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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

EASTER
2018

As we approach Easter, I am acutely aware just how quickly time passes. Many of our students will be busy revising for external exams whilst caretaking staff, for example, will soon be taking down rugby posts and marking out athletics tracks as we ready ourselves for the summer term. Amidst such activity, it is therefore always nice when 'The Bridge' comes out as it provides an opportunity to stop the clock and reflect upon many of the great things that have happened this term.

Personally, I thoroughly enjoyed just avoiding being splurged on the front row of Buggy Malone, this year's school play. The singing was great and the accents were perfect. Also, the number of younger actors involved bodes well for the future of performances here at Bridgewater.



Another highlight was the opportunity for me to take part as a judge in a STEM competition, hosted and supported by United Utilities for all TCAT schools. One

of the reasons for joining TCAT was to increase the range of opportunities for students across all the schools and colleges and this was a perfect example of just that. A full report appears on pages 19-21 but I would like to add how ingenious and resourceful the students from all the schools were in coming up with a business model and plan to solve a really challenging issue.

I would also like to thank all those staff who commit to taking students on a wide range of trips. Without this commitment, schools would undoubtedly be diminished in terms of the breadth of opportunities available to students. This commitment is also evident amongst our PE colleagues. The quality of the students at Bridgewater, allied to the PE department's commitment to participating in national competitions, means that we are now sending teams far and wide to compete. Follow our progress on twitter @BridgewaterPE.

Finally, I would like to thank students, parents and staff for their commitment to raising money for charitable causes. This is no more evident than in the Easter Eggs that start overwhelming our offices at this time of year, ready to be taken as a donation to Alder Hey Children's Hospital; your generosity never fails to amaze us. On this note, it just remains for me to wish you all relaxing and happy Easter break. *

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EGG APPEAL



We would like to thank everybody who donated Easter Eggs to the Alder Hey Oncology Unit. This is our eleventh year of involvement with the appeal which provides Easter eggs for children who are not well enough to go home at Easter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by both Alder Hey and Bridgewater. Pictured with some of your kind gifts are Year 7 pupils Charlotte Crowson and Billy Barlow.



BBC School Report 2017-18

BBC School Report is a project undertaken by schools to improve journalism skills. Bridgewater High School ran its second news day (this academic year) on Thursday 15th February, 2018. Year 9 pupils spent the day at Upper Site and were trained in how to use their mobile phones for professional film making. They also gained experience in interviewing, how to frame camera shots when filming an interview and how to ask the right questions to achieve the best outcomes. Pupils showed great resilience and adaptability, organising their own interviews with staff and peers. What was most impressive to see, was how keen they were to develop skills with mobile apps such as 'imovie' (on iphones) and 'Video show' (on android devices).

Some of Mrs. Dearden's Year 8 English students have also been having a go at filming and editing news reports, as part of their 'Newspapers Unit' this term. These budding journalists are now ready to take on BBC School Report 2019! To watch some of the Year 9 uploaded films, please go to:

<http://bridgewaterhigh.org/news/bbc-school-report-2018/>



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LITERACY LEADERS



In October, we introduced a new initiative within the English Faculty. We are now proud to have an enthusiastic group of Y9 and Y12 Literacy Leaders. These students have taken part in training from the 'Get Reading' organisation and since then, during registration time at the end of the day, have helped to encourage readers from Y7 and Y8. The Y9 Leaders also played a big part in a joint Literacy/Numeracy Day in December.

In addition to this, many of the Y12 students have volunteered to help in Y7 lessons; this is a huge help to English teachers to have an extra pair of hands, but will also benefit the Y12 students when completing University or job application forms. If we have inspired a few budding teachers, this is an even greater reason to celebrate this successful venture!

Many thanks to all the Literacy Leaders for giving their time and to the Y7 and Y8 readers for their continued efforts and interest.

Mrs M Lomas

(KS3 English Co-ordinator)



8a2 ENGLISH ARE COOKING UP A STORM!

When Mrs. Dearden's asked her Year 8 English class to write a short story (equipped only with their character and a recipe for 'Meatballs') the students did not disappoint! The outcome was so impressive, that it was decided each pupil should take home the anthology of short stories entitled, 'Meatballs in Tomato Sauce'.



