



# UPTON VOICES

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BANG BANG IN  
PRODUCTION  
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## CHRISTMAS QUEST:

HELP RUDOLPH  
FIND HIS  
8 HIDDEN  
FRIENDS!!



## ENGAGE @ UPTON

Check out our range of  
clubs:  
Art Club  
Girls Football  
Breakfast Club  
Chess Club  
Explosive Science Club

## COMMUNITY

Remembrance Day  
Careers Fair  
Learners' Charity Work

## TRIPS AROUND THE WORLD

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Florida  
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Art trip to Liverpool



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As ever, the Engage @ Upton programme has offered a range of activities for learners to participate in from girls football to explosive science club, there's something for everyone.

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Our learners have enjoyed taking part in rehearsals for the exciting new school production: 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'. Check out the cast list and what the play entails!

## 50 CAREERS

Learners had the opportunity to attend the school's Careers Fair where various Universities and companies gave insights into future careers. Our Y10 learners have had a fantastic time during their work experience this term.

## 10 TRIPS & VISITS

This term, our learners have gone on various trips to a range of exciting destinations including a Croatia Science Expedition, Florida trip, Politics trip to London, and Geography field trips.

## 44 COMMUNITY

This term, our community has been busy as ever attending workshops with CRAG, Green Expo, Maths Trust Challenge, Send My Friend to School Campaign, Teams4U Charity Uganda, and Chester Marathon.

## 60 SPORTS

More amazing sporting achievements from our learners this term. Well done to the PE department for delivering such an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities. Congratulations to all of the teams on their success this term!

# EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome to our festive edition of The Upton Voice!

Our cover stars this term are from Miss Down's Year 10 dance class. We were all blown away by the dance performances during the Awards Evening in September and we wanted to showcase their talents here. You can read more from the dancers on pages 4-5.

There have been many educational visits this term and we have covered some of the foreign trips from the annual visit to Florida for Year 10 and the 6th form opportunity to go on a field trip to Croatia that took place at the end of the summer. You can read about all the trips and visits on pages 10-34.

The new school build is scheduled to start next year. You can look at all the plans and artist's rendering of the building and find out how to have your say on pages 54-57.

Some of the departments are already busy planning for next term with the Performing Arts Department running rehearsals for the school production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. You can check out some behind-the-scenes snippets on pages 38-39. The Art Department have been working on their L6 floral artwork which they will sell as limited edition prints to raise money for 6th Form Charity Week. You can get a sneak peak of these on page 41.

We have introduced an activity page with a 'spot the school area' quiz, colouring page for meditation as well as our inaugural comic strip from Andrew in Year 7.

We hope you enjoy reading about all of our extra curricular activities and thank you to the amazing Upton community who provide such a rich experience for our school!

*Ms Seery & the Upton Voice Editorial Team  
Happy Holidays!*



# Dance at Upton

Miss Downs kindly let the Upton Voice team come to one of her lessons to take some photos and interview the learners.

Dance has been running as an option for 13 years at GCSE level. We currently offer a BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2 in 'Performing Arts with a Dance Approach'. We create a bespoke curriculum as the variety of styles taught depend on the dancers each year. My favourite dance style is contemporary. We perform as a group in school and were invited to perform at The Storyhouse for our Award Evening. Our dancers have experience of dancing on many different stages.

I love teaching dance at Upton as the group of dancers are ace and it is amazing to watch them develop their own creative pieces through original choreography to to really show who they are.

*Miss S. Downs*

*I have studied ballet since I was three and I still practice outside of school. I was happy to take this option and would highly recommend it to others. Learning theory about muscles is really useful and helps us to be safe whilst dancing. It is fun to study in a creative and safe environment.*

Zoe

*We study a range of styles and Jazz is my favourite. I love dance and I think it is great to have it as an option at Year 10. I still practice outside of school and I have developed my knowledge of dance with the mainly practical sessions but also the theory side too*

Emma



*I really enjoy dance at Upton and I especially like the commercial style. I have always had a passion for dance and when I learnt it was an option I was happy to choose it. I really enjoyed the contemporary dance we did this year and I am looking forward to the rest of the course.*

Meredith



# ART CLUB

This term Art Club have been creating candle holders and models influenced by the Day of the Dead and Halloween.



Tuesday

BS1



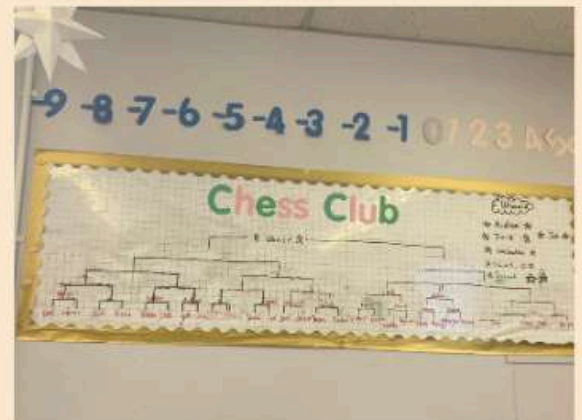
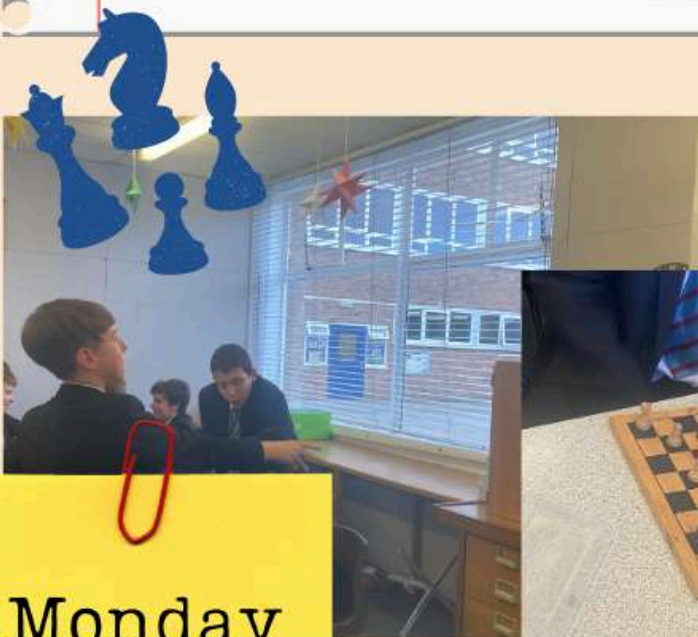
# Chess club

Although Magnus Carlsen was five years old when he first picked up his castle, the chess grand master famously said that he started by “just sitting by the chessboard and exploring things”. That can be done at any age - as proved by maths teacher Miss Cartmell, the leader of chess club, who learnt chess when in university. At chess club, you can learn to play the sport in a friendly, relaxed environment, surrounded by others with shared interests.

The club is held on Mondays until 4:10, and was founded by student teacher Mr Ashcroft three years ago. Now, Miss Cartmell and her friendly 6th form DofE helpers run it and welcome all abilities.



“I started chess club to get better - now I am!”



Monday

B1

# explosive science club



This is a new club for 2024. We interviewed Miss Emberson about her new venture....

**Who can get involved in explosive science?**

*Everyone! Science is for all sets, years and genders.*

**What inspired you to start the club?**

*To allow all learners to experience a range of investigations.*

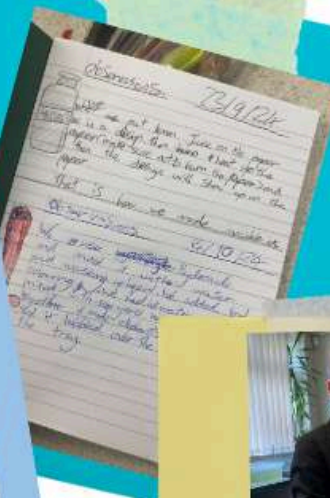
**What skills can you learn from coming here?**

*How to do correct observations and record them, experience a wide range of experiments*

**One final question....**

**Why is it called "explosive" science club?**

*Because science is explosively cool!*



Monday

L12

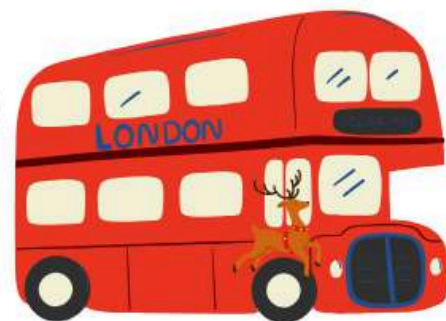
# Maathai Hall Reward Day

On the 16th of July, Maathai Hall was invited to participate in a rewards day for their top score in the school. This consisted of the school hiring fun bouncy castles for each student in Maathai to spend an hour enjoying a period out of class. Each year group had an hour slot to have fun on the bouncy castles.



# London Politics Trip

Jess Yr13

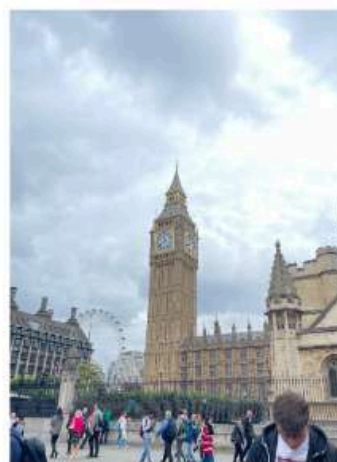


On the 11th July, Year 12 politics and history students boarded a train at Chester train station to London Euston. It was an early morning but they quickly arrived in London where we ran into former Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson MP, who was returning back to his constituency after swearing the oath in parliament. It was exciting to interview a member of parliament about his opinions on the Labour government who had come into power just a week before.

