



Upton Voice

Upton-by-Chester High School Newsletter

June 2017

Readathon 2017

Last term saw the English Department supporting Readathon, the nation's largest reading charity. Readathon raises money to support the charities CLIC Sargent and Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, who in turn support seriously-ill children in hospitals around the country.

Breaking away from just sponsored reading, this year saw staff run a literary themed bake sale (with inventions such as Choc-work Orange Cupcakes, Lemony Snicket Drizzle Cake and For Whom the Bakewell Tolls) which raised over £50. Similarly, we ran the Recycle for Readathon initiative, encouraging pupils and staff to bring in old and unwanted books, CDs, DVDs and video games in exchange for raffle tickets. Recycling these items has raised over £80 for Readathon, and Ellie (7Y1MA) was the lucky raffle winner of a £10 Amazon voucher.

Finally, credit goes to all of our fabulous pupils who have been sponsored to read by friends and family. With over fifty pupils raising sponsorship money we have been able to raise £590. A special mention goes to Daniel and Natalia (both 7X3SU) who raised £50 and £56 respectively! These fantastic individual efforts saw them rewarded with a special prize by the Head of English, Mr Crozier.

Thanks to the combined fundraising efforts of our pupils we have been able to raise a tremendous £720 for Readathon. Well done everyone!

Mr Waite
English



Green Day - Friday 28th April

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who contributed to the various recycling schemes or made a £1 donation which raised £889.

We collected the following:

- 103 kg of unwanted clothing for our Ragbag bank raised £41
- 5.5 kg of coins for our cash4coins scheme raised £124
- 30 mobile phones raised £18

The Eco-Schools Action team and the Mendes Leadership contributed and sold cakes and plants which raised £91. Altogether, students raised £1163. During the next academic year, the Eco-Schools Action team will conduct a new whole school survey to further improve our environment.

So far, Eco schemes have included:

- purchasing folding chairs sited in E block so students can sit indoors during inclement weather at lunch time
- purchasing UNICEF school bags and learning packs to be distributed to children in conflict affected areas of the world
- repainting toilet blocks

Great News!

We have just been re-accredited for the Eco-Schools Green Flag International Award for the third time.

Miss S. Beuzit
Second Deputy Headteacher



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Chester Half Marathon

On 21st May our students volunteered to help at the baggage area of the Chester Half Marathon. They efficiently collected and returned thousands of bags to the runners. The feedback from the event organisers was excellent, stating our service was first class. The runners also commented on the speed of service.

I would like to personally thank the students pictured and Mrs Roberts and Miss Molyneux for helping on the day. Excellent ambassadors for Upton High in our local community.

Mrs K Smale
Head of RS & PSHE



Rewarding achievement in Languages

During the last term we gave out 2 raffle tickets per lesson for effort and achievement. Before the Spring Break we drew names and handed out the prizes. We are really proud of the hard work of all our students in Languages and we are pleased to have recognised some students for their achievements. We gave out 20 Easter Eggs as prizes. The list of winners is below:

Ruby, Alice & Mia in Year 7
James, Will & Harvey in Year 8
Phoebe, Nathanael & Becky in Year 9
Patrick, Chiara & Rachel in Year 10
Eamonn, Hannah, Khadesia, Sophie & Becky in Year 11
Tamsin, Maya & Rachel in Year 13

Mrs J. Critchley
Head of Languages

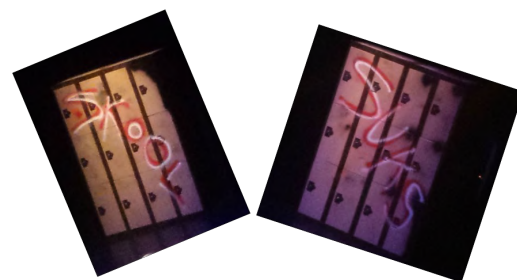


Our Day Out—Theatre Clwyd May 18th

Miss Thompson took 34 students to see the above show last week, and it was fantastic! The very funny play by Willy Russell was a great hit with our students, who were impeccably well behaved.

We also had the pleasure of watching Joe and Ted in Year 7, perform in the piece, alongside Joe, one of our past pupils.

Although we managed to return without any animals, we did all have the best time in Wales on our own day out.



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

It was another incredibly productive and enjoyable term. Year 11, 12 and 13 students (and their teachers) have been working very hard for their exams, which are now in full flow! I am sure all their efforts will be worth every moment of revision time and we offer all the students our very best wishes! Our support also goes to parents and carers, who will be living every moment, I am sure! Please feel free to contact teachers if you would like some advice and support.

It is, of course, all too easy to get wrapped up in things to do with revision and exams so we like to offer a range of experiences for as many students as possible. We also encourage young people to take on organising and leadership roles when possible. This edition of the Upton Voice shows a variety of events and it is great to see how our students have been involved; there is so much enthusiasm and energy for new initiatives amongst our students.

