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A MESSAGE FROM MR DEAKIN:

The spring term always feels like a term where we find the higher gears of progress as we motor through learning and events. It is a term packed with visits, parents evening and information evenings for sixth form and Year 9 options. In the latter, we are always proud of the role students play in sharing their experiences with their peers so they can make informed choices about next steps. A highlight of the term was our school production 'Aladdin'. This was a huge undertaking involving a wide range of students and staff. I really do believe that the shared endeavour of such a project can be something students remember all their lives. And, elsewhere, we have seen similar shared endeavours in sport, music, arts, STEM and creative subjects. I hope you enjoy reading about them!

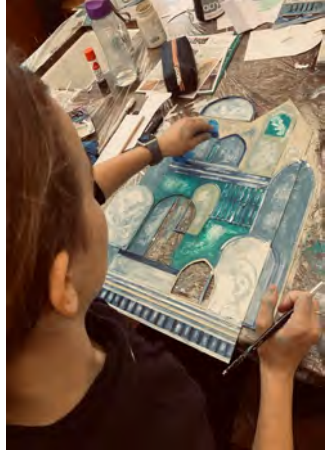


28 Year 11, 12 and 13 French students recently enjoyed a sunny weekend in Paris with Miss Nutton, Mrs Gildea and Mr Gibbons exploring aspects of French culture and practising their French language skills. Students visited some incredible sights including the Sacré Coeur, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvres and the Place des Vosges and the behaviour and maturity of the students was commented upon everywhere they went. Students impressed throughout with their language skills, from buying food at a local market and ordering food in cafes to completing the many French quizzes on the coach. They karaoke efforts on the journey home were equally impressive!



Pupils have been working on the officially endorsed FI in Schools project, designing and eventually building race cars to race. Working in small teams and following a full engineering process (and some strict regulations) they will not only have to build and race the cars but also put together written and verbal presentations.

The teams are working towards the North West Regional Finals which will take place early next year, giving them plenty of time to design, test and rework their cars if needed.



A selection of Year 9, 10 & 11 Art & Design pupils recently took part in the annual Art residential at the Conway Centre, Anglesey. It was an exciting opportunity for pupils to immerse themselves in a weekend of creativity.

The students spent the weekend working alongside other talented pupils from across the county with lead art teachers from local schools.

This year pupils were challenged to explore the notion of royalty producing work which varied from portraits, architecture and sculpture.

Mr Bowland led a workshop centered on Rococo Architecture, whilst Miss Moore, Mrs Almond, Miss Hough and Miss Rice worked alongside the enthusiastic artists.

Mr Bowland said of the experience, 'As always our pupils astound me with their endless talents and exceptional work ethic. To work alongside artists is an intimidating prospect but our group of artists conduct themselves with self-assurance and integrity and always rise to the highest of challenges. I could not be prouder of what our young artists have produced this weekend and cannot wait to see how their artistic talents mature.'



Due to the weather earlier in March, our planned visit from the STEMette's was postponed. We are delighted to announce a new date of 20th April. 30 girls from Year 9 will be taking part in a STEM workshop based on web design and phishing, along with some exciting guest speakers.



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Launching after the Easter break will be the Farmvention Challenge, a STEM project tailored around farming and agriculture.

Designed by the University of Manchester, and backed by the NFU, pupils of year 7 and 8 will be invited to attend multiple sessions looking at different aspects of design and engineering processes along with discussions around key issues with the environment and sustainability.



Y11 Won the Chester Cup last Tuesday defeating Christleton at Kings. An excellent way to finish their 5 years after unfortunately losing in the final every year since Year 7! Two goals from Henry who has captained the team each season, secured a 2-1 win.

In other news, 6th Form team reached the semi-final of the Cheshire Cup, unfortunately losing to Wilmslow.

Finally, good luck to the U16 girls footballers who are competing at the Cheshire School Games finals at Moss Farm in Northwich this Thursday.



