



# Upton Voice

Upton-by-Chester High School Newsletter

July 2015

## Awards Evening 2015

On Tuesday 14th July we held our annual Awards Evening to celebrate our students' achievements. We were delighted to welcome two special guests to present the awards and speak to the students and their families.

Former Upton pupil Tom Hughes, now a television and film actor recently seen starring in BBC2's spy thriller *The Game* and modelling for Burberry, was joined by Andrew Higginson, who has had a distinguished career at the forefront of UK retailing and is the current Chairman of Morrisons.

It was a special night for all who attended and guests were also treated to some wonderful musical performances by our talented students.



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## Awards Evening 2015 (continued)





Mrs P. Dixon — Headteacher

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

Here we are at the end of another school year and what a year it has been! As you will see from reading this bumper edition of The Voice, there has been so much activity over the past few months here at Upton. Of course we had the very successful OfSTED visit in May which resulted in us being judged as **'a good school with an outstanding 6<sup>th</sup> Form', outstanding safety and outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural provision**, of which we are all justifiably proud. There were many other impressive comments in the report, and I would just like to highlight a few more which say so much about Upton-by-Chester High School;

- **Teachers have good relationships with students ...they engage students well and promote a love of learning**
- **Students have a rich and varied experience during their time in school**
- **The behaviour of students is good. They work well together, are courteous and polite and appreciate the good teaching they receive**
- **All staff are committed to the drive for the very best outcomes for students**
- **Teachers are securing fast progress for students. They use their very strong subject knowledge to motivate students exceptionally well**

We held our annual Awards ceremony on 14 July at which over 170 awards were issued to our students and in my speech I gave a 'review of the year 2014-15'. Not wishing to make the audience sit through (at least) an hour-long speech, it was such a challenge fitting all of the many opportunities our students have benefitted from, over the past 3 terms, into a mere 15 minutes. I suspect that the audience were also far more interested in hearing from our guest speakers, Tom Hughes, star of stage and screen who is also an ex-student of ours and Andrew Higginson, Chairman of Morrisons Supermarkets. The evening was a great success and it was such a joy to see so many of our students receiving their well-deserved awards.

We have also been very busy this half term working with our partner primary schools. There have been lots of activities including the Harry Potter Experience for Year 5 and the World Challenge day for year 4. We also held our new intake evening and Induction Day for our new Year 7 students and their parents who will be joining us in September.

This term we have received recognition from Apple for the outstanding work we do with our iPads for learning as we now have the honour of being an official Apple Regional Training Centre; Apple RTCs recognise outstanding schools and programmes worldwide for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence. We will be offering further training and support from September for our local schools and community, providing our student and staff ELFs (E-learning Facilitators) with more opportunities to share our expertise and for collaborative learning.

I was privileged to attend our summer concert and our evening of dance, both of which were hugely enjoyable events, showcasing the impressive skills that our students have been developing over many months and years of hard work and commitment.

And finally, we are saying thank you and goodbye to some colleagues who are retiring this year; from the teaching staff Mrs Loyley, Mrs McGregor, Mr Winskill and Mr Windsor and from our support staff Mrs Threadgold and Mrs Edwards who between them have loyally served Upton High school for a mere 126 years!

We are of course busy planning for next term and the new academic year; I look forward to seeing many of you on our A level and GCSE results' days in August and to working with you again in September. I would like to wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

*P Dixon*



## Success for Upton at the Cheshire Schools Awards

The first ever Trinity Mirror Cheshire Schools Awards ceremony was a celebration of the hard work, dedication and achievements of schools throughout the county, the children who attend them and the staff who inspire them. The awards, sponsored by Excell Supply Limited, culminated in a ceremony which took place at The Queen Hotel in Chester on Wednesday (July 8), attended by staff and pupils from all the schools shortlisted in the nine categories.

The host for the occasion was Dianne Oxberry, familiar to millions of TV viewers throughout the region as the presenter of the weather forecasts on BBC North West Tonight.

Upton-by-Chester High School won the Active Community Award for all of the outstanding work we do in this area. Mrs Smale, Head of RS & PSHCE, was delighted to accept the award with Jess, Olivia, Taylor and Mrs Dixon.



