



# Maghull High News

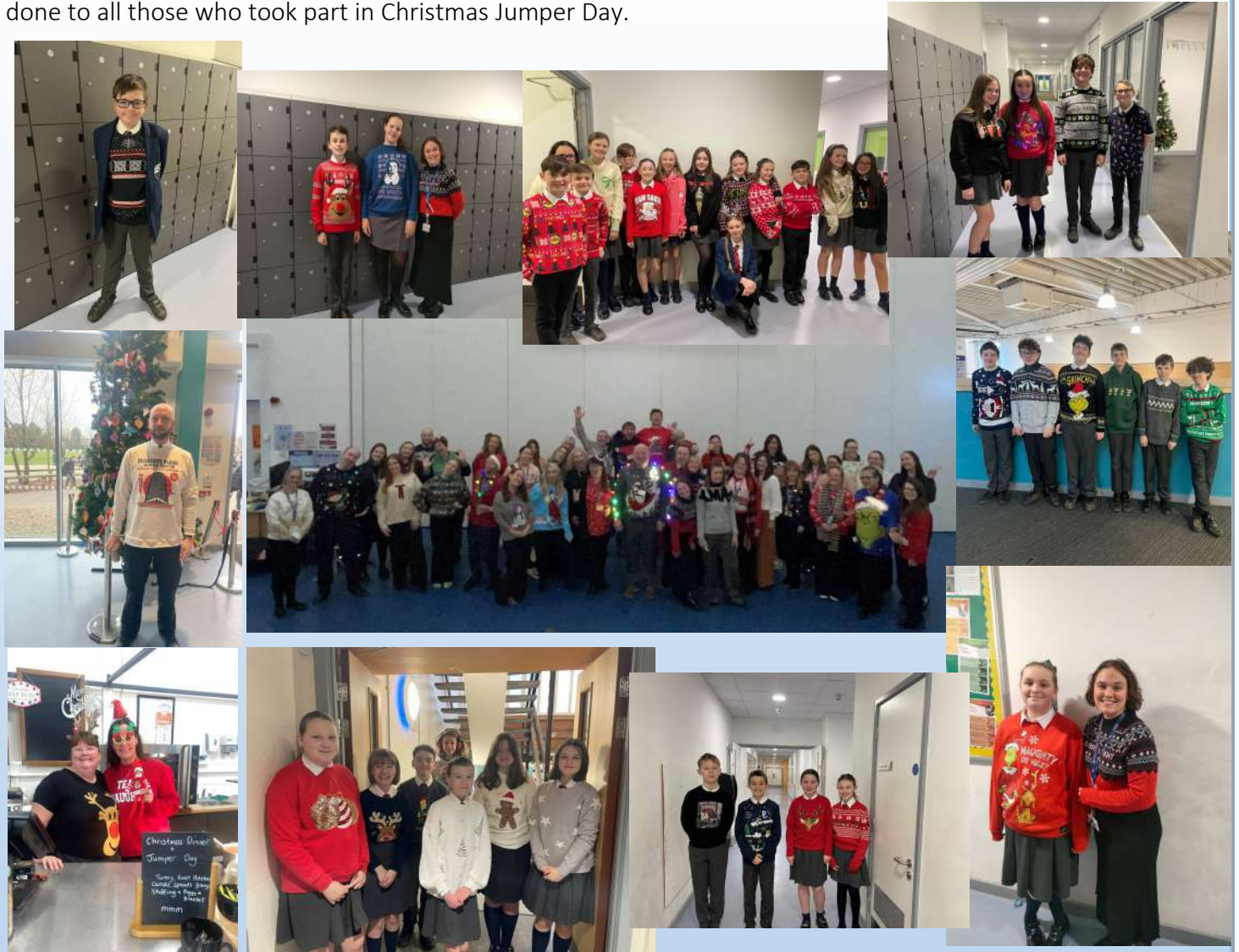
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9 December—13  
December

Hello and welcome to this week's school newsletter. There have been trips out of school this week as part of the Maghull High Pledge, and as part of our rewards system. Students and staff enjoyed Christmas dinner on Thursday and it was great to see so many sporting their Christmas jumpers! Mock exams have continued for year 13 and year 11 students, with year 10 students sitting their first English Literature paper. Next week, year 10 will complete their second English Literature exam on Monday afternoon. This week we also hosted year 10 parents evening virtually. As we enter into the last week of this term, we are looking forward to our Christmas assemblies.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 12 December, staff and students took part in the national Christmas Jumper Day celebration, with year 7 students taking part on 13 December due to them being absent for their school trip. We were so pleased with everyone's effort. Christmas dinner was also served on Thursday—this is always a festive favourite. Well done to all those who took part in Christmas Jumper Day.



