



## Parent E-Bulletin – Autumn Half Term Bulletin

### Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and carers,

As we reach the end of this current half term I just wanted to take a moment to reflect on the achievements of our young people. I cannot believe the number of activities / events that they have been involved in. These have ranged from sporting to cultural, drama and art activities. I am really looking forward to this term's Upton Voice which will showcase all areas of school life.

During this half term we have been able to welcome an incredible number of parents and carers into the school for open evenings and information evenings. We are determined to make sure that we have many more opportunities throughout the year for the community including parents and carers to come into school and see the great work that is going on.

This week we have also received the Progress 8 figures for the school. Progress 8 measures the progress that learners make between the end of KS2 and their GCSE examinations. Over the last two years we have achieved the highest Progress 8 figures that the school has ever achieved and this year it was significant, indicating that learners in the school achieved half a GCSE grade more in every subject than the national average progress. We are very proud of this and will continue to work to ensure every young person in the school makes outstanding progress.

At the beginning of next term, we have an INSET day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. This means that learners return to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please find below a list of upcoming events for the next half term, we will write to you again as the dates approach with additional information:

### Key Dates for Autumn Term 2

Date	Event
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School re-opens to learners
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 7-11 Flu Vaccinations (see letter dated 13.10.23 from Mrs Bradbury – consent form to be submitted by 31.10.23)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Sixth Form Open Evening 5.30-7.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Meet the Tutor Evening for Year 7 and Year 12
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 8 Parents Evening (online)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Careers Fair (during school)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> -Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 8 and 9 STEM Live trip to London
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 9 Parents Evening (online)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Music Celebration 6-7.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Trip to Theatre Clwyd
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Mock Results Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes to learners at the normal time of 3.10pm

### Contacting School

Home/School communication is important to us at Upton-by-Chester High School. For the majority of queries, you would contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

In each year group we have a year team made up of a Head of Year and a Pastoral Support Manager. They can be contacted via email or by calling the main school number which is 01244 259 800. Their details are show below:

Year Group	Head of Year	Pastoral Support Manager	Email Contact
7	Mrs J Dey	Mrs A Wynne	<a href="mailto:Year7@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year7@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
8	Mr S Togher	Mrs S Maxwell	<a href="mailto:Year8@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year8@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
9	Mr S Wearden	Miss J Hewitt	<a href="mailto:Year9@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year9@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
10	Mr J Quirk	Miss C Carter	<a href="mailto:Year10@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year10@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
11	Mr M Jones	Mrs D Bowen	<a href="mailto:Year11@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year11@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
12	Miss R Simpson	Mrs T Stickels	<a href="mailto:Year12@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year12@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>
13	Mr P Lewis	Mrs T Stickels	<a href="mailto:Year13@uptonhigh.co.uk">Year13@uptonhigh.co.uk</a>

I hope that all our learners have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing them when we return.

Yours faithfully,

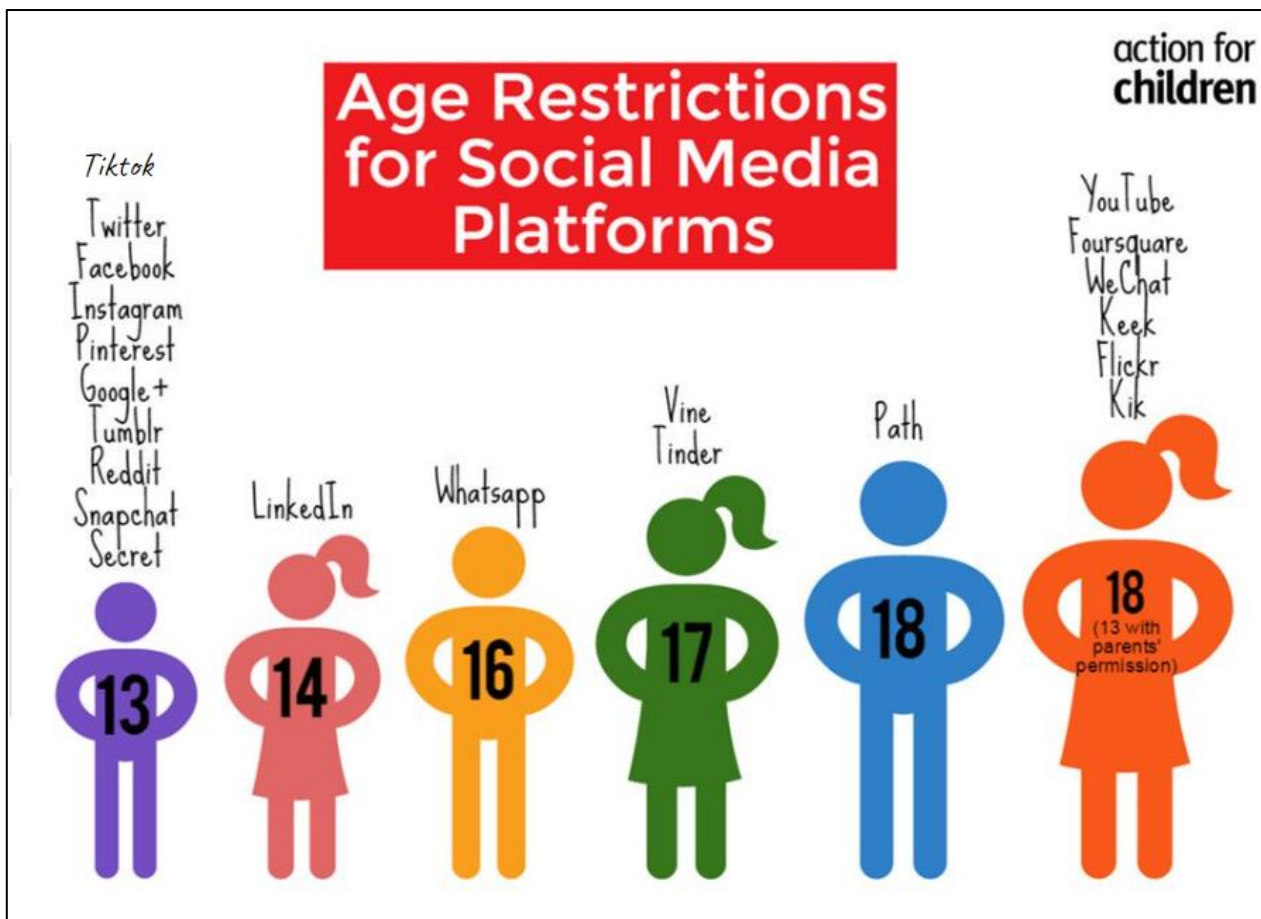
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Headteacher