## Future Scholar Awards Scheme at Cardiff University

On 20th May five Year 9 students were given the opportunity to attend Cardiff University and experience a day in the life of a degree student. Throughout the day we learnt about the many courses offered to us here in the UK. We were informed about higher education and Russell group universities and how our choices now can influence our future jobs and lifestyle.

We met bright and early at Chester Train station at approximately 6.00am ready to board our 3 hour train journey to Cardiff Central station. We took a short walk through the city and arrived at the University campus buildings. At the reception we picked up our name tags and a welcome pack containing a university prospectus and the schedule for the day. We were directed into a large lecture theatre where we were introduced to supervisors who were postgraduate and undergraduate students. They informed us about the 4 routes to get to university and the options we have once we get there. We were surprised by the range of courses offered from tournament golf to Ballistic engineering. The opportunities seemed endless.

We were given a brief tour of the student union building which was home to all the societies, clubs and student president. The building was modern and colourful with many interesting features. Firstly, we were given a presentation on the life of Cardiff city and the many social groups that you could get involved in. We went to the acapella society workshop where we were taught how to create songs without instruments. We all enjoyed this a lot and thought it was an exciting approach to making music.

After lunch we were given a Japanese taster workshop where we learned how to greet people with basic everyday phrases. We also learnt how to write our names with the complicated characters and it was a very eye opening experience. A student called Charlotte performed a presentation about her year away and her study of modern foreign languages. She told us how Cardiff University had opened her eyes to all the opportunities for learning in the world and made her want to study more and more languages. She told us how being bilingual opens doors to many possibilities globally, and how studying languages makes you 60% more employable and not forgetting it is very fun. We all found this very inspirational and made us want to do the same as her.

This experience has definitely changed some of our perspectives and attitudes. We are extremely lucky at Upton High school to be offered this kind of life changing opportunity.

**Millie and Charlotte**  
**Year 9**



## Upton's Accelerated Reader Scheme

This term has seen the introduction of a new reading scheme at Upton-by-Chester High School. Since May, we have been trialling an exciting reading package called Accelerated Reader and in June we launched the scheme with all of the students in Key Stage Three.

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Every student is helped to choose a book at their own level and they read it at their own pace. When finished, students take a short quiz on the computer or their iPad. (Passing the quiz is an indication that they understood what was read.) Accelerated Reader gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results. The teacher can then use the results to help set targets and direct ongoing reading practice.

The main benefit of taking part in the Accelerated Reader scheme is that, with as little as 20 minutes reading per day, your child's reading age can increase at twice their chronological development. Therefore in one year, your child can increase their reading age by two years.

While there are clear educational benefits to the Accelerated Reader scheme, it is still designed to be an enjoyable experience. We will be helping students to choose books that are suitable for them; we will promote reading through regular practice in school and through a variety of competitions. We will also celebrate success through identifying the students who have engaged with the scheme most effectively. Since the scheme promotes students' understanding of what they have read, rather than the speed of their reading, all students will be able to take part in our competitions equally.

With the summer holidays approaching, now is the perfect time for students to get into the important practice of reading for the required minimum of twenty minutes per day. Please help us to ensure that your child gains the full benefits of this scheme by supervising their reading. Twenty minutes of reading can be an enjoyable experience and it can make a huge difference.

All students involved have been informed of their Accelerated Reader score and have been supported in selecting a book at an appropriate level. If you would like to help them select another book at their level, please visit the Accelerated Reader Book finder catalogue at: <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

All students are now reading as part of this scheme in their English lessons and in PLaN (Registration). Please help to support the effectiveness of this time by ensuring that your child brings their Accelerated Reader book to school with them every day.

If you should have any further questions about this scheme, a parent guide is available within the English Department section of the school website.

**Mr Crozier**  
**Head of English**



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## Year 12 Trip to the Royal Science Exhibition in London 30<sup>th</sup> June - 1<sup>st</sup> July

Ten Year 12 girls along with Mrs Rogers and Mrs Scutter attended the Royal Science Exhibition in London. This prestigious event was held at the world famous Royal Society. The Royal Society is a very famous and iconic building for such an event. The origins of the Royal Society lie in an 'invisible college' of natural philosophers who began meeting in the mid-1640s to discuss the new philosophy of promoting knowledge of the natural world through observation and experiment, which we now call Science.

