

WEATHER REPORT

As this edition of Weather Report reflects, it has been another busy couple of weeks at Weatherhead with plenty of activities taking place on top of students preparing for and sitting assessments and mid-course exams. Summer has arrived over the last few days and the school has been brought to life with fantastic music performances during assemblies, morning break and lunch time to celebrate World Music Week. I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and please take note of the events which are happening between now and the end of term. Thank you, Mr Mackenzie

Almost 100 students were recognised for their hard work, endeavour and attainment across the curriculum last night at *KS3 Awards Evening*. We were delighted to welcome back alumna, Di Duckworth-Mills, who spoke candidly to students about her school days, how she worked hard and overcame hurdles to reach her goals. Well done to all our award winners and thanks to Dance Company and Junior Choir for their outstanding performances.



Congratulations to Charlotte Taylor (Year 8) who recently completed the *Great North Swim* with her Mum, swimming 2.5kms of Lake Windermere.

On 5 June Year 9 students Sophia Jones, Mia McKeever and Lilia Povall attended the *Dot Art Schools* prize giving at *St George's Hall*.

Congratulations to Mia who was the winner in the secondary school category - a fantastic achievement with competition from 90 schools from across the region! As well as winning art equipment, Mia's artwork 'Roses are red, violets are blue' is being exhibited at the *Walker Art Gallery* from 6 June to 7 July 2024 - entry is free.



Last week our Year 12 Health and Social Care students enjoyed visits to Victoria House Care Home and Leighton Court Care Home to engage with residents and play games. The group also joined in with a quiz and a game of musical bingo. The students were a credit to Weatherhead, engaging with the residents, making them smile and laugh and the session finished with an Abba sing-a-long which was great fun! The care home staff were very appreciative and commented how it was the highlight of the residents' day.



We are pleased to announce that we are part of a new project, the Wirral Pledge, which will support our students in preparing for their future. The Pledge puts employers at the heart of inspiring and informing the next generation of employees. If you wish to find out more, you can watch this video: <https://vimeo.com/852993554?share=copy>.

If you work for or own a business that you think would benefit from being part of this, there is a launch event on Thursday 4 July, 9.30am to 1.30pm at the Leasowe Castle Hotel. To book a place, please visit: [WirralPledgeLaunch2024](#) Tickets, Thu 4 Jul 2024 at 09:30 | [Eventbrite](#)

Year 12 students enjoyed a day at the UCAS Discovery event in Liverpool to help them decide on their next steps after Sixth Form. Students enjoyed chatting to universities about the variety of courses on offer and university life, whilst those interested in apprenticeships spoke to employers about what they can offer and their field of work. The group enjoyed visiting the different zones, speaking to careers advisers about their future and listening to talks from experts in their fields. Thank you Mrs Lambert for coordinating the trip.



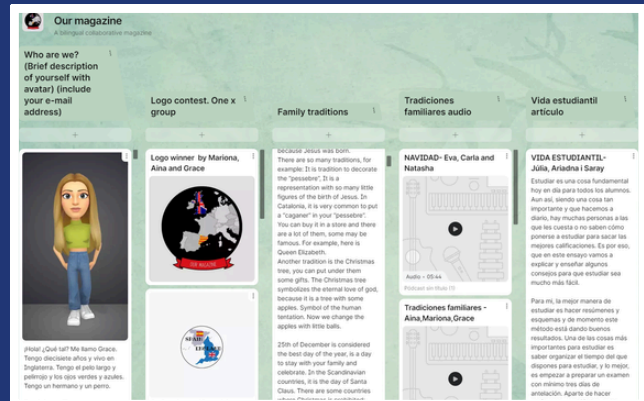
Sixth Form Dates for Your Diary

- Tuesday 25 June - trip to Edge Hill University
- Wednesday 26 June - trip to Chester University
- Thursday 27 June - Year 13 prom
- Friday 28 June - trip to Liverpool University
- Monday 1 July - Biology field trip to Dibbinsdale
- Manchester Metropolitan University visit
- Monday 1 July - trip to the Climbing Hangar
- Tuesday 2 July - trips to Riverside Bowl and LFC
- Wednesday 3 July - trip to Wicked, Liverpool Empire
- Thursday 4 July - John Moores University visit
- Friday 5 July - Alton Towers trip
- Monday 15 July to Thursday 18 July - Gold DofE assessment, Snowdonia
- Monday 15 July - Year 12 mid-course exam results day
- Monday 15 July - SSLT training day
- Tuesday 16 July - Manchester University visit
- Thursday 18 July - school closes at 12.40pm

Our Community Sports Leaders were invited to the Floral Pavilion on 6 June to support a Mental Health Support Team event. MHST works with local primary schools as part of the Wellbeing Ambassador Programme, to promote well being. As part of the celebration event for 100 wellbeing ambassadors, our CSLA leaders were invited to lead a 15 minute warm up activity. The primary pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing head, shoulders, knees and cones, and the jelly bean game.



Since September, under the guidance of Miss Dean, A Level Spanish students have been working on a bilingual digital magazine with their Spanish friends from Catalonia. The group has worked collaboratively with their 'pen pals' to decide on content, write and edit articles and publish them in an online magazine.



Year 12 Biology students visited Chester Zoo last week to look at 'classification'. They attended an education workshop and were tasked with categorising skulls into different phylogenetic groups, based on their appearance. Carrying on with the theme of classification, the group looked at monkeys and cats, and visited the jaguar, lion, snow leopard and tiger enclosures to see how they would be classified in similar groups, despite belonging to different species. A great day was had by all!



Well done to our Year 12 Childcare students who held the Weathertots summer party this week. The group have had a very successful year and are grateful for the support from parents /carers and tots this year.