They dropped off their bags in the hostel before making their way through London on the bus to arrive at the Supreme Court. Whilst in the Supreme Court the year 12's were able to visit the court room one where many important cases had taken place. They said it was exciting to see the place that they had learnt about in the classroom. They were able to debate a real life case and the judges were able to vote on the result!



After finishing in the Supreme Court, the learners headed to Trafalger Square, where they were able to enjoy free time to explore the area and even do some shopping. After reconvening, the learners headed to meet up with the Years 7's at an Italian restaurant near Leicester Square. They enjoyed a lovely meal before heading back out into London for the short walk to the lyric theatre to go see the Olivier award winning musical Hadestown. The show was incredible and they thoroughly enjoyed it and headed back to the hostel after. Despite the plan being to get the bus back, due to unpredicted rain they got the tube back to get ready for bed.



The Yr 12's were able to get a good night's sleep before an early wake up to then head down to breakfast. Despite a busy day before, they headed on the the tube to meet up with their tour guide for the feminist walking tour. The tour was very informative as they were shown different historical places that linked with feminism. One notable place was Parliament Square where they were shown the different statues and the history behind them that looked over parliament.



Before walking to parliament, they took a stop at Greggs to get lunch and snacks to be prepared for the next adventure. After lunch, they took the short walk across Parliament Square to head into the famous Houses of Parliament. They went through strict security and placed their phones and bags into boxes and headed onto the tour. In two groups, we explored the House of Parliament and the House of Commons. It was a fantastic experience for them to be able to consolidate their knowledge and see first hand the palace. They even saw the former Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of Ireland. After a busy two days the group boarded the train at Euston and headed back to Chester.



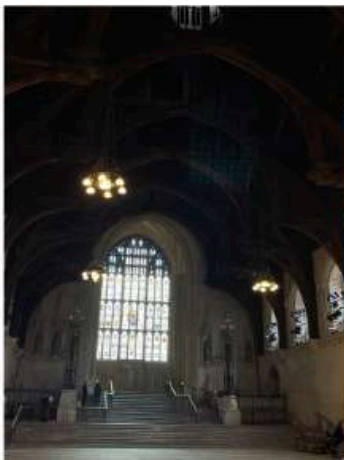
*"I had an amazing time in London as I was able to spend time with my friends whilst learning about politics."*

Tallula P



*"It was really exciting being able to go into the supreme court and Parliament and learn more about how it works.."*

Alex H



*"I had an amazing time in London and it was really informative."*

Harriet W



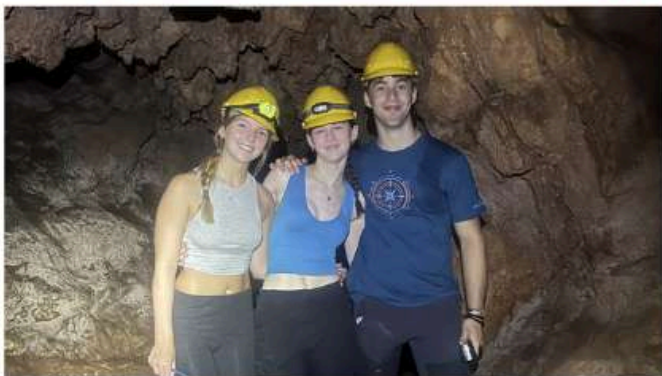
# Croatia



Krka waterfalls



Krka National Park



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## Week One Krka National Park

This past summer, a group of 30 learners from Y12 and Y13 were given the amazing opportunity to spend two weeks in Croatia doing field work researching animals and learning how to scuba dive. The first week was spent in Krka national park completing data surveys on the surrounding wildlife. Everyday in our groups we could head out into the park and research bats, birds, mammals and insects.

*"Fantastic and interesting experience that I will never forget."*

Thomas Yr13



# Science Expedition

By Alice & Lila Yr13

## Week

## Two Silba Island

For the second week we traveled to the island of Silba to learn how to scuba dive. On the first day we learnt how to set up our BCD's to be safe to use. Once we could safely do this step by ourselves we entered the water and made our way down to 5 meters. Throughout the week we spent our time learning vital skills to stay safe underwater with our dive buddies. Skills we learnt included rescuing our buddies when they are out of oxygen, diving without a mask and taking our tanks off our back and being able to recover it. After we had earned our PADI qualification we spent our last day playing games such as running on the sea floor.



## Funny Story

One night when all the girls were asleep we woke up to Abbie screaming "THERE'S A BAT IN MY BED".

Then everybody started to scream as this bat flew around our room and onto our bunkbeds.

*Learning how to scuba dive in Silba was one of the best experiences of my life.*

Ryan Year 13



# F L O R

## Day One

Universal Islands of Adventure - the learners received a tour of the theme park, before experiencing terrifying rides such as the Hulk, Spiderman and the water rapids.



## Day Two

Kennedy Space Center - everyone had a great time, they tried out the simulators, went on a tour of the launch pad, watched a space show and had fun on the slide!



## Day Three

Disney Animal Kingdom - the learners saw lots of exotic animals at the safari, went on the Expedition Everest and got transported to the world of Avatar in the simulation ride.



## Day Four

Universal Studios - everyone saw the iconic Universal globe and experienced the other side of the theme park, with rides such as Rip-Ride Rocket and The Mummy.

# IDA



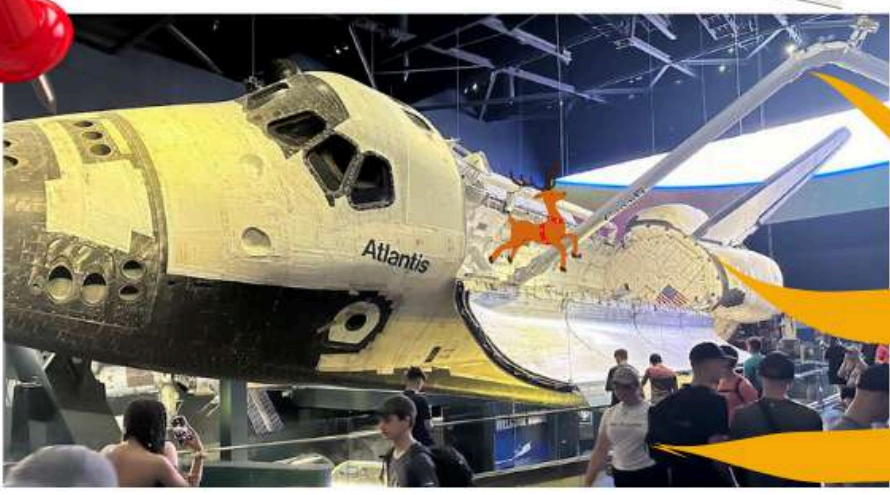
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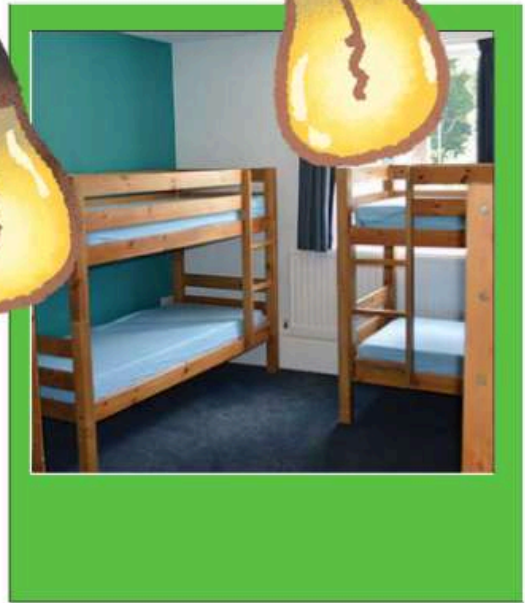
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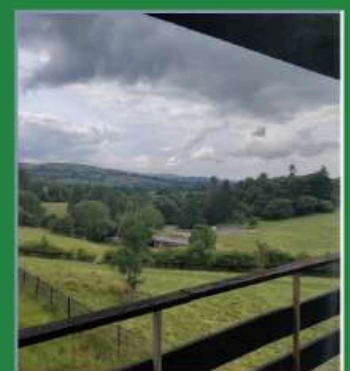
# PGL trip Year 8

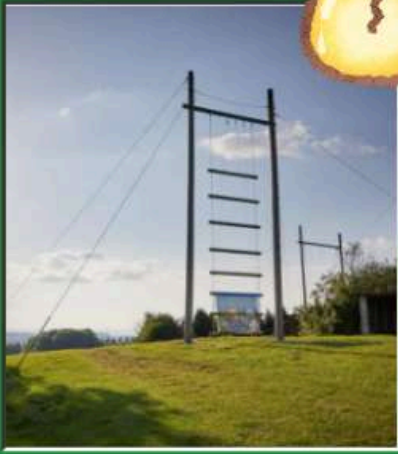


This July, the Year 8's headed off on their journey to PGL in Shropshire - Boreatton Park. They stayed overnight for four days.

A few of the activities they did were the crate stack, Jacob's ladder, night line, rock climbing and the leap of faith along with a range of others.

*"I had a great time on the trip and liked doing all the activities"*





*"I enjoyed the experience and had a great time with my friends on the activities especially the crate stack"*



*"I loved PGL and thought the rock climbing was really fun"*



# Geography field trip to Prestatyn

Anna & Alona Y11

We registered during form and left at 9am and the journey took approximately 50min by coach. We arrived at our designated assembly spot in front of a local cafe.



