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Dear all,

On Wednesday this week I went into the canteen for my dinner. Now and then, I like to sit in there at one of the tables and eat with the children. Usually, some of them will either come and sit with me or invite me to sit with them. Although it's not an everyday occurrence, it's something I really like to do when I can. It's grounding, there's always something fun going on and it reminds me what a fantastic community that I serve. Besides, the children are simply great people to be around.

Yesterday, it was some of our Ukrainian students who came over. This very special group of students have quickly settled into school since their arrival. It must have been so very difficult for them to leave their homes, come to a different country with a different culture, a different language and to be separated from family and friends. Their resilience has been so inspirational. They told me about how Christmas works in Ukraine, when it happens (7th January) and the foods they eat to celebrate the season. For instance, there's a delicious sounding dish called 'kutia' which is eaten on Christmas eve, celebrated on the 6th January. This is made of wheat and honey, poppy seeds, walnuts, and honey. They showed me pictures of layered salads such as 'shuba' made up of root vegetables, beetroot on top with pickles and herrings. We talked about what we were watching on Netflix and what winter was like in Ukraine ('Cold'). At the same lunchtime, at the table to my left were a group of boys from Hong Kong, all chattering away in Cantonese (I think) and laughing with each other. They too have come from a different part of the world with a different culture and here they are, welcome, embraced and valued within our community and school and bringing something special, extra and enriching to us all. We must all continue to build a sense of belonging, of accepting, including and understanding each other. **We must live and breath the fact that we all belong to our community.** This is the first of our four school values.



I am sure you share the sense of pride that I have in our children. They have completed the first term of the year and many, but not all, have consistently shown a very positive attitude to learning, excellent behaviour and lots of engagement with school. We have countless children involved in activities outside of the school day. Every sport you can imagine from equestrian to netball, gymnastics and boxing. There's scouts and guides, drama, dance, music, cadets, contributing to community activities and events, school performances and shows, Cheshire Youth Commission etc etc. How proud are we of the enthusiasm, involvement and dedication that these children show? Our sense of pride goes further when we think about how well the children are achieving in their studies and how they are building the resilience they will need as they grow up, being ambitious and reaching high, learning to value themselves and to recognise strengths with the humility to accept and tackle weaknesses.

We also should be proud of ourselves. Here at school I am fiercely proud of all of the colleagues who make this school tick. So many of the team here quietly tread the extra mile, give generously of their time and energy, invest heavily in the children, make sure that the bills are paid, the lights are on, visitors are welcomed, the school is safe and clean and that the systems and processes that underpin all of this are in good health. **Being proud of ourselves and each other** (and saying so) is the second of our school values.

During this term, across the school and community, we have learned a great deal. At school we have invested time and resources into our colleagues here so that we can better serve our community. We are constantly developing and refining our systems and processes in an effort to be the very best we can be. All of our staff are working together on key aspects of practice, many are involved in developing their leadership skills, improving expertise in aspects of Special Educational Needs, enhancing our safeguarding training and processes and ensuring that we are a learning focused organisation.



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Our teaching hub, responsible for training the next generation of teachers, is working with over 30 trainees across Cheshire. Last year, 100% of our trainees were successful in gaining employment in the sector. **We learn together.** This is the third of our values and it isn't just about lessons. It's about learning to be better together and to treat each other with respect, kindness, integrity and acceptance. It's about learning to improve, modify and refine our school and to be open to challenge and change.

Finally, **having consistently high expectations**, our fourth value, lies at the heart of an ambitious community and culture. This includes every one of us acting and behaving in a way which demonstrates that we all seek to be the best version of ourselves. There are some essential and obvious expectations for each of us: that we will be kind, respectful and caring. That we will strive for excellence in all of our actions and understand our imperfections. That we will establish ambitious boundaries for excellent standards of behaviour and hold ourselves, each other and our children to account when these standards are not met. That we will be inclusive of all, no matter who they are and recognise our differences. That we will practise gratitude, patience and self control.