Year 9 students, who have attended Extra-Curricular Latin sessions since Year 7 recently sat their GCSE Latin exam and were rewarded with a trip to the *University of Liverpool* and the *Garstang Museum*. Here, they learnt about the wonders of Ancient Greece and Egypt, created Roman graffiti and took part in a jewellery making workshop.



Congratulations to our Year 10 scholars who completed their graduation at the *University of Manchester* this week. The group has worked incredibly hard attending weekly sessions and submitting university style assignments. The day started with a campus tour and a university study skills session, and finished with the all important graduation event! Well done to Ella Collins, Alex Dawson, Ruby Denton, Katie Fisher, Lilyan Hales, Evelyn Hignett, Olivia Hough, Darcy Howard, Avneet Kaur, Orlaith Kenneth, Ella Squires, River Taylor and Sarah Whittingham.



Some of our Year 10 students have taken part in the *Tranmere Rovers Engagement Project*, raising awareness about knife crime and county lines whilst engaging in sports such as football, boxing and golf. Thank you to Tom and Hayden from *Tranmere Rovers* for leading the sessions which our students really enjoyed.



A reminder that there is a wellbeing drop-in session for all year groups with Miss Hall, every Monday lunchtime in B103.



60 pupils from *Somerville Primary School* enjoyed a morning of Science experiences at Weatherhead, and working in laboratories for the first time!

Musicians from all year groups took to the stage this week to celebrate *World Music Week*. Students and staff were treated to choir performances, saxophone and piano solos, pianists, flute duets, bands, ensembles and many more performances! Well done and thank you to all our talented performers for entertaining us this week and to Miss Devine for coordinating the programme.



Our rowers were back on the water (with Miss Faulkner as coxswain) preparing for their regatta next week. The team enjoyed some unusually serene rowing, despite it being a little choppy and wet.



Year 7 and 8 students participated in a rounders tournament at *Wirral Grammar School* playing some really good teams from *Wirral, Birkenhead School* and *Upton*. This was a great learning experience for our students and a lovely sunny afternoon out!

Last Monday our Year 12 HSC and PE students led Active Playground games and teambuilding with 80 Year 4 pupils from *Liscard Primary School*. The pupils had a wonderful time and the feedback from staff was very positive - well done, Year 12.



Last week, our Bronze DofE cohort carried out their practice expedition in Cheshire, near Beeston and Peckforton Castle. Students enjoyed the new route and were still able to put up their tents despite the wind and rain! They will now be fully prepared for their assessment in September. Thank you to Miss Burke for leading the trip and the staff team of Miss Briggs, Ms Caswell, Miss Faulkner, Miss Marshallsay, Miss Spears and Mr Weight.



Dreams by Lucy Prothero (Year 8)

In dreams I roam a world so vast
where Cancer's grip is but a past.
A realm where cells no longer fray
and hopes bright light outshines dismay.

In slumber's embrace I take a stand
with healing dreams a guiding hand
each night a battle fought with might
to banish cancer's relentless blight

In dreams I whisper words of cure
and watch as tumours shrink unsure
The body whole once more complete
as dreams defy the cancer's deceit

Through silent realms where dreams hold sway
I paint a future bright as day
where cancer's shadow fades away
and life blooms in its full array

In dreams the fight against cancer rages on
a world where healing power is drawn
May every dream be a beacon's call
to end the suffering once and for all.

Highly Commended
Chris Salmon Poetry competition



Reminder:

Students should use their allocated areas during break and lunch times as follows:

- Year 7 & Year 8 - Bottom floor or main playground
- Year 9 - Middle floor or the Street
- Year 10 - Top floor or the main playground



Well done to Year 8 students Maja Ciesielska, Niamh Farley, Amy Jones, Tilly Tesla and Katherine Whipp who completed the 12k Coastal Walk last weekend. The group thoroughly enjoyed their walk in the sunshine and even had some furry friends join them!

Thank you to Miss Ashman, Miss Hunter and Miss Lynn for also taking part in the walk, and to Miss Robinson for coordinating the group. Year 8 have already raised £230 over the past three weeks for local charity, Charlotte Brightside.

Well done to Year 8 who have been competing in *Time to Shine* - an interform competition, taking part in quizzes in Science, Geography and History during form time.

Congratulations to joint winners 8DGR and 8CAS, whose prize was to adopt an animal from Chester Zoo! 8DGR adopted a red panda and 8CAS adopted a tiger and received a cuddly mascot for their form - DGR named their animal 'Linda' and CAS 'Stripes'.



Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 1 to Friday 5 July - Year 10 Work Experience week
- Tuesday 2 July - *Stepping up to Year 8* event
- Tuesday 2 July - *Summer Sizzler*, 7.00pm-8.15pm
- Wednesday 3 July - *Year 6 Induction Day*, 8.45am-3.00pm
- Thursday 4 July - *PE trip to Wimbledon*
- Thursday 4 July - *Creative Showcase*, 4.00pm-6.00pm
- Friday 5 July - *Year 7 Mad Science Day*
- Monday 8 July - Year 10 Geography field trip to *Hilbre Island*
- Monday 8 July - Year 8 trip to *Drayton Manor* theme park
- Tuesday 9 July - *Future Choices Fair* (Years 8-10)
- Wednesday 10 July - Year 10 results day
- Wednesday 10 July to Friday 12 July - Year 7 *Conway Centre* residential
- Thursday 11 July - Year 10 trip to *Alton Towers*
- Monday 15 July - Year 9 trip to *Alton Towers*
- Monday 15 July - Year 10 Geography field trip to *Liverpool*
- Tuesday 16 July - *Sports Day* (Years 7-10)
- Thursday 18 July - school closes 12.40pm



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