, Lymm hosted by Cheshire Police along with Joshua from Year 7. The boys were involved in workshops about preventing knife crime and staying safe in various situations. Congratulations to Billy who finished as runner-up in the Video category.



**Mrs Roberts**

## Connecting with our Russian friends

Display work produced by Floss, Emily, Hannah and Jess for the Shostakovich School, our partner school, in St Petersburg, Russia.



Miss Summers and 7x/Re1b with work received from the Shostakovich School.

## Salters' Festival Of Chemistry



A team of four enthusiastic students of Science took part in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at Liverpool John Moores University on Wednesday 8th May 2019. During the day the students completed two separate practical tasks, the first involved solving a crime and in the second the team were asked to investigate changing the speed of "The Iodine Clock Reaction". Many thanks to Mr Bell for organising the visit.

Photos show our team of four year 8 students from left to right: Amani, Enayah, Arlo and George.



## Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February – 11th March 2019

Fairtrade Fortnight is a yearly event which encourages and puts the spotlight on Fairtrade. We are a Fair Achiever School, and as a fair achiever school we fully embed Fairtrade into our daily life and work to raise awareness of Fairtrade in our local community. And have now been a fair trade school for 10 years, we aim to highlight the difference Fairtrade can make to lives and communities (especially in our local and wider communities).

The fortnight started with a week of assemblies to launch the event. These assemblies were written and presented by the Hall Leadership team, supported by Miss Noel. During the assemblies' students and staff were informed of events that were happening the following week, along with possible lessons they may be participating in and reasons why we should buy Fairtrade. The week of activities continued to raise awareness of Fairtrade with our students, which included 'The Hut' (tuck shop) opening every day, run by Fairtrade representatives.



Homemade cakes and biscuits made by staff and students were sold and enjoyed.

Games were played including 'Crack the safe' where students paid to try and open the safe winning the prize inside.

During PLaN time KS3 pupils were given Fairtrade booklets, which had a variety of activities to complete. They included two different types of Fairtrade Quizzes, the first tested how much information students had picked up during their assembly, and any general knowledge they may have learnt along the way.



**Most Farmers have never tasted chocolate in their life!**



**There are over 4,500 Fairtrade Mark products sold in the UK!**

**Divine Chocolates sold in our Tuck Shop was the first 'farmer owned' confectionary brand!**



**There are over 550 Fairtrade towns in the UK!**

## Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February – 11th March 2019 (continued)

The second quiz invited students to try and guess which of their teachers had gone 'Bananas for Fairtrade', members of staff wearing our famous banana suit with their faces covered. Students had to work out who they were based on props being held, or their location.



Fairtrade lessons were held in every KS3 subject, with competitions set up for: ART – best design of a Fairtrade chocolate wrapper and DT/FOOD – best design of a plate, that incorporated Fairtrade food; Prizes were offered as incentives.

Our school community also supported our wider community by donating Fairtrade food provisions at the end of the fortnight.

With all the food provisions collected, the Fairtrade team sorted and packed the food into hampers for distribution to a local care home and the homeless.

A huge thank you to all the students, parents/carers and staff who acknowledged and supported our campaign. Overall it was a very successful event, enjoyed by many.

### PRIZES Fairtrade Fortnight 2019

The prizes were given out in Year assemblies.

#### Student Fairtrade food donations raffle ticket winners —

Year 7 - Anna

Year 8 - Ben

Year 9 - Scymon

Year 10 - Ewan

Year 11 - Luke

#### Student Fairtrade plate design winner —

Bradley (Year 7)



## European Karate Championship Brussels May 2019

Luca in Year 7 and Georgia in Year 9 represented England at the recent European Karate Championship in Brussels. Luca came first in the 12-13 age category and won the Gold medal. Georgia came second in the 14-16 age category and won the Silver Medal. This is a tremendous achievement by both and we wish them the best in the World Championships.

## Dates for your diary

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May — Half-term Break

Monday 3rd June — Return to school

Friday 14th June — Sports Day

Monday 17th June — Sports Day (Reserve)

Thursday 27th June — Open Evening

Friday 19th July — Last day of term (early closure)

Return to school Wednesday 4th September 2019



Please check our website for our latest news and any changes to the school calendar.

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