This unusual writing exercise required pupils to use a meatball recipe to reveal their character's personality. The main aim was to use the senses to improve their descriptive writing. The result was a wonderfully imaginative and engaging set of short stories that really show off some of the talented writers within our school.

'*Meatballs in Tomato Sauce: A Collection of Short Stories*' was printed and bound by pupils in the Lower Site Library. The project was completed with an outstanding front cover design by Grace Thomas. Staff at Bridgewater High kindly donated spine bars and plastic acetates to complete the finished project. Here are a few 'tasters' (pun intended!):

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

By Anon (Year 8)

Alex tugged a pan out from the back of the cupboard, coughing from the dust cloud it created. The smell of last night's Chinese takeaway still hung in the air. As Alex swept a finger across the unused hob, it came up a shade of brownish grey. Unsurprising really; it had been weeks since she had the chance to clean it. She slammed the pan down on the hob as somebody shifted upstairs. Their movements reverberated through the thin floors of the terraced house. She started to search through the cupboard again. 'Dammit!' she muttered under her breath, 'No oil!' She grabbed something from the cupboard that looked vaguely like oil and tipped a few glugs into the pan, wincing slightly at the movement of her bruised wrist, as she switched on the hob....

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

By Natasha Hookins

Hurriedly, Rose grabbed the olive oil, fuming with her mum for making her cook so soon before dance practice. She wished her dad was here to help her, but he was always away. As she pose-and-turned across the cold kitchen floor, she slipped, fell and cursed under her breath; olive oil had washed over the floor like a flooding river. Sighing, she noticed the grease stains on her crisp, white leotard (which her mum had told her to take off because this might happen.) She felt a wave of hurt wash over her like the sea as reality struck and she realised the mess she was in. She reached for the pan and placed it on the hob, as a single tear trickled down her face; she wiped it away....

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TCAT BOOK GROUP

Back in January, Bridgewater was honoured to host the first ever inter-school TCAT book group. Year 8 students from Beamont Collegiate Academy and Penketh High School who are members of TCAT, out Multi-Academy Trust, joined some of our own Year 8 students in the lower site library. Once we had made our introductions and enjoyed a few 'ice-breaking' activities, Bridgewater's librarian, Mrs. Nash, gave us an overview of five very different books. These were as follows:

- 'One of Us Is Lying' by Karen McManus
- 'Satellite' by Nick Lake
- 'Dividing Eden' by Joelle Charbonneau
- 'The Loneliest Girl in the Universe' by Lauren James
- '7 Days' by Eve Ainsworth

Students then circulated in groups and discussed their first impressions of the front covers, the blurbs on the back pages, the opening page of each novel and their initial responses to what Mrs. Nash had told them earlier about each book. It was then time to vote for a book to read as a group, ready to be discussed at the next TCAT book group. Overwhelmingly, students opted for 'One of Us Is Lying' by Karen McManus. This is a murder mystery 'Whodunnit' with lots of twists and turns, and it will keep you guessing right until the very end. It is the story of what happens when five very different young strangers walk into detention but only four walk out alive. Everyone is a suspect, and everyone has something to hide...

The author, Karen M. McManus, starts with clichés about the characters, but moves past that, to show most people are more than what they seem, for good and for bad. The story is told in alternating first person by the four main characters and the reader gets to see how each character views the others and what the character is hiding...

This book has great suspense – it will keep you hooked to the very end to find out who did it! Why not give it a go yourselves?

Mr. McCahey



VALENTINES DAY

Back in February, Miss Maunder's Year 9 English group studied Carol Ann Duffy's poem unconventional love poem 'Valentine' and were inspired to write their own versions:

Just for you...

Not a chocolate or a rose...

I give you a china cup.
You must keep me safe,
that's if you want us to last forever...

If you drop me we can never be fixed.
We will remain in millions of tiny bits...

This is what I think of you...

I am the cup and you are the saucer,
we belong together. It's hot inside but could go cold...

The handle may not hold us through all tough times so only
make it a few...

This year, I give you a china cup...

We could stay as one. It's up to you. When it's over just let
go and I will shatter at your toe...

I will keep you warm with some fine Earl Grey during the
times that you feel grey....

If we crack, it can be lethal but I'm sure you will never have
to meet other people

I give you a china cup...

