



Maghull High News

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Autumn Term
October 2023

Hello and welcome to this year's first edition of Maghull High School News. It has been a busy start to the academic year as we have welcomed our new year 7 students into Maghull High School, and our Sixth Form has welcomed our new year 12 A Level cohort. We have had lots of extra-curricular activities and events take place, as well as some sporting successes. We are excited to see what the rest of this year will bring!

Attendance



As we begin a new academic year, we would like to remind parents and carers that children who have frequent absences from school have gaps in their learning, miss social time with friends, and engage in fewer enrichment activities. The impact of this on student outcomes is significant, with lower attainment at GCSE which can affect long-term life chances. Every student should be aiming for at least 95% attendance in each school year and even that equates to fifty lessons missed.

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

We have seen recent improvements in attendance for individual students and year groups, which is encouraging but this momentum must continue in the new academic year. Our wider pastoral staff and attendance officer are here to support you with any issues around attendance and you can contact attendance@maghullhigh.com for support. We politely remind you that holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

New Staff

The end of term saw us say goodbye to some much loved staff at Maghull High School. In September, we have welcomed several new staff to our school community. Already they have made a positive impact around school, building relationships with our students and their families. In Maths, we have welcomed back a former student, Mr Murphy, as he begins his teaching career. As well as Mr Murphy, the Maths department have also welcomed Miss Bell and Mr Vearling. In Science, Mr Cragg, Mr Scott and Mr Ketchell-Hargreaves have joined the department, whilst Mr Hoyte and Mr Gilbey have joined our Religious Studies department. Following the retirement of Mrs Velasco, our MFL department is now led by Miss Jones, who has also welcomed Mrs Smith and Miss Perner to her department staffing.

Our Inclusion department have welcomed Karen Adams to the team whilst Mr Roose and Mrs Foster have joined our pastoral teams as Assistant Heads of Year.

Results Success

Congratulations to our class of 2023 students on their fantastic results. Results days for both year 13 and year 11 students saw students' hard work pay off with many now moving onto their next steps at either Sixth Form, college, university or employment. We are so proud of you all and wish you all every success in the future.




Welcome Back!

It was lovely to welcome back all staff and students in September following the summer break. Our new year 7 students have settled in well and are enjoying their transition to secondary school. All students attended welcome assemblies and were reminded of our school standards and expectations. All students have been issued with a new school planner which contains their timetable and will record all homework set. Our extra-curricular timetable is up and running and it has been a pleasure to see so many students immersing themselves into the wider life of the school. Details of our extra-curricular offer can be found at the end of our school newsletter.







Maghull High Way

In line with our school ethos and values, we have introduced the Maghull High Way. This has been shared with all students and is designed to help students to adhere to our standards and expectations in order to achieve their full potential at Maghull High School. In addition to attending school every day, we are encouraging students to arrive to all lessons on time, fully equipped and ready to learn. We expect all students to respect all members of our school community and their school environment, as well as embracing all opportunities provided.



Maghull High Way



Aspire	Achieve	Enjoy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend every day and every lesson on time  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear full school uniform worn smartly and with pride  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Be fully equipped every day for all lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Be ready to learn and listen to all instructions – First time every time  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay engaged and always try your best  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Take pride in your work and achievements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Treat all members of the school community with kindness, dignity and respect  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Move in a calm and orderly manner taking responsibility for the school environment  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Embrace all opportunities that are offered throughout the school

Maghull High School - A Nut Free School

Allergy Aware School



- One in 13 children, or roughly two in every classroom, has a food allergy.
- Nuts are the allergen that are most likely to cause a life threatening allergic reaction. Allergic reactions often cause a life threatening state of shock called anaphylaxis. It typically needs immediate medical attention. Since there is no cure for an allergic reaction, the best way to avoid anaphylaxis is through prevention of exposure.

At Maghull High School we are ensuring that our school community is a nut free school.

We ask you to carefully consider what you are putting in your lunchbox, or the snacks you are bringing in.

Find a nut free alternative that is just as tasty.

Nut Free School

At Maghull High School we are committed to the safety & well being of all our school community. Most school classrooms will have at least one allergic pupil. To protect our school community Maghull High School is ensuring we are a Nut Free School.

Art Updates



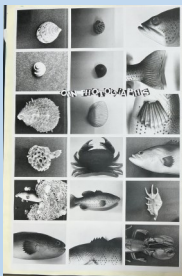
Students in year 8 have had fun with clay creating ceramic scarabs. Students used paint to decorate and create stop frame animations.



Students have also been busy painting screen prints and turning them into fashion or home outcomes. Art club has proven more popular than ever with both key stage 3 and 4 students in regular attendance. Students have been working on paintings of sunsets using watercolours.



As part of a photography workshop led by the Art department, students have been capturing primary source photographs as part of their project. We look forward to seeing the end product.



