



Upton Voice

Upton-by-Chester High School Newsletter

December 2016

Christmas Stars

The Music department has had an incredibly busy season this year, with just over 15 Christmas performances in total! Our musicians have excelled themselves and I have admired their commitment and professionalism throughout. We have had press coverage of events, wonderful feedback from the public and marvellous support from all of our parents. I am so very proud of each and every one of the musicians that have taken part in the events this season.

At Bridgemere Garden Centre on December 1st – Christmas hats were the order of the day. We then had our fantastic Christmas Concert on December 6th. Junior Band played superbly and we had some excellent solo items. Choir sang beautifully and it was lovely to have our new Saxophone group and senior vocal group. However, Senior Band stole the show with their show stopping Party Medley, complete with feather boas and dance routine!



Choir have had a very busy time, visiting Nursing and Residential homes, and our local supermarket, bringing beautiful singing and festive chat. We have had a super time and are very privileged to be able to visit these homes and enjoy the company of their residents, so a huge thank you must go to Upton Dene, Chester Lodge, Eaton Lodge and Morrisons.



Upton Dene

Resident Doreen, 91, said: "The students sang just beautifully, especially the soloists." Fellow resident, Gill, 79, added: "They all sang like angels, it was a joy to hear."



Eaton Lodge



Chester Lodge



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Christmas Stars (continued)

Being Christmas, we just HAD to visit the pantomime, so on Wednesday 14th, thirty Year 9 students went to see “Jack and the Beanstalk” produced by TipTop Theatre Productions in Chester, and 65 students spent the evening at Theatr Clwyd and the delights of “Aladdin”.



This year we were also lucky enough to be invited back to Dorin Park to perform a Christmas concert. Taking Senior Band and Choir, we had a wonderfully festive time and everyone enjoyed joining in with singing “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas”, dancing to “Uptown Funk” and signing “White Christmas”.

Finishing our extravaganza are the annual Christmas assemblies, a couple of instrumental exams and of course, our long awaited Christmas Party. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and musical New Year.



Miss C. Thompson
Head of Music



@UptonVoice received this wonderful feedback on Twitter and by email regarding our musicians and choir.



[Redacted] Dec 6
Thank you @UptonVoice for inviting me to your excellent concert this evening. Great singers and musicians so much talent in one place.

From: **[Redacted]**
Sent: **[Redacted]** Tuesday, December 13, 2016 4:01 PM
Good afternoon

I wanted to email to say how lovely it was to hear your choir this afternoon singing in Morrisons. What a beautiful sound. I'm currently sat in the cafe with a coffee, I decided to stay and listen to the whole performance after picking up my few bits! The students looked very smart and sounded lovely, a credit to the school. Thank you for bringing some Christmas cheer!



[Redacted] 20h
@UptonVoice what a pleasure to hear Upton choir in Morrisons today 🎵🌟



[Redacted] 8h
[Redacted] @UptonVoice It was beautiful. Ready for #Christmas now. 🎅🎄

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

It's been another wonderful term of solid hard work and celebration of students' achievements. One will see students working hard in every classroom, determined to do their best, but this edition of Upton Voice shows, once again, the enrichment activities and events outside the classroom that make a lasting difference to the lives of young people. Will Rhona ever forget being on court with the world's best tennis players, or Sam and Sophie going to Westminster? Congratulations also to the Year 9 Geography Quiz teams, the Sixth Form chemists and Year 7 footballers. Thank you also for the superb efforts of the choir for bringing festive cheer to residents of Upton. We are proud of them all and look forward to more successes as we move into 2017!

Lastly, I would like to offer my thanks to all parents, carers and, of course, the teaching and support staff who make this possible through commitment and dedication to improving the lives of our students.

Have a happy, restful break and best wishes for the new year!

Mr J. Arnall
Deputy Headteacher

GCSE Awards Evening

On the 10th November we held our annual GCSE Awards Evening. It was an opportunity for staff, pupils and families to gather together to celebrate the successes of last year. We were treated to some excellent music on the night and our special guest was ex-pupil Major Verity Brown. Verity gave an inspirational presentation and then assisted with the presentation of awards.

