

# WEATHER REPORT

It has been another busy two weeks of celebration, achievement and activities. Well done in particular to our Bronze *DofE* students and our Year 12 pot hole campaigners. In the build up to the end of term, there continues to be lots of exciting activities to enjoy. I look forward to learning about your many achievements in the year group celebration assemblies. Mr Mackenzie



Congratulations to our Year 9 cohort of 22

Bronze *DofE* students who completed their practice expedition. The groups did well under hot and sweaty conditions, showed impeccable behaviour and great resilience. Lilyan Hales (Year 10) joined the group to complete the expedition and her Silver award. Thank you to the staff team; Mr Donaldson, Miss Dybacz, Miss Ferrebe, Mr Goodyer, Mrs Kirby and Miss Marshallsay.



Congratulations to Eleanor Kinnear, Kay Lemco and Phoebe Reay (Year 12) who have been shortlisted in the *Talent Foundry* competition. Ahead of their final presentation in London next week, the group met local councillor, James Laing, to discuss their pot hole campaign and obtain some top tips for it to gain momentum. If successful, the group will win a trip to Washington DC ahead of the US elections in November! They hope that their campaign to raise awareness about potholes in the Wirral will bring about a change in the way the issue is dealt with.



Support the group by following their campaign on *Instagram* @potholeaction\_wirral, *Pothole Action Wallasey* on *Facebook* or sign the online petition <https://www.change.org/p/pothole-action-wirral>.





# Curriculum News

Well done team Performing Arts who put on an amazing showcase of talent at the *Summer Sizzler* last week. Highlights of the evening were Joycie Joy's and Freya Smith's (Year 7) duet, *Part of this World* and the Year 8 dancers who performed to *Shallow*.

70 Performing Arts students enjoyed a trip to see *Wicked* at the Liverpool Empire.



Junior choir



Year 8 dancers



Year 11 duet



String quartet



Year 7 dancers



Year 10 band



Congratulations to linguists Freya Candeland (Year 8), Paige Williams (Year 8) and Pola Ludant (Year 10) who had their foreign language poems selected to be included in the *Mother Tongue, Other Tongue* poetry anthology. Launched by former Poet Laureate, Professor Carol Ann Duffy, the competition celebrates cultural diversity. Freya wrote in French and Spanish, Paige in Spanish and Pola in Polish! The MFL team are proud to have some of the best multi-lingual poets in the North West here at Weatherhead! The poems will be displayed at the *Manchester Poetry Library* this summer.



Mr Mealor, Mr Soper and Mr Matthews-Wright have set up a new science club, in which students are cultivating a variety of mushrooms. This term, club members have been cultivating the popular *Lion's Mane*, known for its health benefits. Students have been placed into two teams where they will undertake an apprentice-style competition to see how many mushrooms they can sell to staff. Students will need to come up with unique enterprise strategies to sell their mushrooms!

GROW  
LION'S MANE  
Mushroom



Year 7 students enjoyed Mad Science Day!

Resilience Respect Reach Reward



Year 12 geographers visited New Brighton beach last week to carry out 'physical' Geography research and to study the effectiveness of coastal defences. The group identified coastal defences, conducted a beach profile and tourism surveys, and assessed coastal management effectiveness. In the afternoon, they moved to Victoria Road for their 'human' Geography research, focusing on urban regeneration. They surveyed the urban landscape, analysed use of space, explored retail and economic opportunities, and assessed the environment.



Aspiring doctors took part in the **INTROMED** (Introduction to Medicine) work experience programme at **Arrowe Park Hospital**. The group observed staged emergencies, wards, theatre, A&E and outpatient departments. The week provided clinical opportunities, along with a variety of teaching sessions and talks hosted by medical students and clinicians.



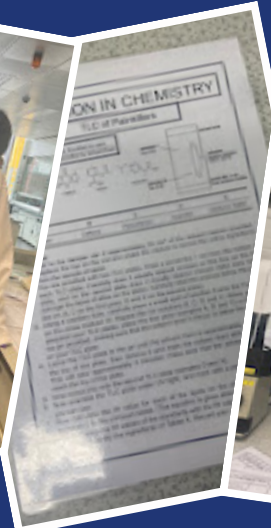
Year 12 students enjoyed a day at the **University of Chester**, including a campus tour and a criminology lecture. They learnt more about applying to university and the support available, and got to think about their futures.

Year 12 students enjoyed a visit to **Dibbinsdale Country Park** to complete essential field work as part of their A Level Biology practical.

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Nine Year 12 students attended a hands-on synthesis and spectroscopy workshop at the **University of Liverpool** last week. Students synthesized their own sample of the painkiller, **Benzocaine**, testing its purity using melting point analysis and calculating the percentage yield. In the afternoon, the group analysed the samples using infrared spectroscopy. They also carried out UV-vis spectroscopy on common food dyes to determine their components.





Our talented Art and Textiles students showed off their wonderful GCSE and A Level coursework to family and friends at the Creative Showcase last week. The work will be exhibited in the foyer until the end of term if you have not had a chance to view it yet.