By Charlie Ford 9ESL

Valentine poem

For on this day, I give you a needle.
It will bind our hearts as one,
just like lovers do.
It can create a masterpiece between
us.

For the many creations, it can provide,
it won't always be able to abide.
It will catch your hand and prick it.
So I warn you to be extra careful.

It will sting.
Just like words.
A needle can destroy.
Exactly what love can do to your heart.

Not a rose, nor a card.
A needle.

Needles are misjudged
like love.
They can do splendid wonders.
Though of course, they can hurt.
They can cut deep like a razor.
A needle doesn't always need a thread
to come alive.

It will pounce unexpectedly
and it will unthread the stitches.
It will become loose,
we will break apart.

It will always come back.
However if the thread is too short,
it cannot bound.
Once it is no longer worthy.
It will find another thread
to sew another heart,
with mine.

Megan Cox 9ESL



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The Tree

I refuse to give you sickening pink cards or indulgent chocolates.
I will give you a tree.
It is a mind reader in many costumes.
Please take it.
Its lush green leaves will gather and penetrate the sadness, like when me and you are happy together.
Like when your tree and the weather are happy together.
The falling brown, crisp leaves will feel your grief when our relationship is collapsing.
Just like your little tree in the autumn breeze, all the goodness gets taken away.
Those bare, bare branches are just like your brain when we have to spend time away from each other, empty and lifeless.
Just like your little tree, you can't blame the loss of its leaves on one thing, its always a combination of two.
But then there are blooms and blossoms, the beautiful colours emerge once again, creating a circle of radiating happiness.
Your little tree has found its perfect partner again, in a strong interconnection with the weather and the seasons.
Just like our love, and our relationship.

By Sofia Thompson 9NF/JR

On Valentine's day, I give you a rather odd present,
a present you would never expect from me,
not a chocolate heart or a teddy bear,
but a mirror with a crack you see.

With this mirror you'll be able to see,
our love grow more and more,
I wanted to show you a way to love yourself too,
because that's what our love is for.

The mirror has a crack in the corner,
to show that nothing in life is perfect,
we'll have our arguments here and there,
and think to ourselves 'they deserve it.'

You may not have noticed right down at the bottom,
of the mirror that there are two hearts,
that represent our love for each other,
to show there is no way we could ever part.

With this mirror you'll be able to see,
how your body changes each year,
like how our love will change,
since the day we met at the pier.

With this mirror you'll be able to see,
the memories we have created,
please remember them your entire life,
until one of us is cremated!

By Jessica Connolly 9RN

I give you a conker.
Its roundness shows the definite possibility
Of an eternal love,
When finding a conker, there's an uncertainty
If whether you should take it and cherish it,
Or leave it behind.

It's green spikes may be harmful,
However, if cared for, you'll find something.
Something special inside that love can offer.

Here.
I'm aware its shape isn't perfect,
But it has its own unique form to it.
Any scavenger can easily take it for themselves,
But I always say,
First come, first serve.

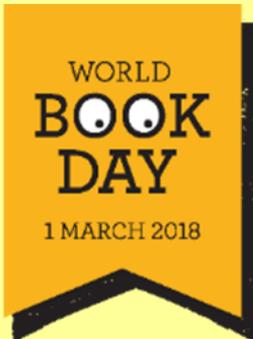
Not a red rose or a cute card.

I give you a conker.
It can be found so easily,
But it will only drop right in front of you,
At the right time.

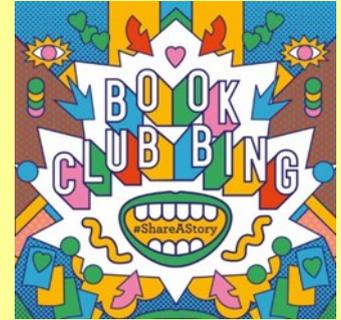
Take it.
As you go deep into the conker,
You may find what you've been looking for,
Your whole life.
Or not.

Pain.
It may have a poison that you didn't expect,
So be aware!
It can cling to your skin,
Or even cling to your heart.