Following completion of her A levels at Upton in 2004, Verity attended Manchester Dental School and graduated in 2009 with a Bachelors Degree in Dental Surgery. Immediately after graduation she commenced her foundation dental training year in an NHS practice in Stockport. In February 2011 Verity commissioned into the Royal Army Dental Corps as a Dental Officer holding the rank of Captain. She completed her basic training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and has subsequently been educated at the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom for her higher military education. Verity completed postings in Germany before being promoted to Major in 2014 and moving to Catterick Garrison.



Verity is currently the Senior Dental Officer at Dental Centre Leconfield with the Defence School of Transport, in East Yorkshire, responsible for running the dental department and providing care for the military personnel in the region of East Yorkshire and the new recruits for the Navy, Army, and RAF.



Get Caught Reading

To celebrate and promote reading, the Learning Hub is launching a new initiative around school— **Get Caught Reading**. The importance of reading regularly cannot be overstated. Research by the OECD suggests teenagers who read for pleasure demonstrate a desire to engage with stories and lifelong learning, which will lead to increased social mobility later in life.

I have asked school staff to look out for pupils reading around the school. This could be, for example, while waiting for Form time in the morning, when pupils have completed their assigned work in a lesson, during break and lunchtime, basically any unprompted reading. Pupils might be asked what their book is about, whether they are enjoying it etc. When the Learning Hub is notified that a pupil has been “**caught reading**”, the pupil will enter into a regular draw for rewards and prizes, and perhaps a special event at the end of the year. They may also be asked to provide recommendations and short book reviews.

The Christmas break is the perfect time to start. Pupils may receive the gift of a book this Christmas or just be captivated over the holidays by a great story. The Learning Hub wants to know about it. Email a photo of them reading in an unusual place to **hub@uptonhigh.co.uk** or tweet with the hashtag **#getcaughtreading** to **@uptonlearnhub**. On a bus or train, on a ski slope, in a queue at the Boxing Day Sales. The possibilities are endless. If you are captivated by a great book you will not be able to put it down, no matter where you are.

Important Safety Note: Do not read whilst riding a bike, crossing the road or operating heavy machinery.

Mr Ryan
Learning Hub
#getcaughtreading



Upton students took part in the UKMT Senior Challenge on 8th November

The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school pupils. Nearly 100,000 students from across the UK entered the Senior Challenge this year with the top 10% receiving gold certificates, the next 20% silver and the next 30% bronze.

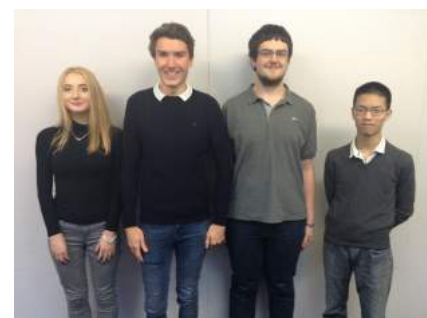
The following Upton students scored highly:

Lower Sixth:
Isobelle (bronze), George, Ben, Jason and Elizabeth (all silver)

Upper Sixth:
Zack, Emily (both silver), Joe (gold) and Andrew (bronze)

Joe scored in the top 6000 or so nationally and qualified for a further competition called The Senior Kangaroo. He subsequently scored in the top 25% of The Senior Kangaroo and will be awarded a merit certificate. Congratulations, Joe.

Mr J. Biard
Head of Mathematics



Upton High School represented at the EU Mock Council

Sophie and Sam travelled to Westminster on 17th November to represent Upton-by-Chester High School at the EU Mock Council. 65 students from 31 schools in the UK participated in an exercise in EU decision-making jointly organised in London by the British Council and the European Commission Representation in the UK. Launched in 2010, the event gives 16-18 year-olds the opportunity to learn more about EU policies in specific areas and then play the roles of national leaders, EU officials or – for the first time this year – the media. Sophie and Sam represented Italy on the Mock Council.