## Social Media Safety

The online world is an essential part of our daily lives and learning how to use technology safely is an essential skill for young people. Apps such as Tiktok and Whatsapp, for example, are extremely popular but risks are posed and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children and your role as a parent/carers can make a significant difference.

It is vitally important that parents and carers check which social media groups their children are joining. Learners have been taught in school not to join open groups, for example Whatsapp and Tiktok, and give away personal details including images which show their school uniform or other personal information. Disagreements between children on social media can have a negative impact on their wellbeing whilst taking up a great deal of valuable time for staff in school.

In order to support families to protect our learners online we are providing links below to support you in discussions with your child. Please also see the graphic below which shows the age restrictions for social media platforms.



Please click on the following links for guidance:

[Tiktok](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Whatsapp](#)

[Influencers](#)

[Gaming](#)

[Snapchat](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you need further help or support.

Regards,

Mr J. Keegan

Assistant Headteacher

Director of Safeguarding and Wellbeing

## Learners in receipt of Free School Meals

We are in the process of arranging for parents / carers of all FSM learners to receive a £15 Tesco gift card, financed through Cheshire West & Chester Council's Household Support Fund, to assist with purchasing food for your child(ren) over the October 2023 Half-Term 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 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. If you cannot see the email in your Inbox please double-check your Junk Email and Clutter folders, just in case it has gone into one of them in error.

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

## Sixth Form Open Evening



## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2nd November 5.30pm-7.30pm

No booking necessary

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

TELEPHONE : 01244 259800

E-MAIL : admin@uptonhigh.co.uk

Or visit the school website at [www.uptonhigh.co.uk](http://www.uptonhigh.co.uk)



### Careers and Next Steps

Click on the link below to see the latest information

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ab57VM41x7\\_yzr0Q19PUj0r4KoWn--X2iSfZR7Kl\\_yc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ab57VM41x7_yzr0Q19PUj0r4KoWn--X2iSfZR7Kl_yc/edit?usp=sharing)

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### Information from External Partners

# AGED 13-25 AND LIVING IN ENGLAND OR WALES?

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON POLICING NATIONALLY

This national youth-led survey aims to:

- Examine young people's experiences of policing
- Look at trust levels among young people in different communities
- Involve young people in developing solutions

Tell us what you think by taking the survey now  
by scanning the QR code below.

**Deadline 10th November 2023**

Responses will be used to produce national  
recommendations for change for police forces,  
PCCs and partner agencies.



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# ***Comic Con***

***Ellesmere Port***

An illustration featuring Jack Skellington from 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' on the left, with his characteristic white face, black eyes, and stitched smile. To his right is a carved jack-o'-lantern with a menacing face. A speech bubble originates from the jack-o'-lantern.

***Free Entry  
Event!***

***Saturday 28th October  
10am - 4pm  
Ellesmere Port Indoor Market***

- \*Appearances from Characters throughout the day  
as well as timed "Meet & Greet"s***
- \*Fantastic Merchandise Stalls for all your goodies***
- \*Cosplay Competitions with prizes***
- \*Watch out for all updates of our facebook page!***

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