Bridgewater High School

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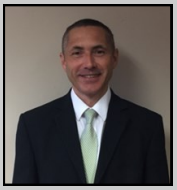

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

CHRISTMAS 2017

SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION

I would like to start by thanking parents, carers and students for the support and commitment they have shown this term. A school should rightly focus on teaching and outcomes but equally it should focus on creating a vibrant and exciting environment, offering students a range of activities to enrich their school experience. This edition of the Bridge is a great reminder of just this. It showcases how many of our students seize the opportunities available here and turn them into great success stories.

In terms of the next generation of teachers, for a number of years now we have supported trainee teachers by offering them placements here at Bridgewater. This is a great way to help new entrants to the profession and allows our more experienced colleagues to mentor and share their experiences of teaching. Trainees invariably comment on how much they enjoy working with our students. We frequently find that this positive experience translates into trainees committing their support to things like the residential trip to Conway which is of benefit to us all.

Now that we are a teaching school, we are able to extend the nature of our offer so that we will now deliver some of the formal training elements of their course as well. This is a fantastic opportunity for colleagues both within Bridgewater and across TCAT to utilise their years of teaching experience in a more formal way. If therefore, you are interested in getting into teaching you can apply to Bridgewater High School through UCAS or by contacting us directly. There is also a section on page 57 of this edition of The Bridge, or you can look on our website where there is all the information you need to have, if you are interested in taking up this most rewarding of jobs.

Finally, despite early September feeling only days ago, December is now right upon us so it just remains for me, on behalf of all the staff here at Bridgewater, to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas comes early!

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Awards Evening 2017

The 17th annual Upper School Awards Evening took place on Thursday 16th November. The hall was transformed to reflect the status of the event as parents, carers, staff and governors gathered to celebrate the success of 151 students across Years 11, 12 and 13.

The evening opened with guest speaker and ex-Bridgewater student, Dr Tom Crawford. Tom gave an inspirational speech, charting his education through Bridgewater, Appleton College and Oxford and Cambridge Universities. An entertaining presentation focused on the importance of being resilient, grasping opportunity and travel was enjoyed by all.

Awardees were nominated by faculty and pastoral staff for their achievements both in and outside of the classroom. A special mention goes to those award winners who so eloquently introduced each set of awards and talked about their passion for their subjects.

The Tom Capper History Award was awarded to Millan Lad. The Governors' Award went to Louisa Cuddy for her commitment to her studies throughout her time at Bridgewater. Finally, the Principal's Award was received by Toby Prest in Year 11 for his contribution to wider school life and the local community.

Chair of Governors, Steve Whatmore, brought the evening to a close, thanking in particular the Year 9 students for making the canapés and the Year 11 students who crafted bespoke trophies for each faculty's special award winner.

Recipient of the Principal's Award

Recipient of the Tom Capper History Award

Recipient of the Governors' Award

Jamie Oliver BTEC Home Cooking Skills

Since starting the Jamie Oliver BTEC Home Cooking Skills in September 2017, the group of six Year 10 pupils have worked extremely hard to produce wonderful dishes. They made breakfast dishes such as omelette and fruity flapjacks and completed a project on bread which involved lots of tasting of different bread types. They have also made some amazing pizzas, Chelsea buns and focaccia bread. They are currently making Christmas products such as Christmas cakes (see above), mince pies and a yule logs.

All the pupils have achieved so much in this first term and I am very proud of all their achievements!

Mrs. Booth

Goodbye / Hello in the Lower Site Library

This term, we said farewell to Mrs Margaret Peters (right), who has been our lower site librarian for very many years, as well as a tireless volunteer for our PTA. Mrs Peters and her husband will shortly be moving down to Devon. She thanks everybody for their cards, gifts and good wishes.

Taking over as Lower Site librarian is Mrs Jane Nash. Pictured overleaf). We took the opportunity to catch up with Mrs Nash and asked her a few questions…

Where are you from originally?

I come from the sunny seaside resort of Bournemouth, on the South coast.

What made you want to work in a school library?

I have always loved children's literature and my fondest memories are of going to my local public library when I was growing up. Nowadays, having three book-mad children at home, I am constantly reading, researching and choosing books, so a school library is the perfect environment for me to use my librarian skills. I also enjoy helping people and Lower School Library offers lots of opportunities to help pupils access the information and resources needed for their learning and interests.

What is your favourite childhood book?

I have many favourite books, so this is a tricky question! However, if I had to choose just one, "Ballet Shoes" by Noel Streatfield is one that stands out. Being someone who loved dancing when I was young, I was fascinated by the way the author wrote about the highs and lows of the world of auditions, shows and ballet schools!

What was the last book you read and really enjoyed?

I recently really enjoyed reading John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars" as it is quirky and funny even though it is talking about serious issues such as teenage terminal illness.

What have you enjoyed most so far about working at Bridgewater?

Meeting Bridgewater's pupils and finding out what they like to read, especially through initiatives such as The Cheshire Book Quiz, where I get to sit down with various teams and chat about books. Having so many keen and enthusiastic book-loving pupils at Lower School makes my job very enjoyable!

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What plans do you have for Lower School Library?

I want pupils to be engaged even more with books by being able to access the Library System for themselves so that they can look up books and get recommendations**.** I also want to support the reading culture at Bridgewater by keeping the library current, relevant and interesting for the pupils – a place where they can come and lose themselves in a good book in between lessons, get involved in library events or just ask for help with choosing a new read.

Any recommendations for a good Christmas read?

"The Dark Is Rising" by Susan Cooper. Part of a quintet of books, it depicts the struggle between forces of good and evil called 'the Light and the Dark' and is based on Arthurian legends, Celtic mythology and Norse mythology. Set against an atmospheric backdrop of snowy English landscapes at Christmastime, it is a gripping read! Why not give it a try?

Ode to Margaret

Margaret the librarian
Sexagenarian
Has dreams of a life down in Devon
Though she busies herself
Rearranging the shelf
Though she dusts all the spines
For the south-west she pines
Because life south of Bristol is heaven!

Margaret the librarian,
Strict disciplinarian,
Exceptionally kind – if a little bit scary,
Though in Dewey immersed,
Became thoroughly versed
In announcing her plans
To her millions of fans
Of retirement to Ottery St. Mary.

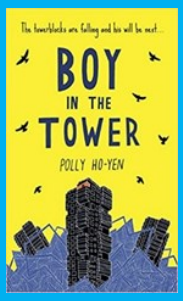
Margaret the librarian
Authoritarian
In matters of books overdue
Though she loves a good blurb
And a well-chosen verb
And an index or three
In the school library
There is something that she needs to do.

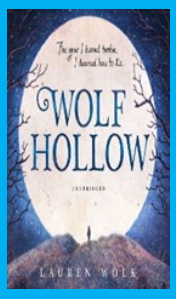
Margaret the librarian
Utilitarian.
No shame in a second-hand tome…
A lover of crime,
Local interest and Rhyme
Not to mention Non-fiction
With erudite diction
Is longing to find a new home.

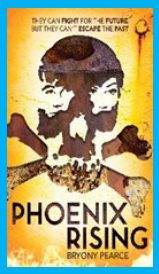
Margaret the librarian
Egalitarian
Is wanting to feel more alive.
Though the blazers she buys
With the jumpers and ties
She now longs for a break
And some slices of cake
So she's heading off down the M5…

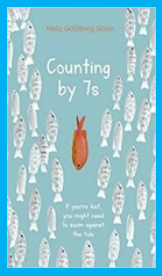
Cheshire Book Quiz 2017/2018

The Cheshire Book Quiz is an annual quiz for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, which puts pupils' literature knowledge to the test. Teams from schools across Cheshire read six set books over the year, answering quiz questions on these as well as general book questions. We currently have two Year 7 teams and one Year 8 team (as well as a Year 9 team who enjoyed it so much they want to do the Quiz questions again!).