This year's Mock Council was divided into sessions which discussed the following themes from the point of view of the UK withdrawing from the EU: Erasmus+, the EU programme for young people, and the European Arrest Warrant which allows suspects to be returned more quickly to face trial in the country where they are suspected of committing crimes. Students representing the EU-27 negotiated what the EU's position vis-à-vis the UK should be, while those representing the UK delegation held parallel bilateral talks with representatives of the EU-27. Students playing the role of media were tasked to publish real-time news based on interviews conducted throughout the day.

Miss Suter, Head of History and Politics at Upton High, said "This year's event had particular resonance in the context of the referendum vote to leave the EU. It was fascinating to look at what a post-Brexit world could look like, and the complexities of negotiation."

Sophie and Sam said "The event definitely developed our leadership skills as well as demonstrating the need for compromise and finding countries with a like-minded position that would strengthen our case."

Lord Boswell of Aynho, Chair of the House of Lords EU Select Committee opened the session saying: "In this difficult year, especially for the young people, having this Mock Council is if anything more important. The two issues under discussion today, the European Arrest Warrant and Erasmus+, are particularly important and they are issues which parliamentary select committees are taking a particular interest in."



On court with the best in the world

In November, junior champion tennis player Rhona (Year 10) was lucky enough to be part of the Barclays 2016 ATP World Tour Finals ball crew, on court with the world's top tennis players at the O2 Arena in London.

The ATP World Tour Finals features the best players for the season competing in the final event of the year and it was televised on Sky Sports and the BBC.

The ball crew did not finish until about 11 pm each evening. In the first couple of days Rhona was on court with Novak Djokovic, Milos Raonic, Dominic Thiem and Gael Monfils.



Geographical Association Worldwide Quiz at Chester University

On Wednesday 30th November Year 9 Geographers descended on Chester University for the annual GA Quiz. Team 1 members were Nathan, Rio and Alex. Team 2 were Emily, Jemma and Daisy. 21 teams from Chester, Wirral and North Wales took part in the event. Both teams started strongly scoring high marks in the starter round: Mixed bag, followed by the individual round on Country outlines, then OS Map Skills and Brazil Olympics. At half time Team 1 were top of the leaderboard whilst Team 2 still had their bonus in hand to double their points on their chosen round.

After biscuits and juice it was time for part 2. Team 2 nodded confidently after each question having prepared well for the Outdoor Geography round. Geography in the News was challenging but both teams gained respectable scores. The Landmarks individual questions were next with the boys successfully identifying Durdle Door. There was a tense wait for results after the final Mixed bag questions. Upton Team 1 and Team 2 came joint third with 85 points narrowly missing out on 2nd to St.Gerards Trust with 86 points whilst Kings took the trophy with 90 points. Both teams did us proud and taking both scores into consideration we had a fantastic overall performance. Huge thank you to all parents who came out to support the fantastic teams!!

Mrs Mitchell



Heartbreak for Year 7 with late goal

With another afternoon match at home the boys were a little excited, the pitch looked superb with the lines freshly painted at lunchtime. The Autumn sun beamed across the Upton field making for superb conditions for Ben to lead his Year 7 team into battle in the 4th round of the National Cup. The opposition Blue Coat of Liverpool turned up full of confidence after beating Woodchurch of the Wirral in Round 3, and both teams were clearly very excited about the tie.

The first half was very much nip and tuck with the home team starting very well, the lively Harley causing early problems for the Blue Coat defence. There were plenty of half chances and we looked dangerous from corners. The best chance of the half fell to the Visitors - a stinging free kick from 20 yards acrobatically tipped onto the upright from Todd keeping the scores level. The game was hard and the midfield battle was tough for both teams. Half-time came and the score 0-0 was a fair reflection of a tough school fixture.

I asked the team to raise their work rate off the ball and believed one bit of quality in the final third could win the match. Upton flew out of the blocks for the second 25 minutes with Tom and Harvey both going close, and Krystian linking up well with Leo down the right. We huffed and puffed - Krystian had two great attempts which on another day would have gone the other side of the post.