By Maddison Hampson 9SE/CAB



WORLD BOOK DAY 2018 'a celebration of books and reading'



Bridgewater celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 1st March, with Lower School Library acting as the focal point for various fun book-related activities. Designated by UNESCO as the biggest celebration of reading and books, World Book Day is marked in over **100** countries across the world. The Library was keen to play its part in promoting the importance and the enjoyment gained from books and reading!

Guess the Books



Ten well-known fiction books were wrapped up like presents and pupils had to guess the titles from a cryptic clue on the label. The competition generated a lot of interest and discussion, and pupils were keen to have a go at identifying the books. Nathan Dumbill (8KHA) got all ten correct and won the prize of a free book from the Scholastic Book Fair. See if you can work out the titles from the clues below...

- You don't need a lottery ticket to have lots of money!
- When 100 pets just isn't enough...
- This is one reluctant spy!
- Don't steal, otherwise you may end up doing time with the lizards!
- Demented dangers lurk around every corner in this magical tale!
- Wild adventures in the Middle of nowhere...
- She's no Tooth Fairy!
- Our Victorian Grinch!
- If you're tempted by these three hags, you will come unstuck!
- Travel in style in an enormous fruit!

Answers overleaf!

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Answers:

Millions
101 Dalmatians
Alex Rider
Holes
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
The Hobbit
Demon Dentist
A Christmas Carol
Macbeth
James and the Giant Peach

THE BUMPER BOOK QUIZ



At lunch-time, the Library hosted the Bumper Book Quiz – a lively quiz which tested pupils' knowledge of children's fiction and featured videos made by famous children's authors. Entry was by ticket only to enable a prompt start to the Quiz. The event was well attended and winners were chosen from each year group, with Filipe Lanca Coelho (7JEB/CGR), Olivia Cowan (8PG) and Michael Lee (9AGR) winning a book of their own choice from the Book Fair.

BRIDGEWATER FAVOURITE READS

Teachers across Bridgewater bought World Book Day in to the classroom and shared their love of books, by reading from their favourite books at the start of each lesson. The library also featured a 'Bridgewater Favourite Reads' display. During the week leading up to World Book Day, teachers and pupils filled in slips with details of their favourite books and the reasons why they enjoyed them. The display provided many interesting book recommendations for pupils to explore!

'GUESS THE BOOK CHARACTER' AND 'DESIGN A BOOK-MARK' COMPETITION

Other competitions that were run in the Library included 'Guess the Book Character' and 'Design a Bookmark'. Rachel Higgins (8KMC) identified the highest number of book characters and the books they were taken from, and Oliver Cooper (7JEB/CGR) produced a well-designed bookmark to promote reading in the Library. Samuel Kokles (7ESS) and Mae Haley (7MPO) were both runners up. All winners won a book of their own choice from the Book Fair.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair is an annual event at Bridgewater and arrived hot on the heels of World Book Day. Pupils were able to browse an amazing selection of new titles, posters and stationery before school and during break, as well as in English classes. Many bargains were on offer!

The fair always provides a great opportunity for pupils to discuss books with each other and makes the Library a real hive of book activity! Those wishing to buy books could use their World Book Day tokens to get a discounted price. This year the library earned £180 of new books from the sale, which means lots of new titles to add to our collection and a great opportunity to update what we have on the shelves!

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ORIENTEERING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Bridgewater High School Orienteering Team for winning the Cheshire and Merseyside Orienteering League on Saturday.

The best six individual scores are added up at each event to and contribute towards the school total. Well done to all of the team.

Individual places and medals are still being calculated and the results for these will be announced very soon.

Mr. Steer

Alys Berryman Ruby Walsh Matthew Ledger Scott Martin Jake Williams Rebecca Wells Sam Williams	Alex Knowles Ben Marshall Tom Ledger Ayush Gopaul Cameron Blundell Joseph Risley Christian Williams	Josh Wareham Alfie Wadbrook-McLay Stuart Williams Jack Wheelhouse Jacob Tarbatt Anna Marshall
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SAFER INTERNET DAY 2018

On the 6th February, Bridgewater became fully involved with Safer Internet Day and this year we also provided other internet-related activities in the days before and after the event. Our involvement this year included:

