



Parent E-Bulletin – Summer Term Week Commencing 3 July 2023

Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

Just a quick update from this week and details of some upcoming events in the school calendar.

This week we welcomed over 300 learners in Year 6 who will be joining the school in September. This will be the school's largest year group and we are delighted that so many new learners will be joining us in September. On Thursday evening we welcomed parents of Year 6 to the school and started what we hope will be a really positive relationship helping to guide the young people through the next seven years.

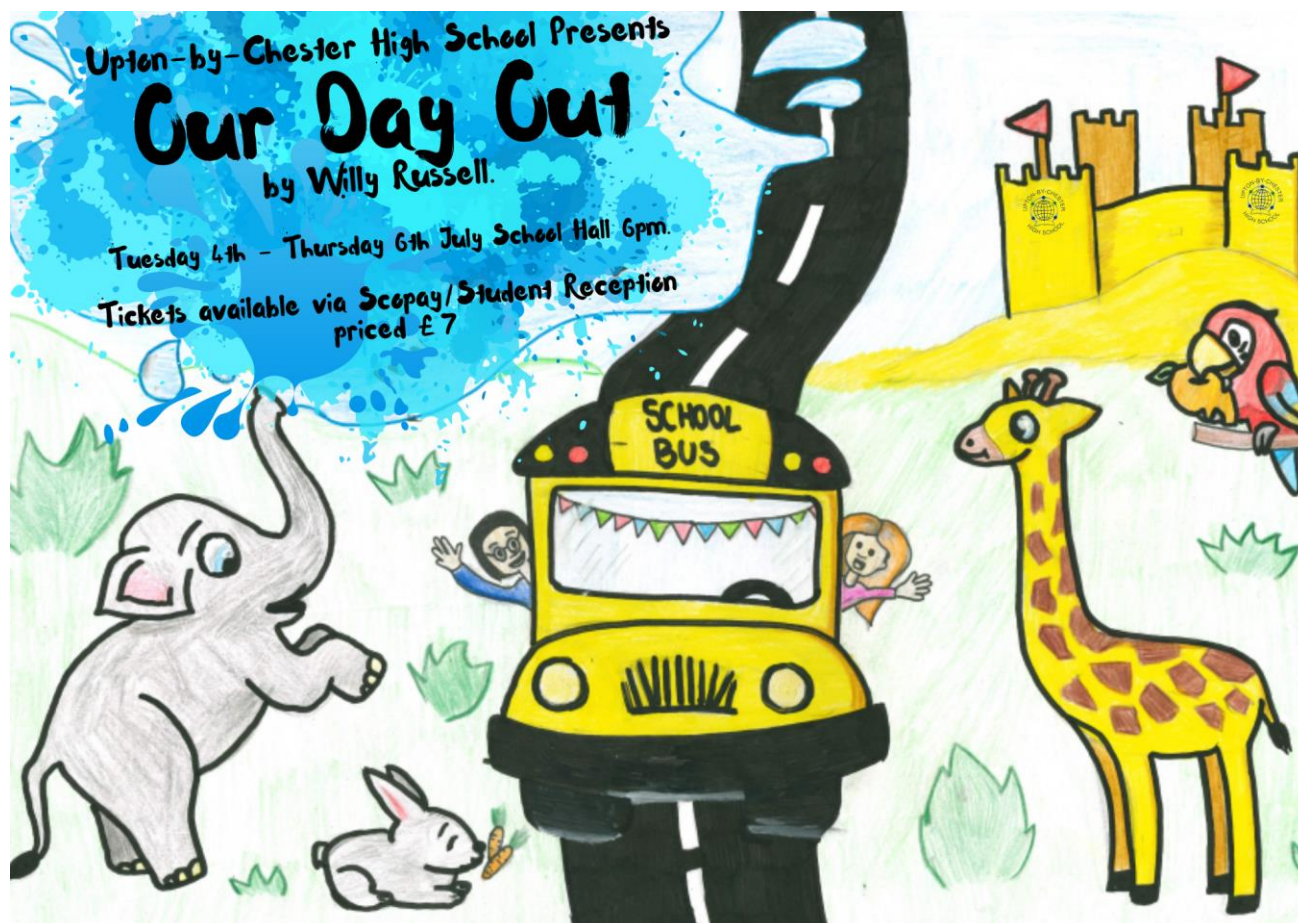
Learners have continued to rehearse for the Key Stage Three production of 'Our Day Out'. It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible attend the show to support the young people (and staff) who have worked so hard to put this production on. Please see below for further details of the dates and times and how you can purchase tickets.

Next week we unfortunately have two further days of national strike action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023. You should have received the information via a letter from myself earlier this week. If you have not received this and / or have any questions regarding the arrangements please contact us via the admin@uptonhigh.co.uk email address.