With 10 minutes to go and Blue Coat penned into their half, they managed to break down the Upton right, a precise cross was met by an advancing striker to side foot home. 1-0 to the visitors. A fine finish but against the run of play. With time running out Mikey was added from the bench, as the kitchen sink was thrown at the Blue Coat keeper..... It was not meant to be, the final whistle went and several players fell to the ground haven given everything they had to try and get the goal to draw us level.

Credit to Blue coat a fine defensive performance and plenty for us to learn for the cup games after Christmas. It was fantastic to see this year group embracing their responsibilities as school athletes in their first term at the school.

Mr Dixon
Pastoral Co-ordinator

Bikeability Training

In the past two months 45 of our pupils have successfully completed their Bikeability Level 3 Training Course at school. This is in addition to the 23 pupils who already hold the qualification. We have been offering this scheme in order to ensure the safety of our pupils travelling to and from school. Bikeability trained cyclists receive a badge and certificate in recognition of the level they have achieved.

Level 3 equips trainees with skills for more challenging roads and traffic situations – busier streets, queuing traffic, complex junctions and roundabouts. It also includes planning routes for safe cycling. At Level 3 you can:

- prepare for a journey
- understand advanced road positioning
- pass queuing traffic
- perceive and deal with hazards
- understand driver blind spots
- react to hazardous road surfaces



School recognises that it is not a legal requirement to hold a Bikeability certificate or wear helmets. However, the school is acting as a responsible parent in asking students to stay as safe as possible. Following the recent consultation undertaken by the school, a significant number of respondents were in favour of the school's proposal that pupil's should hold a Bikeability certificate and wear a helmet to cycle to school. This will now become school policy. From the responses we received we know that parents are as dedicated as we are to ensuring the safety of their children and we thank you for your cooperation.



Cash4Coins collection for Unicef - UPDATE

In the Summer term we asked you to help with our Cash4Coins collection. We were fundraising to purchase UNICEF school bags for youngsters in areas of the world where they are most needed, providing exercise books, pens, pencils, textbooks and other school materials to support the education of a child.

We collected over 20kg of unwanted or obsolete currency. We were able to use this to purchase 18 packs of learning materials and 60 school bags for children in conflict affected areas.

Thank you to all who took part and donated coins and notes.

Miss S. Beuzit
Second Deputy Headteacher





Upton Chemistry Students Take Second Prize At RSC Quiz

Thirteen Chemistry students from both the Upper and Lower Sixth played their part in consuming the pizzas provided by the Royal Society of Chemistry at the annual "Chemistry and Me Quiz" staged at Techniquest in Wrexham. As well as enjoying the pizza, the students listened to three short presentations from graduate chemists.

The main event however was the Chemistry themed quiz which was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the Upper Sixth Team (Harry, Scott and Aaron) who came second amongst tough opposition. Many thanks to Mr Bell for organising the visit and to Ms Kam for accompanying the students.

Accelerated Reader Scheme

This term has seen the continuation of our Accelerated Reader scheme in years 7 to 9. The main benefit of taking part in the Accelerated Reader scheme is that, with as little as 20 minutes reading per day, your child's reading age can increase at twice their chronological development.

While there are clear educational benefits to the Accelerated Reader scheme, it is still designed to be an enjoyable experience. We are promoting reading through regular practice in school and through a variety of competitions. We also celebrate success through identifying the students who have engaged with the scheme most effectively.

Please help us to ensure that your child gains the full benefits of this scheme by supervising their reading. You can view your child's reading history and progress at the following link using their Accelerated Reader username and password:

<https://ukhosted61.renlearn.co.uk/1894449/HomeConnect/>

If you would like to help your child to select another book at their level, please visit the Accelerated Reader Book finder catalogue (which has over 22,000 books listed) at: <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/> If you enter this code (**QS016037**) in the "Enter Keycode" box on the left side of the screen, it will show you whether we stock the book in the Learning Hub.

If you should have any further questions about this scheme, a parent guide is available within the English Department section of the school website.

English Department

Mrs Johns recently awarded certificates and prizes to these Year 8s for passing 5 or more Accelerated Reader quizzes.