This year, the books are:

Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen
Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk
Breathe – Sarah Crossan
Phoenix Rising – Bryony Pearce
Counting by 7's – Holly Goldberg Sloan
Stonebird – Mike Revell

The Bridgewater team which achieves the highest score is then entered in the competition for the Final. Each summer, the four school teams with the highest total scores across Cheshire meet to battle it out in the Final Quiz. A children's author is invited as guest host and the winning team is presented with an engraved cup which they hold for the year. Individual book token prizes are also awarded to the other finalist teams. Pupils have the added fun of being able to meet a real author on the night and have their book signed!

All Year 7 pupils chose and received a free book this term, courtesy of the Book Trust's BookBuzz reading programme, which provides free books to schools. The BookBuzz programme is all about inspiring pupils to read for pleasure and special BookBuzz sessions were held in the library to support pupils in choosing a book that they would enjoy. Pupils were able to look at copies of the books on offer and watch a film featuring footage from the authors and other students who had read them.

Eleven titles were on offer, covering all genres ranging from mystery and horror to real life stories, crime and thrillers. Whatever choices were made, the books were received excitedly by pupils (some of whom are pictured right) when they arrived last week!

History Xtra

Since September the history department have been running a KS3 enrichment group called History Xtra. Run by Mrs Mottershead, Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Mac-Kay, students have been enjoying the subject beyond the curriculum. During remembrance week in November, most KS3 students designed a poppy of remembrance and many included personal and heartfelt dedications. The History Xtra group collated these to produce a permanent remembrance display in room 92. The aim of the British Legion in 2017 is to encourage us to re-think remembrance. History Xtra would like to honour this and dedicate the display to our Armed Forces both past and present. Pupils involved were Ruby Walsh, Caitlin McCoy, Robert Turner, Millie Ravenscroft, Olivia Cowan and Sophie Edgington.

Chess Club

We have been attending chess club since September and we have improved our skills. It started off with just a few people and has expanded to a full classroom on Wednesday and Friday lunch time. It is also on after school on Thursday in room 79. The teachers that run this are Mrs Hughes, Mr Alexander and Mr Hardwidge. Mr Chau also drops in and thrashes us all at Chess!! He is definitely the best! We really enjoy coming to Chess Club and are looking forward to developing our skills even further next year.

Laura and Lauren

P.S. There will be a Chess Tournament open to all KS3 pupils in the new year. Watch out for details!

Mrs. Hughes

The Lion King Experience – EPA Faculty

Art & Design

We have had some fantastic responses to 'The Lion King' work from this year's Year 7 pupils. This work is used as part of a baseline assessment when pupils enter Bridgewater. The pupils in each class research, design and make their own shoe which is inspired by the animals that live in the Serengeti, in East Africa, where the Lion King is set.

We encourage pupils to be as creative and imaginative as possible. They can make their shoe out of any materials that they choose and we encourage then to use materials that they have to hand. If they want, they can customise an existing piece of footwear or they can make the whole thing from scratch.

A big “Well Done!” to all the year 7 pupils for the effort that went into making their shoe for this year’s Lion King Experience. We think that you will agree that the shoes look great!

Dance, Drama and Music

The pupils performed dances from the musical such as “I Just Can’t Wait to be King”. They sang in form groups, performed collectively with the other forms in their band and performed African drumming. On each night of the show, the form groups told the story of The Lion King using various drama techniques.

As always, this was a rewarding event and a great way to introduce pupils to Expressive and Performing Arts at Bridgewater High School. Well done to all!

Mrs Silver (KS3 Art Co-ordinator) and **Miss Plimmer** (Head of EPA)

Get ready!

Bugsy Malone is coming to

Bridgewater High School on the

13th, 14th and 15th February 2018

Upper school hall 7pm

(Tickets available after Christmas)

HITTING THE HIGH NOTES!!

The next school show is Bugsy Malone in February 2018. On Friday 8th December, members of our Bugsy Malone cast welcomed ex-pupil Ben Holder back to school for an exciting and challenging vocal workshop. Ben now works as a professional Musical Director and is currently the M.D. of the national tour of Crazy For You.

About nine years ago, Ben was in our previous production of Bugsy Malone; having decided on a career as a musician, and after musical studies at Oxford and the Royal Academy of Music, just two years ago he was Assistant M.D. of Bugsy Malone at the Lyric Hammersmith, a hugely successful production which was nominated for an Olivier Award.

The workshop started with a physical warm up and then a vocal warm up that really made the cast think. During the nearly two-hour session, Ben worked with the cast on increasing their singing volume, their diction, characterisation and remembering to sing with the accents required for a show set in 1920s New York.

Voices were definitely starting to tire by the end of the session but much had been learned which will contribute directly to the pupils' performances in February.

We are extremely grateful to Ben for finding the time to come in during his hectic schedule while Crazy for You has been in Manchester and Liverpool.

Miss Wolfenden

Rehearsing with the "Bad Guys"

Ben rehearses with Tallulah and Tallulah's girls

Live from Luxembourg!

On 23rd November, The pop trio Austinn, all the way from Luxembourg, performed for Years 7 and 8, including a discussion about e-safety and cyber-bullying.

They performed completely live with a professionally accomplished sound throughout. Alongside their own material, our pupils were treated to a cover version of Ed Sheeran's 'The Shape of You'. Between songs, the band engaged the year groups with discussions and Q&As regarding the ever-important issues of e-safety and cyber-bullying. The whole event was both entertaining and educational. Many thanks for coming to see us, Austinn!

GCSE MUSIC

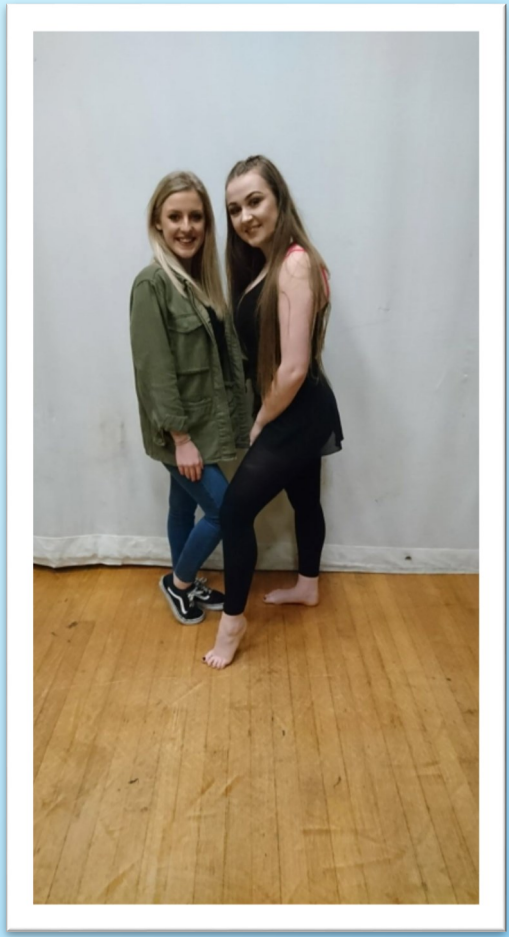
On Tuesday 4th July, some of next year's new Y10 GCSE Music students gathered in the Music Room at Upper school for "*Pizza Music and a Piece o' Music."*

Live performing is a vital part of GCSE Music accounting for 30% of the final result, 15% as a soloist and 15% as a group performer. Sometimes new GCSE students are a little nervous of performing in front of each other in class but the idea of Pizza Music was to create an informal atmosphere where pupils could relax, eat some pizza and enjoy listening to each other perform. It was a really good opportunity to learn about the range of styles which pupils enjoy performing. We heard a lovely collection of solos including piano, songs, electric guitar, ukulele & violin. Titles included *Crazy Train, Valerie, Lullaby* and *I'm Being Pulled in a new Direction.*

The Music Department staff are all looking forward to working with the new Y10 cohort from September.

