



Dear all,

With just one week left, we are almost at the end of another year at school and I feel that we have a huge amount to reflect on. 2021/22 has been, of course, the first full year at school since the Covid lockdown in March 2020. The disruption to each of our lives was unprecedented and extremely challenging. It's incredible to think that it is already a year since the last Covid restrictions were lifted on the 19th July 2021 and the slow, uncertain journey to a new normal.

2021/22 is also the end of the first year for me as a Headteacher when I have had a school full of children and staff without periods of lockdown. I am so grateful for the privilege of the role I have as well as the blessing of being part of such a great school and community. Whenever I walk around our school and hear the babble of children learning, playing, laughing and growing, it never fails to make me smile. It also reminds me about what it was like when the school was empty and the unnatural sadness of a school without the noise of children and teaching.



Over the last year, we have continued to grow as a community and have shown great resilience and courage. Our school remains somewhere we can all be proud of and where we recognise the value of working together. I have a firmly held belief that as a caring and inclusive school and community, our role is to offer an ambitious curriculum laced with rich opportunities that enable all of us and especially our children to thrive as kind, resilient and fulfilled members of society. A great school and community is a place where we all feel that we belong and have a voice. It's a place where we learn together and are rightfully proud of what we achieve both individually and as a whole. Our school and community is also a place that is ambitious and where we have high expectations of ourselves and each other and where we actively strive to build solid, trusting, respectful relationships. We all play an important part of this journey and together, we are stronger.

A school is, of course, primarily a place of learning where our children gain knowledge, understanding as well as the skills they need to see them flourish. Creating a learning culture for our children is reinforced by a strong learning culture of our staff. Our Training School, working with partners and schools across Cheshire and the northwest is also where the next generation of teachers learn their craft and where we grow future leaders. Being a successful learning organisation means that we must practice what we preach. We have built a very strong team of professionals across all teams here at our school and by continuing our investing in staff development and training, we are able to provide better learning opportunities and outcomes for our children.

So two final things.

Firstly, before the term comes to a close, I'd like to invite you to do something important. I'd like you to find a reason to send a brief email to anyone in the school who you would like to say a private thank you to. It could be anyone you like and for anything that you feel made a difference. I'm asking this because as part of my own reflective practice, each day, I write down three things that I am grateful for. This might be a kind word from a colleague or child, something that made me happy or something that was successful. It helps me focus on the positives of a busy, sometimes challenging day and reminds me to seek those people who made a difference and say thanks.



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Secondly, in just a few weeks, it will be time to celebrate the examination results of our year 11 and year 13 students and I am already looking forward to being with them on the 18th August for the year 13s and the 25th August for the year 11s. For those families with children in these years, please join us on these days. Remember of course that for the year 11s who intend to take up a place in our college, the 25th will also be an opportunity to sign up for your courses. Plenty of staff will be on hand to help you with this.

Thanks for being part of our school and community over the last three terms. Your support and trust has been invaluable in helping us do our job and to ensure that our children thrive, learn and are fulfilled. I'm excited about further developing our school into next year and exploring the opportunities that this presents for our children and community

Warm regards



Nigel Bielby
Executive Headteacher

Antisocial Behaviour in the Village

We have recently had some reports of antisocial behaviour in the village from our students, in some cases when they are still in their HCCS uniform. This has included incidents in the park and also at the precinct, where young people have used foul and abusive language towards members of the public, left large amounts of litter behind, thrown bottles and cans across public areas, congregated in large groups and in some cases acted in ways which are inappropriate and intimidating.



Whilst we have limited influence over what our young people get up to outside of school, we are very keen to encourage them to conduct themselves in a way that represents both our school and community well. We are regularly in contact with our local PCSO, Ade Chadwick and we would ask you to also speak to your children about their conduct in the community, irrespective of whether this is in school uniform or not. We will also follow this up in assemblies next week around safe behaviours in the community. Many thanks for your support.



Vaping - BBC sounds

We are all aware of the rapid rise in vaping in young people and the availability of products in vape bars and shops. I am sure that we all share the same worries and concerns around the explosion in this habit, especially amongst our children. One of our parents, Rachel Burden, who works for BBC Radio 5 Live, has published this report on BBC sounds. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0c1jf1c>

It gives some context and background to the scale and issues around the vaping habit. It's an excellent article and gives us all plenty to think about and talk to our children about.