I am sure you will enjoy reading this edition.

Best wishes,

Mr J. Arnall
Acting Headteacher

Global Citizens!

On the 4th of May Becky and Millie were invited to London to present at a Global Citizenship Conference hosted by Oxfam UK. Only three schools from across the whole of the UK were invited to speak, which is testimony to the excellent job our Oxfam Youth ambassadors do in school. The girls were magnificent. John McLaverty from Oxfam UK said "It's great to see when young people know more about an issue than the grown ups."

I am really proud to have accompanied the girls and watch their thought provoking presentation, which filled me with such hope for our future generations and global community. The feedback that they received was outstanding, with some of the delegates asking for copies of their resources!

A fantastic job girls and one very proud teacher!

Mrs K Smale
Head of RS & PSHCE



Maths Challenge Winners

A number of our Maths students in Years 7 – 10 took part in the Challenge and Senior Challenge take home competitions in February half-term, organised by Mathematical Education on Merseyside. Together these competitions attracted around 3000 entries from both local schools and those further afield.

Again, our students did us proud, with Sam (Year 7) and Nathan (Year 9) gaining the best in school awards for their relevant age categories. A huge congratulations must be given to Sam & Nathan who were invited along to attend an awards evening at Liverpool University.



Nathan submitted this report:

'On the 3rd May I was invited to the University of Liverpool by the Mathematical Education on Merseyside (MEM). This was for being one of the winners in the MEM competition in which schools from Chester, Liverpool, the Wirral and further afield participated in. During the evening, there were different activities students could try and get involved with, involving maths skills. They included problem solving, a maths trail and a computer quiz. After this, certificates were handed out to the winners and solutions to the answers were revealed. The questions included topics covering probability, Fibonacci sequence, measurement and more. I enjoyed the experience and was glad of the opportunity by the school to take part in it and hope that I can continue to be involved in Maths competitions with the school in future.'

Miss K. Spencer
Maths



Music Instrumental Success

Here are the results for the latest music instrumental exams.

Piano:

Rebecca (Yr 12) - grade 6 merit
Hannah (Yr 7) - grade 1 pass
Victoria (Yr 9) - grade 2 pass
Vivien (Yr 8) - grade 3 pass
Charlotte (Yr 7) - grade 3 distinction
Joe (Yr 7) - grade 6 merit

Clarinet:

Charlotte (Yr 7) - grade 1 pass
Alfie (Yr 11) - grade 6 pass
Sophie (Yr 7) - grade 4 pass
Elis (Yr 7) - grade 1 merit
Hannah (Yr 12) - grade 6 pass

Saxophone:

Charlie (Yr 8) - grade 3 merit
Christopher (Yr 13) - grade 8 distinction
Ben (Yr 9) - grade 1 pass
Hannah (Yr 10) - grade 4 merit

Voice:

Luna (Yr 10) - grade 2 distinction
Isobel (Yr 10) - grade 3 merit
Isabelle (Yr 10) - grade 4 distinction
Louise (Yr 12) - grade 6 distinction
Rhianna (Yr 12) – grade 6 merit
Lauren (Yr 10) – grade 6 merit
Rebecca (Yr 12) – grade 8 merit

Flute:

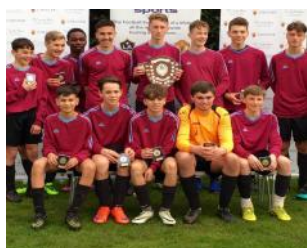
Holly (Yr 12) - grade 8 merit
Chloe (Yr 11) - grade 3 merit
Anna (Yr 12) - grade 5 pass

Miss C. Thompson
Head of Music

Sports Update

Our Year 8 footballers unfortunately lost their Chester & District Cup Final on penalties to the Kings School. It was 3-3 after extra-time with two goals from Peter and one from Jack.

Year 10 were successful in their Chester & District Cup Final beating Kings 2-1, with Jack R. and Jamie D. getting the goals for Upton.



Our Year 7 rugby team are Chester & District runners-up after losing a thrilling final vs. Christleton. The Upton try scorers were Josh (2) and Ben.

Year 9 lost their Chester & District Rugby semi-final 30-25 to a golden try vs. Tarporley. Anil, Paddy, Finn and Tristan (2) scored for Upton.

Having recently been crowned Cheshire Champions, our U15 Girls Handball Team travelled to Oldham for the Northwest Finals. The standard was very high but the girls recorded a 3-1 victory over Parris Wood High School in their final game, with goals from Liv, Libby & Amy.



Our U13s recorded a couple of great victories in the Crash n' Bash Cricket competition, beating both Kings and Abbeygate.