Miss Wolfenden

Winter Wonder 2017



At the end of November we did our annual Christmas performance—Winter Wonder! This included performers in Year 7 all the way up to Year 13 with singing, dancing and acting. We have all been practising from the very beginning of the year to perform our best for the two spectacular nights. The Drama performances included snippets from: Bugsy Malone (which is being performed in February 2018), Hamlet and Annie. The dance performances included show work from lower site dance clubs and exam work from GCSE and A level dancers. As part of music there were excerpts from the choir 'love to sing' and several solos from the talented students we have from Bridgewater High school.

The night concluded with all performers coming onto stage and singing 'Rockin' around the Christmas tree' and parents were joining in too! It was a really great night and a fun experience. We hope to see you next year!

Written by Lower Site Dance Company students

Poland 2017

October half-term break saw forty-four students and five staff take part in our ninth annual trip to Poland. The visit was centred on the historic city of Krakow although, for most of us, the main event would be the visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camps. It was, therefore, with a sense of anticipation tinged with some trepidation that we said goodbye to our families at Manchester Airport on Tuesday morning.

The remainder of Tuesday was taken up with travelling and we eventually checked into the Hotel Alexander II later that afternoon. The hotel was almost perfect for the trip, with good rooms, food and facilities, as well as being just five minutes' walk from the centre of the historic city. However, the brochure didn't mention that the main railway lines into the Krakow were just 20 metres from most of the bedrooms we were allocated. Still, who goes on a school trip expecting to sleep anyway?

Wednesday was spent seeing the sights of Krakow. Our expert guide showed us the magnificent Old Town, Grand Square and Cloth Hall and the hourly trumpet call from the tower of St. Mary's Basilica. After lunch, we toured Wawel Hill, Castle and Cathedral; these are all places which have a special resonance with Poles and tourists alike. To give some sense of just how impressive Krakow is, it was one of the first twelve places in the world to be awarded World Heritage Site status by UNESCO in the late 1970s. Given the history of Eastern Europe, it is amazing that these places have escaped damage and destruction. The day was rounded off by dinner and a highly competitive quiz in the hotel.

On Thursday, we went to the Auschwitz-Birkenau camps. We prepared ourselves psychologically with a morning workshop about the Holocaust and then visited the actual sites in the afternoon. Students and staff were in a sombre mood throughout the day as our expert guide showed us round the museums and memorials that now stand as witnesses to the almost unimaginable events of the Holocaust. We rounded off with a trip to the Hard Rock Café in the centre of Krakow which helped to lift the mood. Nevertheless, it was not easy to reconcile what we had seen earlier in the day with the lively night life and magnificent, floodlit landmarks of Krakow. This was a day that everyone on the trip will always remember.

Friday morning was spent on a guided tour of Krakow's former Jewish Quarter and Jewish Ghetto, including a visit to the city's oldest synagogue and also Oskar Schindler's factory. This was an interesting precursor to a visit to the Galicia Museum and a meeting with a Holocaust survivor in the afternoon. Obviously, there are not many survivors left now, and those who are still alive are increasingly elderly. Our students recognised that they were privileged to have the opportunity to see and hear a first-hand witness to the terrible events of the Holocaust.

Our return on Saturday saw us visit the Wielczka Salt Mine on the way to the airport. This was a real bonus; it is another World Heritage Site and simply breathtaking in its scale, complexity and beauty. The mine features sculptures, chapels, ballrooms a café and a museum – all carved from salt more than hundred metres underground. Some students could not resist checking that it really was all carved out of rock salt via a discreet taste check! After a slight delay in Krakow airport, we landed safely at Manchester late on Saturday night. Our important school trip was at an end, but our memories and reflections will stay with us.

Mr Tench

Alder Hey Toys Appeal

Our collection of toys to donate to Alder Hey children's hospital has been a massive success.

Thanks to all pupils, staff, parents and carers for their generosity and support in providing a gift for those children who have to be in hospital over the festive period; it is greatly appreciated. A final big thank you to Mr. MacKay for organising this extremely successful and rewarding venture.

Pictured left and below are students with some of the staff at Liverpool's Alder Hey Hospital

London Trip

On the 12th of October 2017 myself and another Year 10 student along with four 6th form students from Appleton College attended a trip to London with other schools. This trip was organised for us to go around the houses of parliament. At around 6:00am, we took the train from Warrington Bank Quay train station to London Euston station which was around a 2 ½ hour train journey. After we arrived in London we went down into the tube station and took a train to the Westminster station where we got off and walked out into London where we saw Big Ben. We then walked to the Houses of Parliament and had a tour round the parliament which included looking in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. In the Houses of Parliament, we were given a guided tour and shown around all the rooms in there and were told

about the uses for the rooms and lots of important information about the Houses of Parliament. Whilst in the tour we went into the houses of Commons and stood where all the members of Parliament sit and where the Prime Minister sits.

After that we went into the House of Lords and saw where the Lords and Baronesses sit as well as where the Queen sits when giving her speech. After the tour was finished we participated in a workshop with the other schools and went through the different types of voting and even had a mock election with three different teams of students where we came up with our own policies and explained them to all in the

room. After we finished the workshop we left the houses of Parliament and went around the landmarks of London seeing Big Ben, The Cenotaph, Buckingham Palace, The Household Cavalry Museum and Trafalgar Square.

After going around all the land marks and the Houses of Parliament we returned to the tube and took it back to the London Euston station. After taking a train journey back to Warrington Bank Quay train station we were collected by our parents and went home. The trip was an amazing trip and a great experience and gave an insight to what goes on in our government today and how voting works in the United Kingdom.

As well we had a great time interacting with the different schools on the trip and is an experience I will remember for a long time.

Harry Antrobus Year 10 Student

iDEA - Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award

Appleton College Students embark upon the Duke of York Scheme

We are very excited to have launched the Duke of York **iDEA** Scheme with a small cohort of Appleton College Students, with the intention of running this out with pupils lower down the school in the spring term. Emily Bebbington and Katy Lishman in Year 13 have already completed the Bronze award and are eagerly anticipating the arrival of the Silver award, due to go live in spring 2018.

What's the big iDEA?

iDEA is a programme that helps students develop digital and enterprise skills. Through a series of online challenges and events students can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry recognised awards that help them stand out from the crowd.

Badge your brilliance

Students discover skills they never knew they had and hone the ones they've already got by taking online challenges. The challenges are split into four main categories, each with its own series of badges to be won - citizen, worker, maker and entrepreneur. As well as being fun, these badges will help show off what students have learned and could, when the time comes, help them land the job they want.

BADGE STORE

iDEA is an innovative Badge Store concept that helps people develop skills. It is the digital and enterprise equivalent of The Duke of Edinburgh Award (the 'digital DoE'). Bronze is beginner level, Silver intermediate and Gold advanced.