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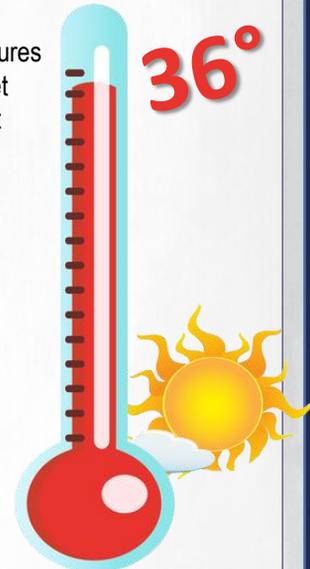
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Extreme Heat Warning

As many of you will know, much of the UK is expected to experience very high temperatures on Monday and Tuesday next week, with extreme heat warnings being issued by the Met Office. As a result of this, please be advised of some information to help manage the hot weather in school:

- Students will be permitted to wear their PE kit to school from Monday 18th until the end of the school year on Thursday 21st July. As with previous guidance on this, attire must only consist of HCCS PE kit and no other branded sports wear will be acceptable.
- Please ensure that all students come to school with a refillable water bottle and we would also advise bringing sun cream, or applying it before school.
- We will make some adjustments during the school day to ensure that we make best use of cooler or air conditioned spaces, including making such spaces available at lunch where students can be inside in a cool environment.
- We will ensure that there are ample opportunities for students to refill bottles during the day, so that they can stay hydrated.



Lower School

As we come to the end of our first year in existence as "Lower School", it brings me great pleasure to say thank you to the wonderful team that we have become. Lower school hub staff, lower school tutors, lower school teachers and our amazing lower school students have worked hard this year to meet and improve upon our lower school expectations of behaviour (see slide below). We have also reflected upon our gained knowledge and how we have kept ourselves physically and mentally well through our Lower School Learning passports.

Our expectations

Happiness is the new rich. Inner peace is the new success. Health is the new wealth. Kindness is the new cool.



START HERE >> and see how far you can go



ADVANCED

Helping others to be the best version of themselves.



EXTENDED

Modelling this expected behaviour to everyone else and persevering with that - even when outside factors might make that challenging.



CORE

Being safe. Being kind. Trying your best. Showing respect to yourself, others and your environment.


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The final Lower School learning passport has been set for Year 8 today and will be set for Year 7 on Monday with a deadline of the end of the school year. Next Wednesday, students and parents will receive the final interim of the year. Please look at this alongside the 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.

For Year 7, they have been enjoying 3 days at Menai helping to consolidate our values of kindness, community and resilience as shown in the pictures on page 4. We look forward to continuing our work with them in September.

For Year 8, they will be moving onto our Upper School in September and it will be sad for us to say farewell to them in our final Year 8 assembly next week. They are a remarkable group of young people and it has been an honour to help them on their journey this year. Year 8, please come back to the hub to visit; be the right role models for our new Lower School students and continue to make us proud. Thank you for the kindness, the laughs and the effort!

Helena Collison
Director of Lower School



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Upper School

It has been a great privilege to support our Year 11 students as they progress through their GCSE examinations, Sixth Form transition week and celebratory dinner.

At this time of year, we are preparing our Upper School learners for their next phase of learning. I look forward to formally welcoming our current Year 8 students to our Upper School community in September.

As an Upper School team, we are passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people. We believe in teamwork; working with each other, with colleagues across the school, with the wider school community and most importantly with the young people in our school. We act with determination.



It is an honour to work alongside colleagues who are committed to making a difference; who can and do make a real difference. This is a reflection of the school's curriculum intent statement and core values.

We look forward to ensuring our Year 8 students make a successful transition to our Upper School community helping them to demonstrate belonging, learn and develop, set high expectations and be proud of themselves and each other.

Laura Warren
Director of Upper School



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Year 7 Trip to Menai

This week our Year 7 students had an exciting three day trip to the Conwy Centre Anglesey, building lasting memories and coming together as a year group. This is the first time since the pandemic that our students have returned to the centre. Accompanied by an experienced staff team, the 190 students showed great enthusiasm for the range of activities and challenges that they encountered. Teamwork was a key theme with many examples of students supporting each other and showing great resilience. They have taken part in many activities such as: canoeing, climbing, kayaking, mountain biking, raft building and bushcraft. The Hollywood disco on Thursday evening was great fun. Dancing with enthusiasm, many students and staff came dressed up as famous Hollywood celebrities, some we recognised and some....well it was a great effort. Check out Twitter for the latest pictures.



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Year 11 Celebration Evening

Congratulations to all Year 11 students for completing their exams. The Celebration Evening was excellent and they danced from start to finish. Well done to all and see you on results day!



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Sixth Form Formal Dinner

On Friday 1st July, our Year 13 students enjoyed their celebratory formal end of year dinner. This was held at The Courthouse in Knutsford. The event was organised by our Student Leadership team. They did a fantastic job ensuring every detail of the event was planned very well. Students enjoyed a welcome drink, followed by a three course meal and finished with a disco and some superb dancing. This was a well attended and fantastic event. It was so lovely to see the students being able to enjoy this kind of event again, having missed their Year 11 prom, due to Covid. We wish all of our students the best for their upcoming A Level results and look forward to celebrating their achievements with them, on results day in August.