The Summer Science Exhibition is an annual display of the most exciting cutting-edge science and technology in the UK. This week-long festival featured 22 exhibits from the forefront of innovation. We met a range of scientists from all over the country, tried some of the hands-on activities and attended an inspiring lecture. All of the Year 12 girls are currently studying Science at A Level and this trip was design to encourage them to continue to pursue Science in the future. Whilst there we also attended the iconic Natural History Museum alongside visiting the London Science Museum.

During the evening we spent time enjoying the atmosphere in Leicester Square and Piccadilly Circus and whilst grabbing a bite to eat we happened upon a European movie premiere! Following this we proceeded to Westminster where we enjoyed the sites on the London Eye as the sun was setting.



All of our girls were exemplary throughout the trip and we are immensely proud of their conduct and maturity throughout. By the end of the trip they had become true explorers and could successfully navigate the London tube network – Well done Ladies!!

A few days to truly remember.

**Mrs Rogers**  
**Physics**

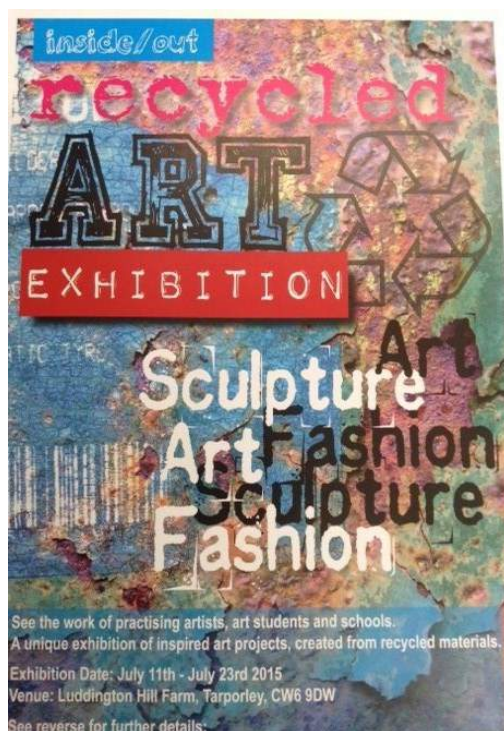
## Recycled Art Exhibition

Students from Year 9 Textiles have their recycled work on view at an exhibition in Tarporley at Ludlow Hill Farm from the 11th July until 23rd July.

You can see a range of items created from recycled bits and bobs as well as our students recycled gadget cases using sweet wrappers and magazines and recycled tyre inner tubes used to create jewellery.

I would like to thank 'The Edge' bike shop in Chester for their kind donation of tyre inner tubes.

**Miss Thompson**  
**Textiles**





## Year 11 Prom 2015

Upton High School Year 11 students celebrated completing their GCSE examinations with a school prom at The Grosvenor, Pulford. Approximately 200 students attended the event, supported by their teachers. Mr Wearden, Head of Year 11, praised the students for their levels of effort and commitment towards their GCSE studies, "They have worked extremely hard with their teachers over the past few months in preparation for their exams, and now these have been completed it is a pleasure to see them come together to celebrate their time at Upton."

Some of the students intend to begin college courses or apprenticeships working in or towards their chosen career paths. However, the majority of students are expecting the GCSE results they require to begin their A-level studies in the school's Sixth Form, which only last month was rated by OFSTED as "Outstanding".





## Creative writing in Llandudno

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Mr Crozier, Mr Waite, Miss Green and Mrs Johns took a group of 40 Gifted and Able Year 8 students on a school trip to Llandudno, accompanied by Mrs Jackson.

Students began their day at the Mostyn Oriel Art Gallery. They were given an informative talk from the gallery staff about the art being displayed for the Mostyn Open 19 talent competition. Students were amazed to see the piece of art which had won the £10,000 prize - a large piece of steel which had been left outside for 365 days. The students enjoyed their treasure hunt of the gallery and produced creative writing inspired by the art work displayed.



Later on, after a picnic on the Parade, overlooking the sea, the students were taken up to the Great Orme on a tram. The students then produced some creative writing, which was then shared amongst the group.

Jessica wrote: 'On top of the Orme, I see a lonely boat in the wide ocean. As I walked alongside the metal fence, sheep began to run in my direction. The cows stood like statues, gazing at the horizon. Whilst the seagulls flapped their gigantic wings, stealing food. A rusty building sat in the middle of the green field. Twisting turbines spin in the distance in the mist.'