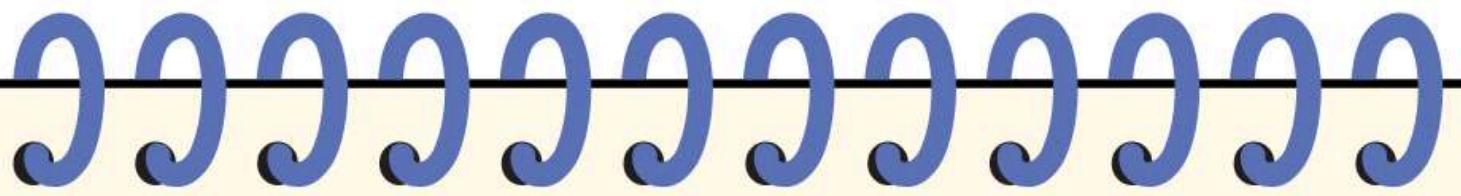
As part of our data collection we had to prove the effectiveness of hard engineering along the coastline. We measured the length of the beach on both sides of the groyne from the end of sea wall to the swash. An effective groyne had an accumulation of sand on the west side.

Long shore drift is the way the sand moves along the coastline. To measure its speed, we lightly threw a ball into the waves and measured the distance the ball travelled in 3minutes.

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$$

The faster the ball went, the stronger the wind, the faster long shore-drift occurs!





Then we did a bipolar survey, rating factors between -2 to 2 based on the beach's accommodation to the public. We looked at various areas such as: risk hazard, protection from erosion and costs to maintain. Overall, the groynes had a total score -5 and a sea wall had 2. However, the coast was protected to an extent and proved our hypothesis right! :)



This was a practice to prepare for our human geography fieldwork towards the end of March. In this aspect of the trip, we took into account the urbanisation of the city, its opportunities and the footfall.



We looked at the number of cars at one end of the city and compared it to the other end of the city, we looked at the various different franchises and start up shops present and many more.





**GEOGRAPHY LEARNERS ON THE COACH TO PRESTATYN**



**MEASURING LONGSHORE DRIFT**



**MISS LIGGET'S CLASS ON THE SEA WALL**



**WRITING OUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SURVEY**





**COMPLETING THEIR FIELD SKETCH**



**WALKING THROUGH PRESTATYN TOWN**

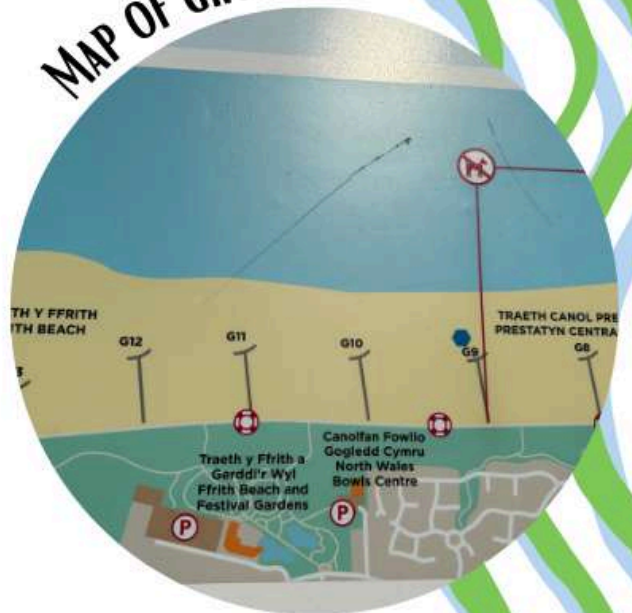


**MEASURING WAVE SPEED**

# MEASURING THE LONGSHORE DRIFT



# MAP OF GROYNES



# ENJOYING LUNCH IN THE SUN



# Year 12 GEOGRAPHY

## Trip to Wales



On Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th October, the Year 12 Geography learners stayed at the Conway Centre in Anglesey, spending their first day in Betws-y-Coed and measured its amount of globalisation. Upon arrival at the Conway centre, they canoed along the Menai straight. On the second day of the trip, the learners travelled to Cwm Idwal and did some stratification of the rocks there. Next, they went on a tour around the landscape and viewed where glaciers had originally been situated. They acknowledged the features of them, such as the tarn, the pyramidal peak and looked for stratification marks. The trip was an overall success and all the learners had a thoroughly enjoyable time, with lots of new knowledge gained.

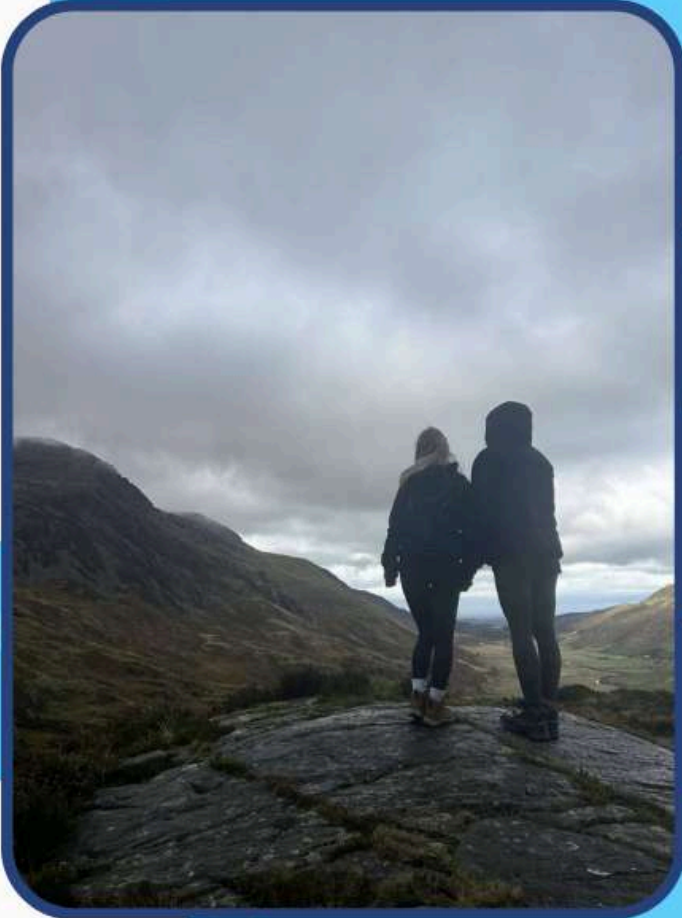
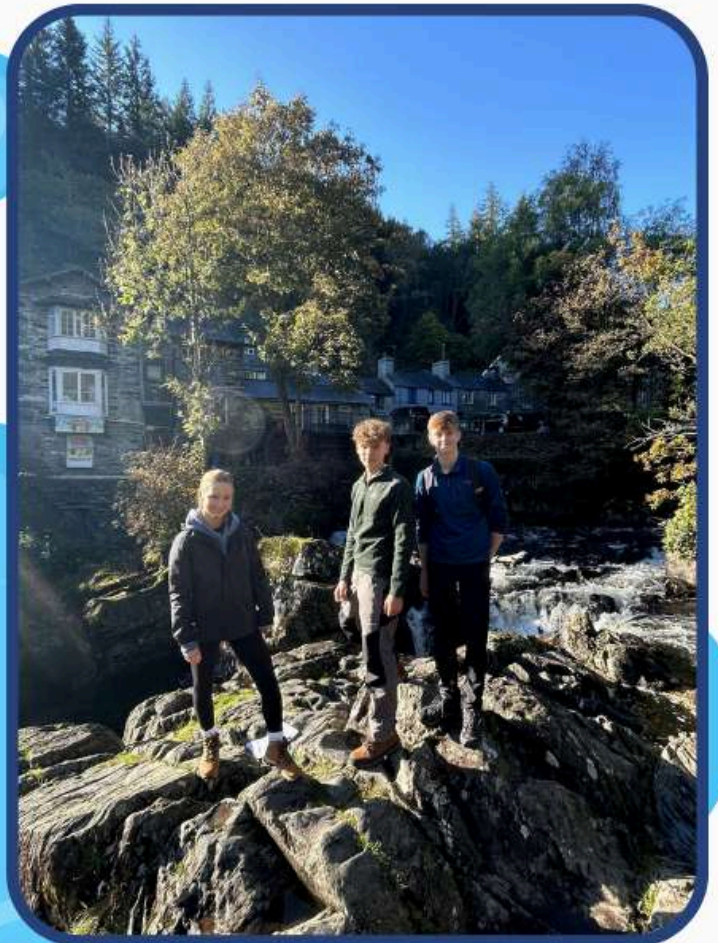


“  
*It was a fun and educational experience, thank you to all the teachers for volunteering and maximising our learning!*  
”

Sofia Yr 12

*"I really enjoyed seeing the landscape and learning about the geography behind it. I was really interested in where the glaciers had been."*

Abel Yr12



*"I had a really fun time and I gained a lot of knowledge, especially about globalisation, which will help me with my geography A Level."*

Menna Yr12



# YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO BIFoR



Y13 Geography students recently went on a school trip to BIFoR where they looked at how scientists have been experimenting pumping carbon dioxide into trees to predict how trees and nature are going to adapt to climate change in the future. We were first given a safety talk and given hats, then split into two groups. The first group were given a tour of BIFoR and the other took part in taking evidence of the change of carbon in atmosphere.

Our Year 13 geographers had an excellent day with the Birmingham Institute of Forest Research (BIFoR). The group learned how to fit a dendrometer onto a tree and toured the facility. BIFoR aims to provide fundamental science, social science and cultural research of direct relevance to global forested landscapes.