Over the festive season, I am sure that we will all take some time to reflect, some time to hold our loved ones a little closer and most importantly a time to be grateful for what we have, to be thankful for our privileges, our family and friends and all that is good.

Warm regards

Nigel Bielby
Executive Headteacher



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My Curriculum

My Curriculum has just finished its second rotation and so many different things have taken place. Y7 have been having lively discussions all about money in Life Skills. Y8 have been doing a presentation based research project on World Cup countries to help develop their interpersonal skills for Future Pathways. Y9 completed their Holocaust Studies in Spirituality with a talk from a survivor, Tomi Komoly. Y10 have explored international festivals in Global Community and Y11 have had some frank discussions about relationships and parental choices in their Relationships & Sex Education.

	Parent's Holiday Homework
Year 7	What are the 3 key learning points that Y7 know about money after their "Life Skills" unit on money?
Year 8	Name 3 key facts about the country that Y8 have researched? Can you do something related to that country- e.g. have a Mexican lunch or Count to 10 in a new language?
Year 9	What are the 3 key learning points that Y9 should take from your Holocaust Studies? Write a letter/ email to our guest, Tomi Komoly. We will pass on as many of your messages to Tomi if you share them with your tutor or humanities teacher.
Year 10	Talk about all the different global festivals that students researched and discussed in this unit. Can you do something related to that country or that festival? For example, will you pay your respects to your ancestors like the Mexicans or light a candle of reflection for each day of Michaelmas.
Year 11	Conversation starters: 1.What's it like to be a parent in 2022? 2.What are the key elements of a healthy and happy relationship? 3.If mum or dad could give advice to their 16 year old selves about relationships, what advice would they give?

In the New Year, the teams move around again and from January to February, year groups will be studying these themes.

	New Themes in January
Year 7	Health & Wellbeing:
Year 8	Life Skills:
Year 9	Future Pathways:
Year 10	Spirituality:
Year 11	Global Community:



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Lower School

As we draw closer to Christmas and the holidays, it brings me great pleasure to say thank you to the Lower School staff, tutors, teachers and our amazing Lower School students who have worked hard to embed our school values and make the Lower School the warm and welcoming space that it is.



The first of three interims (notifying you of your child's progress) have been released and the Lower School learning passport has been set on the Google Classroom for Year 7 and 8 with a deadline of Friday 13th January. Please look at the interim and learning passport with your children and see how your child's knowledge and learning matches with our expected knowledge and learning as shared on the curriculum tab of our school website.

The Year 7 residential is all set for Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February and the year 7 children have had an assembly telling them what to expect that week. If you have not yet sent in your forms and the deposit, please send this in ASAP. The residential is a great week, helping to consolidate our values of kindness, community and resilience. We would hate for a child to miss out on making new lasting memories with their peers and Lower School teachers. We look forward to continuing our work with year 7 in the new year.

The Year 8 students are an enthusiastic and resilient group of young people and it has been a pleasure helping them grow and progress this year. Following the release of the first interim, we have a Parents Consultation Evening booked for Thursday 2nd February. Please put this date into your diaries. This evening gives you a chance to talk with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress. We hope that you will join us. The Lower School students have thrown themselves into so many exciting events over the last term and we are proud of their individual and group achievements. Below are some wonderful success stories we would like to share with you. We hope that you have a lovely Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Heather Hughes

Lower School Learning Manager

The Winter Festival

A big thank you to the Lower School children and house teams who showcased their stalls and creativity at the Winter Festival. Students from all of the year groups participated and supported the fair which consisted of singing talent, games and crafts. Our students showcased all of the best parts of our school with the stalls on show. We were able to see creative displays, enthusiastic participation (including the parents) and warm encouragement to all who attended! It was a truly fantastic celebration with a real family feel. It is hard to articulate the aura created at this event but it allowed our students to shine and brought to the forefront of our minds how lucky we are to teach such wonderful people each day.