**Mrs Johns**  
KS3 English Co-ordinator



## A visitor from Sri Lanka

We were delighted to welcome to Mr Upul Abesingha who visited us in June from our partner school Swarnapali Balika National School in Sri Lanka.

The visit was part of a British Council project between our schools and Mr Abesingha worked with staff and students in our Food Technology, English, RS and Geography departments.

Our Head of Food Technology, Mrs Sievers, is visiting Mr Abesingha's school during the last week of our summer term.

**Miss Beuzit**  
Second Deputy Head





## 'Coming to town after school on Friday? Nah...playing Glastonbury at 3:30.'

*Tweeted by Upton High Drama*

Former Upton High School students, Ryan Murphy, James Madden, Harry Chalmers and Callum McFadden rocked Glastonbury this year, performing on the William's Green stage and later that evening with a 'secret performance' on the Crows Nest stage.

Scouted by The Farm's bassist Carl Hunter, and signed to Heavenly Records after three gigs, **Hooton Tennis Club** gained attention with debut single 'Jasper.' Radio 6 DJ Lauren Laverne has proclaimed this to be the track of 2015 so far. Their second single, 'Kathleen Sat On The Arm Of Her Favourite Chair' picks up where their debut single left off.



Bill Ryder-Jones is producing their debut album, 'Highest Point In Cliff Town', which is due to be released on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

If you are interested finding out more then you can follow them on Twitter and Facebook.

And that name? It comes from a road sign for the Little Sutton based tennis courts.

## Media visit to Warner Bros. Studios

On the 24th June, 30 Media Studies students embarked on an a magical adventure to the Harry Potter studios.

After a long journey, we arrived at the Warner Bros. studio where we started the tour of the authentic sets and behind the scenes secrets. As a media student, this opportunity was incredibly interesting as we could see how much talent and effort was put into every detail of the films; from the costumes to the special effects.

Getting involved, we all got the chance to have a go at riding a broomstick, casting a few spells and boarding the Hogwarts Express. The most impressive parts were taking our first steps into Hogwarts itself and The Great Hall. It was also astonishing to see the intricate model of Hogwarts used for filming and how it was designed.

Overall, this trip was an enchanting and extraordinary experience which provided an insight into the magic of film making.



Jessica  
Year 10





## Textiles trip to Ruthin Arts Centre

A small group of students aged between 15 and 17 were selected to participate in a Textiles workshop with the artist Becky Adams on Friday 26th June. The workshop was held in the Ruthin Arts Centre in a studio where we could work alongside the artist to make our individual responses inspired by her recent projects.

Becky Adams primarily works with textiles and paper to create handmade books containing things of personal significance. We were encouraged to make our own books inspired by the artist's work containing things that carried importance to us. Becky provided a wide array of interesting antique fabrics, papers and other small things such as tickets, stamps and buttons which we could use to embellish our books. The artist discussed our work with us on an individual basis and was very helpful and inspiring.

Overall the trip was a great success and each student produced a colourful, textured and unique piece of work which will contribute towards their ongoing Textiles Art work.

**Emma  
Year 12**



**Upton students' finished pieces**



**An example of Becky Adams' work**



## Cheshire Inter-School Book Quiz

A school team took part in the regional book quiz this year, posting some excellent scores from October to May and just missed out on the finals by two points. They can be proud of their achievement, coming 5th out of 23 Cheshire schools. Our school was represented by six Year 8 pupils: Amy, Elisha, Eve, Katie, Lucy & Sasha.

The quiz is designed to foster an interest in, and enthusiasm for, reading in pupils and to focus attention on the school library, and its role in developing literacy.



The team was presented with some prizes by Mr Crozier (Head of English) to mark their great effort throughout the year. Special thanks also to Mrs Johns in the English Department for also mentoring the team.

**Mr Ryan  
Learning Hub**





## Upton-by-Chester Science Roadshows

After the hugely successful educational Science trips for Years 7, 8 and 9, where our Science Department worked together with the Education Service at Chester Zoo, it was a pleasure to team up again with their Ranger Service as part of Upton Science department's ongoing working relationship with the Zoo.