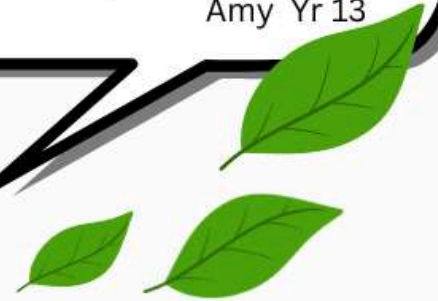
*Mrs K. Mitchell*





*"I enjoyed doing data collection for a large scale science experiment - my contribution made me feel important."*

Amy Yr 13



*"I loved seeing such a positive thing being done about climate change."*

Dylan Yr 13



*"I loved being able to ask questions to people who had such a depth of knowledge on the climate issues."*

Alice Yr 13



# LESSON FROM AUSCHWITZ

On the 10th of October 2024, year 12 learners Grace and Kaitlyn, went to Auschwitz Memorial Museum and Auschwitz-Birkenau with the Holocaust Educational Trust, a foundation that 'works to ensure that people from every background are educated about the Holocaust and the important lessons to be learned for today'. A branch of this educational and commemorative project is the LFA (lessons from Auschwitz). Through bespoke interactive online platforms, community seminars and a one day visit to Poland, learners are afforded the opportunity to not only discover more about the role of concentration



camp in the Holocaust, but consider the individual lives of those affected. Giving them an identity apart from the statistic, a humanity that the mass genocide so cruelly took away from them. Learners returned feeling 'inspired and passionate about ensuring the legacy of the Holocaust continues for generations to come' and with a deep understanding of the impacts of unchecked prejudice. Since 1998, The Holocaust Educational Trust has worked with schools, universities and communities around the UK to raise awareness leading to the Holocaust becoming part of the National Curriculum for History, providing teacher training, aids and resources to schools around the country, as well as Outreach programmes for schools.



*'My experience with LFA has taught me that the Holocaust must not ever become something we turn away from, trivialise or are indifferent too. In such a precarious time where people's misfortune quickly becomes another's entertainment and around seven acknowledged genocides are happening across the world as we speak, the need for representation and remembrance becomes even more pivotal.'*

Grace Yr12

„KTO NIE PAMIĘTA HISTORII SKAZANY JEST NA JEJ PONOWNE PRZEŻYCIE”

GEORGE SANTAYANA

“THOSE WHO DO NOT REMEMBER THE PAST ARE CONDEMNED TO REPEAT IT”

GEORGE SANTAYANA

Kaitlyn Yr12

*'LFA has taught me the importance of the Holocaust is essential to not only bring dignity and remembrance to those who suffered, but teach the rest of humanity what we are capable of, in an attempt to preserve the future'.*





Chester Residents' Associations Group

# Conference 2024

CRAG represents the views and interests of its members to local stakeholders – such as the council, police and other stakeholders. The role of CRAG is to inform, invite debate on the 'big issues' affecting Chester and to promote a greater sense of community across the city.

*"Very informative and interesting experience to meet important people of Chester like the Mayor."*

Natalia Yr12

*"I really enjoyed this opportunity to greater understand the city and the plans for the future."*

Amelie Yr12

The conference featured keynote presentations, panel discussions, and round tables on topics such as the River Dee, culture, and heritage.

There was also an update on the One City Plan, a project that is aimed at shaping Chester's future, which was identified as crucial following feedback from the first conference.

Speakers and panelists included Professor Eunice Simmons, Vice-Chancellor at the University of Chester, and Suzie Henderson, Creative Director at Storyhouse.

Councilor Richard Beacham, deputy chair of Cheshire West and Chester Council, and Tony Barton, an architect and historic buildings consultant, all spoke at the conference to make problems of Chester aware and solutions for it.



# Guides Trip to Switzerland

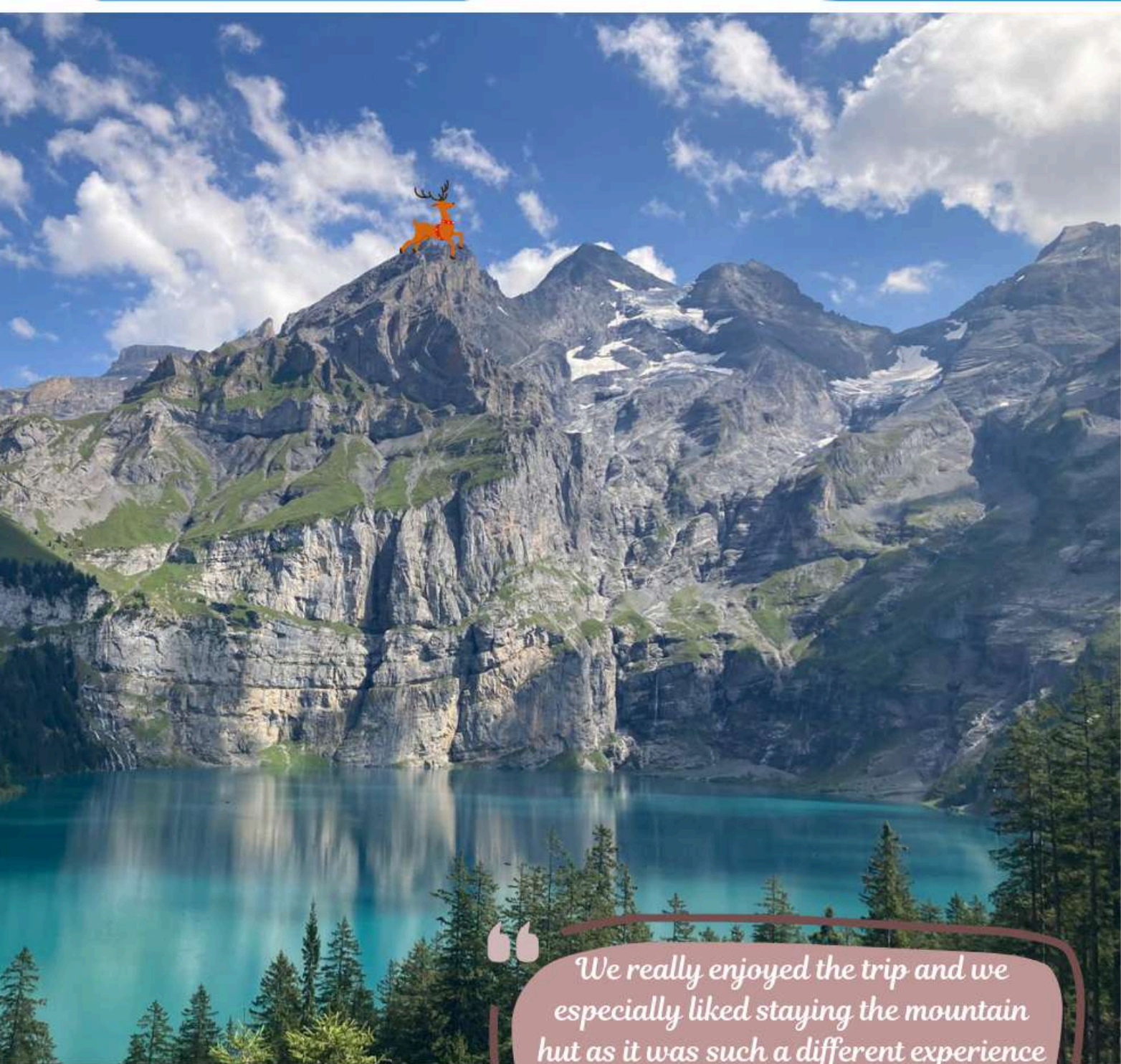
Every year, a small group of girls are chosen to represent their area on a trip abroad with Girl Guiding - this year, four of our own learners were sent to Switzerland. Lexi, Francesca, Neve and Lottie. They raised funds for months before embarking on their trip abroad to the Scouts headquarters in Abolden, Switzerland.

The girls raised £4200 to fund their trip by contacting local business to donate prizes to a raffle and bingo event night. They set up a GoFundMe page to help supplement their money and successfully applied for some small grants to cover the cost of their food and travel expenses.

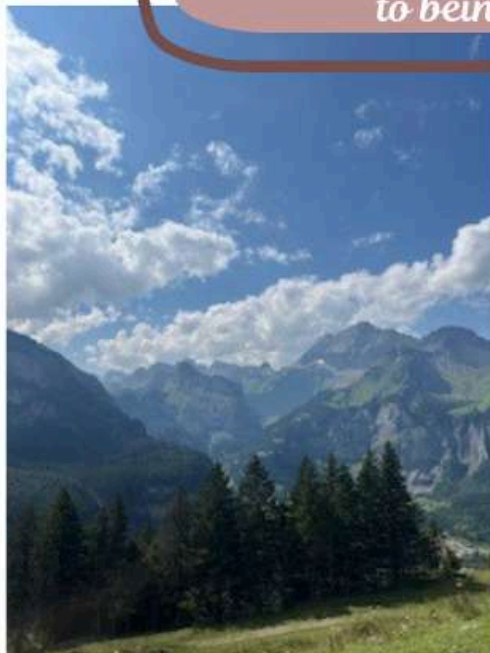
*"After arriving in Geneva we took a train to Kandersteg. We had a walk uphill to the accommodation in the mountain huts. There were Guides from all over the world there. We did some activities on site such as bushcraft. We had a guided tour in which they shared some of the history of Scouting and Girl Guiding and the legacy of brother and sister Robert and Agnes Baden-Powell. We travelled to the picturesque Oeschinensee for some lakeside views."*

Lexi Y11





*We really enjoyed the trip and we especially liked staying the mountain hut as it was such a different experience to being back home.*



# ART TRIP TO LIVERPOOL

**WEDNESDAY  
16TH  
OCTOBER**



On the 16th of October, Year 12 and Year 13 art, photography and art graphics students went to Liverpool. They viewed multiple galleries such as Walker Art Gallery and the Open Eye Gallery. The learners walked around and immersed themselves in different types of art such as modern, renaissance, sculptures and a lot more. As well as this, they were able to sketch some of the artwork they liked and also reflect on how the work made them feel and how they thought they were made. It was an incredible experience to get inspiration for different art styles people would have never thought of before.

