

Summer Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM MR DEAKIN

I would like to use this opening message to say goodbye to several colleagues who are leaving us this summer. These include Mr Rogerson, Ms Westerside-Downes and Ms Woodward who have all worked with us for one year. Additionally, Ms Newis is retiring and Ms Pizzuto and Ms Rutter are both taking up opportunities in other schools. All three have worked at the school for many years and across a range of roles and we wish them all the best for the future.

Summer is a time when we try squeeze a lot of activities in, many of which you will read about in this newsletter. My personal highlights this half-term have been Key Stage 3 Sports Day, the Year 11 and Year 13 Proms, our Music and Creative Showcase Evening and the Key Stage 3 Awards Evening. What all those events had in common was a sense of celebration, a unity of purpose and - most of all - a real sense of community between staff, students and families.

At the end of April, Tarporley High School we welcomed a visit from the Art Explora Mumo x Tate mobile museum. The MuMo (MuséeMobile or Mobile Museum) was founded in France in 2011 by Ingrid Brochard to make modern and contemporary art accessible to those who do not typically have access to it.

The Mobile Museum was touring showing work from the National Collection. Whilst the Mobile Museum was at the school almost 1,000 visited the gallery space from the High school, Tarporley Primary school and the local community. Each of the visitors were fully submerged in Modern art and completed some fantastic workshops. It was a fantastic opportunity for the community to have a gallery space on their doorstep and many of the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. More information about the mobile museum is available at www.artexplora.org/en/mobile-museum-uk



Another successful transition for the Tarporley High School Year 7 2024 cohort



A huge thank you and well done to our Smart Council and Miss Wainwright for their work on our Fun Run and Bake Off cake sale which raised £250 for MacMillan Cancer Support!

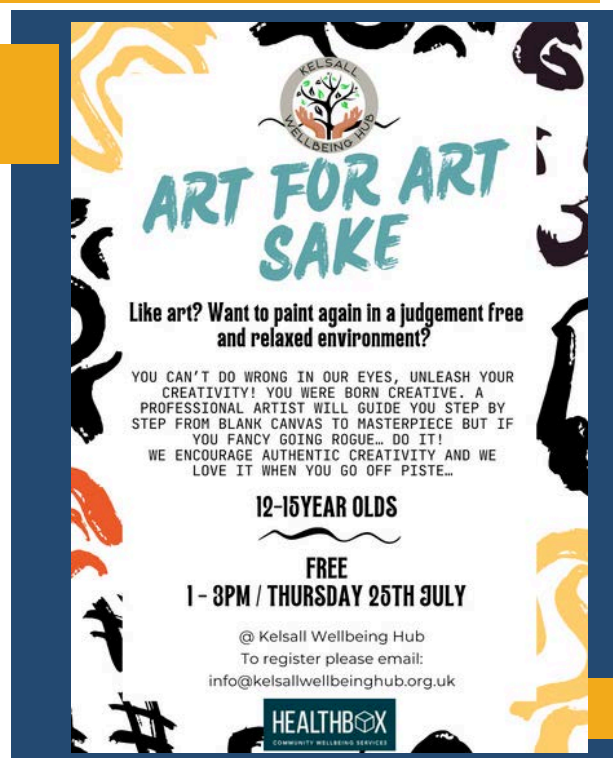


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DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to the 135 pupils who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions over the last couple of weeks. We started the season in the South Peak District with the Silver Practise, the views are stunning, but the weather was dismal, the group had to show real resilience having walked in the rain for too long! The qualifier took us to the Shropshire Long Mynd, with breath taking scenery and very stubborn, pilfering wild horses. The teams navigated brilliantly and even managed to fit in a bit of filming. Feedback from our provider praised their brilliant team work, jovial disposition and maturity.

Then followed the Bronze expeditions where 103 enthusiastic pupils were ready to take on the challenge. The pupils started with a sunny training day, all completing this successfully, arriving to camp exhausted, then as usual after a meal and a rest, were all full of beans again! Day 2 is always a challenge as the teams are left to their own devices to navigate to Loggerheads, all teams did well to complete the walk, and appreciated that carrying a 15kg pack is hard that the award is a challenge! The qualifier many started with in trepidation, but all teams navigated brilliantly, enjoying the spectacular scenery around Llangollen, getting to the camp and finish point on time.