A group of our year 10 maths students had a fantastic experience at the Storyhouse in Chester. A maths Inspiration show giving our students an opportunity to discover the incredible uses of mathematics in the wider world. The amazing speakers included:

- A statistician showing how maths can be used to track epidemics, giving a fascinating look at how maths has developed over time with the maths of Florence Nightingale leading to improved hygiene and disease prevention.
- An aspiring astronaut exploring the uses of Maths in space and space travel, this was particularly inspiring for the female students who may not have considered how far they could go with a career in STEM.
- A musical mathematician who showed students the use of maths in game theory and gambling. One of our students was brave enough to volunteer and almost lost £10, but was able to calculate that the odds were not in their favour!



It is wonderful to see our students embracing creative writing and acknowledged in two new Young Writers' books 'Annual Showcase' and 'Integer'.



Since September 2022, our year 7 students have been taking part in the national Foreign Language Spelling Bee competition.

In December, the 18 students listed below were our stage 1 winners and progressed to the second round of the competition, which involved them learning how to say and spell 150 words from memory in either French or Spanish.

Perle, Harry, Oscar, Isobel, Charlotte, Jessica, Eden, Jake, Ted, Noah, Summer, Maisie, Annabelle, Matthew, Sebastian, Evelyn, Jake and Cian.

The second round of the competition was held in February and the 3 students who received the highest point scores then moved on to Stage 3 of the competition, The North West Regional Final, which took place at Liverpool University on Monday March 27th. In this round, they were tested on 200 words and competed against Year 7 students from other schools in our local area.

The names of our 3 winners, who represented the school in the regional final are Evelyn, Jessica Lloyd and Cian. They performed exceptionally well at the event and Evelyn and Jessica have now progressed through to represent the North-West region at the national final, which will take place in July at Cambridge University.

Well done to all students who enthusiastically took part in the competition and a special congratulations to all our Stage 3 Spelling Bee competitors and national finalists. Yet again, the competition was a great success!

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PLASTIC AND POLLUTION

BY HOLLY

The problem of plastic in our oceans, is a global crisis. Every minute, about a truck load of plastic goes into the oceans, polluting beaches, hurting wildlife, and contaminating our food supply.

Yet eliminating all plastic from our lives is neither feasible nor desirable. Plastic has a lot of benefits, environmental and otherwise. It keeps our food fresh on its way to us, it's sterile, it's durable. And, once we're done with it, it can be turned into something else. So how can we keep things benefits while keeping plastic out of nature?

There are opportunities at every point in the plastic life cycle: We can make plastic from renewable resources; manufacture goods that are recyclable and require less plastic; consume less, and make sure as much plastic is recycled as possible. We also need to explore solutions that don't negatively impact the environment in other ways.

Key Stage 3 students have published the second addition of 'Half-Term'. Many students have contributed in the form of articles and images. Copies are available in the school library for students to view. Thank you to all our student contributors; a huge achievement.



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On international Women's Day, two of our fantastic GCSE Design & Technology students we invited to attend a "Girls into Bentley" workshop. Our students were able to learn about the history of Bentley and hear from extraordinary leading female role models in Engineering, experience practical activities from manufacturing and learn about apprenticeship opportunities with Bentley Motors.



This term, we proudly presented our School Production of Aladdin. Our last public performance on this scale was in January 2020, so we were absolutely delighted to be able to provide this experience, for our new generation of acting/dancing/singing students.

The School production is a process of commitment, enjoyment, hard work and making new friends for life! We loved every minute of performance week – the buzz backstage was electric and throughout the School. Our aim was to make the students excited about whole School life again – the arts and being part of something really special that they will remember forever.



To celebrate World Book Day this year, we held a whole-school 'Masked Reader' event. Students from Y7-Y11 were shown a video of six of our teachers reading passages from their favourite books, with their faces and voices masked. Students submitted their guesses during World Book Day week, and winners were announced during tutor time the following week. There was a real buzz around school as students speculated about who they thought were under the masks!

Author and screenwriter Simon James Green came to speak to our Y8s and Y9s. He discussed his journey to becoming a published author, read out a passage from one of his books ' Alex in Wonderland', and spoke about growing up as a LGBTQ+ member during the 90s when Section 28 was enforced. The students enjoyed his hilarious anecdotes about his awkward school days too!



Our two young enterprise companies attended a trade fair at the Trafford Centre at the beginning of February. The year 8 company, Tarporley Toys sold several of their hampers for dog owners and the year 9 company Inspaquote won an award for the best product, for their bobbing fishing boat kits. The two companies are now preparing for Young Enterprise county final taking place on Thursday 27th April. The students will be interviewed by a panel of judges and then give a presentation in front of an audience of judges and other competitors.