During June and July our resident Science enthusiast Mr Caine, together with Science staff, presented a series of Science Roadshows at our local primary schools for Year 5 students.

Working together with the Zoo we were able to deliver a two-part show for the excited students. Our Science department were able to give a range of hands on demonstrations with the emphasis being 'Science is Fun'. We had neon waterfalls, explosions, hair raising static and fun with magnetism and electricity to name a few. The students loved the close interactions with the Science as well as helping with some demonstrations.



The Zoo Rangers delivered a fantastic show in Science based on sustainability, pollution control and poaching. Their hands on experience really had the Year 5s excited and learning. Did you know that the plastic in disposable nappies is estimated to take 450 years to decompose? That means that every disposable nappy ever used will be with us for at least another 400 years!

We were able to visit a total of 9 primary schools in the program to enthuse their Year 5 students in Science and Conservation. The students and staff that we met along the way were fantastic to work with and most importantly we all came away with the same conclusion – Science is indeed Fun!

School Governor Dr Reading went along for some fun and is pictured here with Mr Caine and the neon waterfall. She later said *"I had a wonderful afternoon yesterday at Westlea Primary with the Science Roadshow. The children were enthralled with all the scientific experiments and Mr Caine's enthusiasm captivated them with a taster of what is to come at*

*Upton High. Well done Mr Caine and the Science Department for this great initiative".*

Mrs Bradbury, Head of Science, would like to offer a HUGE thank you to each member of the Science team who helped make this possible and a special thank you to Mr Caine for all his hard work in creating and presenting the roadshow and to the Science technicians who supported him throughout.

We are currently looking at further exciting ways to build on our working relationship with Chester Zoo and our local primary schools.

### Science Department

## Sports Day 2015

The 18th June was a great day of athletics and sportsmanship, with a few Upton records also being broken.

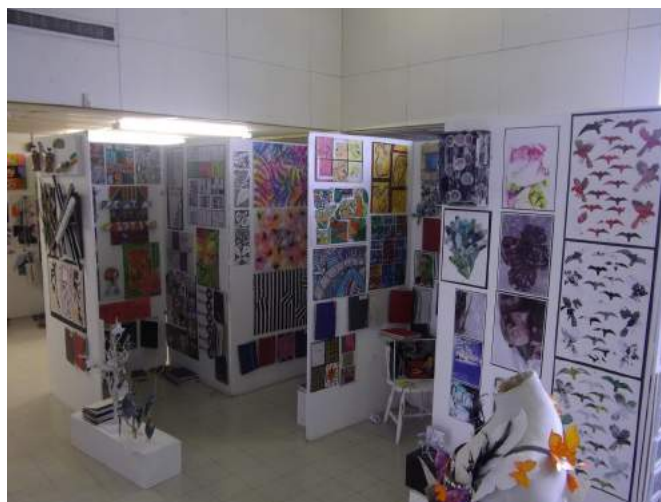
The winning Halls for each year group were:

Year 7 - Yunus  
Year 8 - Wood  
Year 9 - Mendes  
Year 10 - Wood

The winning Hall overall though was Mendes who scored the most point across all year groups. Congratulations to Mendes Hall on becoming Sports Day Champions 2015!



## GCSE Exhibition 2015

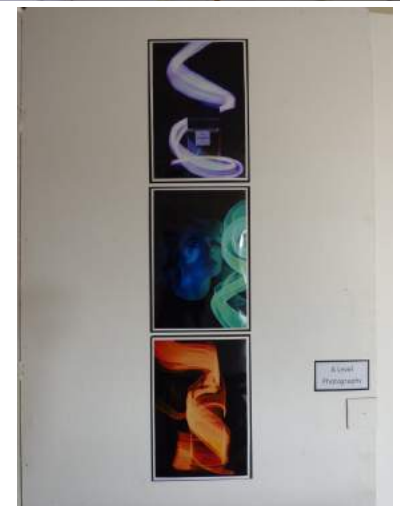


## A Level Exhibition 2015





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## Chernobyl Aid visit

Ten young carers aged between 10 and 15 years old from Konotop, in Ukraine visited the school on Thursday 2nd April. The young carers have either siblings or parents whose health has been affected by the Chernobyl nuclear power station accident. This was arranged in conjunction with the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Organization which has been bringing groups of children from Ukraine since 1996.