ART FOR ART SAKE

Like art? Want to paint again in a judgement free and relaxed environment?

YOU CAN'T DO WRONG IN OUR EYES. UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY! YOU WERE BORN CREATIVE. A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST WILL GUIDE YOU STEP BY STEP FROM BLANK CANVAS TO MASTERPIECE BUT IF YOU FANCY GOING ROGUE... DO IT!

WE ENCOURAGE AUTHENTIC CREATIVITY AND WE LOVE IT WHEN YOU GO OFF PISTE...

12-15 YEAR OLDS

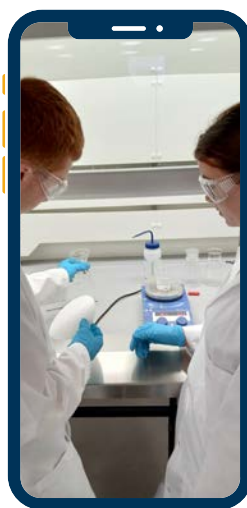
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1 - 3PM / THURSDAY 25TH JULY

@ Kelsall Wellbeing Hub
To register please email:
info@kelsallwellbeinghub.org.uk

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COMMUNITY WELLBEING SERVICES

Thank you for supporting the Duke of Edinburgh, through the activities the pupils complete it has a real benefit to local charities and communities, and we are always grateful for their participation. If you are ever recycling expedition kit that is no longer needed the school would always welcome all donations.



Following the University of Manchester's Engineering Educates 'Farmvention Challenge' a group of Year 7 students have been looking at agricultural engineering, design and sustainability and balance for the environment – with one session remaining at technology and coding.



Year 12 A-Level Chemistry @ Keele University

On 26th June, the eight Year 12 students currently studying A-Level Chemistry visited the Central Science Laboratories at the University of Keele. They spent the day completing workshops in Keele's modern teaching Chemistry laboratory, involving recrystallisation of paracetamol and analysis of samples by thin layer chromatography, nmr and infra-red spectroscopy. The visit allowed the students to complete one of their Required Practicals for their A-Level studies and gave them a taste of studying the chemical sciences at university.



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STEM News

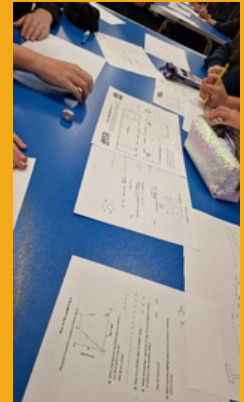


Race To The Line

All of Year 7 experienced the exciting STEM project of Race To The Line, thanks to sponsorship from RA Chilton, a specialist copper electroplating company based in Tarvin.

Working in groups, the pupils looked at calculating speed, were then given a brief to design and build a small car – before racing them across the hall floor! Mrs Chilton attended one of the sessions and said “This was really a great morning. The students were actively involved and looked so excited when their cars were launched for the race. STEM is such a key area and we need to help inspire these students to pursue careers in these areas.”

Almost 50 cars were produced by the year group and STEM Leaders Mrs Almond and Mr Nieroda were thoroughly impressed with the students efforts and innovative designs and ideas.



Automotive photographer meets media and photography students

Nationally renowned automotive and motorsport photographer Jakob Ebrey visited our Sixth Form College before embarking on a weekend of work with the British Touring Car Championship. Having worked individually to running an international photography agency, Jakob spoke with Mr Nieroda about the opportunities available for all photographers and discussed routes and tips for being successful. He also spoke about his time working with car manufacturers, how the brief for a job can be very detailed and meeting the demands of the clients.



An evening to remember at Chester Racecourse for the Tarporley High School Year 11 Prom 2024



It was a wonderful evening of high glamour as our Year 11 celebrated the end of high school following the completion of their GCSE exams.