The iDEA bite size badges are very flexible – students can do them with their friends, on their own, or in the classroom. The badges support both formal and informal learning and have been mapped against the National Curriculum and the Skills Framework for the Information Age.

The challenges are split into core main categories, each with its own series of badges - citizen, worker, maker, entrepreneur and gamer. As well as being fun, the badges provide a visual acknowledgment of achievement which can then lead to increased employment marketability in the technology and enterprise sectors.

The Silver Award is coming in the Spring of 2018 and the Gold Award will be launched in 2019

Attending the TBAP Conference gave me the opportunity to see past the student perspective of what goes on in school, to a wider look on how education is developing. I did not only find the conference educational, but enjoyable too. I particularly enjoyed Paul Dix's speech as he engaged the audience with his energy, as well as pointing out so many valuable points. I also thought listening to Margaret Aspinall, the Chairwoman of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, speak about her experience was particularly moving.

As a Media student, attending the conference brought forward new challenges that I was extremely hesitant about at first. My job was to take natural looking photographs, but it turns out, when placing a camera in front of someone's face, their immediate reaction is to either smile or run away!

Having to walk around whilst people were making speeches about important topics felt wrong, but by reminding myself that I was doing the job that I was supposed to be doing, I became more and more confident as the day progressed and really did enjoy myself. We also spoke to a more experienced photographer who gave us tips and advice with gaining the confidence to push ourselves and take the perfect shot. Overall, the whole day was valuable in gaining experience and knowledge of the media world and I would love to have this opportunity again in the future.

Eleanor Clarke (12LH/SEH)

We attended Salford City Stadium on Thursday 30th November in order to produce a visual record via still photography of the speakers and general events over the period of the day. We found the experience to be engaging on a number of levels; from a Media Studies perspective, it was really interesting to be a key photographer for the day and it takes confidence to stand in front of 200 teachers, educators and governors, point a camera in their faces and not flinch from their reactions! I learned a lot about how to engage with a crowd and when was the best time to capture the best possible picture from the different emotions in the room at that specific time. Trying to adapt and learn from the day, we gained the assistance of another photographer whose advice on different techniques was beneficial to getting better results. On a more academic level, the conference itself was fascinating. The first speaker, Margaret Aspinall from the Hillsborough Support group was both eloquent and moving in her speech and rightly received a standing ovation. Perhaps the most engaging speaker of the day was Paul Dix, who spoke passionately about alternative provision and designated provision whilst being entertaining to the point of being a bit of a Michael McIntyre impression!

This is the first conference of this type I have been to and it's nice to see that educators are so passionate in their regard for all students. As one of the only two actual students in the room, it made us think from an educator's perspective rather than a student's perspective and as such was really valuable.

Jasmine Cleaver 13CY

Restart a Heart Day
Year 8 pupils are trained in CPR and Defibrillator use

On Monday 16th October, during alternative curriculum week, 130 pupils from Year 8 (overseen by Mrs Unsworth and Mr Cawley) received vital training as part of National Restart a Heart Day. The students were taught how to carry out emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation safely and how to use a defibrillator if necessary.

CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of survival. However, only 32% percent of victims receive CPR. By educating our pupils in CPR, we intend to increase these numbers so that if one day the skills were required, we can independently make a difference. Our school has defibrillators as a precaution and now at least a third of pupils know how to use it if necessary.

We hope our efforts can inspire others to make a difference and support National Restart a Heart Day. We would also like to say a big thank you to the North West Ambulance Service for teaching our pupils how to save lives in the future.

Georgie L *&* **Hannah S**, *Y9 Press Team*

Did you know?

According to the Resus Council, 195,000 young people were trained in life-saving CPR for Restart A Heart day 2017! Congratulations to everyone who took part in this record breaking year!

Wellbeing Award for Schools

Most of us involved in education either as teachers, support staff and indeed parents will be aware of the reported decline in the mental health of young people. As a school we have already taken steps to address this. Last year all pupils received a 'Mental Health Awareness Day' and all staff have received training to better understand and support our young people with their mental health. Our newly appointed Mental Health Lead offers targeted support to some students also. Improving the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils and indeed our staff will continue to be a priority for us. Therefore, we are seeking to be accredited with the Wellbeing Award for Schools. I will lead out the process and hope to be successful within the next 12-15months. To give you a flavour of what the school will need to prove I have listed the objectives behind the award below. I look forward to keeping you updated with our progress on this most important venture

- **The school is committed to promoting and protecting emotional wellbeing and mental health by achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools.**
- **The school has a clear vision and strategy for promoting and protecting emotional wellbeing and mental health, which is communicated to all.**
- **The school has a positive culture which regards emotional wellbeing and mental health as the responsibility of all.**
- **The school actively promotes staff emotional wellbeing and mental health.**
- **The school prioritises professional learning and staff development on emotional wellbeing and mental health**
- **The school understands the different types of emotional and mental health needs across the school and has systems in place to respond appropriately.**
- **The school actively seeks the ongoing participation of the whole-school community in its approach to emotional wellbeing and mental health.**
- **The school works in partnerships with other schools, agencies and available specialist services to support emotional wellbeing and mental health.**

Mrs T Hatton

CATERING ACADEMY

Here at Bridgewater, we put a lot of thought into feeding bodies as well as minds! Here are a few pictures from Catering Academy, showing the various themed days that our talented and passionate catering team love to hold. This term we have enjoyed Halloween and bonfire cakes, Moroccan, Spanish and Tex Mex themes not to mention all things Chicken with the launch of our successful chicken shed concept.

Talented Y11 English pupils get creative at Edge Hill University

Y11 pupils were invited to attend a Creative Writing course last month at Edge Hill University. After a tour of the recently upgraded campus, where we were suitably impressed by the free onsite cinema, sports facilities and stylish accommodation, pupils were involved in a creative writing workshop. Delivered by an Edge Hill lecturer, the session encouraged students to consider the essential elements of great short stories. A sure sign of the success of the evening was when, at 6:30, nearly fifty Year 11 pupils were all writing an introduction to their own short stories in absolute silence, each lost in his or her own imagination.

After a free dinner in the refectory, pupils were ushered to the onsite theatre for an evening of short story readings by published writers and by students studying for their MA in Creative Writing. As usual, our impeccably behaved pupils listened and responded enthusiastically to the readings, with some students asking thoughtful questions at the end.

An enlightening and enjoyable evening was had by all. Thank you Edge Hill for looking after us!

Mrs Jarvis

College Charity Successes

Many students here at Appleton are passionate about helping in the community. We have a hard-working charity team that do extensive work for various organisations; a different one every month or so. In September, we decided to support Macmillan considering Macmillan Coffee Morning was partaking anyway. On the 29th, we held our own coffee morning in our college's common room. We had cupcakes, sandwich cakes, brownies, cookies, tray cakes, and basically anything else with the word "cake" in it. Although the charity team consists of students only, some of the staff around the school were inspired by our determination for success and got involved with the baking as well. One of the staff, Miss Plimmer, decided to give a talk to our college students about why Macmillan held a special place in her heart – it was moving and fervent. Not only did we have a coffee morning, but we also held a bake sale in the main school with a display of an even bigger number of cakes!

In November, two of us went to the Winter Wonder showcase on the 27th and 28th to collect a great quantity of tins for the food bank, which we will be delivering shortly. Another event we have done was in December. On December 1st we raised money for pancreatic cancer by doing a bake sale. We also put together a PowerPoint earlier that month for students in their PSHE lessons to raise awareness for the cause. One final event we did through November and December was to collect toys – specifically Lego – for the children in Alder Hay hospital, to encourage them as they make their way through their own journeys.

