

Dear Parent / Carer,

As the temperatures rise, Year 12 concludes after an incredibly busy term, with so much going on! As discussed in your Star Day appointments, Summer is a time for students to relax but also to consolidate their Year 12 work and prepare for their final Year of A Levels, where the work rate and difficulty level really steps up. For all students applying for university / apprenticeships / the world of work, it is time to build valuable experiences that will impress future admissions teams or employers. (See links on final page – something for everybody!)

The UCAS deadline will soon be upon us and teachers are finalising predicted grades which will be shared with students in September. It really is important for students to manage this time well, so they return to college in September- refreshed but also prepared for the next stage of their academic journey.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and enjoy your travels now that the world has opened up again.

Kind regards,

Mrs McMillan

PROM

Our Prom was a fitting and fantastic send-off for our Year 13 students, after two years of hard work and very challenging circumstances. This was our first Prom since 2019 so we were so excited about decorating the tables and the hall, and seeing our students arrive in their finery. Mrs Helsby and the Prom Committee did a marvellous job planning the event and it is a stunning venue. Emily Anderton and Thom Helsby delivered a great final speech as our Head Students, with Peckforton Castle dazzling in the sunshine (and occasional showers). Students and staff danced until midnight - a night not to be forgotten.



UNIVERSITY AND UCAS

Our three 'Post-Sixth Form Pathways' sessions provided students with many resources to prepare them for university or employment after A Levels. **Students should be writing a draft of their personal statement over summer – Oxbridge, Medics, Dentists, Vets must meet the deadline of 15th October.**

We had guest speakers visit our college from University of Sheffield and Leeds Beckett University, with invaluable advice regarding the application process. We also visited the UCA S Exhibition in Birmingham, where students interacted first-hand with outreach teams from every U.K. University, along with numerous Apprenticeship providers.

Former students: Sam Young (fourth year Dental student at University of Liverpool), Zoe Phillips (first year Medic at University of Leeds and Andy Prigg (first year Medic at University of Sheffield) gave tips and advice on the challenging UCAT exam.



Also Rosie Jowett (first year drama student at Leeds Conservatoire), Phoebe Dobie (second year student at St Andrew's) and Immie Hackland (first year drama student at University of Warwick) gave application and audition advice to A Level Drama and Theatre Studies students.

THE CREATIVE ARTS

Once again, our amazing TERM magazine won three Awards at this year's SHINE NATIONAL MEDIA AWARDS 2022: best magazine design, highly commended for best magazine and best business and marketing strategy. The day involved workshops with HEARST publishing, social media managers from GLAMOUR magazine, cartoon workshops and more and we also enjoyed listening to the guest speaker, Sir Michael Coleridge, who has been MD for Conde Nast, Chair of the V&A Museum and Co-Chair of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant this year. He felt that College magazines were vitally important – giving young adults a voice and a space to be creative and comment on current issues. We are so proud of our flagship publication and cannot wait to see how it continues to evolve – next year, we are launching 'Half TERM' – a magazine for KS3 & KS4 students and future creatives. Watch this space.



After his success at the Shine Awards and having recently visited the 'Fashioning Masculinity' exhibition in London's V&A Museum, Sam Heaton has won second place in the Young Fashion Designer UK competition for Midlands and North. He will be awarded his prize in September and this is a huge accolade! Huge congratulations also to our Artists, Photographers and Textiles students for the brilliant Exhibition held in Tarpoley village this half term - amazing work! And to A Level Photography students Ella O'Brien and Eve Bennion who photographed Year 11 Prom revellers at Vale Royal Abbey.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & ENRICHMENT

At Tarpoley Sixth Form we offer so many opportunities for students to enrich themselves and broaden their repertoire of life skills, to strengthen future applications for university, apprenticeships or employment. Every student has conducted a Careers and Enrichment survey to document their involvement in super-curricular activities, with summer challenges to continue this work over summer. This term students have got involved in the following:

- Kelsall Patient Participation Group - whole school mental health survey to inform Hub facilities and services at Kelsall Medical Centre
- Mental Health First Aid Training
- Emergency First Aid qualification
- British Sign Language short course
- MeducatorsUK - training for prospective Medics and Healthcare workers
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award



- TEFL course to teach English as a Foreign Language
- TERM Magazine and the National Shine Awards where we won three awards (for the seventh consecutive year)
- EPQ
- Young Enterprise Initiative
- Law in Action webinars for upcoming Lawyers
- Religious Studies Trip to Chester Crown Court
- Chemistry visit to laboratories at Keele University, and guest lecture from University of Newcastle
- History guest lecture from Liverpool John Moores University
- Fashion and Textiles lecture from LIPA, Liverpool



CAREERS

In addition, we had over 20 employers who attended our Careers Fair in June, allowing students to interact with professionals from a diverse array of fields - the Army, Unilever, British Airways, ITV, St John's Ambulance, a Veterinary Practice, Cheshire Police and many more.

Three of our alumni: Chloe Lupton, now a Primary Teacher at Darnhall Primary School; Myles Carr, owner of local business Little Tap; James Brunt, Apprentice Accountant at Ernst and Young, all came to share their rich and varied vocational experiences. Please see the Careers Newsletter recently emailed by Mrs Rowlands, with some incredible virtual opportunities over summer to boost any CV – link to this is on the final page.



SPORT & TRAVEL

Our new Sports Leads (Charlie Davies, Chloe Bott, Jack Barker, Seb Powell, Katie Tyler) hope to reinvigorate Sixth Form sport in a post-pandemic era. Our football team have had success in the Cheshire Cup and we have a number of elite athletes: Caleb Hughes is signed with Wrexham FC; Jack Artist aspires to play hockey for Team GB – with Olympic aspirations and both are busy with pre-season training; Katie Tyler has just qualified for handball training in Denmark for Team GB and Emily Dawson has just trained in Sweden for the Partille Cup - the biggest handball youth competition so there were teams from as far away as Chile, Brazil, India & USA as well as several European teams – so impressive! (And let's not forget Mrs Gildea's Sixth Form tutor group who were victors in our majestic inter-tutor tug of war competition! 😊)

Well done to our Year 12 and 13 Camps International students currently in Kenya. They have seen wild zebras, elephants and giraffes on day 1! For community work, they have de-wormed 126 goats and are building anti-poaching fences, before scuba diving for some well-deserved R&R! Incredible experiences!



HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER! FROM
THE WHOLE SIXTH FORM TEAM!

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES:

https://www.tarpoleyhigh.co.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Careers/CareersNewsletter_Edition9_July22.pdf

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Law-Summer-WEX>

SUPER-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES:

<https://tarpoleyhigh.sharepoint.com/sites/THS-Home/Sixth%20Form%20Students/Year%2012/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FTHS%2DHome%2FSixth%20Form%20Students%2FYear%2012%2FSuper%2Dcurricular%20Activities%20and%20Enrichment&viewid=7ee55140%2D0a41%2D4f4a%2Dada7%2D36477f20da14>