Our athletes did us proud at the District Athletics Championships with some great individual and team performances.



Individual Success

Amy in Year 10 recently began her football refereeing career.

Amelia in Year 11 has represented the Manchester Thunder Netball development team.



Jamie in Year 11 recently participated in the England Basketball U17's three day training camp with 1 day of practice sessions and 2 games against Scotland U18's. He was fortunate enough to be selected for both games, with him scoring 12 points in the first game (inc. 10 from 10 free shots) and being kept on during the last quarter of a very tight game to see out the win, also scoring 6 points in the second game.



Cheshire Inter-School Book Quiz

A school team has taken part in the regional book quiz this year, posting some excellent scores for the 6 compulsory reads and the 6 general literature rounds. After 4 rounds we were in a good position overall, so we now await the final table when every school has submitted their scores from rounds 5 & 6. The team members were Bronwyn, Eleanor, Oliver and Toby from Year 7 and Katie and Sam from Year 8.

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 to mark their great effort throughout the year. Special thanks also to Mrs Johns in the English Department for mentoring the team.



Mr Ryan
Learning Hub

Little Sutton WI Concert

On Tuesday 16th May 2017 our fabulous choir of all years adventured to Little Sutton to sing for the Women's Institute (WI). Some very talented students sang solos and trios and more. Our twenty-seven amazing students performed their hearts out, after being applauded many times by the ladies who enjoyed themselves. We were lucky enough to be given lots delicious cake after our performance.

Anna-Mai
Year 7



Fundraising for Lifesaving Equipment

Upton-by-Chester High School and the Cheshire Sports Club are working together on a campaign to raise £2500 by the 31st July, to purchase two additional defibrillators.

A defibrillator is available within the school building, however no lifesaving equipment is currently available at either the Sports Club, or at Brookhirst. It is proposed that one defibrillator will be positioned behind the reception desk at the Sports Club, and the other will be in a lockable case located external to the building at Brookhirst.

Parents, students, staff and the local community are asked to help towards funding this worthwhile cause, and if everyone who reads this could donate £1, the fund raising target could soon be realized.

Anyone wishing to donate can do so by going to <https://mydonate.bt.com/charity/search.html> and entering charity number **1048107**, which should then show the Upton High/ The Cheshire account.

Thank you for your kind support to ensure sports club and community users are protected by this very valuable piece of lifesaving equipment.

Upton-by-Chester High School and The Cheshire Sports Club



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Year 13 Prom

The Upper Sixth students celebrated the end of their time at Upton High in style on Friday 19th May. They attended an emotional final assembly to mark the occasion of their last day and then attended the Leavers' Prom in the evening, which was held at the Queen Hotel in Chester. The theme was the Oscars: students arrived on the red carpet looking like celebrities, the venue was decorated in a Hollywood style and various awards were given in the form of small gold Oscar statuettes. A good time was had by all and it was an occasion to be remembered. We wish our students the best of luck in their exams and all the best for the future.

(Photos from the prom can be accessed via [Foldr](#) - Student Shared – Subject– 6th Form-Prom Fotos 2017)

Miss W. Gordon

Director of Sixth Form



Upton Students solve murder mystery

A team of four enthusiastic students of Science took part in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at Liverpool John Moores University on Tuesday 9th May 2017. During the day the students completed two separate practical tasks, the first involved solving a Murder Mystery and in the second the team were asked to investigate changing the speed of "The Iodine Clock Reaction". Many thanks to Mr Bell for organizing the visit.



Our team of four Year 8 students from left to right: Sadie, Charlotte, Edward and Samuel.



Compassion Important at Upton High!

In March students were invited to enter the Cheshire West and Chester SACRE competition focusing on the theme of compassion. Josie and Lucy were awarded 1st prize in KS4 for their stunning art work. The accompanying written explanation with their entry also impressed the judges and showed such empathy for humanity.

The girls were awarded a £25 voucher and the RS department £100 to spend on resources, which we are going to ask the students to choose. I would also like to thank the other students who produced some thought provoking work, showing enthusiasm and knowledge of the subject. We intend to also reward these students for their stunning efforts.

Well done girls, I am very proud of you!

Mrs Smale
Head of RS & PSHCE



Dates for your diary

Thursday 15th June—Sports Day
 Friday 16th June—Reserve Sports Day
 Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June—Year 12 Study Leave
 Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd June—Year 7 Bushcraft Residential
 Tuesday 27th June—Performing Arts Showcase
 Thursday 29th June—Open Evening
 Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th July—Year 6 Transition/
 Induction Days
 Tuesday 18th July—Summer Awards Evening
 Friday 21st July—Last day of term

We are now on Facebook

The school now has an official Facebook page. "Like" our page and you can keep up with our latest news. We are also still on Twitter @UptonVoice.

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