We all feel very encouraged and emboldened by the outcomes so far and hope to be just as prosperous with everything else we do in the future.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
In the harsh glare of the Christmas lights
Looming over our streets
That optimistic sadness is in sight
And numbness in our feet.

Bare skin against burning snow
False smiles and gritted teeth
The joy on our faces simply for show
The frozen tears hidden beneath.

"Smile," they say, "be filled with glee."
Such a thing they dare to ask
When in the corner of the yard stands a Christ-
mas tree
As dead as the surrounding grass.

In the harsh glare of the Christmas lights
Looming over our streets
A single tear slips from my eye
I'm finally admitting defeat.

(**Leia Fuller** 9AGR, **Skye Linforth** 9AGR)

THIS PRINGLE CAN
Pringles can
Pringles can
Pringles in a can.
Pringles in a can cannot.
Pringles cannot can.

This poem was supposed to be about Christmas.
But Christmas is a scam.
Oh, Pringles can
Oh, Pringles can
'Tis the season
Because this Pringle can.

(**Matthew Clark**, 9ACA)

DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE!

Students across the school welcomed former Bridgewater High pupil, Dr Tom Crawford (AKA The Naked Mathematician!!) into their lessons in November and learned how to work in teams to cheat at fun games by applying mathematical logic to them.

Dr Tom, not only formerly one of us, but also a graduate of Oxford and Cambridge University, presents his own YouTube channel, TomRocksMaths, where he explains difficult formulas and ideas, making them easier to understand. He also has created a campaign called Naked Maths; this takes ordinary things in life, which we don't associate with maths, and links them to maths.

He certainly shook up our lessons making maths fun for once! (Only joking , for any maths teachers reading this!)

We found him, the way he linked maths to non-numerical problems, his ideas and his tattoos very intriguing – we can't wait for the return of the doctor! Personally I found this was an extremely exciting experience which I felt privileged to have participated in!

You can follow Dr Tom on Twitter – @tomrocksmaths

K Willow Y9 Press Team

Ex Student Shows Determination With Science

In October, the science faculty where contacted by Shaun Rigby who you might remember from his time at Bridgewater from 2005 to 2012. At Appleton College, Shaun studied Maths, Further Maths and Physics to A-level and AS Chemistry. That allowed him to get a place at University of Liverpool to study and integrated Masters honours degree in Ocean Science. He graduated with a First Class Degree and won the Riley Prize for the highest grade in his year. He's now a 2nd year PhD student at Liverpool in Ocean Sciences, having won a fully-funded studentship from the Natural Environmental Research Council. (NERC)

As part of his PhD at the University of Liverpool he'll be taking part in a research cruise for 43 days aboard the *RRS James Cook*. They depart from Southampton on 20th December and get to Guadeloupe on the 1st February. They will sail down the ridge in the middle of the Atlantic and observe what is coming out of the hydrothermal vents (basically mini volcanoes) at the bottom of the ocean. They will be exploring the role of the vents in supplying iron to the oceans. Iron is used by plankton – microscopic plants at the surface for photosynthesis. The plankton is important in terms of global warming and it effect on climate change. Collectively across all oceans these microscopic plants provide nearly 50% of the Oxygen on Earth.

On board the science being done will cover Biology, Chemistry and Physics. For example, for Biology they will be looking at levels of chlorophyll. For chemistry, they will be measuring the ocean and atmosphere for levels of nitrate, phosphate, iron, radium and helium (this what Shaun's responsible for). For Physics, they will be measuring ocean currents as well as temperature.
They want our students to drive the interactive parts of their website by providing questions and answers. There will be a page dedicated to a map that plots the position of the cruise every day and another page will be dedicated to your questions and answers. There will be real time images posted of what they are

doing day to day on board the ship. Twitter updates on their page will happen daily.

Therefore, our students during the week of the 4th December have been shown a PowerPoint detailing all of the above and then they filled in a slip of paper with their question to be asked and answered by the crew while they are at sea. The question can be science related or just general questions about life aboard the ship. They have also answered the following 6 questions as NERC who fund the research that Shaun is doing;

1) Do you find science interesting?
2) Is science worthwhile?
3) Would you like to do research?
4) How old is the average scientist?
5) What percentage of scientists are female?
6) Would you enjoy a job in science?

These questions and responses will then be collected in by me and collated and sent off to Shaun so that they can reply to the students' questions. This has shown the students what they can do with science qualifications and hard work and will be the start of a strong link with an ex-student which will provide STEM opportunities for our students now and in the future.

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f you would like to see more of what they will be doing, then the following websites can be accessed;

https://ga13fridge.wordpress.com

http://www.geotraces.org/cruises/cruise-summary - all the cruises in the global programme

http://www.egeotraces.org/ - data already collected in the programme, nice to have a play around with this one

http://www.egeotraces.org/scenes/Atlantic_Fe_D_CONC.html - a 3D spinning map of Iron in the Atlantic we plan to add to

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsykbGyIa_c - a YouTube clip of one of the vents we're visiting

https://twitter.com/FRidge_GA13 - our cruise twitter page

Mr Bennett

Martha's Vineyard Experience

On October 19th 2017, over forty students from Bridgewater High School had one of the best weeks of their lives as they visited the island of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This trip is something that they will always remember.

On the first day, we had the pleasure of touring the island with one of the locals on the school's yellow school bus. Although we were all extremely jet-lagged, we soon got to know the island. Then for Saturday and Sunday, we had the chance to spend some quality time with our exchanges and their welcoming families.

On Sunday afternoon, we all met up at the farm of one of our exchange students, for a hog roast and a catch up. On the following Monday, we spent the day in Boston on the freedom trail where we learnt about some of the fascinating important landmarks in Boston. We also had the chance to buy gifts for our families as well as souvenirs for ourselves.

The following day we were due to head out for our extraordinary whale watch trip until we heard that there was going to be a storm so we made the wise decision to stay on shore and for a new perspective on the movie 'Jaws', which was filmed on the island. Before that, there was time for ice-skating in the local ice rink, followed by delicious pizza.

On Thursday, it was time to experience what school is like for the Americans followed by a competitive football match in the afternoon. (We won 4-1!). The day after, it was starting to kick in that we had to leave our new friends very shortly, but first we visited Chappaquiddick where we rode on sand buggies and observed the beautiful beaches as well as the tranquil Japanese gardens to finish the day.

Unfortunately it was soon time to say goodbye to our new friends. There were plenty of tears all around as we headed to the airport. We made a stop en-route at Fenway Park for a tour of the stadium, which is home to the Boston Red Sox. Then we headed to the airport, thinking about all the amazing memories we had made with our exchanges and their families. After spending the week in Martha's Vineyard, coming back home to the UK felt strange. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime's adventure!

Catherine Gauton, Year 9

Martha's Vineyard Experience

In the early hours of Thursday 19th October, Manchester Airport was bustling with 40 lucky students from Year 9. These pupils were on their way to Martha's Vineyard, taking part in the annual American Exchange trip. Accompanying the children were five teachers: Mrs Flanagan, Mr Gledhill, Mr Coleman, Mrs Rutland and the trip leader, Mr Norman. Our first flight was to Amsterdam, where we endured a rush through Customs to reach the plane on time! From Amsterdam, we flew directly to Boston, Massachusetts. Once we arrived at Boston Logan Airport, we were greeted by a traditional yellow, public school bus. That took us to Cape Cod, from which we took a short ferry over to the island. At this point, we were all very excited but extremely tired. After all, we'd been travelling for over 24 hours! Unsurprisingly, we all went home with our exchanges (who'd met us at the ferry terminal) and fell fast asleep.