As part of their day at Upton the Ukrainian youngsters took part in an Art workshop with Mrs French making bookmarks, working alongside community representatives of Maathai Hall in Years 7-9. They also made seasonal Easter treats of biscuits and cakes in Food Technology with Mrs Sievers and Mrs Lipscombe. Following a picnic lunch with the Maathai Hall representatives, Year 10 dance leaders led a project in the Drama Studio with Mr Tierney.

Jack, Head Boy of Maathai Hall, said it was important that even with the 30th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster approaching next year, young children were still affected by what happened and the continued understanding and generosity from the Upton school community was very much appreciated by the Ukrainian visitors.



Please look out for news of fundraising by Maathai Hall community representatives for further visits.

**Miss Main**  
**Maathai Hall Leader**

## A visit from Oxford University - 30th June 2015

A selection of Sixth Form and Year 10 students recently had the opportunity to talk to visiting students from Oxford University. The students had just finished their first and second years and are studying a range of subjects so we were able to get a view of the university from different course perspectives. They told us about the traditions at Oxford and it was interesting to hear about student life and how it differed from other universities.

We found out more about the application process and the college system at Oxford, as well as gaining essential tips on how to make a successful application and make yourself stand out, which was advice applicable not only to Oxford, but also other competitive universities.

Life at Oxford University seems very diverse with a large range of activities and societies to be getting involved in. It was a valuable experience which broke down pre-determined stereotypes of Oxford and Cambridge, as the students came from all backgrounds and it made them seem much more accessible.



**Anna**  
**Year 12**





## TEES Net Global Conference at Liverpool Hope University

On 9th July six Year 9 students along with Miss Beuzit and Miss Clarkson were invited to speak at the TEES Net Global Conference at Liverpool Hope University.

They were invited by Oxfam to give a presentation about the excellent work that our school Oxfam Youth Group Ambassadors do. The students did a fantastic job and received much praise from their captive audience.

A big thank you to Matthew, Jess, Sam, Annabelle, Martin and Kim for their hard work, dedication and global citizenship.

I would also like to thank Miss Beuzit and Miss Clarkson for accompanying them.



**Mrs Smale**  
Head of RS & PSHCE



## Yunus Hall Leadership Team support West Cheshire Foodbank

This term, Yunus Hall Leadership Team led a collection for our local Foodbank (West Cheshire Foodbank). They encouraged students, teachers and parents to get involved and support this worthy cause, by bringing in provisions from a list of essentials.

A huge 'Thank you' to all that got involved, allowing us to make a difference and understand that true giving is to those who can never repay you.

**Miss Noel**  
Yunus Hall Leader



## England calling for Tom Heaton

Tom was an Upton student between 1997 and 2002 and has kept in touch with the school ever since. He officially opened our Multi Use Games Area and was the guest speaker at this year's GCSE Certificate Evening. He also opened up a garden project at Guilden Sutton Primary School which was in part created by Upton Students. Tom was an ever present in goal for Burnley in the Premier League this season. His excellent form was rewarded with a call-up to the England squad for the recent fixtures against Slovenia and the Republic of Ireland.



## Field trips to the Goyt Valley

On the 16th and 23rd June Year 10 GCSE Geography students went on a field trip to visit the Goyt Valley in the Peak District. We were lucky enough to have lovely weather for both the visits, which helped make the days even more enjoyable.

Once we arrived the classes were divided into smaller groups and we set out to measure different aspects of the river. We all got involved in the activities, as you can see in the picture. We helped each other gather some excellent data which will be used to complete our controlled assessment in the Autumn term. To mark the end of a successful trip we were able to enjoy an ice cream in the sunshine.

**Lucy and Katie**  
Year 10



## Reports from two of our aspirational Year 12s on pursuing careers in Medicine

My name is Ella and my aim is to study medicine at University and hopefully go on to be a hospital doctor. To gain a place at medical school you must study Chemistry A level and most universities prefer another science (usually biology). I'm doing Chemistry, Biology, Geography and PE – the only challenge now is to get at least three grade As!

On average there are 17 applications for each place at a university medical school and so getting an offer is a very competitive process. Its is not enough to get good grades ( though they expect these!) ; it is also necessary to have experienced medical settings and reflected on your time in these settings.