Big Yellow Self Storage Toy Appeal

Once again this year Upton High School has supported the locally organised Big Yellow Self Storage Toy Appeal. Toys will be distributed to children across the North West who otherwise may not receive any. I want to say a huge thank you to our whole school community, parents, students, staff and governors who have contributed to this wonderful cause. We have managed to fill every box that we were supplied with and have collected even more toys than last year. It truly has filled me with Christmas spirit and I would like to pass on a huge thank you on behalf on everyone running the appeal. If this doesn't encompass the spirit of the season, I don't know what does! A huge thank you and I wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Mrs K. Smale
Head of RS/PSHE



Sociology Trip to Chester Crown Court

As part of the students' investigation of 'crime and deviance' as part of their A level sociology course, they visited the courts in Chester to witness first-hand the methods of maintaining social order through the judicial part of the criminal justice system.

The students were also identifying the social characteristics of the roles involved and the class and gender differences between these individuals. In addition the students were to analyse how a sociologist would study the individuals involved, what they observed, using different methods of gaining data such as semi-structured interviews, questionnaires and participant observation. His honour, Judge Nicholas Woodward addressed the students offering excellent advice regarding their higher education and discussing the changes he had seen as a crown court judge.



A very rewarding, enlightening and educating day was had by both students and staff.

Mr O' Donnell
Head of Social Sciences



Shakespeare Schools Festival 2017

Julius Caesar

Floral Pavilion New Brighton

Monday November 14th 2017

Well, it rolled around again.

It certainly doesn't seem like 12 months since we cleaned our swords from the blood of the battles in Titus Andronicus. This year it was the challenge of Julius Caesar, a challenge that very first cohort of Y9 Performing Arts rose to, with great skill, effort and endeavour.

Producing a wonderful performance encompassing the art forms of Acting, Dance and Musical Performance, these 37 students did Upton proud. They performed on the professional stage with distinction, in front of a full house of 500+

This was our 10th consecutive performance and the standard continues to be maintained, not only on the boards, but off them too. The students travelled on the train from Chester, changing at Hamilton Square and were real ambassadors for the school. (Considering a number of them didn't seem to have left the city limits on their own previously)

Many thanks to the Performing Arts team: Miss Thompson, Ms Tobias, Mrs Hewitt, Miss Downs and Mr Williams.

Roll on next year!

We received this wonderful appraisal of our performance of Julius Caesar.

Billy Elliot Feb 13-16th 2017

We are deep in rehearsals for the exciting, upcoming production of Billy Elliot the Musical.

Casting is complete, choreography is being learned, set being built, costumes created and lines learned.

It promises to be our most spectacular production yet and the students respond to nothing better than performing in front of full houses.

Tickets go on sale as soon as we return after the Christmas break, book early as they are sure to sell out!

Yours,
C. Tierney
Head of Performing Arts

Shakespeare SCHOOLS FESTIVAL YOUR APPRAISAL

"Lend me your ears"

Produced and Performed by
Upton-by-Chester High School
Floral Pavilion
14th November 2016
Appraised by Freddie Machin

Many congratulations to the cast and crew of Upton-by-Chester High School on their fantastic production! I'd like to highlight a few things from this group that stood out, wowed the audience and made this Shakespeare Schools Festival night an evening to remember.

This was a full theatrical experience with composed music, choreographed dance and Shakespearean text all performed with confidence and courage.

Julius Caesar is a very wordy play, so to master the language and execute it so clearly was a huge achievement. It was clear the young people really understood the story and therefore the audience knew exactly what was happening on stage.

We really felt the power of the people in this production- the ensemble were loud, engaged, and hot on their cues.



There were some really vibrant scenes between the main players, and a very atmospheric final routine leading to the finale. This was a lovely tonal shift.

Each performer had a fantastic grasp of their role and really embodied their character through both voice and movement. We were treated to wonderful musical compositions to cover the scene transitions.

This was a hugely ambitious production of a complex play, executed with sensitivity and panache. Well done.

"It's a significant achievement to do something as difficult and aspirational as perform one of Shakespeare's plays on a professional stage. Everyone who's taken part should be so proud of themselves."