Parents were given the opportunity to speak to staff members and see some of the work that Lower School Students have been producing. School books and class work were displayed in the LRC and it was delightful to see the creativity of our students and their varying approaches to tasks. A huge thank you to everyone who gave items to stalls, created amazing resources, donated money to stalls and shared their time and effort. It was a lovely festive evening enjoyed by all.





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Holmes Chapel Christmas Tree festival

Some of our Lower School children were invited to take part in the Christmas tree festival. The festival was part of a wider set of community events and let our students showcase their strong, positive relationships with our community, seeking opportunities to share our key values. The children came up with the theme 'A HCCS colourful Christmas' and decorated the tree to resemble this. Well done: Cameron, Hamish, Luca, Ava, Meredith, Jack, Oscar and Millie for all of their hard work. Unfortunately our tree didn't win, however everyone who visited the festival said how wonderful it looked and how creative the students had been to make all of the decorations.



Esme Roberts – Sports Personality of the Year (9-11 years old)

It is always good to hear about our Lower School children's sporting achievements. Everybody Health and Leisure came to the school in November to distribute one of their 2022 Junior Awards. Children were recognised for their inspirational efforts and contributions to local sporting and activity success. Esme Roberts was awarded Sports Personality of the Year (9-11 years old) for her dedication to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Esme has an amazing competition record, is currently National and World Champion, having won many events over the summer. Well done Esme.



Year 9

This has been an exciting period for our year 9 students, I have really been impressed with the maturity and careful consideration the students have taken in making this educational decision that impacts upon their future. I feel very confident that students have made informed choices and they can now concentrate on preparing themselves for the next stage of

their HCCS journey. The focus in the new year will be developing the knowledge and skills necessary to be 'GCSE Ready' encouraging this group of young people to take ownership of their learning and have high expectations for themselves. Please look out for the 'GCSE Ready' content in the Newsletters and on the school website so you can support us at home with this next stage of the learning journey.

Year 10

Our year 10 students have made a fantastic start to their GCSEs and the recent interim has let us know that students really were ready for the start of their GCSE courses. The immediate focus now is how to develop the learning habits outside of school that will empower our students to make sustained progress. This is supported by fortnightly 'Enrichment' sessions which teaches students how to revise and do so in an efficient and purposeful manner. Students are also enlisting the support of their peers, learning how to master this process together and many tutors are utilising tutor time to focus revision around upcoming assessment periods such as the year 10 Assessment week in January (16th-20th). I will be inviting students throughout the year to attend additional revision sessions. The focus of these sessions and selection for them is dependent upon the level of progress towards their targets that they are currently making. Students have recently completed their 'interim review' and the focus of this is to be clear about achievements they are proud of and what learning priorities they have for this next term. Please would you share with me in celebrating the year 10s achievements by discussing your child's interim review.



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Year 10 Work Experience March 2023



Thank you very much to Year 10 students/parents who have managed to secure placements. Please aim to get all remaining paperwork into school by the end of January

All work placement forms are available to download from the school website.

If you require further information please contact me on graham.baker@hccs.info

Mr Baker
Work Experience Co-ordinator

Year 11

I am so pleased with the strong start our Year 11 students have made this academic year. It has been an incredibly stressful and challenging time, as it always is in Year 11, but they have all handled themselves remarkably well. Their first real challenge in a trial exam week went down incredibly well and their behaviour and attitude to learning was excellent. This is always a stressful time and can be intimidating to students but they have developed resilience and will be better suited to taking their real exams in the summer term. Following the results of that we have had a lot of time to review and make plans to improve on them. We have made revision plans in tutor time as well as have done interim analysis to identify areas of weakness and strength. Students are looking for opportunities in and outside of lessons to improve their progress. With the next trial exam starting in February, I am sure they are eager to improve upon their results.



Seeing their transformation from children to young adults who have a mature approach to their learning has been a delight. Thank you for all the support and contributions from home.



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Year 11 Celebration Evening

This year's Y11 Celebration Evening will take place at Wychwood Park Hotel and Golf Club. Deposits of £20 for Y11 students are due 6/1/23. The full amount of £45 will be due before the Easter holiday. Payments can be made on the school payment system.

