



## Parent E-Bulletin – Summer Term Week Commencing 8th July 2024

### Update from the Headteacher

This week has been quite a week at Upton by Chester High School. As there has been so much going on I have just picked out three key events to share with you and then a few things looking ahead to next week.

This week we enjoyed our annual sports day where learners, working in their Halls, accumulated points based on their performance in the events. It is no small ask to coordinate this for almost 1200 young people and for that I am really grateful to the PE department and all of the other staff who supervised the events. As with so many events in Upton-by-Chester High School the conduct and participation of the learners was superb. It was really good to see so many learners taking part and being cheered on by their peers. I am awaiting notification of the winning hall but will share this with you as soon as I know.

This week we also took part in a whole school mock election. Learners in Year 12, since the calling of the election, have campaigned for the main political parties. There have been manifestos, election posters and campaign videos shared with learners across the school. Yesterday, all learners took part in the election process which mirrored the national election process (except we didn't permit postal votes!) This focus on the process of democracy is a really important focus for all of our young people. Again, I am waiting for a formal outcome from the election and will share this with you once it is known.

Finally, yesterday saw the final performance of Lord of the Flies. I know that many of you have been into school to see this, with the second two nights being a sell-out. This was a Key Stage Three production, so learners in Years 7 – 9. Whilst the content of the performance was dark the way it was delivered was out of this world. I had no idea we had such talented young people in terms of both their acting skills and those learners who worked behind the scenes to make the production work. It was a truly inspiring evening and one I will not forget in a hurry.

Looking ahead to next week we have a couple of awards ceremonies and the Year 11 prom to look forward to.

#### **North West Netball Awards**

Our very own Ms Szehofner has been nominated for an award from the England Netball organisation.

Ms Szehofner has been the teacher / coach of some of the most successful netball teams in the history of the school. The team has achieved so much success. This success has come through the hard work and dedication of Ms Szehofner. She has given so much of her own time to support and coach the learners in the team that parents decided she needed to be nominated for the award.

We wish Ms Szehofner all the very best for the awards ceremony on the 7th July 2024.

#### **National Conservation Education Awards**

The school has received two nominations in the forthcoming National Conservation Education Awards. These awards recognise;

“...those who go above and beyond to educate the next generation about conservation, so we are celebrating conservation success with our 2024 National Conservation Education Awards, celebrating excellence across the whole education sector.”

Miss Liggett has been nominated for The Outstanding Conservation Educator. Miss Liggett has worked with the school Eco Group tirelessly and has helped this group of dedicated individuals to ensure that the

school is always considering its environmental impact and doing all we can to improve this. The range of activities has been significant.

The school has also been nominated in the Outstanding Conservation School category.

We look forward to attending the awards ceremony at Chester Zoo on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

We wish everyone well with these forthcoming awards.

### **Year 11 Prom**

Finally, we look forward to celebrating the Year 11 prom on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

L Cummins  
Headteacher

### **[Engage@upton Updates](#)**

Drama and School Production clubs have finished for this academic year. They will resume in September

### **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, ties and PE Kit. Bagged items can be left in the porch area of the main entrance at any time including over the summer break. We would also welcome donations of coat hangers. Many thanks in advance for your support.

### **[Fundraising Certificate – Gingerbread Socks 2024](#)**



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**A HUGE Thank You!**  
**From us all at Down Syndrome Cheshire**

## Careers and Next Steps

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## CAREERS BREAKFAST TALK BEING A VET



**Dr Dragan Antic**

Dragan trained as a Vet and can tell you how to become one, and what the job involves. He is currently a Senior Lecturer at Liverpool University specialising in Microbiology and Food Safety.

**Breakfast  
provided**

Wednesday 17th July

8.20AM – 8.45AM

**TO JOIN THIS TALK, SIGN UP AT THE  
HUB**

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### **Information Shared via External Partners**

#### **Cheshire Constabulary**

Please complete the following residents voice survey for Cheshire Constabulary:

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Cheshire Constabulary Youth Engagement Officer – Chester High Schools



Cheshire West &  
Chester Council

Important  
information for  
parents or carers

## Applying for a Secondary School place - Year 7 September 2025

**Is your child due to transfer  
from Primary School  
to Secondary School in  
September 2025?**

YES – from 1 September  
2024 you must apply for a  
school place.

**You can apply from 1 September 2024:**

- online at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions) (last year 99.3% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Transferring to Secondary School 2025-26' booklet.

**In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:**

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions).

**Closing date for secondary applications 31 October 2024**

If entitlement to transport is important to how your child will get to and from school, it is vital you read the Home to School Transport Policy before applying for a school place. Visit the authority's website for further information.

Visit: [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions)



### **Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club**

#### **Summer Cricket Coaching Course 2022 (29th July – 2nd August 2024 and 12th – 16th August 2024)**

Five days of fun games and coaching sessions for Years 7-10.

Catering for boys and girls, we offer a fun coaching environment for our younger players and a more technical approach to help hard ball cricketers develop their skills delivered by qualified English Cricket Board Coaches.

Book individual, multiple days or for the whole week:

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For further information: [carrigancricket@gmail.com](mailto:carrigancricket@gmail.com)





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