

# WEATHER REPORT

As this edition of Weather Report shows, it has been an action packed couple of weeks at school. Half term is approaching and I am sure the students and staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest. Although the weather has improved, students are expected to continue to wear full school uniform, including a blazer. Parents' support with this would be greatly appreciated. Enjoy the half term break when it arrives! Mr Mackenzie



Thank you to Matt from our official uniform supplier, *Baker and Sons*, who have kindly sponsored our KS3 football kit and made a generous donation towards our off site provision to improve engagement with some of our most vulnerable students.

Should you wish to order items of school uniform or PE kit, you can do so via the school website: [www.weatherheadhigh.co.uk/school-information/school-uniform/](http://www.weatherheadhigh.co.uk/school-information/school-uniform/)

Well done to the group of 29 Year 10 students who took part in their practice expedition in the *Yorkshire Dales* over the bank holiday weekend for their *Silver Duke of Edinburgh's* award. The group were fantastic, conducted themselves well and put in a sterling effort. Thank you to our staff volunteers; Miss Faulkner (Manager), Mrs Gibson (Leader), Mr Weight (minibus), Mrs Ellis, Mr Hanson, Mrs Kirby, Miss Marshallsay, Miss Parkins, Mr Roe and Miss Whitwell - it couldn't happen without you!



Congratulations to Weatherhead alumni, Megan Byrne and Elisha Harrison, who recently received their *Gold Duke of Edinburgh's* award at *Buckingham Palace*!

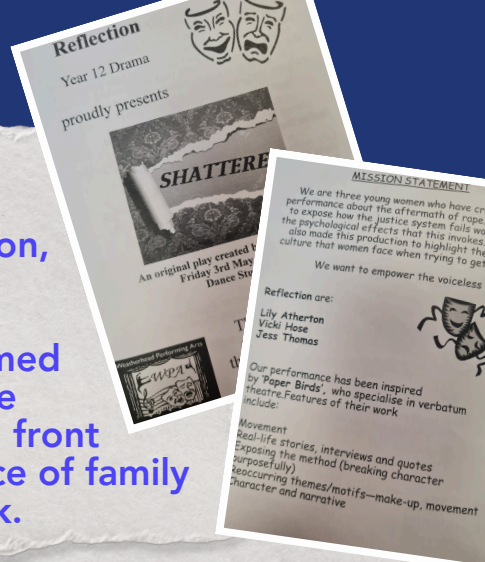
We are delighted that Elisha is helping out with our current *Gold DofE* cohort.



# Curriculum News



Congratulations to Year 12 Drama students; Lily Atherton, Vicki Hose and Jess Thomas who wrote, directed and performed their final exam piece entitled *Shattered* in front of an invited audience of family and friends last week.



Well done to our BTEC musicians, Hannah Carr and Grace Foster, who performed and recorded their final exam pieces last week. They also enjoyed a recital by students from the University of Liverpool at the Quarry, which gave them some inspiration for their own performances!



Well done to our Year 10 Drama cohort who performed and recorded their final devised pieces this week which are worth 40% of their GCSE grade.

Are you following our PA department Instagram account? @weatherheadhigh\_pa



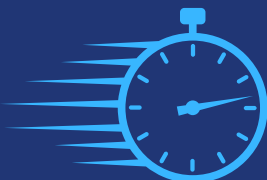
The Art department have an exciting opportunity for Fine Art, Textiles and Photography students. If you know you will be studying one of these options for A Level and are interested in a cultural visit to Venice in March 2025 collect a letter from the Art office (E206).



Five Year 7 students attended a knife crime event run by the LFC Foundation and Merseyside Police last week. The event concluded with a football tournament with other Wirral and Liverpool high schools, and we were delighted that our students came second and really enjoyed the day.



Year 7 historians have been busy creating time capsules themed on the reign of Elizabeth I. Students were asked to include a diary entry from a sailor about the Armada (1558), a newspaper article reporting on the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots (1587) and a judgement on which event was more significant for Elizabeth. Well done to Isla Carter, Bella May, Bella McKeown, Ella Pouncey and Freya Smith for their wonderful entries.



Resilience Respect Reach Reward

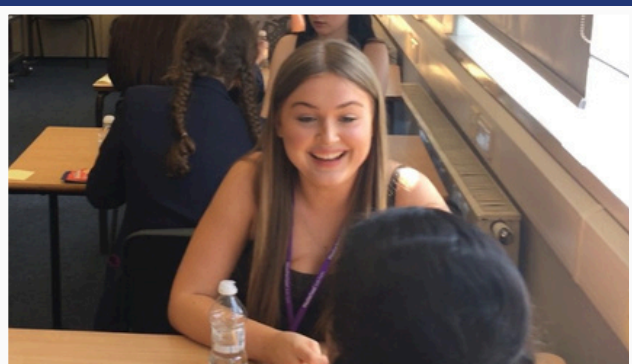


Reminders: Year 12 students should now be using the Upper Common Room. Supervised study runs in the canteen every Monday, period 3 and Thursday, period 2. Hot drinks and support from a member of staff are on offer.

Our potential SSLT candidates met with the School Council last Thursday for a Q+A ahead of the SSLT elections. The councillors asked some thoughtful questions and felt that our candidates had lots of potential and ideas. This was the penultimate part of the process ahead of the Year Group hustings, where candidates addressed potential voters. Well done to the students who conducted themselves with maturity during the process and really impressed the SLT. Results will be announced next week!