EAL Students Update

This term has been an important term for many of our EAL students, being for some of them their first full term in a British school.

These students have settled well into life at HCCS, and have demonstrated remarkable resilience as they adjust to a new school system. Some of our students have recently had the chance to share their cultural heritage with their tutor groups through our Global Community sessions as part of their My Curriculum lessons, celebrating the very global community we now have here at HCCS.

This month we were also delighted to welcome our new Ukrainian Support Assistant, Oksana Repinetska, who will be supporting our Ukrainian students in their learning.

We wish all of the students and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year - whether they are celebrating these on the British dates or at other times.





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Cheshire East Youth Council "Table Turners" Health & Welfare Conference Nov 2022

On 29th November, HCCS was ably represented by three of our Year 10 girls who are forming a committee in the new year to support the Health & Welfare of students at our school. Lydia Davenport, Natasha Ikin & Bethan Middleton had the opportunity to meet the Chair, the Mayor of Cheshire East, David Marren and some of the key decision makers for student health in the county.

The day covered everything from identifying the key needs of children in Cheshire East to a Question & Answer session with the policy makers for Children's Services in the county. Reputations meant little to our fearless three as they grilled the Executive Director of Children's Services, Deborah Woodcock and Councillor Kathryn Flavell about issues from exam stress, homework to wider access to children's services.

Cllr Flavell said: "This was an uplifting experience. Our young people did not hold back when it came to seeking our views and priorities around young people's needs, health and wellbeing. The message of listening and giving voice to young people's views and concerns, was one that we should all take heed of."

Off the back of the conference, we hope to provide a range of different services in the school in the new year from extended hours for homework in the LRC to a Wellbeing Club that can offer a space for students to get away from the mad dash of a school day. We'll keep you posted.



Learning Resource Centre News

Word Millionaires

Congratulations to Marley P-L (9MC), who has joined our Word Millionaires this term in our Accelerated Reader programme!



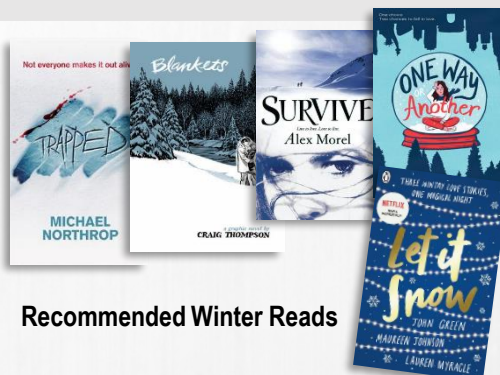
Bookbuzz

Year 8s received their eagerly awaited Bookbuzz selections this term. We really look forward to hearing all about them. Students can complete a number of Bookbuzz challenges to receive a prize from Miss Moores in the LRC.

This year's Bookbuzz selections are now available from the LRC for all of our school community to enjoy.

Young Writers

Congratulations to Year 8 students Iesha and Maria who have been selected to have their work published in "The Power of Poetry - The Feelings Within" anthology, which is amazing news, well done!



Recommended Winter Reads



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The Addams Family



By the time you receive this newsletter then the show will be over and the students will no doubt have had another successful evening, continuing to impress me with their talent and hard work. Thank you all those of you who came and for helping to make 'The Addams Family!' a big success. The students have all immensely enjoyed performing for you. Have a wonderful Christmas and thank you too all students, staff, parents/carers and friends of the community for your contribution to 'The Addams Family!'

Mr Redford



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Frohe Weihnachten aus Köln!

What a fabulously fun, festive time we all had. The adventure began with a very early 5am rendez-vous at Manchester Airport for the 22 students and staff. Once all checked in successfully, we were then all free to have breakfast - some took the advantage of full English available! The flight was a great one, with superb blue skies up above the clouds, which also then led to a lovely smooth landing in Köln-Bonn Airport.