## Attendance

We understand that some parents/carers have struggled to make contact with school to report an absence due to busy phonelines. When reporting your child's absence, please email [attendance@maghullhigh.com](mailto:attendance@maghullhigh.com) so a member of the team can get in touch.

## Nut Free School

A polite reminder that Maghull High School is a Nut Free School. 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.



# The Maghull High Pledge: Year 7 Visit to Chester Zoo Visit



On Thursday 12 December, all students in year 7 visited Chester Zoo for the day, as part of the Maghull High Pledge. Students had a great time with their form tutors and spent time exploring the zoo. Some highlights of the day included seeing the penguins, visiting the gift shop and exploring the bat cave! Thank you to Mr Best and Mrs Rowland for organising.



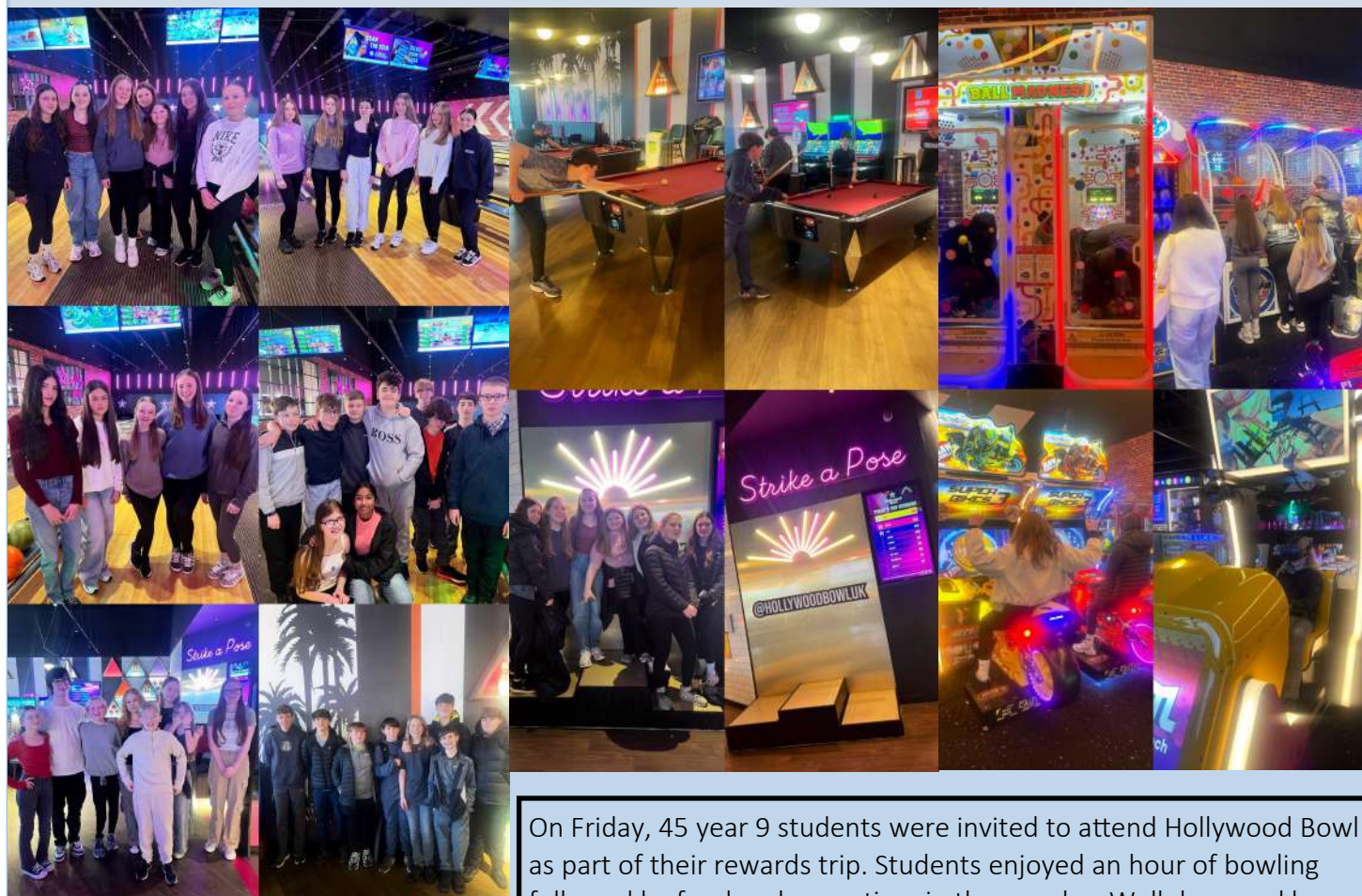


## The Maghull High Pledge: Year 9 Theatre Trip

Following the introduction of the Maghull High Pledge this year, and following the success of our year 7 and 8 wellbeing afternoon, this week was the turn of year 7 and year 9 students who attended Chester Zoo and the theatre, respectively. Year 9 students enjoyed a visit to The Atkinson theatre in Southport where they watched Christmas Pantomime, Sleeping Beauty.



## Rewards: Year 9 Rewards Trip



On Friday, 45 year 9 students were invited to attend Hollywood Bowl as part of their rewards trip. Students enjoyed an hour of bowling followed by food and some time in the arcades. Well done and keep up the hard work everyone!



# Kooth Assemblies

All students attended an assembly on Tuesday 10th December, delivered by KOOTH. Students were informed how they can sign up to free, safe and anonymous support. This includes a range of activities and information on how to manage and improve their emotional health and mental wellbeing. Students from year 10 and 11 were also given tips and advice on how to manage stress and worry around exams. We were grateful to for the time and support given from KOOTH on the day and hope some students sign up to access this free service.



## Parental Workshops to support ASC

Claire Reed, one of OSSME practitioners is offering four training sessions at the Autism Initiatives premises in Bootle for parents of children at MHS. Places will be limited to **two** per family and will be allocated on a first come first served basis to contacting Claire on the email address provided in the image below. These courses are likely to be popular, so advice would be to get booked on early as we



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**You qualify to attend this training if:**

- You are the parent or guardian of the child at a school supported by OSSME
- Your child has a diagnosis of autism, co-occurring difference or is on the pathway
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**Next Available Course is:**  
Fri 21st Feb 2025, 12.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Autism workshop**  
Bookings close on 03/02/25

