

# SIXTH FORM SUCCESS

Miss Byrne and the Sixth Form team are proud of all our students' achievements. Congratulations to Marco Cavaluzzi on his winning performance at the *Southport Music Festival*, bravo to Elisha Tompkins for completing her *Nuffield Foundation* research project, well done to Cerys Hunter and Poppy-Leigh Heron for being awarded an *Arkwright Engineering Scholarship*. More congratulations to Katy Barham on completing the *CUSU Shadowing Scheme*, Rosie Hughes' successful work experience at *Grant Thornton* and to the Year 12 Scholars who participated in a *Cambridge University* project at *Edge Hill University*. Finally, well done to Drama students, Ruby Tuft and Cameron Bentley-Jones, who starred in a recent production of *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Little Theatre. Cameron was part of the main cast, whilst Ruby took one of the lead roles.

## Former Head Girl Secures Place at Cambridge

Congratulations to former Head Girl, Jade Franks, on securing a place at *St Edmund's College, Cambridge* to study Education with English, Drama and the Arts. After gaining A\*AA in her A levels in 2015, Jade opted to take a gap year:

"I went straight into the world of work, while continuing to pursue my love for theatre and writing in my spare time. My gap year quickly turned into three; I spent time travelling, working in universities in LA and Boston and auditioning for drama schools. Working in the education sector made me consider university; Cambridge was the only university offering Education with Drama, English and the Arts. I applied on a whim, had three interviews, plus an exam and I got an unconditional offer. I am still in shock and can't quite believe it; I would like to thank all the teachers at Weatherhead who work so hard, especially those who encouraged and supported me during my time there. If I were to give any advice to students it would be to not feel any pressure to do what everyone else is doing. University isn't for everyone, sometimes you need time to figure out what it is you want to do but it's important to get good grades so that as many doors remain open in the future as possible."



Headteacher Miss Whelan said, "One of the best parts of our job is when a student returns to Weatherhead and tells us what they have been up to. It was so lovely to see Jade and to hear her wonderful news of gaining a place to study at Cambridge." Jade is keen to stay in contact, to share her journey and support our current students.

## A STROKE OF LUCK!

Talented Year 13 swimmers, *Tori Sopp* and *Elliott Pickford*, have had a very successful season with *Wirral Metro*. At the final meet of the *Cheshire Championships*, *Elliott* won three golds, two silvers and two bronze medals, whilst *Tori* finished third in the female points table, after collecting three golds and two silvers. Both swimmers train before school three days a week, as well as after school and at the weekend, which has ensured that *Elliott* qualified for the *English Nationals* and *Tori* for the *British Nationals* putting them amongst the top 20 in the country! *Elliott* has been offered a scholarship at *Manchester University* to study *Sport and Exercise Science* and *Tori* will be concentrating on her swimming full-time after her A levels and working towards the *Olympic trials*.



**We love to hear from all our ex-students so please keep in touch using the contact us page, our Facebook and Twitter pages or visit our Alumni page.**

## STUDENT SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

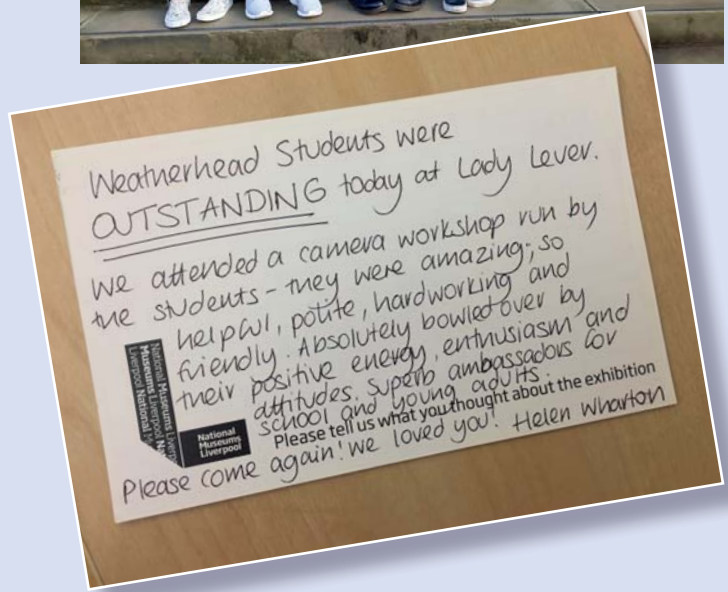
The SSLT have had a busy term, making their presence known around school and taking their leadership roles seriously. As well as speaking at *Senior Awards* and *Sports Awards Evening*, engaging with guest speakers and taking on lunch duties, they have found time to help organise charity events (including the *Halloween disco*) and present to whole year groups in assemblies.



# TEENS TAKEOVER!

A dozen Year 12 students spent two months planning to take over the *Lady Lever Art Gallery* for a day with free, fun family activities. The group created a Murder Mystery tour, wrote scripts for a fairytale 'flash' performance, coordinated an 18th century selfie-booth and ran two activity workshops with families, to create their own periscope cameras. Students also read poetry, performed dances and played a piano solo. The day was a huge success with over 100 children and parents taking part.

One parent commented, "Weatherhead students were outstanding today at Lady Lever. We attended a camera workshop run by the students, they were amazing; so helpful, polite, hardworking and friendly. Absolute bowled over by their positive energy, enthusiasm and attitudes. We loved you!" 10 of the students are now working towards their *Silver Arts Award*.



# PINK DAY

*Pink Day* tipped the £1,100 mark, raising funds for local breast cancer charities with a lunchtime show organised by Health & Social Care students, a cake sale and the sale of pink bands. Staff and students were encouraged to dress in pink for the day and there was stiff competition between Year 12 and 13 for the best decorated common room! The money raised was donated to *Wirral Breast Cancer Nurses* and the *Wirral Breast Unit*.



# 'TIS THE SEASON ...

Sixth Formers led the way for this year's Christmas Jumper Day to raise awareness of the work of the NSPCC. Staff and students were encouraged to get into the Christmas spirit on the last day of term, wearing Christmas jumpers and accessories. Continuing to strengthen our links with AgeUK Wirral, students visited the Devonshire Centre (which offers support to dementia patients and their families) to join in the festivities with residents. The Sixth Form team organised an evening of bowling and a trip to see *Cinderella* at the Liverpool Empire which starred one of our student's Dad, as Buttons!



Students visit the Devonshire Centre

## EXTRA TIME

The Sixth Form boys' football team played friendly matches last term against Calday, Hilbre, Mosslands and South Wirral with some excellent performances. Despite a couple of early losses and a draw, the team ended the term on a high with a win against South Wirral which could be conducive to their new kit! The team are looking forward to taking part in an Under 19 Wirral schools' tournament next term hosted by Birkenhead Sixth Form College.