Save the Date

## LISCARD SUMMER FESTIVAL

Saturday 13th July  
11am to 5pm  
Liscard Way & Cherry Tree Shopping Centre

Join us for a Sun-sational event with: **Music, Facepainting, Food, Children's Entertainment, Dancing, Local Choirs** and a **Photography Exhibition!**



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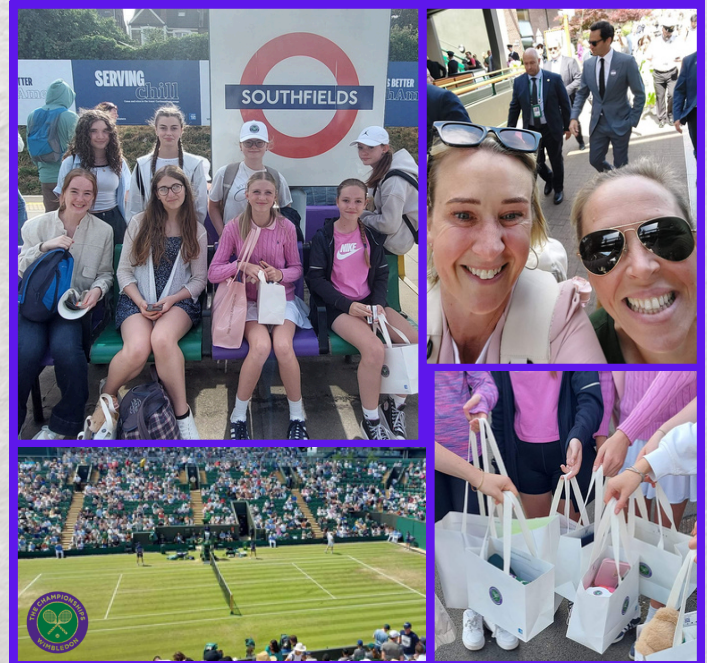
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Following an intense training session on Monday, with coaches Claire and Libby our rowing squads competed in the summer regatta at Warrington Rowing Club. Well done to both crews and in particular, to our A crew who came second with Kelsey Allanson as cox, Evie Sutherland, Ellie Shone-Wills, Ava Taggart and Paige Williams. The students did themselves proud and the regatta was a great way to end their season.

Eight lucky students enjoyed a day at Wimbledon last week after Miss Faulkner secured tickets for Court Number 2. As well as watching some first class play from Ons Jaubeur (10) and Hubert Hurkacz (7), the group and staff were delighted to see Roger Federer!

Team PE are delighted that we have once again achieved the Gold School Games award for 2023/2024 in recognition of the schools' commitment to and development of competitive sport. We are extremely proud of our students' dedication, our CSLA students, volunteers and student ambassadors.



Our Year 12 CSLA leaders led two afternoons of sporting activities for Year 5 pupils from New Brighton Primary School and Liscard Primary School on the astro turf. Aided by students in 8R and returning Year 11 students, the pupils enjoyed giant jenga, football and parachute games.



Members of our **School Council** are involved in an exciting research project about healthy eating with researchers from the **University of Liverpool**.



58 Weatherhead students have signed up to NCS experiences this summer and as such we have been recognised as an **NCS Silver Champion School**. The NCS (**National Citizen Service**) is a dedicated public body for youth, organising residentials and community programmes which allow young people to develop important life skills and find their strengths and be work-ready.

Year 7 enjoyed a day off timetable to celebrate the end of their first year at Weatherhead and to focus on 'Stepping Up to Year 8'. Staff from **Hype** spoke to students about resilience and gaining life skills. The students also enjoyed **Bongo's Bingo** and dodge ball.



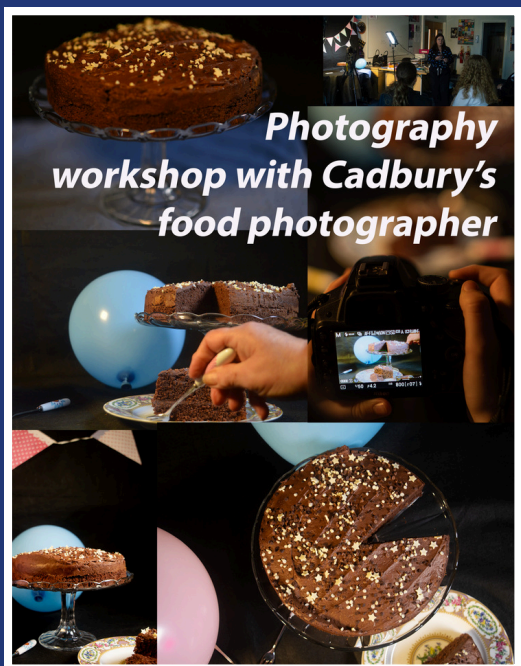
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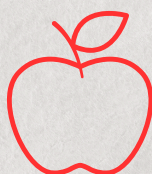
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Year 8 took part in a **Healthy Lifestyles Day** which included sessions on first aid and having a positive mindset, sporting activities on the astro turf and sessions run by the school caterer, **Chartwells** and **Everton FC**.



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