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Sixth Form Transition week

We were delighted to welcome a large number of Year 11 students into the Sixth Form, for a Sixth Form transition week from 4th July. Students had the opportunity to take part in a range of Sixth Form lessons and make full use of the Sixth Form facilities. We were really impressed with the extent to which students fully engaged and participated in this week. Students also took part in an enrichment afternoon. This included a range of activities including Medicine and Dentistry talks, Apprenticeship talk and an Oxbridge workshop. We invited guest speakers in for this, including some of our alumni students who were able to pass on their wealth of knowledge and experience. We'd like to thank everyone who took part in this



SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE

It was great to see our 'So You Think You Can Dance' competition back up and running after a two year break. Such a fun evening with such talented dancers! We are very proud of you all!



Upper School results:

Winners - Tabitha & Nancy Alcock-Bailey
Runner Up - Zoe Henry

Lower School results:

Winners - Izzy Fyffe & Maisie Frith
Runner Up - Eva Guest

Year 10 Work Experience w/b March 20th 2023

I am pleased to announce that next year's Year 10 will have the opportunity to complete one week of work experience in the week beginning March 20th 2023. All students will receive information next week about this but further information can be found on the school website: key information/work experience.

Mr Baker
Work experience Co-ordinator



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Sports Day 2022

Well the eagerly awaited rearranged sports day did not disappoint!! The weather was kind after the previous thunderstorms and the track was fast. Staff and students supported their friends, tutor group and house with great enthusiasm and pride. School records were smashed time and time again, and the atmosphere during this helped many students who put themselves out there working tirelessly to achieve points for their Houses. In Year 7 MC narrowly pipped TC by 4 pts to claim victory. In year 8 TC amassed 121 pts to pip AH 115 pts. In year 9 AC ran away with it with 121 pts, and in year 10, for the first time ever we had joint winners with TC & CH amassing 140 pts each. Regarding the House winners, Moreton came 4th with 767 pts, Tatton came 3rd with 793 pts, Capesthorne 2nd with 798 pts and the winners for Sportsday 2022 were Arley with 809 pts!! A tremendous effort by all who took part. Let's see if next year Arley can defend their crown! **Well done. The PE faculty**



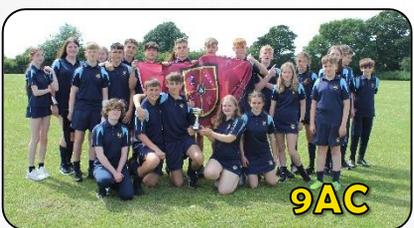
SPORTS DAY WINNERS



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8TC



9AC



10CH



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Year 10 Spanish trip - Instituto Cervantes, Manchester

Last week our GCSE Spanish students had the opportunity to visit Instituto Cervantes (Manchester), the official institution to promote Spanish language learning around the world.

The day covered a range of activities, including a cultural dance workshop, a Spanish language class and activities structured around a Spanish-language film. Our Year 10s made us all proud with their amazing attitude, their impressive language skills and their flamenco movements! ¡Olé!



Year 12 A-Level Beach Sampling

On 6th July a large group of Sixth Form students attended a trip to Anglesey as part of their A-Level Biology required practical's. Alongside the Biologists, A-Level Geographers, Photographers and Applied Science students also made the most of the environment to complete their own assignments.

First stop was at Cable Bay where line transect samples were taken along a rocky shore whilst the tide was out. The rockpools were teeming with life, including fish, shrimps, crabs and even a lobster!



After lunch on the beach, the students headed over to Aberffraw where they studied succession in the sand dunes around the coast. More plants and animals were found here, displaying the rich diversity of life around the Welsh coast.



Back in the lab, the Biologists began to analyse their results, including testing the water samples for salt concentrations.



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Governor Update

Have you ever considered becoming a parent governor?

School governors are volunteers who work together to offer the school strategic oversight. It's a rewarding role and the governing board is strongest when it is made up of a diverse group of people. You don't need any particular qualifications or experience, only an interest in quality education.

Advance notice - We will be holding parent governor elections in the autumn term, please watch out for further information in September.

[Click here](#) for more information



Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to: **Grace M (Year 8)** - 1,084,503, **Peter I (Year 8)** - 1,051,748, **Jessica E (Year 8)** - 1,040,625, **Isla D (Year 8)** - 1,006,052



HCCS Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Your challenge over the summer is to **read, read, read!** Ensure to record your progress on Google Classroom.



Gold (10 House points and a certificate)

Read five books of your choice, including at least one autobiography and one non-fiction text.



Silver (5 House Points)

Read four books of your choice, including at least one autobiography and one non-fiction text.



Bronze (3 House Points)

Read two books of your choice.

Platinum Challenge

(10 House points, certificate and entry into a £20 Amazon Voucher prize draw)

Read six books of your choice, including at least one autobiography and one non-fiction text.