Even though the weather was not the greatest and it was a classic British rainy day, it didn't impact on the atmosphere which was highly present throughout the day.

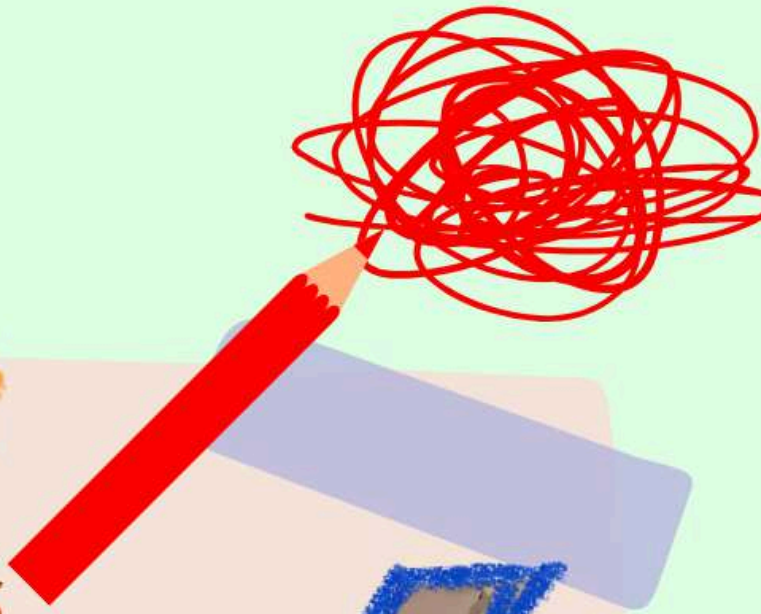


*"I found the Art trip to be extremely helpful in researching different artists and their art styles. As well as being able to practice my drawing skills"*



*"The art trip was extremely fascinating. That each artwork provoked different emotions that ranged from serenity to anger was really inspiring"*









On Friday, geographers and members of the Eco School Action Group attended the Green Expo where they attended workshops from Chester University, Chester Zoo, Storengy and Essar Energy Transition. They had the opportunity to ask questions during a Q&A panel and a walk around the environmental careers fair.

# GREEN EXPO 2024

Representatives of our Eco Schools Action Group attended the Chester Zoo Youth Summit over the weekend. They attended some fantastic workshops and talks on biodiversity, environmental careers and a talk from filmmakers and zoologist Billy Heaney.



University of Chester



storengy



CHESTER ZOO



# Maths Competition



UK Maths Trust

The UK Maths Trust is the leading British charity that advances the education of young people in mathematics.

Some learners in Year 12 competed in the nationwide Mathematics Trust's Senior Challenge in October, competing against thousands of 6th formers from schools throughout the United Kingdom.

Together with junior competitions, the Mathematics Trust receives over 700,000 entries.

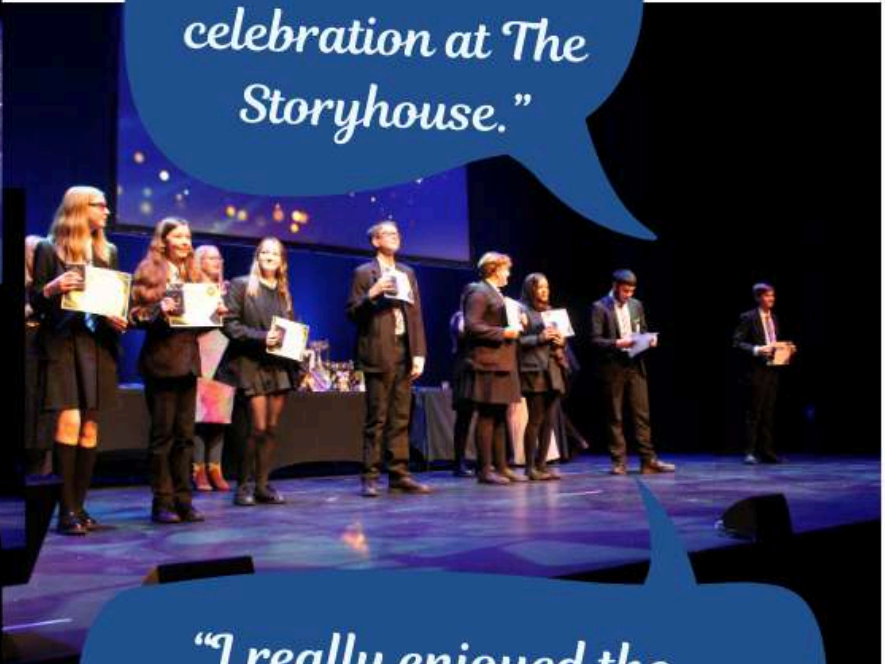
Special mention to Nathaniel who achieved a gold certificate and will be advancing to the next round in the competition and to William, Carina, Elizabeth, Ksenia and Rhys who achieved silver certificates.

*It was a really exciting opportunity to challenge myself against others. We had to utilise our problem solving skills in unconventional ways. I am eager to claim that Gold next year!*





*"It felt quite special to have the celebration at The Storyhouse."*



*"I really enjoyed the evening and I thought the dancers were amazing."*



# Storyhouse Awards Evening



On the 30th of September, the school hosted its first awards evening at The Storyhouse for our year 8 to 11 learners. The evening was filled with an array of different awards and prizes. Family members and friends were invited to attend the evening in support of the students.



The school's choir performed two of the songs they have been practising in rehearsals for both the Christmas concerts and the School Production 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'. And the school's dancers performed two beautiful choreographed pieces.



*"I was really excited to find out what I am getting an award for."*



# CHITTY CHITTY CHITTY CHITTY



## CAST LIST

CARACTUS POTTS - CHARLES C  
TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS - OLIVIA A  
JEREMY POTTS - LOGAN G AND BARNABY N  
JEMIMA POTTS - NELL H AND ISABELLA W  
GRANDPA POTTS - OLIVIER H  
BARONESS - EDEN G  
BARON - CHARIE S  
CHILD CATCHER - MILLIE W  
LORD SCRUMPTIOUS - ANDREW D  
TOYMAKER - SCARLETT S



# BANG BANG BANG BANG



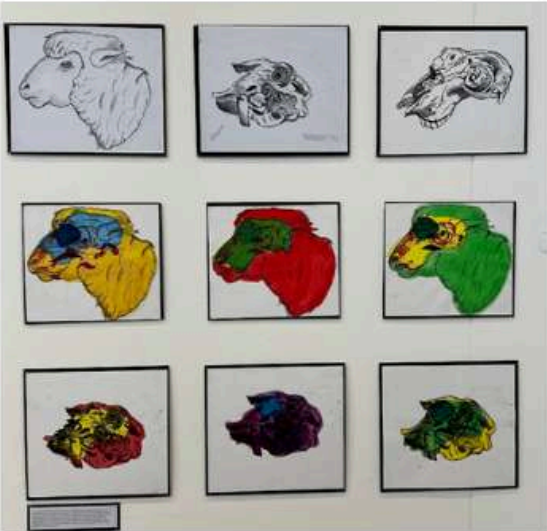
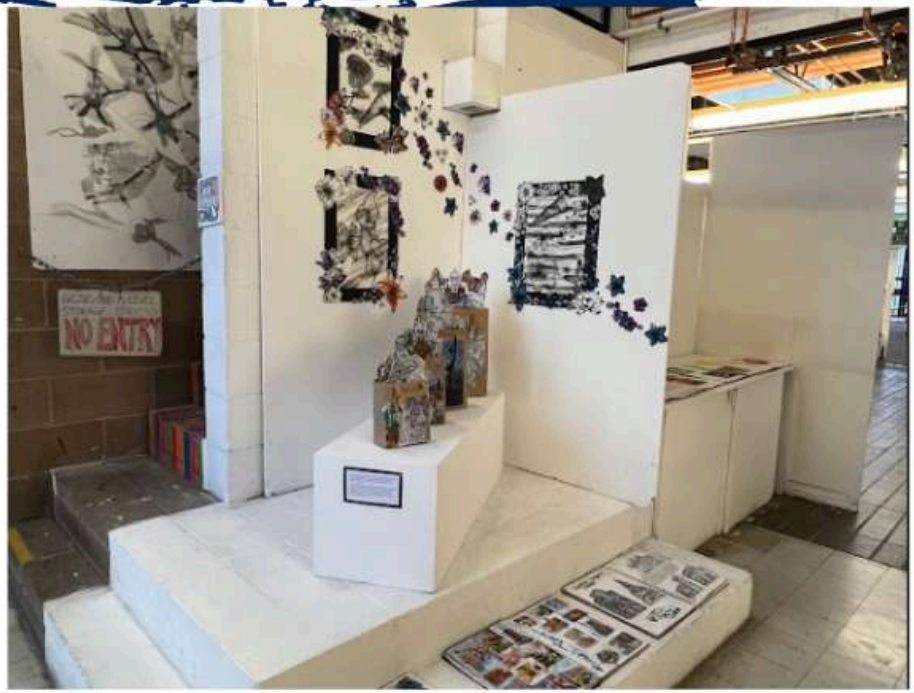
Eccentric inventor Caractacus Potts who is keen on oddball inventions, his two children, and his beautiful lady friend, Truly Scrumptious, who fall in love with their widowed father, go on a picnic at the beach. Caractacus tells Truly and the children a fanciful fable about the villainous Baron Bomburst and his evil designs on the Potts family car which whisks them into a magical world of pirates, castles, and a flying car called Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.