- ◇ A fact-hunt with pupils looking for statistics about internet usage hidden around the school: A winner was drawn from the correct answer sheets submitted and presented with a £20 Amazon voucher (see picture below).
- ◇ A discussion with our Y9 E-safety Ambassadors regarding how pupils feel about the use of social media: Some of the findings from this discussion have been posted on our website and as a result of the pupils' feelings about the negativity that can be associated with internet usage, we have renamed the E-safety section of our website "Digital Well-being".
- ◇ Provision of copies of Digital Parenting magazine for all pupils along with a leaflet which our own E-Safety Ambassadors created.
- ◇ New display materials created by the ambassadors, highlighting internet-related issues.
- ◇ E-safety Personal Development Days for all Y8 pupils: These included sessions delivered by our staff, the Y9 E-Safety Ambassadors and visiting speakers. Pupils were given the chance not only to reflect upon safe internet usage but, tying in with the theme of "Create, Connect and Share Respect", looked at how to use social media in a positive way.

It was great to see pupils build on the events set up on the 2017 day and we look forward to making Safer Internet Day 2019 even bigger and better.



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YEAR 8 SPIRITUALITY

As part of the RS Year 8 scheme of work, students have been completing a unit on God and Spirituality. Having reflected on ideas from different world religions and considered different interpretations of the concept of spirituality the students have produced poems and pictures that reflect their own personal understanding of this complex idea.

Mrs L Holt.

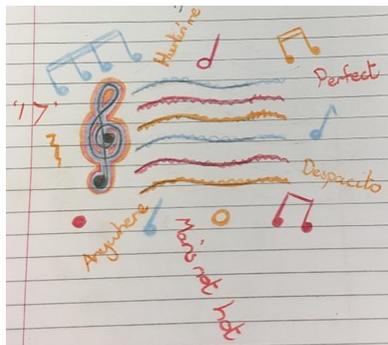
The track,
It gives me joy.
The bounce from your shoe,
The speed you gain.
The consequences you and they take,
Because you love what you do,
And they love you.

All of my love goes into running,
It's my world and I'm theirs.
I truly love this place,
It calms me.

The happiness created is unspeakable,
All of my worries disappear.
The running track,
Where most of my time is spent.
Because you love ~~the~~ what you do,
And they love you.



Seeing things of wonder and
amusement
Peaceful places of nature.
I love to sit and read.
Rain pattering on the rooftops.
In a place where I feel calm.
The ocean washing up on the
shore.
Under a tree, listening out at
the area around me.
A lone, stopping for a moment just
to think.
Listening to music in my bedroom.



I look around,
what do I see?
My special place,
where I like to be.
My worries,
thoughts,
family,
and friends all disappear
when I go here.

The world around me,
is so beautiful at night,
in the garden comely and light.
Look at the glowers,
how they dance,
I glanced at their beauty,
oh how they prance.



Anorexia

Last year I was diagnosed with anorexia and OCD. It was an extremely hard time for me and my family. However, we were very lucky to receive excellent support. Even though we have come a long way in the understanding of mental health, we still have a long way to go. With regards to anorexia and other eating disorders, many people are not educated in these illnesses, therefore, there is a large stigma attached. I wrote this poem to help others to understand the pain that anorexia sufferers go through, as well as to give hope to those suffering with eating disorders to show that recovery is possible.

Year 12 Elizabeth Everett

(For further information / advice, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/anorexia>)

Reasons to Recover Poem By Elizabeth Everett

There once was a girl who was known for her smile
She was content with her life and had been for a while.
With ambitions and strength, she made her parents proud,
However there was a voice in her head that was about to get loud.

There was one thing that cause the little girl anxiety,
It was her body, and this was cause by the pressures of society.
No flat stomach or thigh gap, she felt so insecure,
If I could only tell her now, she was worth so much more.

In the February she started exercising at the gym,
It was all so innocent, she just wanted to be thin.
Off she'd run, she would run for miles,
But the more she ran, the less she smiled.

In the March she went out laughing with her friends,
Little did she know, this all soon would end.
In the April she had reached her first target weight,
The body she once loved, she soon began to hate.

Over the summer it was hot yet she was cold,
'You're losing too much weight', she was beginning to be told.
'Just one more pound', the voice in her head would say,
She was losing weight and happiness each and every day.

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September was the month she lay empty in her bed,
Consumed by the voices inside her tired head.
She painfully looked down at her red, raw skin,
But this wasn't enough, she was still desperate to be 'thin'.