I volunteer at the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and I am also spending time this summer with disabled school-aged youngsters and disabled adults. These experiences help me to gain a valuable insight into a variety of different medical settings and help me to develop both practical and social skills, communication being the most important. I have also taken part in two Access to Medicine programmes: one at The Liverpool Heart & Chest Hospital and one at the Countess of Chester. The places on these courses are limited so again it is competitive, but it is definitely worthwhile putting in the effort as I gained amazing experience, getting to observe and learn in a number of clinical settings including; peadiatrics, A&E, theatre and outpatient clinics as well as completing some clinical skills training. I learned a lot from my experience; medically by shadowing renowned consultants and also socially/emotionally by interacting with families at their most difficult times.

My hope now is that I can gain my place at medical school and go on to specialize in emergency acute medicine (critical care) which is extremely varied, interesting and highly stressful – a very exciting prospect.

**Ella**  
Year 12

My name is Ed and I recently partook in a full 3 days of work experience at the local Countess of Chester Hospital. I worked in a variety of departments allowing me to gain valuable insight into many specialities you can follow in a career of medicine.

Each department was unique in it's own way; from the intricacies of orthopaedic surgery, to the careful and detailed analysis of blood samples in pathology, to the quick diagnosis and treatments of patients in A&E. All the departments allowed me to gain the experience I need to develop my medical knowledge.

Both surgery and A&E appealed greatly to me as these are possibly two of the professions I wish to specialise in. In theatre I observed two operations, both of which were work on the bones located in the ankle and foot. These required intricate detail and work, but didn't take as long as expected, the longest lasting an hour and a half.

A&E was a rush as many patients would come in per hour and I was on the Rapid Assessment Team (RAT). We had to quickly diagnose patients and send them to the relevant departments, this made me consider emergency medicine as a possible speciality for me as you see a wide range of injuries and illnesses.

Overall it was a valuable three days as it allowed me to understand the workings of the hospital by being up close and personal with the people tasked with treating us.

**Ed**  
Year 12



# Year 8 Textiles Workshop Day

Thirty students were selected to take part in a Year 8 workshop day on 17th June as they have shown great progress in Textiles Technology this year. They were all given a Fairtrade t- shirt and asked to remodel it into a another garment.

The students had all sorts of ideas from dresses to waistcoats! They created their designs and I was very impressed with the quality of their designs. In the afternoon we used the techniques of the artist Jennifer Collier to create a newspaper example of a piece of child's clothing using wax and found objects.

## Miss Thompson Textiles



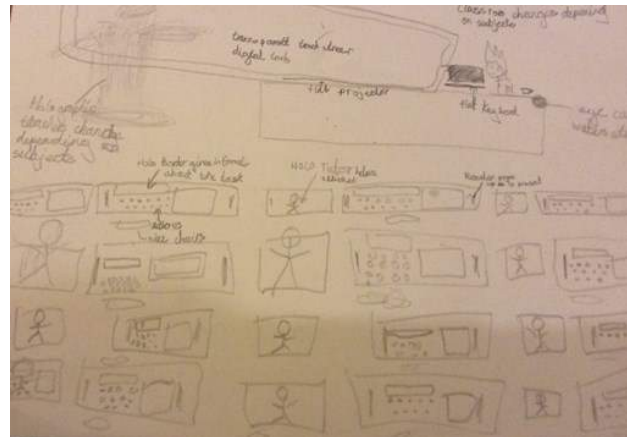
## Student ELF Group Win 'Classroom of the Future' Competition

The ELF Group students at Upton-by-Chester High School recently entered a competition, to design a 'class room of the future'. Last week we received the news that three of their entries had won collectively!

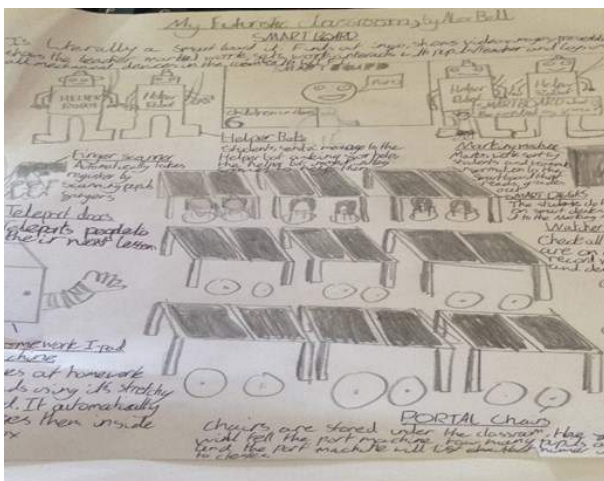
The prize includes 10 iPad's and £500 worth of apple software.