The next morning, we all met at West Tisbury Middle School, where we boarded a bus and took a tour of the island. The tour was narrated by an islander named Tom Dresser. The tour took up most of the day and was really fun, especially learning about the culture and places on the island.

Over the weekend, we were left to participate in activities with our exchanges, like bowling, going to the beach, making campfires, and just having a good time with our American families. On Sunday, we all rendezvoused again at a hog roast at one of the farms on the island. It was a chance to meet up again before the activities later on in the week.

On Monday, we took the ferry once more to the mainland, and then a two hour bus journey to Boston, where we walked the Freedom Trail and learnt lots of facts about the Boston Massacre, the State House, and the Boston Tea Party. After walking the Freedom Trail, we stopped at Quincy Market where we spent an hour or so looking in the various shops or stalls. It was great fun and we had ample opportunity to buy souvenirs.

I had a wonderful time and I wish I could do it again. I can't wait until our exchange partners come back over and I feel so lucky that I got the chance to take part in this trip.

Isobel Green

Our lovely Christmas tree (pictured below) which stands proudly in our foyer, has been very generously donated to us by Grappenhall Christmas Trees.

Many thanks to them for their kind gesture.

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CHRIS TMAS TREES

Year 8 Bridgewater High School Lions International Peace Poster Contest 2017
'The Future of Peace'

Bridgewater High School Art Department would like to congratulate Evan Hickman 8SEC, on being selected to have his Poster for Peace submitted into the next stage of the Lions Peace Poster Contest.

David Gartside of The Stockton Heath branch of The Lions Society who sponsor the entry each year had a challenging task on his hands. He selected Evan's poster out of 70 finalists from year 8 because of the skill that he had demonstrated in the execution of his piece and the originality of his design. Good luck Evan with the next stage of the competition!

All Year 8 have worked incredibly hard to produce a piece of work that they hope will be selected for judging to be entered into the contest. Well done Year 8!

In addition, special congratulations go to Charlie, Hannah and Lihzi on being awarded 2nd, 3rd and highly commended respectively for their work. Well done! (Prizes will be awarded shortly.)

Winner – Evan Hickman

2nd Prize
Charlie Kingshott 8SEC

3rd Prize
Hannah Kolita-Blood 8DDP

Highly Commended
Lihzi Potts – AMS/MR

SPORTS NEWS

JESS CONNOLLY TRIATHLON SUCCESS

Jess has been selected to represent the North west in triathlon again this year.

Having moved up into the higher age category, she was using this season as a development for next year but having had some excellent results she has secured a place, and races at Mallory Park Leicestershire over the bank holiday.

Jess has also been asked to represent Lancaster in the international youth games this week-end racing in tri's and aquathlons!

Next February her swim club are looking at a high intensity training camp in Spain and for Jess this would be an excellent opportunity to improve her swimming, as next season she will be trialling for the NW Academy.

Mrs Connolly

Bridgewater Netball

The start of our netball season at Bridgewater has carried on from last season's successes with some super results in all year groups 7-11. Our participation rates are amongst the highest at Bridgewater with regular training and matches for A and B teams.

All years have made a good start to the mid Cheshire League where we generally play our B teams as the girls are such a high standard at our school. We can struggle to find local competitive opposition and therefore enter teams into Cheshire County and English School Competitions.

Year 7 have had a super start to netball at Bridgewater and have many more fixtures and tournaments to look forward to in the New Year. Over 25 Year 7 girls have represented school so far this year. We have had wins against Lymm and Knutsford but narrowly lost to The Grange. Special congratulations needs to go to Eva Richards and Jocelyn Carr in Year 7 for being selected at county level netball. An amazing achievement girls, well done!

Year 7 A Squad

Kitty Buchanan, Eve O'Leary, Erin Currier, Jocelyn Carr, Erica Castanho, Eva Richards, Lilly Welsh, Freya Mcormack

Our Year 8 netball team have really grown in confidence and strength this year. Particular mention has to go to Millie Lawton, who achieved county squad level this year and is on the Northern Thunder development pathway. Superb work Millie! In the league so far the Year 8 girls have won matches against Lymm and Knutsford, but lost to the Grange.

Year 8 A Squad

Emma Hornby, Ella Watson, Lucy Gittins, Millie Parr, Sienna Miller, Lizhi Potts, Meg Hawkins, Lucy Forshaw

The Year 9 netball girls have made massive progress this year. Two players now represent Cheshire. Massive congratulations to Annie Sholl and Maddy Hall on this achievement as it is so competitive at county level. The highlight so far this season has to be reaching the semi final at the English Schools Competition on a very cold Saturday morning in November. The girls had several super wins and only one loss to reach the last four in Cheshire! Well done girls and we look forward to your Cheshire County competition in March. We are also so proud of our super Year 9 B team who have won both of their league games this season and are continuously progressing. Both the A and B teams have beaten Lymm and Knutsford.

Year 9 A Squad

Maddy Hall, Lucy Rothwell, Ellie Carr, Annie Sholl, Jess Dix Baker, Louise Ashworth, Ellie Jackson, Jane Baxter

Year 10 and Year 11 league game squads are a mix of our A, B teams and GCSE PE girls and have enjoyed several wins against Lymm and Knutsford in Year 10 and a narrow loss from year 11 at Knutsford. Huge congratulations to Lydia Blair in Year 10 for once again achieving county level squad. Well done Lydia!

Year 10 A team

Zoe Hartland, Becky Shingler, Teoni Muskett, Lydia Blair, Elissa Cooke, Alesha England, Gracie Welsh

Finally, our Year 11 national finalist squad from last year had a shaky start to this season and came 3rd in the Cheshire tournament! Two losses by one goal! However, the girls overcame this 'blip' and won the Cheshire round of the English Schools comp in November. The girls showed superb team strength and spirit to win all games and take them through to represent Cheshire in the North West round in January. So proud of the girls and we all look forward to the regional round in January! Massive congratulations to Ella Grocott and Emily Coleman. Ella has achieved a place in the Manchester Thunder Development squad for the second season and remains on the North West regional squad. A superb achievement! Emily has also managed to show off her amazing talent to be selected for the County Cheshire squad which is so competitive at this age. Well done Emily! Good luck to our Year 11 team in January (names under photos) in the Regional Tournament.

Mrs McKean

U14 netball squad County semi finalists.

U16 Cheshire County champions

Girls Football

Key Stage 3 girls have had a busy first term in football. Bridgewater High School entered their under 16's girls team into the Flood Cup as part of Cheshire Football. The girls played their first fixture against Whitby High School, if you remember last year they won 17-1! The winning streak continued and the goals continued to pour in from both sides, with Bridgewater winning 17-6 to kick off their run for the cup. The girls fought hard throughout the match and demonstrated a solid performance until the full time whistle.

With the popularity growing Bridgewater High School entered a under 13's girls team for the Cheshire Cup. The first fixture for our new squad, a combination of Year 7 and Year 8 girls, battled and pushed but it was Congleton that took the 7-0 victory. This new side have shown great potential from their first match and are destined for greatness.

Both teams have had a fantastic start to this years fixtures and continue to improve in the training sessions with Miss. Price, the girls consistently work hard and progress together.

Congratulations to the girls for their hard work so far, well done!

Designated Provision 'Sports Ability Day 4'

On Wednesday 8th November, (accompanied by Support Staff) pupils from the Designated Provision plus Eleanor (Y10) and Amy (Y8) attended the 'Sports Ability Day 4' event at Orford Jubilee Hub. Dominic Hindle (Y10) was given the role of assistant and his help proved to be invaluable with the tasks.