Last Friday we said an emotional farewell to Year 13 students who have formally left school on exam leave. During an assembly, staff and the SSLT reflected on the last seven years and enjoyed performances from our Year 13 dancers and musicians. We wish them all best in their forthcoming exams.



Freya Murphy, Paige O'Neill and Brooke Taverner-Sherlock (Year 12) were involved in forming a youth interview panel for CAMHS and helped interview candidates for the position of Trainee Education Mental Health Practitioner.

Spanish A Level students enjoyed a workshop with ex Head Girl, Louise Evans who is a PhD student at the University of Liverpool. The session focused on the play, *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* and students discussed context, themes and characters at length. They also quizzed her afterwards about her own language studies and experiences. Students got such a lot from it and we look forward to working with Louise again.



Year 12 students Eleanor Kinnear, Kay Lemco and Phoebe Reay, who are taking part in the *Talent Foundry* competition, have launched their campaign, *Pothole Action*, to address the issue of potholes in the local area. They are running a competition for Years 7-9 to design a logo for their campaign posters and social media. Join the Google classroom using the code [jfh2isz](#) and submit your design by Thursday 23 May.





## Next week ....

Monday 20 May - Year 8 Rowing at *Liverpool Victoria Rowing Club*

Monday 20 May - Year 9/10 Rounders v *Hilbre & Ridgeway*, 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 22 May - *Somerville Primary School* visiting

Wednesday 22 May - cricket coaching with Jo Herbertson period 5, period 6 & 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday 23 May - Rounders round robin with *Birkenhead Park School, Hilbre & Ridgeway*

Well done to our Year 7 athletes who represented Weatherhead in their first Track and Field event at the *Oval* on Wednesday 8 May. After only a few training sessions the students did themselves proud. Miss Faulkner would like to give a special mention to Maisie Carney who performed exceptionally well in long jump!



Last Thursday 20 rounders players embraced their training, ready for upcoming matches and competitions. Miss Faulkner would like to give a special mention to Erin Leech for her fantastic fielding skills. It was also nice to see some new Year 7 faces at practise!



Our Year 12 CSLA leaders have successfully delivered activities to all Year 5 pupils at *New Brighton, Somerville* and *St. George's Primary Schools* this term which is a huge achievement!

The *Community Sports Leaders Award (CSLA)* initiative encourages participation in sport, develops leadership skills and links with the community. The award focuses on the core skills of motivation, organisation, communication and leadership.

Thank you to Miss Faulkner who runs the award as part of our enrichment programme, supported by Mrs Ellis.



The group are already planning activities for the *CSLA fun day* in July when two hundred pupils from local primaries.

Well done to our Year 9 and 10 athletics squad, comprising Neve Barbett Minnott, Lily Cairns, Neina Haadi, Tiffany Jakeman, Jess Mooney, Olivia Roughton and Bethany Webb-Dann who competed in round one of the *English Schools' Track and Field* event on Monday at the *Oval*. It was a brilliant experience for the students, despite not all of them placing in a very competitive field of athletes.

Congratulations to Neina Haadi (Year 10) who came first in the 100m and has qualified for the next round!



Resilience Respect Reach Reward





Reminder: the LRC is open until 5.30pm every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and 4.30pm as well as break time and lunch time for students to borrow books, read or complete homework. There are also a number of clubs you can sign up to including *Dungeon & Dragons* (Wednesday after school) and *Thursday Murdle Club* (Thursday after school).

Staff and Sixth Form students wore green on Thursday as part of *Mental Health Awareness Week* to promote understanding and to raise awareness. Staff and students bought cakes, raising just under £100 for *WEB Merseyside*, a mental health charity based in Birkenhead which supports adults and young people. Thank you to Miss Steventon for coordinating the event.

**MISS GRAINGER'S LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS:**

| KS3                             | KS4+                              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tall Story                      | Activist                          |
| Finn Jones Was Here             | Bone Talk                         |
| Noah's Gold                     | Boy Like Me                       |
| Frankie's World (Graphic Novel) | Noughts & Crosses (Graphic Novel) |



May's Career of the Month is **Aerospace Engineer**. This role specialises in the development, design, and maintenance of aircraft, spacecraft and satellites. Applying principles of physics, maths and engineering to create and improve aerospace technologies.



Thank you to students who supported the cake and ice pop sale on Friday in aid of *Cancer Research*, which raised £112 and sold out in seven minutes flat! Thank you to Year 12 *Health and Social Care* students for baking, ahead of team *Weatherhead* taking part in the *Race for Life Pretty Muddy 5K* on Sunday.



**indigo** Meet Zuzanna and hear all about her role as a *Apprentice Wing Designer* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/article/sz1a31m7>

**Career of the Month: Aerospace Engineer**

- Minimum qualifications: an undergraduate degree
- Typical salary (with experience): £25-35K
- Competition for places: Medium
- Demand for this role: High

**Things to consider**

- Long hours/overtime: You may have to work long hours, evenings and weekends.
- Stressful deadlines/target-driven: Stress levels can also be high if you are trying to meet deadlines.
- Well-paid: The starting salary is relatively high, and you can work your way up to a good wage with time and experience.
- Good progression: There are good opportunities for promotion in aerospace engineering.
- Can run your own business: You will be expected to keep up to date with new technology and developments in the industry.

Learn about more careers at <https://indigo.careers/>



There is a well-being drop-in session open to all year groups with Miss Hall in B103 every Monday lunch time. Please call in to say hello and have a chat!



Resilience Respect Reach Reward