Summer School



This year's summer school saw us welcome over 160 new year 7 students across the week. Students enjoyed a range of activities including a Shakespeare-inspired drama workshop, a cookery experience courtesy of the Food Roadshow, and a day of sporting activities led by Active Sefton. Students also took part in a Bully Buster assembly and received an introduction from our Phoenix team as to how to support mental health and wellbeing when joining secondary school. The week was finished with a showcase of work to all parents and an afternoon of inflatable fun.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

Performing Arts London Trip

After a difficult start following some unexpected train cancellations, everyone made it to London Euston ready for a quick bag drop at the hotel before some sightseeing. From Buckingham Palace to the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye, the students were ready for a pit stop at Pizza Hut before watching a spectacular performance of Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre.

Following a good sleep, everyone set off to the National Theatre where students and staff had a backstage tour and got to see the set for 'Dear England' (which they were preparing to film for NTLive), as well as all of the prop stores, creation, and a look at how the space can be changed and adapted for different shows. It was then a quick dash to watch a matinee performance of Wicked! at the Apollo Victoria before their train home. A jam packed trip, full of amazing experiences and memories for life.



Performing at the Philharmonic



In September, Mr Dutch took our talented singers and musicians to perform alongside Maghull Wind Orchestra at Liverpool's Philharmonic Hall.



Blackpool Rewards Trip

The rain didn't stop staff and students from enjoying our annual rewards trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach at the end of term. Students spent a full day enjoying the rides, exploring different stalls and grabbing a bite to eat!



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

Spanish Trip



Students were fortunate to be offered the opportunity to visit Barcelona with our Spanish department at the end of term. Students engaged in a range of activities including a visit to Sagrada Familia, salsa dancing and a visit to a chocolate factory to try their hand at chocolate artistry. Students also enjoyed a trip to a theme park and Barcelona FC. Students fully immersed themselves into Spanish culture and enjoyed a night of cooking and tapas. Thank you to staff who gave up their time to accompany students on this excursion and well done to our students on their exemplary conduct throughout



their visit.



Latin Excellence Trip



Students in year 9 have had the opportunity to study Latin as part of their extra-curricular offer. As part of their study, students enjoyed a trip to Bath where they took part in a workshop looking at Roman artefacts. Students then went on a guided tour of the hot springs, changing rooms and temples before drinking some of the actual spring's water. Students had time to explore the city centre, visit the gift shop and even a quick game of mini golf!

Black History Month



As part of Black History Month, KS3 students have been studying Katherine Johnson who was an American mathematician. Her calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights.



Sporting Updates

It has been a successful start for our football teams during this first half term. Our year 7/8 girls football team are through to the third round of Schools Football cup. Meanwhile, our year 9 boys football team came back from being 1-0 down to win 3-2, meaning they are now through to the next round of the ESFA cup. Following in their footsteps, our year 7 boys football team have had tremendous success already and are now through to the next round of Schools Football cup following a 3-0 win against Archbishop Beck. We look forward to watching them progress in each tournament throughout the next half term.



Our year 7 boys have also engaged well in rugby, taking part in a tag rugby competition as part of their extra-curricular programme. Despite having limited experience of this sport, the boys came away having won 5 out of their 6 games. The PE department look forward to teaching the full contact aspect to rugby this half term.



Elsewhere, our school netball teams have had a successful start to the year with wins for both year 8 and year 9 teams against The Salesian Academy of St John Bosco.

Sports Day

Sports Day was a huge success at the end of term. Due to weather conditions, track events were postponed until the final week of term. In total, there were 557 competitors across all year groups (Y7-10) and a total of 125 medals were awarded! The results were as follows:

Girls 100m Winners Y7 - Izzy W (7JS - 15.44s)

Y8 - Amelia B (8GRD - 15.06s) Y9 - Phoebe H (9HBR - 15.81s) and Y10 - Natasha M (10RM - 14.62s).

Boys 100m Winners Y7 - John R (7DH - 14.25s)

Y8 - Sonny W (8GS - 13.38s) Y9 - Jake A (9HS - 13.00s) and Y10 - Frankie J (10BP - 13.00s).

Girls 200m Winners Y7 - Mollie B (7JS - 33.18s) Y8 - Amelia B (8GRD - 33.00s) Y9 - Millie H (9GV - 33.50s) and Y10 - Lucy M (10AE - 31.25s).

Boys 200m Winners Y7 - Tye H (7JT - 29.82s)

Y8 - Sonny W (8GS - 28.56s) Y9 - Jake A (9HS - 27.68s) and Y10 - Frankie J (10BP).

Boys 400m Winners Y7 - Tye H (7JT - 1m13s)

Y8 - James D (8PE - 1m08s) Y9 - Sonny F (9AN - 1m02s) and Y10 - Frankie J (10BP - 1m03s).

Y7-9 800m Winners Y7 - Eva J (7JT - 2m58s) Y7 - Max R (7JT - 2m41s) Y8 - Lois C (8NS - 3m21s) Y8 - Daniel JK (8PE - 2m35s) Y9 - Millie H (3m09s). Y9 - Callum M (9AD - 2.31s).