**Book your free place today**  
Venue: OSSME, Autism Initiatives, Sefton House, Bridle Road, Bootle, L30 4XR  
Book by email to: [claire.read@autisminitiatives.org](mailto:claire.read@autisminitiatives.org)

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Thurs 20th March 2025, 11am - 1pm  
**Sensory Processing workshop**  
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**Next Available Course is:**  
Thurs 30th Jan 2025, 11am - 1pm  
**PDA workshop**  
Bookings close on 13/01/25

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**Next Available Course is:**  
Thurs 17th April 2025, 11am - 1pm  
**Teen workshop**  
Bookings close on 27/03/25

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## Sporting Updates



Well done to our year 7 and 8 girls who won 3-1 against Deyes High School earlier this week. This result means the girls are now through to round 5 of the ESFA cup—the furthest any of our teams have gone. We are so proud of the girls and look forward to watching them go all the way. Girl of the Game was awarded to both Molly and Violet.



## 'She Inspires'

Year 8 girls visited Goodison Park this week as part of the 'She Inspires' programme. Students were involved in a workshop led by Merseyside Police focusing on violence against women. Whilst there, the girls enjoyed a tour of the stadium and listened to stories from LCFA referees. Thank you to Everton in the Community for organising this event,





## Regular Attendance



Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress. Being present allows children to form lasting friendships, develop essential interpersonal skills, and contribute to better mental health and overall well-being.

## Authorised Absences



Schools must only grant leaves of absence for specific circumstances set out in the 2024 attendance regulations.

### The permitted circumstances are:

- Taking part in a regulated performance or employment abroad
- Attending an interview
- Study leave
- A temporary, time-limited part-time timetable
- Exceptional circumstances

See the guidance (paragraph 37).

Unfortunately a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.



# SCAN ME!



## Penalty Notice Changes

There are significant changes to penalty notices for unauthorised absences during term time, effective from 19 August 2024.

What you need to know:

1

New penalty rates:

**£160** per parent per child, **£80** if paid within 21 days.

2

Second offence within 3 years:

**£160** with no discount.

3

Penalty after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.

This includes late arrivals after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.

4

Max 2 penalties in 3 years per child. Further offences may lead to prosecution.

Regular attendance helps your child succeed!  
Contact us if you have any questions.



## Late to School

School registers close at **9.15am**. The guidance states, 'if a pupil...arrives...after the register has closed, the attendance register must be amended to record them as absent using code U or another absence code that is more appropriate.'