The pupils enjoyed a full day of sporting activities on a rotation basis. The pupils were split up into four groups incorporating pupils from other schools, which was excellent for their Social Skills Interaction. Activities this time were Football, Table Cricket, Boccia (a bowls related game) and Indoor Rowing.

The Indoor Rowing was very exciting as they could cheer each other on as their names and positions were up on a scoreboard.

It was great to see them all engaging fully in all of the activities. Individually some found tasks easier than others but they thoroughly enjoyed taking part in all of them. The event enabled them to interact fully as a group and pupils shone in how they helped each other with the different skills when needed.

We all had a packed lunch together in the Sports Hall and at the end of the session they were all awarded with medals which were very well deserved.

This was the group's fourth successful visit, we have Mr. Smith to thank for organising the event and we all thanked the staff involved at the centre.

Mrs Worrall

Individual Achievements!

Footballing twins, Leah and Aleesha Collins have been busy as usual! Leah made it to trials this year at Preston and Aleesha played there all year, winning league and county cups without losing or drawing a game.

Well done to both girls! !

ESAA English Schools Cross County Cup
First Round County Competition

Junior Boys 7th Place Inter Boys 2nd place
Ethan Benyon Isaaq Ataullah
Oliver Cooper Jacob Aitken
Ben Hartill Joel Birchall
Dan Hartland Alex Hawkins
Arees Talib Lucas Hayes
Marcus Trevithick Joe Roberts

Junior Girls 2nd place Inter Girls 6th place
Maisie Bell Libby Acton
Hannah Burke Jessica Connolly
Grace Callaghan Emily Kelly
Emily Entwistle Maddison Rowland
Lisa Halliday Annie Sholl
Isobel Houghton Lori Brennan

Warrington Schools Cross Country League
Saturday 30th September, 18th November and 9th December
Minor Girls

Emily Entwistle 2,2
Zatia Yozgyur 22,27
Grace Callaghan 9, ,
Rhea Herridge , 23
Georgia Oakes 10,18
Lauren McGrane ,21
Grace Edwards 12,10
Isobel Rutter ,22
Ruby Smith 15,14
Olivia Haseldeine ,26
Isabel Clarke 16,12
Ava Chandler , 24
Ellen Brown 19,25
Annie Slater ,19
Zoe Andrews 20,

Minor Boys
Marcus Trevithick 2,2
Oliver Cooper 5,5
River Cole 13,18
George Bolton 14,13
Dominic Norviss 17,
Ben McCarthy 18,
Will Foster 19,

Junior /Inter Girls
Lucy Baxter 5
Jessica Connolly 3
Maisie Bell 4
Lisa Halliday 13
Emily Kelly
Isobel Houghton 7

Division 2 Regional Finals 2017
Friday 6th October
John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds
Year 9 &10 Regional Champions

Congratulations to the U16'S Boys tennis teams who won in the county play off against Caldy High School last July. They went onto secure a place in the division 2 regional finals in Leeds. The boys have worked hard in their training both at school and at their clubs. In preparation for the finals. The boys played some outstanding tennis and went onto become Regional Winners.

Thank you to all of the parents that helped to support them on this journey.

Y7 Rugby Team - Warrington Legends Champions

UNBEATEN the Year 7 Rugby Team have begun their Bridgewater High School Rugby Career with a Fantastic run of victories over schools in Warrington and also the North West. The students have produced some floorless performances within the Legends competition allowing them to progress to the Finals.

The Final was a spectacle, played at Victoria Park Arena, under floodlights, with a crowd of family and friends, teachers and Warrington Staff, providing a great atmosphere for the students to play in. All students played fantastically and took it upon themselves to play with great composure, skill and follow a game plan that was discussed prior to the game. Joe Hickey, Layton Holden and Louis Ashton provided great leadership, directing the team around the park creating some great opportunities for our centres, Josh Barnard and Arron Lindop to cause trouble outside the fringes. The students overcame any pressure from the Beamont side with the game finishing with a great scoreline of 36-0. Bridgewater's Joe Hickey was named Man of the Match.

The students will now continue their Journey through the Champions Schools competition, aiming for the Challenge Cup weekend at Wembley next year. Staff are massively proud of their achievements so far and wish them the best of luck going forward.

Y7 Football

The Football team embarked on a great run of performances against all teams in Warrington this year going Unbeaten for a Run of 5 games, with then an unfortunate defeat against Great Sankey to finish off the year. All players have shown great skill and passion during games and training sessions, which has had an adverse effect on the results that have been produced throughout the games so far this year.

The students have been completing training sessions during the off part of the season, which has been provided by Jack Hindle an external coach, which will now prepare them for the next round of games after the Christmas Break. The students will be hoping to start the second half of their season as good as the first. Good luck to all.

Y10/11 Basketball

After an excellent season last year, with the team progressing through the group stages and moving onto the regional quarter finals, the students were eager to get this season underway. They started the season off with a tough opposition from Trinity High School, based in Manchester, who came with a towering and physical team who showed dominance on the court within offense and defence, in which the team were unable to reply to despite best efforts from all.

The next game played was against Cheadle Hulme, this provided an excellent game of basketball and was seen to be a very even clash. Both sides were showing dominance in both areas of the game, but in different patches of time throughout. Unfortunately Bridgewater were not on the winning side of the arm wrestle and were only beaten narrowly by a very good Cheadle opposition.

The students now await their next opposition of St Peters High School

Year 11 Rugby League Champions Schools

The boys have had a hard fought out battle so far this year with the rugby league. With a couple of hard games but decisive wins early on in the knock out stages were always going to be difficult.

Bridgewater were away to the Deanery, Wigan who have had a great deal of success in the competition over the past few years and the current year 11 team managing to get to the semi-final in 2017.

This is all very well but they hadn't met Bridgewater as yet. On a freezing cold day in November and with torrential rain the boys set out too gain a place in the final 4's for the North West. Refereed by an international society referee who was flying out that afternoon to the rugby world Cup finals, the whistle blew. Both teams stood up to o the measure and both would have been worthy winners. But with a moment of genius from JP and the quick feet of the ever available Billy we crossed the white wash. The kick was missed and it was 0-4 Bridgewater. The next 40 minutes were extremely hard with both teams finishing their sets and producing some very challenging kicks. Both the Deanery and Bridgewater probed each others lines but no other score was to come. A WIN

Deanery 0 Bridgewater 4

Handball

Two teams from our Year 11 GCSE PE students travelled to Sir Thomas Boteler School to play in a mini handball tournament last week. Both the girls and boys team had not played in a competitive situation before, however, in true Bridgewater style all players gave 100% and progressed amazingly against Lymm and Thomas Boteler teams! The boys team won 2 games and lost one, and the girls won one game and lost won.

A great debut team performance and the start of what's to come! Well done to all players!

Roma Zheng, Mack Clarke, Ben Harrison, George Hickey, Jack Crowley, Sam Bebbington, Matthew Bullock.

Holly Richards, Em Coleman, Zara Muskett, Amelia Stansfield, Katie Dutton, Molly Parker, Ella Grocott.

Football

The football season has started with a great deal of success with both boys and girls team competing well in their respective league and cup competitions. The Warrington Schools Football League Competition has been revamped with all schools playing fixtures against each other in the different age groups. All 5 year groups have made excellent starts to their league campaign with the Years 7, 8 & 10 teams only losing one game each. The football league season will recommence in February when the days start to get lighter again, where hopefully we will be battling it out for top spot in all of the five age groups.