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Congratulations are in order for Design and Technology student Daisy in Year 10 who has been announced as the winner of this year's national WOOL4SCHOOL design competition. The Wool 4 Schools competition takes place each year in Australia, New Zealand, Italy and the United Kingdom.

Students were challenged to design a unique outfit that was inspired by the Elements of the earth including at least 70% of the design being wool.

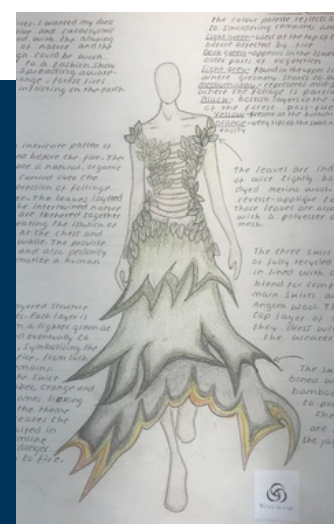
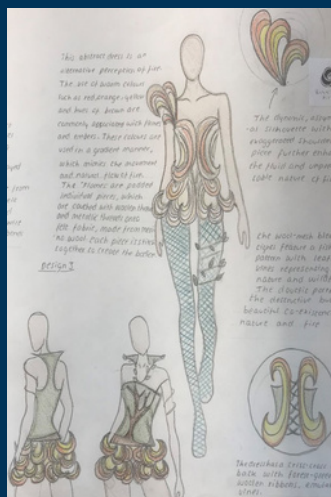
Her winning design was a dress inspired by Fire as she wanted her design to convey the destructive and cataclysmic nature of fire juxtaposed with the beautiful essence of the natural world. a fabulous garment which uses a range of flame and leaf shapes which uses some recycled materials. It is a runway style piece, to make a statement and increase consumer awareness of the effects of climate change.

The competition was judged by British fashion designer Robyn Lynch. Who was thoroughly impressed, complementing Daisy on her understanding of the client and her design abilities.

As part of the prize, she has won prizes including an all-expenses paid trip to take part in a short course at the University of the Arts London, an XP-Pen Graphic Tablet, and a certificate.

Her award-winning work is on proud display in the Textiles room.

Well done, Daisy!



Tarporley students rise to the mathematical challenge

Over the past year almost 500 Tarporley Students have taken part in the UK Maths Trust competitions in various age categories. The students performed amazingly with 89 Bronze awards, 36 Silver awards and 10 Gold awards. Those awarded the Gold certificates were also given the chance to take part in the later stages, the Maths Kangaroo challenges competing against some of the best young mathematicians in the country. Special mention must go to Oscar H now in year 9 who scoring 112 out of a possible 135 received a certificate of merit the highest award available in the Junior Kangaroo.



A huge congratulations to Sid in Year 11 who achieved 2nd place in the Shot put at the English schools competition. She has collected her England kit and is now on the England international athletics squad.

Sid's previous personal best was 12 m 97 cm. She was 10th in the UK. She increased this to an incredible 14.m 73cm and she is now 2nd in the UK. This year at her first county championship, she broke the county record for distance thrown which was set in 1992.



Huge Congratulations to Cherry who was awarded the 'Secondary Student of the Year' Award at the 2024 Chester Chronical Education Awards. Cherry was nominated by her previous school for her resilience and ability to adapt to change throughout her GCSEs. We are very proud of Cherry and are confident that she will continue to thrive , both in her Sixth Form journey here at Tarporley and also in her future career.



On 3rd and 4th July, eight of our Year 12 students completed a two day TEFL course (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) This qualification will allow the students to travel whilst earning money, teaching English across the world and will most definitely stand out on future UCAS applications and CVs.

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Following the completion of the exam component in GCSE & A Level Art, the Art department was bursting with all manner of wonderful creative works. In July we held our annual Art exhibition showcasing the incredible talents of our creative art and photography students. It was a jam packed evening of celebration with students sharing their work with family and friends. A huge thank you to Emily, Dylan, Megan and Nell who gave up their free time to support the curation of the evening.