We were met at the Airport by Klaus and his very warm, comfortable coach, in which we undertook the snow covered 90 minute journey to Koblenz.

We very quickly discovered the first of the many Weihnachtsmärkte of the visit. Everyone had great fun investigating and locating lunch at one of the stalls - Currywurst mit Pommes were a big hit as was the heiße ! Schokolade! We even discovered that the windows in the Rathaus below, were lit up as an Adventskalender in the dark!



We arrived safely at the Hotel Hunsrücker Hof, unpacked, ate our tea and went on our first evening stroll around beautiful Boppard by Christmas lights.

An early start next morning with Klaus and his bus, back up to Cologne and the Sport and Olympic Museum was our first port of call. What an amazing experience - especially the rooftop football/ handball alongside the Rhein.

Following a quick lunch, we then walked to the Chocolate Museum - can you guess what brand featured heavily in what we learnt about and ate?!

We then hit the wonderful Weihnachtsmarkt of Köln. Dramatically set against the backdrop of the Cathedral - it was simply stunning and enjoyed by all. The atmosphere was electric and the German spoken by our students was amazing.



Another fairy light lit evening stroll around Boppard followed the evening meal, and an evening of quizzing and reminiscing over hot chocolate enjoyed by everyone, before the big suitcase pack up!

The following morning was a more leisurely start and a morning spent in and around Boppard on foot - making those final purchases and speaking as much German as possible, prior to our departure at lunch time.



We arrived safely back in Manchester, exhausted but buzzing from all the experiences and opportunities we had had. Our students represented and demonstrated the core values of our community superbly and were an absolute credit to themselves, and the school. Some student comments about the trip: "It was great to be able to practise our speaking abilities and communicate with real German people"

"The cathedral was purely spectacular and the Christmas markets were a once in a lifetime opportunity"

"I wish I could go again next time!" "If you get the opportunity to go, I would 100% recommend it!" "An incredibly fun trip and you get to engage in lots of cultural and social activities - a lot of walking though!" "The views are imposingly beautiful, as are the kebabs; one fills your heart and the other your stomach!" "Being here has helped in my confidence"



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Facilities Passes

Recently we have seen a rise in requests made for facilities passes for students, and particularly for girls when on their periods.



Facilities passes are issued for students who have medical needs pertaining to incontinence and we don't issue them for periods, unless there is a specific medical issue which would warrant this.

Whilst students are encouraged to stay in class, teachers are aware that occasionally students may need to use the facilities during lessons, and are asked to use their judgement if the circumstances warrant this.

We continue to monitor toilets at break and lunch, and students are able to use the toilets at these times in a safe and controlled manner. We have continued to review the issue of toilet provision in the safest way possible and have seen a reduction in antisocial behaviour since we have started monitoring toilets at break and lunch. Many thanks for your continued support.

Literacy Update

We continue to encourage the pupils to read for pleasure, through our five minutes reading at the beginning of each lesson, our LRC lessons with Years 7, 8 and 9, our various competitions and author visits. Miss Moores does an excellent job in our Learning Resource Centre, so please ask your child to pop down and visit and look at the wide selection of books and activities we have available. A select cohort of Year 7 pupils have been completing their Read Theory programme on a Tuesday morning and Year 12 mentors have enjoyed reading with some Year 8 pupils each Thursday morning. I hope you have a lovely Christmas and Santa brings you lots of books!



Mrs Martin – Literacy Lead



Accelerated
Reader

Accelerated Reader's Top Quizzers this term

Marley P-L (9MC), **Oli M** (7MC), **Finn B** (7AH), **Jack W** (7AC), **Hudson B-D** (7CH),
Mia L (7TH), **Katie L** (7MC), **Scarlett Rose C** (7TC), **Ella W** (8MH), **Sarah W-A** (7TC)
Jessie C (7TC), **James L** (7AH), **Kitty T** (7AH), **Charlie R** (7TH)

Holocaust Survivor Tomi Komoloy visits Year 9

Year 9 have been exploring the history, ethics and legacy of the Holocaust as part of their 'MyCurriculum' lessons over this first term. This 6 lesson scheme of learning finished with a guest talk from a Holocaust survivor Tomi Komoloy, who although born in Hungary now lives in Wilmslow. Tomi shared his story of how he and his mother escaped the Nazis and other tales of those who were not so lucky. Anti semitism has sadly not been eradicated from our society and Tomi's talk gave our students a stark reminder of what can happen when we don't call out hate and discrimination in all its forms, when we see it.