Ruth Brock, SSF Chief Executive

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see your school in the Festival again next year.

Freddie Machin
SSF Stage Director

Literacy Prize Winner

Congratulations to Lois (8y3Su) who won this half term's Literacy Prize for her leaflet raising awareness of National Anti-Bullying Week. You can see a copy of Lois' leaflet here in The Voice.

Next term, students we will be celebrating National Storytelling Week (30th Jan - 6th Feb) and students in Years 7 and 8 will be producing entries for the BBC 500 Words Story Competition. If you would like to win the Literacy Prize for next half term, make sure that you get involved.

Mr Crozier
Head of English



Upton-by-Chester High School 1 The U.S. Media 0

The victory of Donald Trump came as a surprise to many. The legendary American pollster Nate Silver suggested a 67% chance of a Clinton victory. He was left to try to apologise and explain after election day. Much closer to the result was Elinor in Year 13 politics. Her prediction of a Trump victory with 46% was right about the winner, and within 2% of his overall vote share.



Elinor's was the winning entry in the Politics department prediction competition. She won 538 sweets, one for each of the electoral college votes that decide the presidency. Here is a delighted (but not surprised) Elinor receiving her prize from Miss Suter, the Head of the Politics Department.

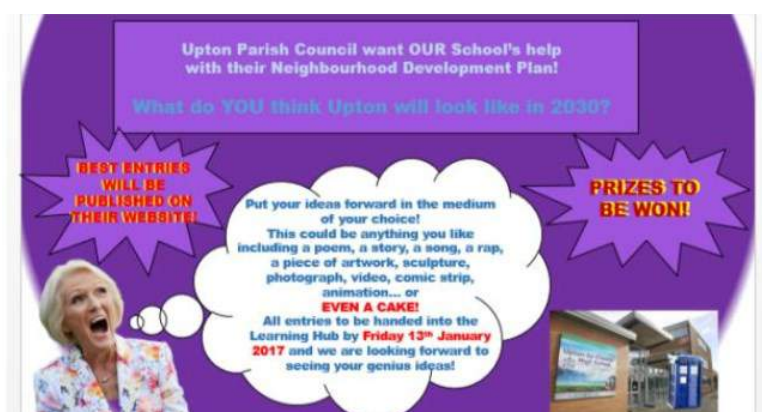
The Politics Department

Your Upton 2030

Miss Maxwell our Maathai Hall Leader originally met with Councillor Jean Evans back In May 2016 regarding the Upton Parish Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan – 'Your Upton 2030'. Councillor Evans asked Upton High School for our help to publicize this initiative and was interested in hearing our pupils' opinions on Upton's facilities, whether we think it is a good place to live, how we could improve it and our vision of what Upton might look like in 2030.

Councillor Evans was particularly keen to have examples of some of the best of Upton High School's ideas published on the website: http://www.uptonbychester.org.uk/?page_id=35. We are therefore launching an exciting competition across the whole school to gather some of Upton students' best ideas. Upton Parish Council will provide prizes for the winning entries.

Year 10 Maathai Hall Prefects Ben Collins, Luna Von Hardenberg and their team will be popping into your forms next week to help give you inspiration!



Digital Technology Update

Appy Hour

Year 7 & 8 students recently got creative during an Appy Christmas Appy Hour. Students were asked to create green screen animations using the Doink app, green felt and their own Christmas characters. The event was a great success and enjoyed by all. There were some amazing projects produced and students enjoyed developing their creative iPad skills.



Digital Technology in MFL

Year 7 students recently used iPads to create their very own revision guides. The guides were created on Explain Everything and students used a range of images, text and voice overs. The students were also shown how to create French revision quizzes. They shared their quiz with other students. This project is a fantastic example of how revision can be fun and creative, helping students to retain information whilst developing new skills with technology.



RS students get creative with green screen technology

A group of Year 10 students are currently preparing entries for the Canon Chancellor Award 2017. Year 10 students were asked to create a reasonable argument as to whether God exists or not. The students wanted to incorporate the use of green screen technology. The use of this type of technology has helped to bring their presentations alive and has given a creative edge to their projects.