*Its very exciting watching this production come to life and I cannot wait to see this amazing show*



# A Level Art exhibition



# L6 FLORAL ART PRINTS

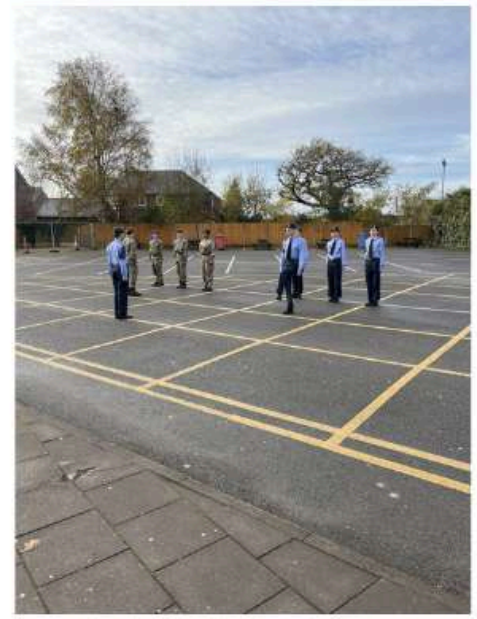
Coming soon: limited edition A3 prints by Yr 12 learners. All profits to 6th form charity week.



# Remembrance Day

Jess and Tallula Yr 13

On the 11th November, Upton-by-Chester took part in the two minute silence to commemorate the armistice of World War One and remember the armed forces who have passed away in service. The army and air cadets had the opportunity to participate in a parade around the school to the car park where they observed their two minute silence.





# Teams4U Charity Work

Stan in U6 travelled to Uganda with the Wrexham charity Teams4U in the October half term. He spent the week working with the charity on their campaign to end period poverty. He is continuing to work with the charity now he is back home and is leading their Christmas Shoebox campaign in school. Stan kindly sent us some photos of his trip and wrote about what the charity are working towards and how you can help.

Stan





Since 2006, Teams4U have been working in Uganda. Their projects together focus on removing barriers to education and improving the access and quality of available healthcare.

**What was your specific focus when in Uganda?**

The Develop with Dignity Program: Ending Period Poverty

**How do Teams4u encourage and support girls to go to school and stay in education?**

There are approximately 10,500 schoolgirls aged 12-16 in the Kumi District. Over 6,300 will drop out of education before they graduate. One of the biggest reasons for this is the days every month, they lose because of menstruation.

**How Teams4u support:**

Since August 2015 we have begun distributing washable supply kits of sanitary towels to schoolgirls in Kumi alongside underwear and menstrual health education.

Our survey of over 600 schoolgirls who have benefited from our programme, has shown a 45% jump in school attendance!

**How the young people of Upton high can help:**

Just £5 provides 1 schoolgirl with her pack of washable sanitary pads. Together we can stop school dropouts and give 20% of the academic year back to these children.

As well as this, me and the team provided sports lessons in the morning, getting the kids involved in basic drills, learning new skills: whilst still having fun.

# Chester Marathon

Learners volunteered to help out at the Chester Marathon on Sunday 6th October. Thousands of goodie bags were packed for the runners on the Friday and the learners handled thousands of the runners bags, all organised in rows, for the marathon and the mini-marathon earlier on in the morning. Medals and bags with the marathon logo were given to the runners as they were greeted by the learners with big congratulations. A huge thank you to Mrs Smale, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Bowen for overseeing and organising this event!



*“ I liked getting involved and doing activities for the school and the Chester community. ”*

Joe Y10



*“ I had a really good time helping out at the marathon it was good to volunteer! ”*



# Careers Breakfast

**Mondelēz**  
International

Learners were inspired at the careers breakfast on Wednesday 16th October, which was led by Mark Broomfield from Mondelēz International. He shared valuable insights on the environment and sustainability. It was an incredible opportunity to learn from an industry leader and to explore future career paths and to understand the importance of sustainable practises in today's world. Mark also delved into the fascinating process of chocolate making, leaving everyone feel motivated to make a positive impact. The learners were handed free samples which were greatly appreciated.



*“It was very interesting to learn about the process of making chocolate and I loved the free samples at the end!”*



# SEND MY FRIEND TO SCHOOL

In the week of the Monday 11th November Mrs Smale, Grace and Sophia from Year 11 met with Chester North and Neston MP, Samantha Dixon, in Westminster. They discussed their vital work in the Send My Friend to school campaign and the importance of education across the globe.



Samantha Dixon, Sophia Grace, Mrs smale



Meeting with MP Bambos Charalambous



In discussion with Samantha Dixon





# BBC Children in Need

On Friday 15th November, an incredible £1223.32 was raised by learners for BBC's Children in Need, on our non uniform day.

**WE RAISED**

£1,233.32

TO MAKE LIFE LIGHTER FOR CHILDREN



Thank you to all who donated!



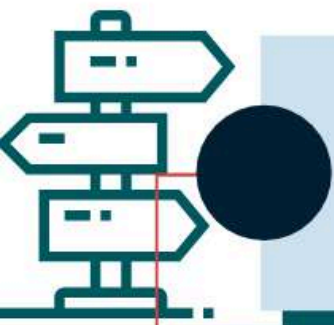
Thank you to those who contributed to the food bank!

## West Cheshire foodbank

Learners across the whole school have put in tins, pasta and more into the foodbank to help support those who maybe struggling.



Thank you to those who got involved with the pyjama appeal!



# CAREERS FAIR

Recently, on the 6th November our school held a captivating Careers Fair that inspired many of our learners. Many of our learners spoke about how influential and informative the careers fair really was and were keen to take initiative and ask questions. Many learners were keen on considering the opportunities some of the attendees had to offer.



## MPCT



Edge Hill University



Reaseheath College



CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

*"We are eager to make a difference when moulding young minds and creating the future, our main aim is to persuade students to further their education at Cheshire College and propel the students towards their dream careers."*  
Cheshire College



Cheshire College South & West



ARMY BE THE BEST



ROYAL AIR FORCE



ESPPA



Keele University



Brio Leisure



Lipa



Oliver & Co SOLICITORS



CRODA



Science and Technology Facilities Council

Lancaster University



Civil Service Careers



*Upton-by-Chester High School is very close to our centre and we are eager to meet new students and persuade them to work with us in the future."*

Brio Leisure

*"We love engaging with young people and we were incentivised by one of our former students who will attend the school sometime in the future to share her experiences."*

MPCT



All three of the companies' responses were really positive towards helping learners decide their futures and were extremely keen to have students attend their companies in order to aid them in achieving their future endeavours. Overall, the careers was an amazing experience for both learners and attendees as many learners developed ideas as to where they want to go and what they want to do post high-school.

# Year 10 Work Experience

This term our incredible year 10 learners completed their work experience on the week beginning 21st October. Learners gained the valuable experience of working in fields of their interest, experiencing the world of work in a professional environment. We have interviewed some learners to see how it went.



*'We were thrilled to see his [Christopher] genuine interest and passion for aviation. Good luck Christopher from the whole Aircamo team!'*

Christopher completed his year 10 work experience Aircamo



Learners Rhys, Isaac, Calum, Daniel and James completed their work experience at NHS Property Service Ltd

*'I'd like to say how good the students were and how much we enjoyed having them with us for the week'*





Learners Harry , Rena and Emily did their work experience at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.



The learners Lucas and Joel completed their year 10 work experience at Mickle Trafford Village School.

*"My interest in a career in education brought me to my old primary school, I really enjoyed my time looking after all the children in the infants."*

Amelia



The learners Emmanuella and Eve completed their Year 10 work experience at Club Motivation Health and Fitness.



# NEW SCHOOL BUILD

**W**e are excited to let you know that a planning application will soon be submitted for the redevelopment of Upton-by-Chester High School. This welcome redevelopment will deliver significantly improved educational facilities for the local community, building on the school's educational successes.

The redevelopment of Upton-by-Chester High School is funded by the Department for Education as part of their School Rebuilding Programme. Kier has been selected by the Department for Education to design and build the new school.

The majority of the existing school buildings are earmarked for demolition and a new three storey, U-shaped school building will be built on the existing grass playing field to the east of the site.

New grass playing fields will then be created to the west of the site (following demolition of the existing buildings).

Two buildings that will be retained are a building towards the western site boundary known by the school as 'The Hub' which will be refurbished, and a modular classroom which will be relocated to provide a community use facility.

There will be no change to vehicular / pedestrian access points into the site, and a new bus stop facility and taxi drop-off spaces will be brought into the school boundary. The existing carparking within the site will be retained, with slight reconfiguration and the installation of electric vehicle charging points. New cycle shelters will also be installed with an increased capacity.

There will be no change to staff and pupil numbers as a result of the redevelopment.

The new building will minimise energy demand and use low carbon / renewable energy solutions. This will include solar panels on the roof and on canopies around the grounds.

If you have any comments or queries on the current proposals, please send these to [uptonhigh.uk@avisonyoung.com](mailto:uptonhigh.uk@avisonyoung.com) by 18th December 2024.

We will be submitting the planning application early in 2025. Once the application has been submitted, it will be available to view and comment on via Cheshire West and Chester Council's online planning portal.

Subject to receiving planning permission the school redevelopment is planned to commence in Summer 2025.