If you would like to learn more about Tomi's story you can access Tomi's prevention slides [here](#).



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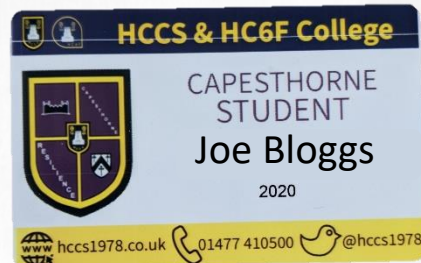
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Lunch Cards

Just to ask if another message could be put into the Newsletter about use of Lunch Cards. I have had another list from the Snack Shack today of pupils who have either forgotten their card or their existing card no longer works. As mentioned, I have raised around 500 new cards since September so I'm sure School would appreciate any help towards making this system work.



Money Savings On Rail Travel

Parents are being encouraged to save money on their child's journey to school by investing in an under 16 Education Season Ticket in the new year.

Northern has teamed with more than 100 secondary schools and university technical colleges to provide a new cut price deal. The special season ticket offers students up to 75 per cent off the normal adult fare.

Under 16 Education Season Tickets offer unlimited travel between two stations and are valid seven days a week. As such, they can be used at weekends and during the holidays, not just the 195 days per year that schools are open.

Northern's new timetable has now come into effect and all customers, especially those who have made regular journeys on the same train times, are advised to check online journey planners before they travel to ensure their service operates at the same time and calls at the same stations. Changes to your local station can be viewed on Northern's new 'Check My Timetable' feature.

The education season tickets are on-sale until Monday, January 16, 2023.

For a full list of participating schools and more information, parents visit
northernrailway.co.uk/tickets/educational-season



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T4U

A huge thank you to those in our school community who have supported this year's shoebox appeal!

120 Boxes £400 +

Teams4U are a UK charity, based in Wrexham, who support people in places like Uganda, Romania and Sierra Leone. Their Christmas Shoebox Appeal helps to support some of the world's poorest people at a time of year when giving gifts is often celebrated.

Once again, tutor groups around the school have been busily packing, wrapping and labelling shoeboxes for this year's shoebox appeal. Thanks to your generosity, children and families across the world will be able to receive a wonderful gift this Christmas!

The House Leaders

T4U

real people making
a real difference



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Please see some safety information circulated from Cheshire East, following the recent tragedy in Solihull.

Please click here



Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who has supported Children In Need. As a school community, we have managed to raise a total of **£236.39**.

Events in school included looking "spotacular" and our Sixth Form Vs Staff netball competition. Thank you to everyone who took part or brought in donations.

The donations provided will support BBC Children in Need, My CWA and Visyon.

- BBC Children in Need, as we know, provide grants to projects in the UK, which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged. They are local to people in all corners of the UK and support small and large organisations, which empower children and extend their life choices.
- My CWA supports those families who are affected by domestic abuse across Cheshire East. Their work offers support to all members of the family who are affected and offer both practical and emotional support.
- Visyon supports the emotional health of children, young people and their families in Cheshire East. Visyon works directly with children to help them improve their mental health. They also support parents, grandparents or carers, to gain the skills to give their child the support they need.



Senior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all of the A Level Maths students that took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge earlier in the term. Certificates have been awarded. Particular praise is given to two of our students who scored so highly that they were in the top 6000 in the country and progressed to the next round. Lucas Ball and Harrison Jones qualified for the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo which was taken on the 16th of November, Harrison was awarded a Certificate of Merit and Lucas a Certificate of Participation. To achieve a Certificate of Merit you had to be in the top 25% of those who were chosen to sit it. Well done Harrison!