This means that a child who arrives between 9.15am and 12.25pm will be marked as an unauthorised absence, unless there is a reason set out in the authorised absences section.



# ATTENDANCE UPDATES



New Statutory  
Government  
Guidelines for 2024





## Academic Benefits



Better Learning	Regular attendance helps children keep up with lessons & understand material.
Steady Progress	Attending school every day means students don't fall behind and can stay on track.
Higher Grades	Being in school regularly gives children more chances to improve their marks.
Increased Participation	Regular attendance helps children get involved in lessons and activities.
Extra Support	Children who attend regularly have better access to teachers and extra help when needed.



## Social Benefits

Improved Social Skills	Being in school helps children make friends and learn how to work with others.
Sense of Belonging	Attending regularly helps children feel part of the school community.
Teamwork	Working with classmates in lessons and activities builds teamwork skills.



## Wellbeing Benefits

Emotional Stability	Routine helps children feel secure and less anxious.
Good Habits	Regular attendance builds important life skills like time management and responsibility.



CONTACT US

If you would like more information about the government statutory guidelines and the school's policy, which can be found on our website, **please email: [attendance@maghullhigh.com](mailto:attendance@maghullhigh.com)**

## Additional Support



Following the new government statutory guidance around attendance, we want to reiterate the support that is available to our young people and their family.

At Maghull High School we are committed to fostering a supportive and nurturing environment that prioritises the mental health and wellbeing of every student.

Our dedicated Wellbeing Support Team is here to provide the resources, guidance, and care needed to help students thrive both academically and personally.

There are several external agencies who also provide support for young people and their families. Click the logo to find out more information:

**keoth**

Online wellbeing offering ways to manage emotions, helpful podcasts and more!



A great app to help with every day worries and to help look after yourself using meditation and breathing techniques.



An app to help learn hundreds of meditations to help with sleep and feelings of worry.



Emotional and practical support and guidance for children, young people and families



A mental health charity offering online counselling to those aged 8-21, who cannot afford or access support quickly.



## End of Term

A reminder that school will finish at 3:20pm on Friday 20 December. School buses will run as normal. Our return to school is Monday 6 January at normal time,



**The SCIENCE Department COMPETITION**

### FATHER CHRISTMAS' SLEIGH

Design a new sleigh for Father Christmas and explain your design using science.

- Will your sleigh be faster? Why?
- More comfortable? Why?
- Environmentally friendly? Why?

**Prizes and certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd**



**Submission Deadline:**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Hand entries to your science teacher or email to Miss Venables at [venablest@maghullhigh.com](mailto:venablest@maghullhigh.com)

## CHRISTMAS IS FOR writing

Maghull High School English Department invite you to enter our Annual Christmas Writing Competition. Please submit a poem, short story, or description on no more than one side of A4 paper to your English teacher by Wednesday, 18th December.

Maghull High School Extra Curricular Timetable - Autumn Term 2024

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b>	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards
<b>Break</b>		Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	
<b>Lunch</b>	Library/Homework Club - LRC Art Club - Room 59 Journalism Club Football on the Field	KS3 German Club Eco Gardening Club - meet by O'Kane Football on the Field	Acro Club - Activity Studio Library/Homework Club - LRC Art Club - Room 59 Journalism Club Football on the Field	STEM Club KS3 Puzzle Club - M20 Football on the Field	KS3 Spax Reading Club - M27 Football on the Field
<b>After School</b>	KS3 Dance Club KS3 Netball Training Year 7 Boys Football Training	Spotlight Auditions Grease Rehearsals Netball Fixtures Years 8 & 9 Football Training Art Ambassadors - Years 7-9		Grease Rehearsals Years 7-10 Girls Football Training Basketball Club - Sports hall Duke of Edinburgh - Years 9 & 10	

## Dates for the diary

**Monday, 4 November:** All students return to school

**Tuesday, 12 November:** GCSE Revision Evening, 6pm-7pm

**Thursday, 14 November:** Sixth Form Open Evening, 5:30pm-7:30pm

**Wednesday, 27 and Thursday, 28 November:** School Show (Grease)

**Thursday, 28 November:** Year 12 Parents Evening

**Thursday, 5 December:** Presentation Evening

**Friday, 6 December:** INSET Day.

**Monday, 2 December-Friday, 20 December:** Mock examinations for GCSE and A Level students

**Thursday, 12 December:** Year 10 Parents Evening/Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner Day

**Friday, 20 December:** End of term