With regards to the County Cup Competitions, the Years 8, 10 and 11 teams have made it through the early rounds having beaten some well-known and respected footballing schools. At the time of writing, the Year 10 and 11 teams are preparing for their last 16 clashes whilst the Year 8 team will be playing their quarter final match before the Christmas break. We wish them all the best of luck and look forward to hopefully booking our place in the later rounds and potentially the finals. The Year 8 Girls (U13) team were looking to emulate the success of last year's excellent team but were unfortunately beaten by a very strong Congleton team in the second round. The U14 team (Year 9), however have continued their success from last year and after beating Whitby 17-6 in the second round, they play against Ellesmere Port Catholic High for a place in the quarter final. Fingers crossed, we perform to the high standards we expect of our teams and look forward to hopefully making the last eight of the competition. Keep an eye out for the Easter edition of the Bridge where we will report on our cup successes or for those that can't wait that long, remember to follow our twitter feed where results are posted regularly.

Boys Football Results

Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Opponent	Score	Opponent	Score	Opponent	Score	Opponent	Score	Opponent	Score
Great Sankey	L 2-1	Great Sankey	L 5-1	Great Sankey	TBC	Great Sankey	W 5-1	Great Sankey	W/O
Culcheth	W 2-1	Culcheth	W 7-3	Culcheth	D 2-2	Culcheth	L 5-2	Culcheth	W 3-0
Lymm	D 3-3	Lymm	W 5-3	Lymm	W 7-1	Lymm	TBC	Lymm	L 3-1
				Poynton (cc)	D 5-5 (Lost on Pens)				
Beamont	W7-1	Beamont	W 10-0	Beamont	Beamont Conceed	Beamont	W 7-0		
St Greg's	W 10-0	St Greg's	W 8-3	St Greg's	W 3-0				
		Sandbach (cc)	W 5-4					Whitby (cc)	W 2-1
Birchwood	W 8-3	Birchwood	W 9-0	Birchwood	W 6-1	Birchwood	TBC	Birchwood	L 4-1
		Middlewich (cc)	W 7-4			Culcheth (cc)	W 2-0	Queens Park (cc)	W 4-0
		Lymm (cc)				St Nick's (cc)			
cc denotes Cheshire Cup									

Girls Football Results

Year 8		Year 9	
Opponent	Score	Opponent	Score
Congleton	L 7-0	Whitby (cc)	W 17-6
		EPCHS (cc)	
cc denotes Cheshire Cup			

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that support the school football team's which includes Year 13 students R.Bennett and E.Wrench, who together oversee the U14 team. Special thanks must also go to our excellent team of Year 10 referee's (C.Thomson, J.Haselden and F.McHendry) whose support as officials has been invaluable.

We have also seen a number of students representing the County at football, which includes F. Stewart from Year 11 who represented the Cheshire U16 Boys' team whilst H.Burke (Y8) and D.Boardman (Y9) represented the Cheshire U14 Girl's team. On behalf of everybody at Bridgewater, a huge well done to those students.

INTER FORM CROSS COUNTRY

Year 7 Girls

Position	Form	Points
1	ESS	116
2	JEB/CGR	118
3	MPO	146
4	VB	176
5	AMM/NXH	198
6	KJ	200
7	LJT	223
8	AJS	259
9	EJH	380
10	SZM/NR	434

Year 7 Boys

Position	Form	Points
1	MPO	105
2	ESS	135
3	LJT	147
4	KJ	178
5	AJS	179
6	VB	181
7	JEB/CGR	239
8	EJH	239
9	AMM/NHX	271
10	SZM/NR	338

Year 8 Girls

Position	Form	Points
1	KMC	110
2	PH	120
3	AMS/MR	180
4	PG	212
5	DDP	229
6	KHA	241
7	SEC	257
8	PDG	279
9	SFA	319
10	CG	364

Year 8 Boys

Position	Form	Points
1	AMS/MR	114
2	PG	128
3	KHA	128
4	PH	137
5	KMC	152
6	PDG	174
7	SEC	237
8	DDP	272
9	CG	387
10	SFA	595

Year 9 Girls

Position	Form	Points
1	EZS/JT	66
2	ACA	83
3	RA	120
4	CZC	203
5	NF/JR	243
6	ESL	266
7	AGR	280
8	SD/CAB	314
9	SLE	319
10	LBA	327

Year 9 Boys

Position	Form	Points
1	CZC	116
2	EZS/JT	122
3	NF/JR	123
4	AGR	132
5	AGR	166
6	ESL	207
7	SLE	221
8	ACA	316
9	RA	335
10	LBA	349

Road to Wimbledon

Last May the PE department hosted round 1 of the 'Road to Wimbledon'. The tournament was open to boys and girls from KS3. 36 pupils took part in the all day tournament. Eventually there was one winner Harrison Taylor (Y10). Harrison then progressed to the County Final at Widnes Tennis Academy. He fought hard and eventually became the county champion. Harrison's excellent run in this competition meant that he represented his county at Wimbledon in August.

HSBC Road to Wimbledon Finals 2017

County 14U Boys Singles - Group D

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	Rat.	Cnt		1	2	3	4
1	6.2	AVO	Luke Hooper		7-5 7-6(5)	3-6 2-6	6-2 7-5
2	8.1	NSC	Cameron Fryer	5-7 6-7(5)		0-6 3-6	1-6 2-6
3	7.2	CHE	Harrison Taylor	6-3 6-2	6-0 6-3		2-6 5-7
4	7.1	CAM	Charlie Adams	2-6 5-7	6-1 6-2	6-2 7-5	

Standings		Wins	Pl.	S%	G%
1	Harrison Taylor	2	3	66.67	59.62
2	Charlie Adams	2	3	66.67	58.18
3	Luke Hooper	2	3	66.67	51.61
4	Cameron Fryer	0	3	0.00	30.91

Harrison then went into the main draw at Wimbledon. Harrison won in 3 sets in the first round 4-6, 6-3, 10-8. Harrison's fantastic run sadly finished in the second round against the third seed opponent 6-1, 6-2.

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Boys A 1st place Girls A 1st place

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Sam Williams Mia Richardson
Riley Jones Maisie Richardson
Ben Marshall Emily Palmer

Boys B
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Congratulations to everyone that took part. Good luck to the A teams in their county final in January.

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Tuesday 17th October

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Ella Parry Year 10

Ella Parry 10DT recently competed at the North West Trampolining Championships held in Wigan. Ella had an amazing competition gaining two North West Titles in Double Mini Trampoline and Syncro Trampoline; she also was awarded silver medal in the individual title. She came home with 4 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 1 bronze medal. Quite a haul for one day.

Ella currently trains at Liverpool Trampoline Academy between 23-26 hours per week. She's currently 3rd in the UK for Double Mini Trampoline winning her bronze medal this September at the British Championships held in Liverpool. Ella is off to Portugal in February to compete in a European friendly which will be her first international competition.
A huge congratulations to Ella; we wish her all the best in February!

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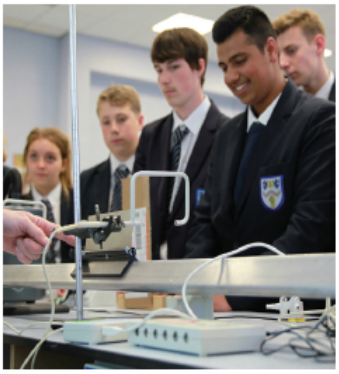

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The Principal, Staff and Governors would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students, parents, carers and friends, a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

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