See how you get on with one of the questions

Five cards have the numbers 101, 102, 103, 104 and 105 on their fronts.

101

102

103

104

105

On the reverse, each card has one of five different positive integers: a , b , c , d and e respectively. We know that $a + 2 = b - 2 = 2c = \frac{d}{2} = e^2$. Gina picks up the card which has the largest integer on its reverse. What number is on the front of Gina's card?



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HAL Student Achievements

As we come to the close of our autumn term, it is with great pleasure that I get to celebrate some of the achievements of the High Ability Learners in our cohort.

The principal actors in the Addams Family Milly Edwards, Tabitha Alcock-Bailey, Maddie Lusby, Finn McCreadie, Will Heal, Sam Mulford, Luke Dronsfield, Charlie Mills, Ruby Knowles and Fin Diamond.

The accompanying musicians Charlotte McCurdy, Rosie Sumpter, Harvey Surtees, Henry Earl, Ed Thirlwell, Olivia Bagley, Elliot Griggs, Maisie Frith, Evie Beardsell, Emma Dobinson. Light and sounding from Gareth Jones.

Maja Gorska, Oliwia Podmolka, Nat Russell and Ben Aitken making significant achievements in **Computer science students**

Year 9 English students Jessic Edgar, Kizzy Swain and Sam McCall

GCSE PE students Tilly Birks, Inaara Rehman, Nipun Pavana

Jake Wilson Y13 has been selected onto the **National Junior Athletics Talent Programme**, which means he will be training towards international competitions in Athletics (middle distance running)!

Great all round achievers

Year 11 Anwen Brierley, Sophie Dunning, George Buchanan, Maddy Hollingworth, Emily Preece, Elliot, Maddie Lusby, Maisie Frith

Year 10 Tilly Birks, Charlie Ellis, George Gillan, Amy Shaw, Evie Willocks, Lottie Woodhead

Year 9 Dasha Richie, Jessica Edgar, Esme Warnen, Isla Dixon

Year 8 Ben Couch, Lanark Malgas,

Year 7 Emma Walker, Annabel Theobalds, Oli Matthews, Amber Fox, Meredith Baxter



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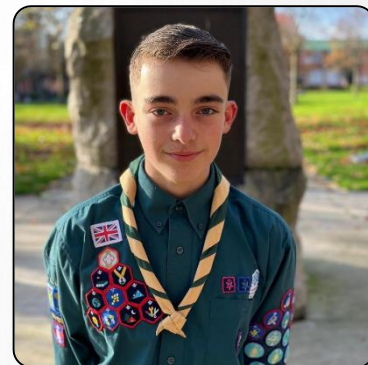
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Edward Webb - Scouts Award

Edward Webb (10MH) has been busy outside of school and has just achieved his Gold Scout Award. This award is well deserved and demonstrates his commitment and enthusiasm to both his work and the group. He attended a presentation ceremony by Steve Hill MBE, the High Sheriff of Cheshire, and HM Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire (some amazing outfits were worn by these people). Ed has now moved up to Explorers where he's also starting his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Congratulations Edward - we are proud of you!!!



Art Club

Getting festive in Art Club this Wednesday lunchtime, experimenting with brusho to create colourful Christmas trees.





Music making at Holmes Chapel Christmas Market

Thank you to our students who volunteered their time to perform at Holmes Chapel's Christmas Market on Sunday 4th December.

We had Christmas tunes played by:

Elliot on saxophone

Hannah on violin

Emma and Skyla duetting on flute and violin

Petra, Eleanor and Emma as a flute ensemble

And the headlining band was **The Bandwagon** from the Sixth Form including **Harvey, Gareth, Charlie, Henry and Ed.**



We have received thanks and compliments from the Holmes Chapel Partnership team:

'They were all absolutely wonderful and it was a pleasure to have them perform on the stage. It was amazing to see the quality of the musicians who attend your school and how confident they were to stand on a stage in front of such a busy crowd. It was also great to see how many of their friends were in the audience supporting them.'