**THE SITE**



# THE PLANS

## Scheme proposals



### Proposed site layout

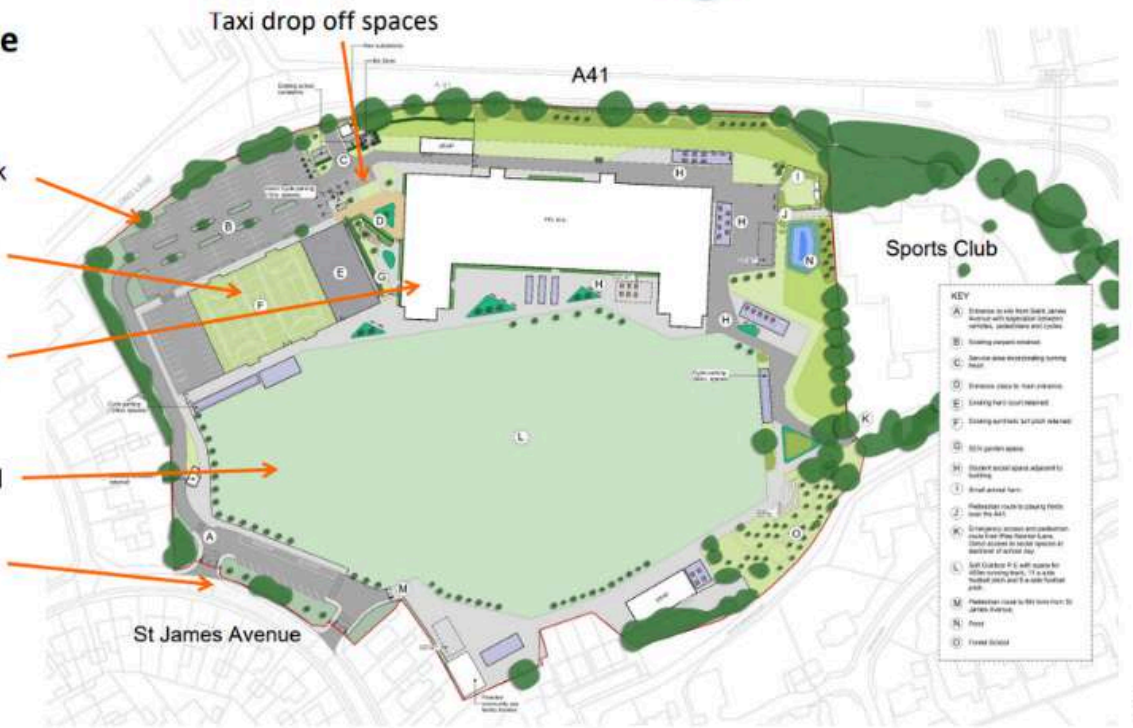
Retained car park

Retained games courts

New 3 storey building (approx. 12m high)

New playing field

New bus stops and swap of 'in' and 'out' points

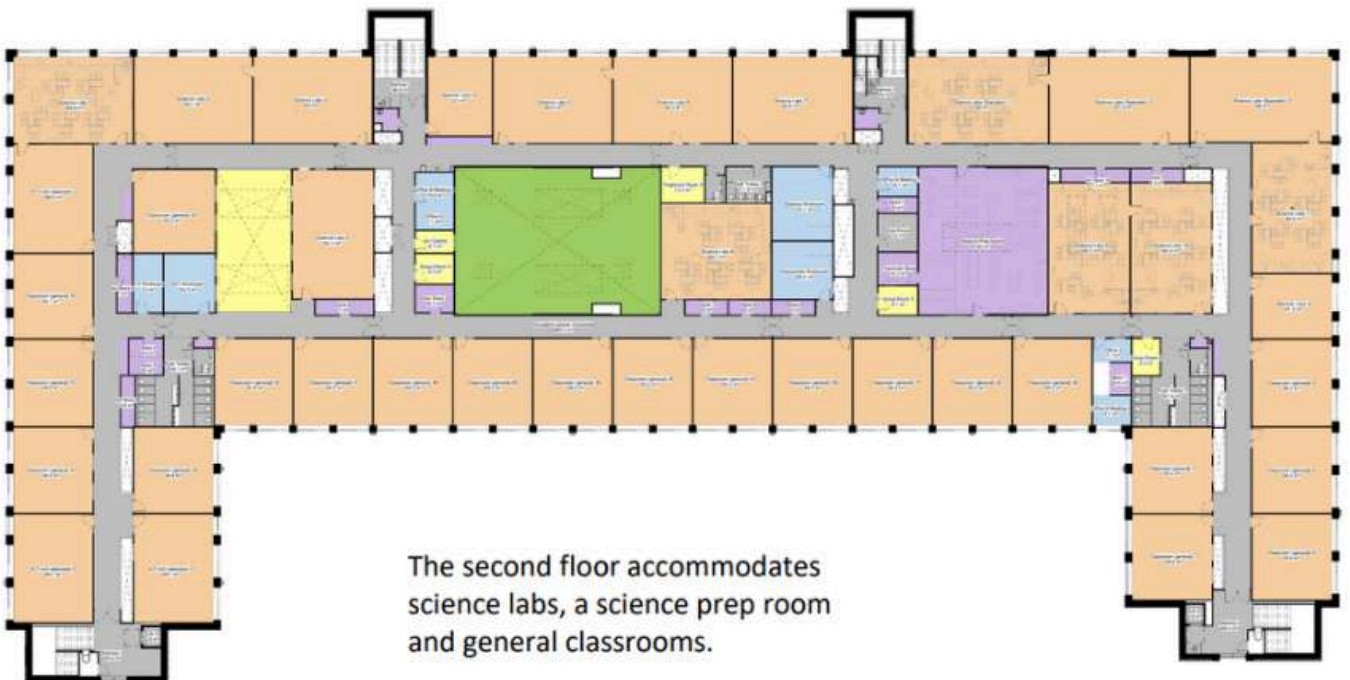
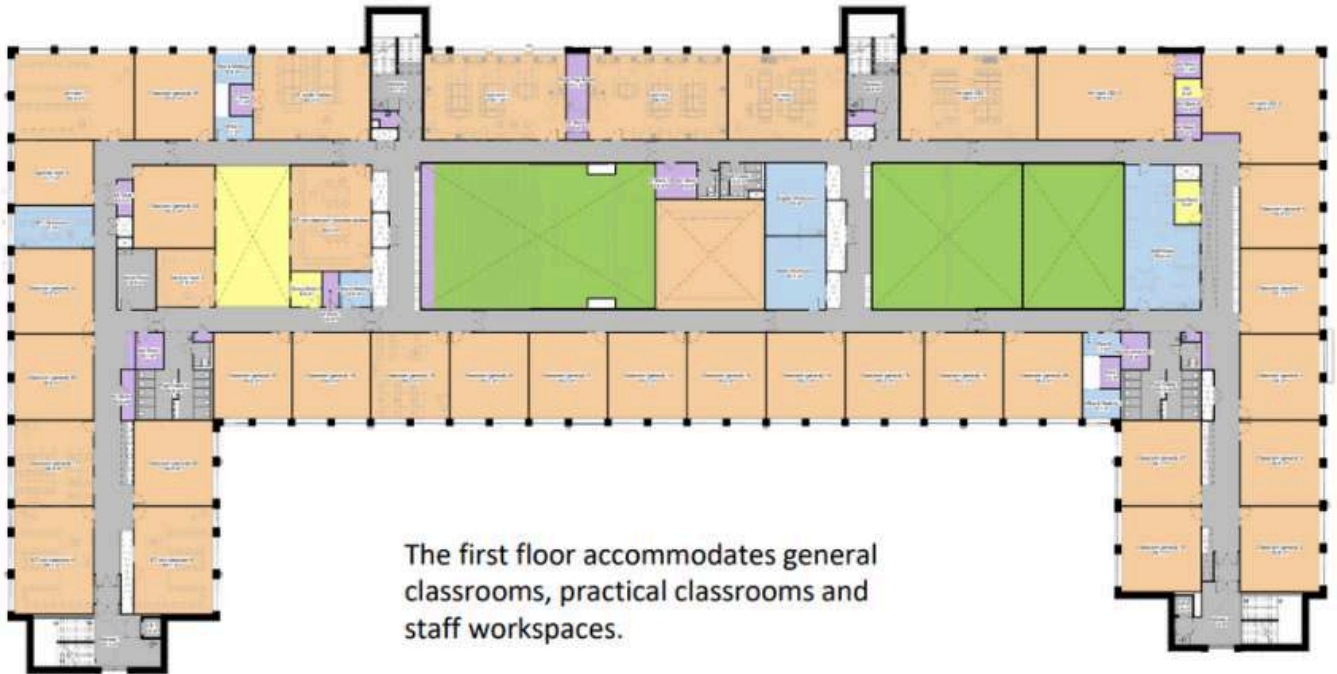
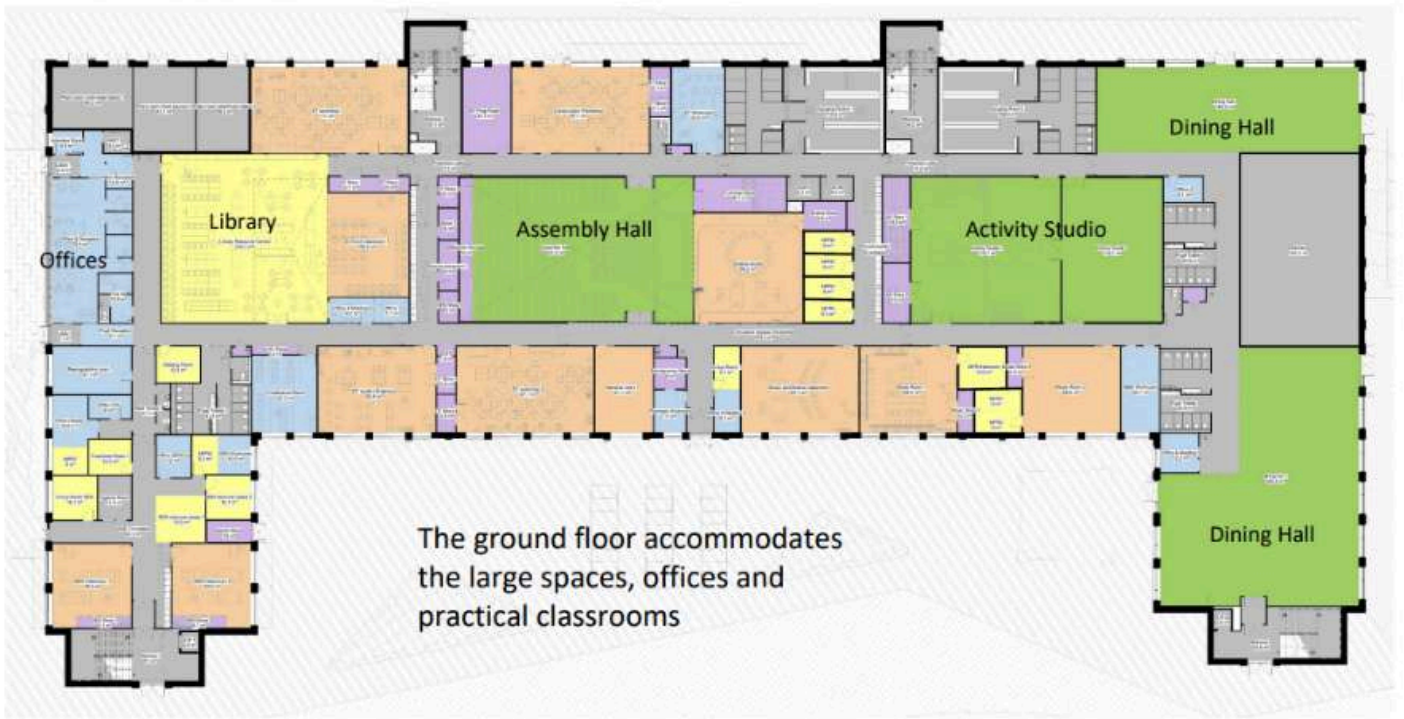


