



## Parent E-Bulletin – Summer Term Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Examinations Year 11 and Year 13

As I write to you we are at the start of the examinations season. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our wonderful learners in Year 11 and Year 13 the very best of luck as they begin their examinations. I know how hard learners have worked to prepare for them and I am sure that they will achieve at the very highest level. It is important that they maintain the momentum throughout the examination season and we will be doing everything we can to support them. If at any time we can help please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### General Updates/ News

I just thought that I would share a few of the things that have been happening over the last couple of weeks

It was a pleasure to welcome The Lord Mayor of Chester (Cllr Sheila Little) and Cllr Sherin Akhtar to school this week to meet with our U16 Netball Squad and Miss Szehofner. The girls discussed their recent national successes and their competition plans for next year. We are so proud of the team and it was wonderful that the Lord Mayor decided to visit them.



Continuing on the sporting theme we have seen huge numbers of our sports leaders out in the community and in our local primary schools leading sporting activities. The sports leadership programme is a thriving aspect of the school's work at the moment and we really look forward to seeing this continue to develop.

We have also seen learners rewarded for winning the Root Word Competition with Mrs. Thompson (Head of MFL and Whole School Literacy lead). Shareen (Yr7) Adam (Yr 8) and Dulak (Yr9) all received a £10 book voucher.

Our careers breakfasts which are publicised in the newsletter regularly and our social media feeds continue to be hugely popular. They provide a great opportunity to for our learners to listen to people employed in a range of roles across all industries and then ask them questions. I know many of our learners have found this really useful.

### **Conduct in the Community**

Over the last couple of weeks, I have been made aware of a couple of incidents in the community which have not reflected positively on the learners of Upton-by-Chester High School. A very small minority of learners have engaged in behaviour which is completely inappropriate. I would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is clear on the way you and I would expect them to behave on their way to and from school. Learners will face consequences for behaviour which bring themselves and the school into disrepute.

That said I still receive far more emails praising the positive behaviour of the majority of learners than I do from others who are raising concerns.

As we approach the final two weeks of this half term, I wish you all a lovely weekend and a really positive end to the current half term.

Mr L Cummins  
Headteacher

### **Warm Weather**

#### **'No Blazer Day'**

You will be notified via email if forecasted high temperatures lead to a 'no blazer day'. In the event a 'no-blazer day' is called the following applies:

- Learners are permitted NOT to bring a blazer to school.
- School jumpers, hoodies or other jackets should not be worn as an alternative to a blazer and should be left at home or in bags.
- Ties must still be worn and shirts should remain tucked in.

#### **Water Bottles**

- Learners should bring a water bottle to school that can be refilled before the school day starts (8.35am), during break (10.50-11.10am) or during lunch (12.10-1.10pm).
- Learners will not be able to refill their water bottle during lesson or PLaN time.

#### **Sun screen**

- It would be preferable for sun cream to be applied before your child arrives at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs K McCarthy  
Deputy Headteacher

### **Aspens Menu and Meal Deals**

The latest menu of meals available from the school canteen is viewable [here](#)

The school canteen offers a **£2.70** Meal Deal, with the following **5** combinations of items:



Please note: Paninis and Hot Wraps **do not** qualify as a Meal Deal, and the drink included is a bottle of water (not Radnor or juice drinks).

Purchasing items that do not qualify for the Meal Deal could mean that your child is incurring more charge to their catering account than they realise, so please make sure that they are aware of this.

## [Careers and Next Steps](#)

Click on the link below to see the latest information

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## Information Shared via External Partners

### PCF Newsletter Via Cheshire West and Chester

Dear Parents,

Please find below link to the latest parent carer forum newsletter.

<https://mailchi.mp/b907790ed818/pcf-news-and-events-may-2024-17380491>

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*Live Well Co-ordinator (Children's)*

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