'They did a fantastic job of representing the school in the local community and we have received many positive comments on how good they were.'



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Year 10 – Cinnamon Star Bread Making

Year 10 made some Cinnamon Star Bread to celebrate Christmas





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Sixth Form Success

This term our Sixth Form students have completed their October Mock Assessments in Year 13 and both Year groups have received their interim reports which reflect their progress so far this year.

Year 12

Jonny Harkness
Jenson Riddle
Ciera Bridge
Gabriella Wood
Elizabeth Parker

Year 13

Cerys Dingle
Daisy Preece
Emma Skelley
Matthew Poole
Katie Dexter



Congratulations to the following students who have made excellent progress this half term.

Personal Development Curriculum

Healthy Lifestyle

Students in Year 12 took part in a Healthy Lifestyle morning this half term, where they participated in a variety of activities, from football and badminton to mindfulness art and yoga. This morning aimed to educate students about the benefits of participating in exercise and other relaxing activities to alleviate stress and enhance their wellbeing.



Drive Awareness

Students in Year 13 were made aware of some key messages by PC Darren Daniels, the Cheshire Road Safety Officer. Hopefully these messages will make them think carefully and make the right decisions when they are behind the wheel of a car or as a passenger.



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Year 3,4,5&6 Primary Netball Festivals

We have hosted two successful primary High 5 Netball tournaments over the last few weeks with Year 3 / 4 and Year 5 / 6 students.

It was great to see such amazing teamwork and so many of our fellow primary school students having fun playing sport.

Thank you to all of the primary school students, staff and parents who have supported these events and to our leaders for helping to run these events.

Mrs Thomas



Day of Dance

Our Year 9,10 and 11 dancers took part in a challenging dance day! They displayed real resilience dancing for 5 hours and performed two great contemporary and jazz pieces.

It was great to see the BTEC Dancers helping and supporting our Year 9 dancers.

Well done for all involved! Mrs Thomas



Year 8 Dance - Matilda

Our Year 8 dancers have enjoyed studying the Musical Matilda this half term. They created and performed some excellent pieces with creative costumes and props.

Well done to you all! Mrs Thomas



Year 7 to 10 Christmas Fun Inter-House Netball

Last week saw some of our netball teams and tutor teams take on each other in a mixed house competition. This involved students from years 7 to 10 mixing in a team to represent their house. It was a fun, festive evening playing some great netball all in the spirit of Christmas. This was a great way to end the year, Thanks for being such great sports. Well done and Merry Christmas.
Mrs Mee



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Year 7 & 8 Inter Tutor Competition

Over the past 2 weeks we have hosted our first inter tutor competitions, starting with year 7 and 8. It was great to see so many students turn out to compete for their houses. Everyone played with great team spirit displaying great sportsmanship, resilience and collaboration as they worked together to gain the advantage over other house teams.

They were fantastic, showing their enthusiasm and love of netball. It was a great evening, lots of fun and enjoyment from all who attended. Well done everyone, excellent team spirit.



Year 7 Inter Tutor Football Winners

Week 4 of inter tutor FB didn't disappoint! A great turnout and great spirit., 'after the final group game, we had the playoffs. 3 of the play offs finished in a draw including the winners TC&CH. congratulations to all who supported this competition, and hopefully we see you again in the new year for inter tutor volleyball. Have a great Xmas.



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Foodbank donations

A massive thank you to everyone who donated items this week for the foodbank! In total we collected

- 97 packets of custard
- 69 multipacks of crisps
- 61 packets of stuffing
- 85 jelly packs
- 152 bags of chocolate coins
- And a whopping 164 tins of vegetables!



We dropped them off at Middlewich Foodbank on Tuesday morning and they were really appreciative of the support, they do a fantastic job there and we were so pleased to be able to help out.



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