# ENTRANCE



# SPORTS CLUB APPROACH





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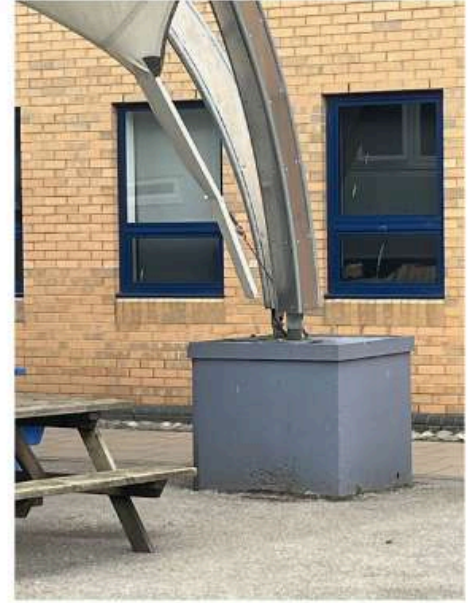
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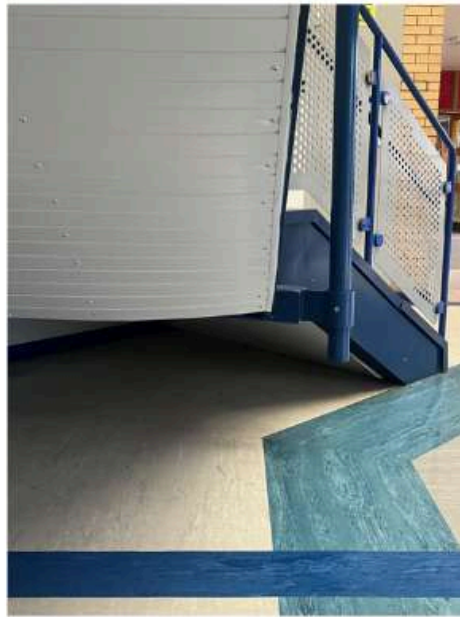
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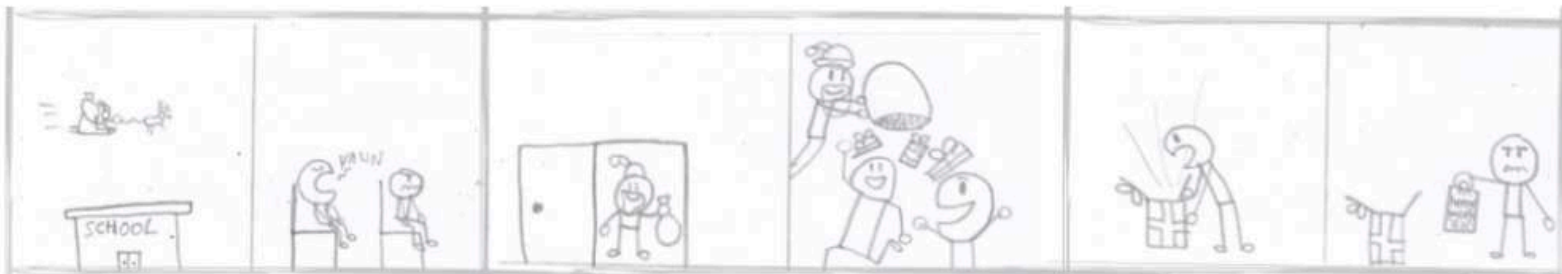


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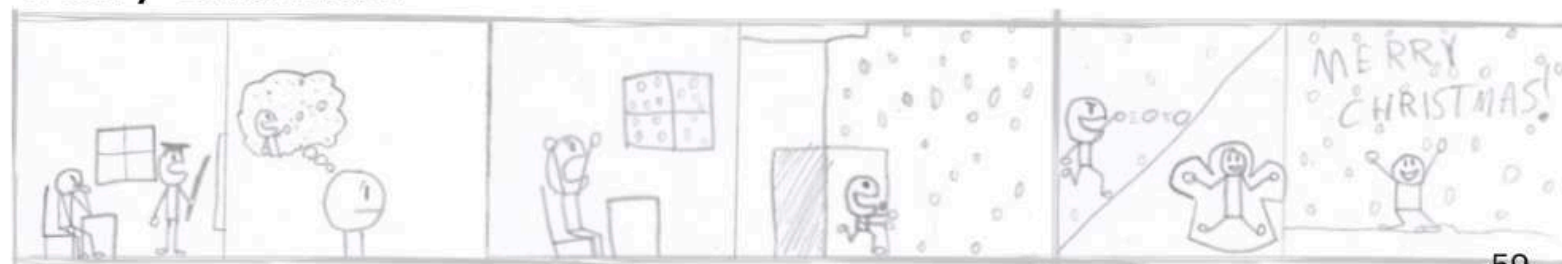


## ANDREW'S COMIC STORIES

### A Christmas Wish



### Merry Christmas!



# SPORTS

## highlights



U13 Girls Football team won 5-0 to go through to the next round of the English School. Smashed it girls with a dominant performance cruising to the next round, well done Girls.

The Year 10 netball match was a close call against Bishops Heber with Upton taking the win. All the girls played extremely well and it was a great team effort.



The U13 girls storm into round 4 of the Cheshire cup with a 13-1 victory over Ellesmere Port CofE college! Lots of variation of positions and even gave our GK a run out! Well done Girls





The U14's netball match was goal for goal, with @WKGS\_PE taking the lead on a number of occasions. The Upton girls showed their determination and scored in the last 10 seconds to take the win! Onto the semifinal of the @sistersnsport



More penalty heartache! The Year 13s played some great football at the Kings Comp, winning 3 games, drawing 1, battling through the semi on pens but losing out in the final in sudden death penalties. A cruel finish to a fantastic tournament. Well done Lads!



Year 8 and 9 Chester and District Champions. Not conceding a goal all tournament, finishing top of their group beating Queens Park in the semi final



Oh my goodness my nerves....what a game from our U12 netballers. Losing for most of the game and they kept their heads to win by ONE goal !! 17-16 against a very strong team from Manchester High. OPOM Sophie Whalley. Round 3 here we come!



Congratulations to year 7 footballers who finished runners up in the AGC 7 Aside tournament. They remained undefeated, winning 4 games, drawing 2 and only conceding 1 goal! An Amazing achievement, well done all.



The under 19 netball team achieved gold in the Chester and District Tournament. Lots of rotation of positions, our defenders even shooting and scoring!



Our year 10's were fabulous in the quick stick festival, hosted by CEPD Cheshire. Great determination and teamwork shown



Superb numbers at our Friday night netball practice. Well done year 10, 11 and 13 for turning up and putting on a good display improving netball skills across all year groups

Well done to the mixed year 8 and 9 team that played against Bishops Heber's netball side in a friendly. Nice to see you play in a competitive game. Well done Heber on the Win

Great win for our U13 Girls Football team in the Chester and District Cup. Excellent team effort and performance with some smooth passing and solid defence.

Under 16 Cheshire Schools Netball Tournament with smart coats thanks to Cheshire Renovations, Cheshire fashion week and The Little Carpet Shop for helping in the making and organising of this event.

A dominant win for the under 14 football team at Kirkby in the National Cup. Finished with a win of 5-1, fantastic football on display & well controlled throughout the match.



"Somewhere inside of us all is the power to change the world."

ROBERT DAHL (MATILDA)

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