Next week we also have our school sports day. This is a really important date in the school calendar. We look forward to celebrating both participation as well as sporting achievement.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,
L Cummins



Uniform Donations

As we approach the end of the year if you are able to donate any uniform that you no longer need it would be greatly appreciated. We are in particular need of Blazers and ties. Bagged items can be left in the porch area of the main entrance at any time including over the Summer break. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Learners who are in receipt of FSM

We are in the process of arranging for parents / carers of all FSM learners to receive a £90 Tesco gift card, financed through Cheshire West & Chester Council's Household Support Fund, to assist with purchasing food for your child(ren) over the Summer holidays. We will be issuing one gift card for every FSM learner on roll in our school. These gift cards will be emailed to you direct by Tesco at around 8.00a.m. on Monday 17th July.

If you do not receive a gift card you were expecting please email finance@uptonhigh.co.uk and we will investigate and resolve the matter for you.

Careers and Next Steps

Click on the link below to see the latest information

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ab57VM41x7_yzr0Q19PUj0r4KoWn--X2iSfZR7KI_yc/edit?usp=sharing

Information from External Partners



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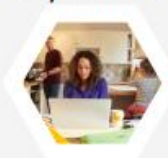
**THE ARMED FORCES
COVENANT FUND TRUST**

SPOUSES/PARTNERS OF SERVING PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES



If you are a spouse or partner of someone who is currently serving in the British Armed Forces or of a Veteran then we invite you to complete our short survey.

The questionnaire seeks to understand your employment experiences as someone who is married to or partner of a person who is currently serving in the Regular Army, Navy, RAF or Royal Marines or a Veteran.



The aim of this project is to understand your experience as a spouse/partner with relation to employment/careers whether you are either accompanied or unaccompanied.

Your experiences will assist us to identify the barriers and present potential solutions to improve your employment opportunities.

The UoC Westminster Centre for Research in Veterans is undertaking a study which explores the employment experiences of military spouses/ partners. This project is informed by co-production with military spouses/ partners and is funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund. If you are interested in taking part in this research, please follow the link to complete the online survey:

<https://chester.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/employment-experiences>

Information shared via Cheshire West and Chester Council

Holiday Activities and Food Programme Summer 2023

The Council, alongside Edsential and a range of community partners, is running a wide range of activities for the Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) that will run throughout the school summer holiday. HAF is a national funding programme for local organisations to provide activities for children and young people during the holidays.

[Holiday Activity Fund Website](#)

Edsential

Community interest company, Edsential, is working with 47 organisations, including schools, community, voluntary and faith sector organisations, to organise 66 holiday activity clubs throughout the borough this summer period. The holiday clubs will provide local children and families with:

- healthy meals and snacks, along with family cooking sessions and nutritional/health education
- a variety of directly delivered physical activities such as, climbing, swimming, yoga, golf, judo, skateboarding, dance and drama workshops
- diverse enrichment activities, including arts and crafts, musical theatre, archery, street dance, mindfulness, forest school, and much more.

Families can also keep up-to-date with Edsential's Holiday Activities and Food programme on social media and the [HAF website](#).

Youth Zones for 11-16 year olds (up to 25 for our SEND children and young people)

Operated by the Council's Youth Service, Youth Zones will be providing eligible children and young people across the borough with a Summer offer. All children and young people will be offered a healthy balanced hot meal or packed lunch. Programme plans include Arts and crafts, Face painting, Silent Disco, Urban Music Event -including beat boxing, mc-ing and Rapping, Graffiti, Dance workshops with Studio 13, Boo Zoo, Multi sports, inflatables, and trips out.

For further information [visit the HAF website](#) or email EHPChesterandRural@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

Provision for all children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

A number of organisations have been funded to deliver SEND specific HAF provision across the borough of Cheshire West and Chester. The varied offer will include sessions for children and young people such as arts and crafts, gardening, music and dance, cooking and baking, cycling and swimming. Activities will be on offer across the whole of the summer holidays and a healthy meal will be provided at every session for the children and young people in attendance.

For more information, [visit the HAF website](#) or email: AimingHighForDisabledChildren@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Brio Leisure

Brio Leisure will be running various activity programmes from sites across the borough. The range of activities include multi-sport activities, Fun and Floats and Sports Camps, all of which will include a healthy meal. [You can find out more here](#)

Criteria/eligibility for the programme

This holiday provision is for school aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, and for all children with SEND.

Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have a claim verified by their school or local authority.

- [Further information on eligibility for free school meals](#)

Any questions? Please email haf@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk.

Cost of living support

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, families may be worried about the rising cost of energy bills, food, and transport. They may need help accessing welfare rights, benefits and debt advice, support getting all the money they're entitled to, or simply want to know more about national recent support measures.

Whatever their money worries may be, the Council has put together some useful information to help. The web page includes a wealth of information including the Household Support Fund, the Council's HELP Scheme, Warm Welcoming Spaces and much more.

- Visit: [Cost of living support](#)

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