Fantastic effort from all three students, take a look at their entries.

**Mrs Keefe**  
**Year 7 & 8 ELF Co-ordinator**



### Mubarak (Year 7)



### Alex (Year 7)



### Hannah (Year 7)



## Year 13 Prom 2015

Having worked hard for many months, Year 13 students enjoyed an end of year prom at The Queen Hotel in Chester. The event was organized by the Sixth Form student Leadership team and Ms Christianson. It was a fantastic evening!

Goodbye and good luck to the superb Upper Sixth of 2015 !

**Miss Brown**  
**Director of Sixth Form**





## Manchester Camerata: the impact of musical performance and composition on learning in Year 10 Art

The Music into Art project represents an innovative evaluation of the work of Manchester Camerata in the University of Chester's School Partnership network. The evaluation is conducted by the University of Chester's Faculty of Education, led by Professor Rob Hulme, in Association with Professor Paul Connolly (Head of School of Education, Queen's University Belfast). The project has involved a Camerata composer and a musician working with Art teachers and students in four Chester partnership schools; including Tracy French, Lindsey Bennett and 10BAR1 of Upton High School, Chester.

The aim of the work has been to evaluate the impact of making music in learning art. The activity was integrated into Year 10 art classes in the school and their work has mapped the link between the activity, enjoyment of art and the achievement of learning outcomes in both stages.

Students in Upton High School chose the colour RED and composed 4 short pieces of music based on LOVE, PASSION, ANGER and HATE. After the music workshop, students responded to their composition to produce a series of Art work using drawing and painting. The resulting exhibition was displayed at St Mary's Church Centre on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Well done to all students who took part in the project. The work is now on display in the school foyer.



**Miss French**  
**Head of Art**



## Attendance Stars

Here are details of our Star Forms for June/July in terms of attendance. Well done to all!

Research suggests that the greater the attendance, the greater the achievement. Too many days off school will affect GCSE grades and future job prospects. Attendance should always remain above 95% to allow pupils to achieve their full potential.

Follow this link (<http://tinyurl.com/uptonhighattendance>) to our Attendance page for details of our Attendance Policy and helpful national advice on raising and maintaining children's attendance.

Year	Form	% Attendance
Year 7	7Y3SU	100%
	7X5YU	100%
Year 8	8Y1ME	100%
	8X5ME	99.1%
	8X3WO	99.2%
	8X4YU	100%
	8Y2YU	100%
Year 9	9X2MA	97.8%
	9X5YU	99.5%
	9X1ME	97.8%
Year 10	10Y3MA	100%
	10Y1WO	97.9%
	10Y1YU	98.1%

## Sixth Form Taster Day for Year 10

In June Year 10 were invited to take part in a Sixth Form and A Level Taster Day. Each side of the year had a separate day to experience the Sixth Form at Upton.

We were able to participate in a range of lessons we had selected. As well as subjects already available to us at GCSE, such as History and Art, we were able to try out new disciplines like Psychology, Politics and Philosophy. In each subject the A Level course and subsequent careers were discussed, before an actual lesson was experienced. This gave us an insight into what to expect in the next stage of our education.

During PLAN (Pastoral, Literacy and Numeracy time), we were split into groups of about fifteen and allocated a Sixth Form tutor. We discussed the similarities and differences between now and life in the Sixth Form, such as the dress code, teaching and learning styles and opportunities available to post-16 students.

After PLAN we were able to use the Sixth Form Common Room and café facilities before the afternoon round of lessons. It was an interesting, thought-provoking day which gave us a taste of what to expect in Years 12 and 13 and students enjoyed the opportunity to experience a day in the life of an A Level student at Upton.

### Aileen and Holly Year 10



## Dates for your diary in Autumn 2015

Tuesday 1st September — Inset day

Wednesday 2nd September — Inset day

Thursday 3rd September — First day of term

26th to 30th October — Half-term break

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