Girls Relay Winners Y7 - 7JS (1m07s) Y8 - 8GRD (1m09s) Y9 - 9HBR (1m05s) and Y10 - 10RM (1m03s).

Boys Relay Winners Y7 - 7JT (1m02s) Y8 - 8PE (57.25s) Y9 - 9HS (55.81s) and Y10 - 10JF (55.20s).

The overall winning tutor group for each year group were:

7LM

8PE

9SB

10JF



Student Spotlight: Ellis Hayton and Olivia Williams

As part of the Waterloo and Crosby Theatre Company, Ellis and Olivia took on leading roles in the production of School of Rock. Live performances took place in Merchant Taylors Boys School and were held in July. The performance received rave reviews in the local press and both Ellis and Olivia enjoyed having the opportunity to put their singing, acting and dancing talents on display. Having taken lead roles in last year's school production of Mary Poppins Jr. we look forward to watching them both perform in this year's showcase of Sister Act Jr.

Student Spotlight: Lillia Flaherty



In recognition for her volunteer work, Lillia Flaherty was asked to attend Sefton's Volunteer Appreciation Event on Tuesday 12 September. Lillia was presented with a certificate by the Mayor of Sefton in honour of her volunteer work as part of the Feelgood Factory organisation. Lillia has volunteered regularly to help set up parties, raffles, face painting and support community events. In addition, Lillia has handed out food to those most in need within the local community. Hayley Beer, a manager at Feelgood Factory, commented "Lillia has presented herself remarkably and spoke with the Mayor of Sefton with confidence. She has represented the school amazingly. We at Feelgood are proud to have Lillia be a part of Feelgood Factory, and she is a valued member of our volunteer team."



Student Spotlight: Daniel Johnson-Kenny



Year 9 student Daniel Johnson-Kenny. Daniel is now representing Liverpool Harriers running club and is through to the Nationals with his relay team.

Student Spotlight Molly Hankinson



Congratulations to Mollie Hankinson in year 8 who has been selected by Liverpool FC Emerging Talent Centre to train at Liverpool academy. Molly was 1 of 16 girls out of 100+ to have been selected. We are so proud of you Molly and are excited to watch your sporting journey.

Parental Engagement Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended each of our parental engagement evenings that took place throughout September. Each evening was well attended and we are grateful for the continued to support given to the our school. Our parental engagement evenings run in addition to parents evenings and provide an opportunity to share key dates and important information for the year ahead. All resources have been emailed out to all parents and carers.

Open Events

Our September Open Evening was once again a huge success. We were able to proudly show off our school to almost 600 families, with the help of over 100 student helpers! Prospective parents and carers were able to tour the school and visit each department and subject course on offer. Following this, we organised a more informal open morning on Saturday 7 October which also provide hugely popular. Our open morning gave prospective parents a further opportunity to explore our school at their leisure and speak to key staff available. A huge thank you goes to our staff and our students for making both events a success.

We look forward to hosting our Sixth Form open evening on Thursday 9 November, 5:30pm-7:30pm.














School Production

We are excited to announce that this year's school production is Sister Act Jr. Auditions took place in September and rehearsals are already underway. Tickets will be available from our school reception and our show will take place on the evenings of Wednesday 22 November and Thursday 23 November.



Dates for the diary

Thursday 9 November - Sixth Form Open Evening
 Thursday 30 November—Year 11 Parents Evening
 Thursday 7 December - Presentation Evening
 Friday 8 December - Inset Day
 w/c 18 December—Y11/Y13 Mock exams begin
 Thursday 21 December - End of term

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL		Careers Drop In Sixth Form Block	Careers Drop In Sixth Form Block	Careers Drop In Sixth Form Block	
BREAK	LRC Study Support	LRC Study Support 	LRC Study Support 	LRC Study Support	LRC Study Support 
LUNCH 	Art club KS3,4 & 5 Sparx Maths Help M24 & M26 Sister Act Principle Cast Vocal Rehearsals LRC Study Support Careers Drop In LRC	Art club KS3,4 & 5 Email/Homework Support LRC German Club Year 7 and 8  	Art club KS3,4 & 5 Science Educake/Homework Support Yr 7 Dance club Yr 7 Dodgeball Sister Act Principle Cast Vocal Rehearsals	Art club KS3,4 & 5 Email /Homework Support LRC 	STEM Club Gymnastics Club years 7-9  LRC Study Support Careers Drop In LRC
AFTER SCHOOL 	Debate Mate M14  Netball Training years 7-10 Outdoor Netball Courts KS3 boys' Football Training Outdoor pitches 	Latin Excellence Art club KS3,4 & 5 Netball Fixtures Dates and venues TBC Mixed Badminton years 7-11 Sports hall	Rock Band Practice With PC Charlie Southern 	Dance Spotlight Academy Girls' football years 7-10 Outdoor pitches Fixtures TBC 	Sister Act Full Cast Vocal Rehearsals 