It's been another busy term in the library! Our Year 7s and Year 8s finished reading *Tyger* by SF Said during our weekly lunchtime Book Clubs. Winner of the 2023 Children's Book of the Year at the British Book Awards, *Tyger* also received an award at this year's Cheshire School Book Awards in which a number of our students were in attendance.

The Cheshire Book Awards are held annually at Winsford Academy, with 27 secondary schools in Cheshire taking part in the award this year. Students were encouraged to read as many of the ten shortlisted books as possible this academic year, before voting for their favourite. They were accompanied by English teachers Mrs Toase and Miss Bell, as well as our library team Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Brownrigg. It was another fascinating evening hearing from most of the finalists describe their individual process of writing, with the opportunity for students to purchase some of their books and have them signed. It was wonderful to see our students so inspired by the authors and their works, with many of them asking for autographs and selfies at the end!



There are plenty of competitions happening this summer to encourage students to continue reading over the summer break: Miss Bell is running a Reading competition for Year 7s who have received their Reading Log to complete over the summer, and Cheshire West and Chester Libraries are running their annual summer reading challenge, with something for everyone. Students, parents and siblings can enter the 0-12 group, 13-15 group, or 16+ group via the CWAC Libraries website, with the older categories having a chance to win £50 worth of book vouchers. Happy Reading!



On the 1st July, two of our Sixth form students, Issy & Rose travelled to London to attend the Shine School Media Awards (a prestigious awards ceremony held in the beautiful Stationer's Hall) as our Sixth Form publication 'Term' had been nominated. Term Magazine won the Highly Commended award for Best Print & Design and the Highly Commended award for Best Photograph. With over 200 schools entering this competition to be nominated for such awards is something we as a Sixth Form are extremely proud of.



On Tuesday 25th June we hosted at Year 13 Prom at Peckforton Castle. We had a wonderful evening, celebrating this important milestone with our Year 13's.



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SIXTH FORM NEWS



With a General Election looming and students very interested in politics and political issues – as evidenced by our weekly Debate Club run by Tamsin and Will – we attended a Hustings event at Christleton High School. We had the opportunity to ask local candidates from the five main parties questions and students had many queries about important issues such as tuition fees, reduced voting ages, national service, the NHS and more. Following this, we ran a session during PSHE on how elections work; what left and right wing means and each parties' manifesto, before holding a formal Election in College. Students were issued with polling cards, voting slips, replicating the real process. Interestingly, we had a 79% turn-out (much higher than the national average) and Labour were also elected by students – correlating with the national but not the local result. Our 'Politics Committee' followed this outcome with an analytical assembly, comparing our outcomes with the local and national picture. Well done to Shay, Will and Alfie – fascinating detail!



We enjoy offering students a diverse array of opportunities so that they can gain experiences and insights into a range of academic subjects and careers. In this term alone, Geographers and Biologists visited Liverpool, Formby Beach on their Field Trips, before Geographers expanded to Liverpool, Manchester, Colwyn Bay, Rhyl and Talcre Beach. Taking learning outside of the classroom is something we encourage and PE students visited Lancaster University and former Sixth Former, Seb Powell, sampling their state-of-the art sport science equipment.



Alumni Links

We love keeping in contact with our alumni students and we are so grateful for the many students who stay in touch or request references many years after leaving us. Here are students who visited us during our Careers Fair (Lucy, Owen, Grace), supported our Art Exhibition (Meg, Verity, Annabel) and of course Lancaster undergraduate, Seb.



11 Year 12 students completed the Gold Dof E practice expedition this term, in Elan Valley, Wales, supported by Mr Jones. The expedition involved treks and walks covering many miles. The team had to work together, problem-solve, support each other when navigating, map-reading and managing the blisters! The formal expedition will follow in September and students are busily preparing for this major event and massive achievement. Josh Quick stated: "It was a fun experience and we enjoyed the scenic views of the Welsh valleys. We enjoyed problem-solving (when we trekked off in the wrong direction!) and it was fun to experience the 'wild camp.' It was actually nice to switch off our phones for once!" A great learning experience!