We were delighted to invite "Stem is the Answer" to lead a robotics & programming workshop with year 9 students as part of the Lego First challenge. Students enjoyed building their own Lego robots, coding and programming them to complete different challenges as part of a competition.

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Sixth Form News

During this half term, Year 12 students spent a week on work experience placements – from Law firms to primary schools and from radio stations to garages and mechanical work. The week coordinated by Mr Brownley and MPLOY, saw students reach out to employers, communicate professionally in the workplace and build many transferrable and employable skills that will prepare them well for future applications – to university, apprenticeships or full time employment. Our very own Max, spent his placement at Northwich Radio and presented his own show live on Sunday – an amazing achievement and great insight into the Media Industries. Other fantastic experiences and placements include: Xanthe at Sands Vets, Alice at the Countess of Chester Radiology Department, Jay was at Buddha Group Ltd TV and Film Events, Dan at Harrington Street Barrister's Chambers, Emilee at MP Edward Timpson's Office, Seth was at Let's Grow Marketing Agency, Arran at NGJ Architectural Design, Daisie at Radcliffe Group Sports Medicine, Lily was at Helsby Dental Surgery, Ruby at Liverpool Football Club Training Centre, Martha at SO Magazine and many students worked in local Primary Schools.

Back in January, 18 of our Year 12 students participated in the Bar Mock Trial. This is a programme from Young Citizens and helps young people understand how the Law touches every aspect of their lives, gaining an insight into how the legal justice system works. Before the trial, held at Chester Crown Court and presided over by real barristers and Judges, students were given access to resources, including specially written criminal cases, to help teams prepare legal arguments. After preparation, led by Mr Gibbons, we took part in a regional heat and went head-to-head with other schools to prosecute and defend the cases. This experience gave students valuable insights into the field of Law, and encouraged them to think critically, build arguments and develop employability skills. It was amazing to watch our Prosecution and Defence teams formulate their persuasive arguments in court but not so good to see Nancy, one of our students being found guilty and sent down for some time!



In February Year 11 and Sixth Form History and German students visited the iconic city of Berlin – a city bursting with history. We stayed in a central hotel within walking distance of the Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate and immersed ourselves in German culture – visiting the Olympic Stadium, Checkpoint Charlie, the Stazi Museum, Topography of Terror Museum, the iconic radio tower with aerial views of the entire city, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and of course the Berlin Wall. The trip allowed students to immerse themselves in German history whilst of course sampling other delights such as coffee and cake, kebabs and currywursts.



Following our Open Evening and Information Evening, this half term we have had two visits to our Sixth Form Centre from Year 11 students, where our Sixth Form applicants have spent time in our common room, lounging on sofas and drinking coffee – but also listening to two assemblies presented by our Student Leadership Team, and gaining insights into A Levels and Sixth Form life. Flo our Mental Health Lead and Lucy and Martha, our Transition Leads, delivered a brilliant assembly offering advice and insight on transitioning from GCSE to A Levels. Our Head Students, Isaac and Emily and our Deputy Head Students, Lily and

Alfie, issued advice to Year 11s on how to use the Easter holidays most productively and how to revise smartly and effectively. It was wonderful to meet our future Year 12s and to see the Sixth Form Centre bustling with excitement and inspiration!

Another valuable academic experience we offer is the EPQ – or Extended Project Qualification. This involves students taking on an additional AQA qualification to add to their repertoire of A Levels. The qualification involves students researching a topic that is completely separate from their A Levels, showcasing independence and undergraduate planning, research and reference skills. The final result is a 5000 word report or artefact, a presentation and a completed Production Log that documents their academic journey. Year 13s have done their presentations this term and their knowledge, confidence and articulacy has been truly inspiring. We have explored topics as diverse as: Autism in Females, OCD and OCPD, Pharmaceutical Clinical Trials, Solar Energy, Heuristics and Bias, the impact of the Media on human behaviour, CCTV, the Nuremberg Trials, Rocketry – impressive! Ella is also planning her own Art and Photography Exhibition, on the representation of females through the decades. Every year we are blown away by the quality of students' work. Well done to all!