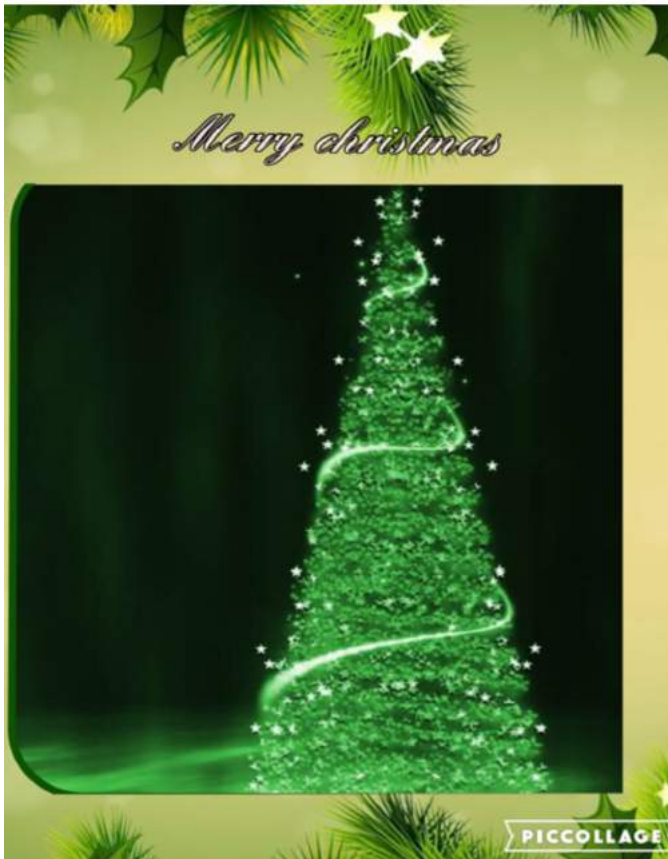


Digital Technology Update (continued)

Year 7 Digital Christmas Card Competition

Year 7 students were recently given the opportunity to enter a Christmas iPad competition. Students were asked to create a digital Christmas card, using an app of their choice. There were so many wonderful entries and students were able to utilise their creative iPad skills learnt since September. A big well done to the students who had the top 3 entries below.

Mrs Keefe
Staff & Student E-Learning Coordinator



2nd place: Eleanor



1st place: Elizabeth Carey
Watch the reindeer dance by clicking [here](#).



3rd place: Reece

Billy Elliot the Musical at the Palace Theatre Manchester

We travelled by coach to Manchester, arriving around 30 minutes before the performance. When we got there you could see the theatre and it was very busy. The streets were packed with people all excited like us to see the performance, posters on the theatre noted that it was an exhilarating experience and it was the best musical of the decade, so our hopes were high and we had big expectations when we walked through the doors of what seemed to be a very traditional theatre. The tickets got handed out and we made our way to our seats in the Circle.

The political backdrop to the show, the miner's strike, was beautifully weaved in with the performance itself and the performance was certainly well choreographed, when older Billy had a dance with younger Billy and younger Billy got lifted up, a good example of foreshadowing. If that wasn't enough, set changes were constantly carried out in typically astonishing ways, for example a whole set of the town was effortlessly and hastily changed for the set of a stage.

Our favourite character was Michael (Billy's best friend) and the actor who played him made effortless work at forming a poignant, expressive and individual character. He created a beautiful contrast with Billy and a calm between the storm effect when he created the comedy, between the dramatic clash that raged over the pit closures. Likewise to Billy, he fought against stereotypes and gifted the play with an attitude and originality.

The music was outstanding, the pianist conducted the whole orchestra and it helped with the understanding of the play and gave a mood and aura to settle into, gripping you to an already phenomenal performance.

A lot of the people who went were surely inspired by the amazing acting and the legendary tap & ballet. It was a truly exhilarating experience. We are now ready to commence rehearsals for our school's interpretation of Billy Elliot the Musical, to be performed in February.