'You have Anorexia', the psychiatrist said,
She just stared at the carpet, wishing she was dead
It was only then she realised it all made sense,
It was Anorexia that had caused her to be so intense.

The sun went down and she felt so alone,
Her hands and feet were freezing, she was chilled to the bone.
Her hair was brittle, it started to fall out,
'You're still not thin enough', Anorexia would shout.
So she counted the calories and gave a little sigh,
She had lost her happiness and the sparkle in her eye.

She struggled to climb the stairs, she'd black out once again,
She knew she wanted to recover, but wasn't sure when.
When she was told her heart was struggling to beat,
She cried and cried and begged herself to eat.
She picked up her lunch, with lots of hesitation,
She calmed herself and whispered, 'Food is my medication'.

She ate and ate and the more she gained,
The less she cared about the amount she weighed.
Her smile came back, her hair was thick,
Her health was restored, she was no longer sick.
When she stopped weighing food, she realised she was winning,
When she stopped counting calories, she started fully living.

Some people ask who I chose to recover for,
I say, 'My heart, my smile, my body and more.
I did it for my family, mum, dad and brother,
These are all the reasons why I chose to recover'.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Last term, we had a Manchester-based Christian band called SoulBox come into school and give an assembly for Year 8 about choices and consequences: how to make good choices in life and understand the consequences of those choices on ourselves and other people. Year 8 had a great time enjoying the music and getting involved in different games and activities. SoulBox then gave some follow-up shows around Warrington and it was wonderful to see students from Bridgewater come along and enjoy the events!

Sadly, the free laser quest 'Fuse' event in March was cancelled due to the laser quest company being snowed in over in Yorkshire, but we are delighted to announce that this has been rescheduled for Friday 27th April! This is completely free and everyone of high-school age is welcome; it would be great to see you there! (Look out for letters in registers.)

I am in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and, as always, am here to support you, so if you see me in school and would like a chat about anything, then I am always available. All students are also warmly welcome to 'Fresh' Christian Union meetings on Tuesday lunchtime (Room 106) and Tuesday after school (in 'The Shack' youth centre, near the astroturf on Upper Site) where you can have fun, play games, meet new people, and discuss some of life's big questions about God and faith.

Have a wonderful Easter break!

Kim Wellens, Youth for Christ



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BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

The week beginning the 12th March was British Science Week. Our students at Key Stage 3 had 3 different lessons delivered to them in their science lessons, a change from their usual curriculum and designed to show how science can be used to solve problems in the world.

The lessons were called;

Water Way Explorer – the students made observations of the water quality in samples from 3 sites along the Bridgewater Canal in the local area and came to appreciate the importance of fresh water for human usage and how in some countries, water like this isn't readily available. They were looking particular at the work of the Water Aid charity.

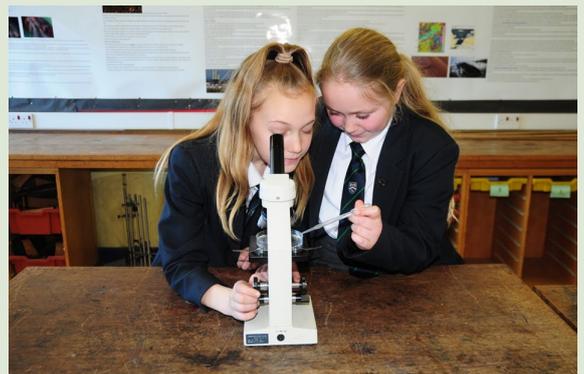
Burning Iron Wool – the students were given the task of burning iron wool and using aspects of chemistry and physics to work out why the wool burns, as metals don't normally burn.

Memory – students experienced a psychology lesson designed to show them the different types of memory and how they work.



Both staff and students really enjoyed the week. Huge thanks go to Paula King and Patricia Ashcroft, (the science technicians on Lower Site) who devised the second lesson and moved all the equipment around all week. Thanks also to Mrs Watson for creating the psychology lesson for key stage 3 students, (not normally done until A-Level) and all the staff in science for delivering a really successful week. Roll on Science Week 2019!

