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IPad Learning is launched.....

IPads have been distributed to enhance learning for all Year 7 students at Upton by Chester High School.

It was an exciting start for the new Year 7 students at Upton-by-Chester High School recently when they received their new iPads.

The iPad mini scheme will improve results even further by bridging the gap between the classroom and home study. New headteacher Mrs Dixon said, "We are giving our students access to modern technologies that will allow them to learn independently and prepare them for life in the modern world. IPads offer huge potential in terms of a child's educational development. They will improve student and teacher interaction and this alone has been proven to accelerate learning."

The scheme was introduced after a successful trial was carried out in the previous year. Parents and staff gave overwhelming support for the scheme to go ahead.

Upton Voice will feature regular iPad updates to let you know how the scheme progresses.

Highest form attendance September

7X2SU
7Y2YU
99.6%

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Forthcoming Events

- ◆ Geography visit
Iceland
4th-7th October
- ◆ Year 7
Enterprise Days
7th & 8th October



Welcome to all new staff...

The start of the new school year sees new staff join the school workforce and we extend a warm welcome to them all. New faces include headteacher Mrs Dixon who although appointed last November has finally taken control at the helm. We have other new arrivals: Mr Waite in English, Mr Wilson in Music, Mrs Sievers in Food Tech., Mrs Rogers and Miss Humphreys in Science, Miss Conner in Geography/EVS, and Mrs Granville in MFL (Mandarin). Students and staff are already enjoying working with the new staff and we hope that each and every one of them enjoys their time at Upton-by-Chester High School.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS...

Upton Voice received this report from one of our most enthusiastic correspondents, Head of Performing Arts Mr C. Tierney...

Upton performs in the annual Shakespeare Schools Festival, for the seventh time.

Yes, once more, a troupe of players has formed to perform the *Merry Wives of Windsor* at the Epstein Theatre Liverpool on the evening of Tuesday 15th October. Excitingly, in what is fast becoming an Upton Performing Arts trademark, the show will feature ex-students in prominent creative capacities. James Wyatt has composed original music and will feature as musical director, and Jack Chalmers will reprise his role as assistant director. James is a third year music student at the prestigious LIPA and Jack, fresh from graduating in Drama, has just formed Anchor Youth Theatre which is based here at Upton High. [You can follow Anchor Theatre news on twitter @AnchorTheatre.]

Our troupe is made up of students from KS4 and 5 who will act, perform music and dance their way through a rollicking good story, featuring one of Shakespeare's most loved characters, Falstaff, as he attempts to lay hands on the considerable fortunes of Mistresses Page and Ford.

Tickets are available now from the box office at the Epstein Theatre- book early to avoid disappointment.

The Wizard of Oz Feb 2014

Our annual school production is a ground-breaking project. We are performing at The Brindley Theatre in Runcorn, a professional theatre. The aim is to raise the bar for all concerned and to have everyone rise to the challenge, giving all students and staff involved an experience to remember by producing a show worthy both of the venue and Upton's performance traditions.

Auditions for the principal roles are complete but students should keep checking the notice board in the Studio for dates for dancing auditions. All those who wish to volunteer for crew, costume, make-up, front of house, marketing or indeed any capacity, register your interest in the Drama department.

We are particularly keen to hear from any ex-students, musicians, actors who wish to be involved and, of course, from parents. There are many of you out there who have something to offer I'm sure. Please register your interest at performingarts@uptonhigh.co.uk



Epstein Theatre Box Office [08448884411](tel:08448884411) or book online

Scuba success.....

Upton Voice received news from Head of Yunus Hall Miss S. Welch of an outstanding achievement from one of her students.

'Congratulations to Jordan Davies in 10X1YU who has achieved her PADI qualification after completing a number of dives and passing examinations in scuba diving. She is now working towards her next open water qualification.'

As a result of her fantastic efforts, Miss Welch was delighted to present Jordan with a well-earned gold tie. Well done Jordan.



Sports Reports...

Upton High vs Catholic High- Year 7 team's first game

Upton Voice was delighted to receive this report direct from Year 7 student Luke Charlton's iPad. Luke and his friend Daniel Goodchild kindly produced this account of their team's first match.

'The match between Upton High and Catholic High was a great match. Upton started with the sun in their eyes and the wind against them, but they struck first with a goal finished well by Morgan Handley. But then Catholic High pulled it back with a goal from their number nine. During the rest of the first half, Catholic High dominated up until half time.

At half-time, Sam Rowlands and Matthew Osborne came on to replace Morgan Handley and Zachary Brookman

The second half started well for the home side with a promising attack, with Jack Sconce putting away a well-timed cross from Matthew Osborne. For the rest of the half Upton completely dominated with 2 more goals from Jack Sconce and goals from Paddy Lally, Zachary Brookman and Matthew Osborne. The final result was 7-3 to Upton High and a great start for the team.

Girls' football vs. Catholic High-- Years 7/8 team won 4-1-- Years 8/9 won 4-2.

Miss Bolton has reported on this highly impressive start to the year for the girls' teams. In the 7/8 team's game, goals were scored by Amy McDermott (2), Izzy Powell and Georgia Musgrave. Scorers for the Year 8/9 team were Jade McKay with an excellent hat trick, and Kelly Duckers. Both games featured excellent team performances from the girls.

Year 8 vs .Catholic High: 9 - 0 win

Upton Voice was thrilled to receive these positive comments from Head of PE Mr P. Medland.

This was an outstanding team performance with Upton dominating from the start. A solid defensive display from Tom Roberts and George Page at centre back and Jack Wilson and Ben Kelly on the flanks laid the foundation on which the team could play some excellent football.

William Robinson ran riot down the left wing and Callum Edwards (2 goals) and James Lally (4 goals) were outstanding up front. Further goals from Sam Rockall and Halim Senturk (2 goals) capped a great all round performance.

The team scored 13 on its next appearance and so they are clearly the team to watch if you like free-flowing attacking play. The Year 8 team is pictured below.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Don't Miss Out On claiming Your Entitlement!

Feeding your child(ren) during the school day can prove expensive and a drain on personal finances. This need not be the case as they can obtain free meals and snacks from our excellent on-site catering service if you are in receipt of:-

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance;
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190; or
- The Guarantee element of State Pension.

A simple call to **0300 123 7039** is all it takes to confirm your entitlement.

Not only would this help your child(ren) and you, but the school would benefit too as it can claim additional funding, but only if you apply right now. Please do it today!

U6 Geography fieldwork...

Last week U6th Geography students visited Aberffraw, Anglesey to complete their fieldwork investigation with a focus on changes in vegetation across the dune system.

The group armed with tape measures, quadrants and plant identification books sampled over 250 metres and will use their data to complete work in preparation for Unit 4 examination in the summer.

Luckily all the work was completed on a dry, sunny day and a great time was had in the process!



Year 7 European Activities with Europe Direct...

Upton Voice is grateful to Upper Sixth student Josie Creeth for this report:

Last week I joined one of the Year 7 Language groups for an hour in which they were provided with an excellent opportunity to learn more about the continent of Europe.

An engaging hour of activities was in store, starting with a fascinating presentation on the origins and development of the EU, which the students participated in actively and enthusiastically. This was followed by an interactive activity which helped students find the various member states on a map, along with the origin countries of assorted popular culture figures and famous landmarks. The session finished with a quiz to test what students had learned, with a special prize for the highest score.

Here are what some of the students had to say about the activities:

“I think it was good because we got to see different countries that we didn’t know were in Europe” Chris Garner 7X2SU

“I liked the map activity because we got to move around the map and find out about countries that we didn’t know” James Berry 7X1MA