Huge Congratulations to Charlotte Braka in Year 11.

Charlotte recently competed in the English Schools Athletics Championships in Manchester for Cheshire schools in the Intermediate girls Discus. Charlotte achieved an amazing personal best throw of 39.43 metres, earning her second place overall and importantly aa place in the English school's international team which will compete in Belfast on Saturday 16th July



Charlotte is a remarkable member of our school and clearly an awesome athlete. We wish her all the best in the competition. We are already very proud of her remarkable achievements and look forward to hearing how she gets on



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Wildshore Watersports Trip for Girls Active and Sports Leaders

In the glorious sunshine, on Thursday 14th July the PE department organised a trip to Wildshore Water Park for the Girls Active Leaders and Sports Leaders. The trip was to reward the students for all their help and efforts throughout the year, as well as being a fun and active day.

During the day the students took part in the Aqua Park, Aqua Chimp and Tubing activities. Whilst on the Aqua Park the students attempted the inflatable assault course and tested their courage by jumping or sliding from platforms. The Aqua Chimp included a high ropes course which challenged problem solving skills and fitness components. Lastly, the students experienced an exhilarating ride on the tubing board, they had to try to hold on whilst being whizzed around the lake.

It was a fun packed day, but there was still a little bit of time to enjoy an ice cream with their friends in the sun.

The students were a credit to the school with their infectious enthusiasm, polite manners and always upholding the core values of the school. We're already looking forward to going again!



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HCCS Rounders Fixtures - 28th and 30th June

The South Cheshire Rounders Tournaments came to a close this week, it has been fantastic to see our students build on their previous matches and come out to compete.

Y7 and Y8 tournaments took place at Sir William Stanier on Tuesday 28th June, with both teams coming out on top in first place. They students were overjoyed and so excited that they won the tournament after coming 2nd last time. They played fantastic, showing exceptional batting and fielding skills. What a great way to end the Rounders fixtures of the season. Well done Year 7 and 8.

Y9 and Y10 tournaments were away at Sandbach Girls school on Thursday 30th June, with both teams finishing in 3rd place. It was a fantastic effort by all the students particularly the year 10's competing whilst on mock exams, showing their dedication and enthusiasm for the sport.

A huge congratulations from the PE department, we are very proud of all your efforts and cannot wait for next season to begin once again. Well done to all.





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Relay Cup

The annual relay cup took place over the past couple of weeks. This involves teams of three runners from each tutor group competing against each other over a 3x100m relay. **Congratulations to the champions 9AC.**



Relay Cup Results: 1st 9AC, 2nd 9MH, 3rd 7MC

Overall Results: Plate competition for fastest runners up from semi finals. 1st 8AH, 2nd 7AC, 3rd 9TC



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Girls Football Awards

Following the Holmes Chapel Hurricanes Girls awards evening last week many of our HCCS female football players were awarded trophies.

Elizabeth Smith, Emily Cragg, Millie Rutter, Rosie Sumpter, Lucy Guy and Maisie Caine-Bryant all won coveted trophies.

Well done to all that are involved with the Holmes Chapel Hurricane Girls Football teams

Holmes Chapel Hurricane Girls teams are looking for more players next season to join the U13's, U15's and U16's. If you are interested please email hchsoccerschool@btinternet

Foodbank

If you need some help with your food, why not ask us? All you need to do is to ring a referrer, e.g. **CACE (Citizens Advice Cheshire East - 0800 1448848)**, who will refer you to us via an e-voucher. You would then collect your food parcel from Middlewich and District Foodbank at The Police Station, 35B Queen Street, Middlewich, CW10 9AR.



If we can help we would like to, **please don't go hungry.**



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VISON

I am pleased to provide details of the Parent Workshops that we will be delivering in July. I detail below the schedule and attach the flyers, which I would be grateful if you could forward to your parents.

- 11/07/2022 **Sleep workshop** (Oak Tree children's centre in Crewe) – [Click here](#)
- 12/07/2022 **Sleep workshop** (Visyon, Congleton) – [Click here](#)
- 13/07/2022 **Supporting your child with additional needs workshop** (Visyon, Congleton) – [Click here](#)
- 13/07/2022 **Sleep workshop** (Sandbach children's centre) – [Click here](#)
- 18/07/2022 **Self-harm & suicide awareness workshop** (Oak Tree children's centre, Crewe) – [Click here](#)
- 19/07/2022 **Parental separation workshop** (Visyon, Congleton) – [Click here](#)
- 20/07/2022 **Self harm and suicide awareness workshop** (Visyon, Congleton) – [Click here](#)
- 27/07/2022 **Childhood development workshop** (Visyon, Congleton) – [Click here](#)

Many thanks for your help as always and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Thank you, from all of us at HCCS & HC6F