

## Parent E-Bulletin - Spring Half Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the midpoint of the academic year. There has been so much going on that it's difficult to capture it all so I am just going to focus on the events of the last few days.

On Monday we welcomed children from our local Primary Schools to enjoy a performance of Oliver! our whole school production. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings the school hall was packed with parents, learners and friends of the school to watch the performance. It truly was wonderful. As I reflected during my speech at the end of the show on Thursday evening there have been many performances in our school hall but this one truly was one of the highlights. It was such a special performance for a number of reasons:

- Leaners from all year groups were involved in the performance.
- The performances of each single individual were first class.
- The stage, lighting and sound were managed by the learners.

The team effort of the production was obvious to see from staff, learners and parents / carers. I think this is what made me feel most proud on behalf of the school. Upton-by-Chester High School is a team and we achieve great things when we work together.

Looking ahead to next term there is an overview of the events we have planned shown below. We will share further information with you at the start of the next half term relating to specific events.

### **Key Dates for Spring Term 2**

Date	Event
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens to learners at the normal time of 8.40am
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability catch up for Y7 learners
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	11-15 Climbing Competition
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Y12 and Y13 French Visit to Edge Hill University
Week Commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> March	National Careers Week
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Y10 Careers Trip to Storyhouse
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 10 Parents Evening (Virtual)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Training
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 7pm	Dance Show
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Key Stage 5 English Trip to Storyhouse
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes to learners at the normal time of 3.10pm

Effective communication between home and school is a really important part of our work at Upton-by-Chester High School. Please do contact your child's form tutor in the first instance if you have any questions. Below are also contact details for your child's Head of Year / Pastoral Support Manger:

Year Group	Head of Year	Pastoral Support Manager	Email Contact
7	Mrs J Dey	Mrs A Wynne	Year7@uptonhigh.co.uk
8	Mr S Togher	Mrs S Maxwell	Year8@uptonhigh.co.uk
9	Mr S Wearden	New appointment starting	Year9@uptonhigh.co.uk
		soon	2 -
10	Mr J Quirk	Miss C Carter	Year10@uptonhigh.co.uk
11	Mr M Jones	Mrs D Bowen	Year11@uptonhigh.co.uk
12	Miss R Simpson	Mrs T Stickels	Year12@uptonhigh.co.uk

13	Mr P Lewis	Mrs T Stickels	Year13@uptonhigh.co.uk
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I hope you enjoy a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming learners back to school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours faithfully,

L Cummins Headteacher

### **Business Breakfasts**

- The Business Breakfasts are designed to give employers/businesses from the local area an
  opportunity to network and develop community links. We will aim to meet once every four weeks and
  the school will provide tea/coffee and some breakfast items.
- One of the aims of these meetings is for the school to act as community hub that develops business links not only between businesses but with the school.
- The school has roughly 1800 students on roll and provides lots of opportunity for potential employers in terms of future apprentices/employees. As an active partner with the school, you could look to use facilities' that are not currently available to your business.
- If you are interested in being a part of these new meetings please email Christopher Wilson wilsonch@uptonhigh.co.uk

Kind Regards,

Mr C Wilson Head of Business

## **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 via External Partners

**Shared via Chester FC Community Trust** 



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Goalkeeper Soccer School on Tuesday 20th February

Venue: King George V Sports Hub

Blacon Avenue

Chester CH1 5BD

10am-2pm

Booking Link: King George V Sports Hub (sportskey.com)

Girls Soccer School on Wednesday 21st February

Venue: King George V Sports Hub

Blacon Avenue

Chester CH1 5BD

10am-2pm

Booking Link: King George V Sports Hub (sportskey.com)

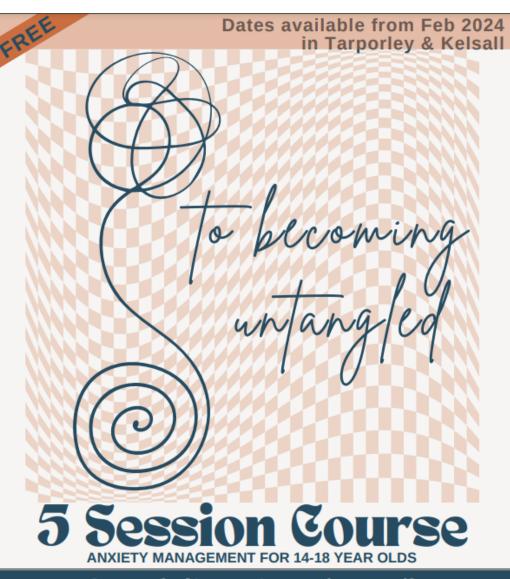
Chester Fc Soccer School Monday 19th February till Friday 23rd February

Meet: Chester FC Bumpers Lane Chester

Chester CH1 4LT

10am-3pm

Booking Link: King George V Sports Hub (sportskey.com)



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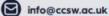














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