Alex and Alisha
Year 9



Marys Meals Bag Pack Collection

Back in October Wood Hall launched their charity appeal to support Mary's Meals Bag Pack collection to provide bags of essentials to young children in need, so that they could benefit from an education too.

Led by the leadership team, the students gave assemblies and provided each form with a back pack provided by a local business 'Swim School' to fill with all the little essentials that we take for granted like a spoon and a ball to play with. We had an aim to provide 50 bags (one from each form) and we are well on the way with 20 completed bags and enough donations to make another 20 or so.

However, we are missing a few essentials to complete the bags, in particular 2nd hand t-shirts/shorts in good condition. So if you are having a clear out over the Christmas period please think 'could a child still make use of this' if so send it in with you son/daughter in the new year and we'll make sure that it will go to a good home.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated so far— you really will make the difference to someone's life.

Miss McLean and the Wood Hall Leadership Team



Top Award for our Year 10 Guides

Lucy, Alyssa, Megan and Mia in Year 10 recently received their Baden Powell Award, the highest accolade that a Guide can achieve.



Yunus Hall leads a generous collection for our local FoodBank and Chester Lodge Nursing Home

This term as part of Yunus Hall's ethos of Generosity, we led a collection for our local Food Bank (West Cheshire Food Bank) and for Chester Lodge Nursing Home.

West Cheshire Food Bank provide emergency help for people who live below the poverty line, providing food to men, women and children in crisis around our local community. Chester Lodge, is a local Nursing Home that looks after our elderly community. Yunus Hall's aim this Christmas was to spread as much love and happiness through our generosity to our local community.



We asked our students to bring in items from a list provided by Foodbank, who then collected the boxes and a hamper was made for Chester Lodge Nursing Home. During 2015 we collected 102.9 kg worth of provisions, so we aimed to beat that this year.

If you would like to know more about West Cheshire Foodbank, and how they help to make a difference, details can be found on their website: <http://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make a difference.

"Working with Foodbank was a rewarding experience especially as it has helped our local community" – Sam (Yunus Hall Head Boy)



If you have any questions regarding the appeal, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss M. Noel
Yunus Hall Leader



A message from Hall Leaders

Well, another busy term we've seen, for the Hall leaders and their leadership team!

120 students on a trip we took, coaches to Trafford Centre we booked!

For Children In Need, we sold many cakes, and over £100 did make!

Yunus Food bank collection looks like it will supersede all previous records of families to feed.

Wood Hall Leader, Miss McLean, led the Christmas Fair (results to be seen).

Mary's Meals has been launched by Wood, to help others, and do some good.

An amazing 6 weeks in a half term so full, so good to support others.

Our students, in their Halls, working so hard, are next joining Amnesty, to write some cards!

'Write for Right's is a worthy campaign, and Suu Kyi Hall will lead this again.

To create an Eco-friendly world we strive, Mendes and Maathai keeping the planet alive.

The Hall system allows us to pause, to reflect, to take notice of each other,

We work together, as part of a team, uniting the year groups, building a dream.



Children In Need Cupcakes



Suu Kyi Hall: Peace be the journey

Dear Parents, students and staff,

It is with regret that I am stepping down as Hall Leader for Suu Kyi Hall, as from Christmas. I would like to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all the support, warmth and encouragement that I have received throughout my time in this role. I have had the privilege of working with fabulous leadership teams, who have helped drive the Hall System forward.

I would like to wish Miss Green and the team all the best of luck in the future.

Mrs J. Jackson

Dates for your diary

Thursday 22nd December to Friday 6th January — Christmas break

Monday 9th January — First day of term

Thursday 12th January — Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 19th January — 6th Form Open Evening

Tuesday 24th January — Year 8 Options Evening

Thursday 2nd February — Year 12 Parents Evening

Thursday 9th February — Year 11 Parents Evening

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February — Sixth Form Charity Week

Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th February — Billy Elliot production

Friday 17th February — Last day of term

Monday 20th to Friday 24th February — Half term break

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Come and join us!

"Sixth Form provision is Outstanding" (Ofsted 2015)

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 19th January 2017

From 6pm - 8.30pm

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