Mr J Bennett



VICTORY FROM THE DEPTHS

STEM continues to flourish at Bridgewater High School as pupils are awarded first prize in water saving challenge

As the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) coordinator for Bridgewater High School, I am delighted to recount the victory of our School in the Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT) competition.

Bridgewater High School joined forces with Water Company United Utilities, as part of the company's bid to attract potential engineers for the future. Bridgewater, along with Beamont Collegiate Academy, Sir Thomas Boteler CE and Penketh High Schools, worked with United Utilities over 16 weeks to find engineering solutions to a water and wastewater problem.

The group of aspiring engineers from years 9 and 10 worked under the supervision of mentors from United Utilities on a series of challenging and in-depth water industry problems, learning vital business skills through a 'Dragons' Den' style business competition. The partnership between TCAT and United Utilities promised students a novel insight into a cutting-edge STEM industry.

Following the launch day at United Utilities' headquarters, two Bridgewater High School teams met every afternoon for four months to coordinate their project together. Their excellent work in school was shadowed only by the superb progress the teams achieved in their own time. We were fortunate to be mentored by Mrs Jessop, an experienced engineer from United Utilities, who provided invaluable help, guidance and support to our learners, who knew they had a difficult task ahead.

After the 16 weeks, both teams had completed a project entailing plans for a building, complete with its water supply, internal technology, floor plans, location, environmental credentials, and a model of the building itself. In addition, the teams each created a novel water saving device complete with rigorous plans down to the finest detail. The project culminated in the pupils presenting their work at the United Utilities training centre in Leigh to a panel of United Utilities executives in the morning and running a stall which would be assessed by a multitude of judges in the afternoon.

Presenting to senior executives and answering their questions was a nerve-wracking prospect. As our groups waited to be called, I could even feel myself becoming nervous, and can only imagine how the pupils felt, and what courage they showed to present their work in an unfamiliar place, to such senior figures of the corporate world. Despite being nervous, the pupils all performed superbly and were even better than during practice. Pressure had brought the best out of them and they spoke with clarity and confidence, leaving no searching question unanswered.

Along with the judges, I was so impressed that following the presentations, I felt sure that Bridgewater



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had made a winning pitch. That was before I saw the work of our rival schools; which admittedly made me feel very nervous indeed. Our pupils had to contend with 3d printed models, mind-blowingly sophisticated computer-generated building designs, and even home-made cakes, (perhaps to 'soften' the hearts of the judges). When I had a chance to view and inquire about the work produced by pupils from the other schools I was extremely impressed. Much like ours, the pupils were earnest, eager, had worked together fantastically and were incredibly articulate in describing their ideas.

Nonetheless, our pupils remained confident, even at times reassuring me that they would leave as winners, and their confidence was justified. Despite the excellent standard of competition, one of our two Bridgewater High School teams was declared victor because of their superb presentation, their ability to answer difficult questions, and their beautifully crafted model building. A team from Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School was also given an award, as the judges could not agree on a clear winner.



Every pupil in both teams was an invaluable asset to their group and should be proud to have contributed from their own unique skillset and personal commitment. Special mention must go to Jake Williams (Year 9) for incredible organisation and sheer volume of excellent work; William Bainbridge (Year 9) for personally creating an outstanding model building and Olivia Kavanagh (Year 10) for unparalleled determination and resilience through this incredibly challenging project.

Bridgewater High School has also been working in partnership with Sellafield, and pupils have taken part in several STEM events organised by the company. Recently, a team of Bridgewater students competed in an engineering project with around 20 schools at the Birchwood office of Sellafield. Their task was to design and build a functional crane, with the additional challenge of buying their building resources with a budget provided. Despite some very impressive planning and design from the Bridgewater team, Penketh High School emerged as the hard-fought victors. Nonetheless, Bridgewater had given it a great shot, and special credit must go to Charley Williams (Year 9) for performing so well in her first STEM competition and taking a leading role in a team of boys who already had prior experience in STEM events. Other excellent events hosted by Sellafield which we have attended include other engineering projects, such as constructing Bridges, which saw the Bridgewater team build an ingenious and very durable suspension Bridge. On that occasion, the teachers from the participating



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schools, joined together to form our own team. Unfortunately, our Bridge, whilst (in our opinion) the most aesthetically pleasant, was not as resilient as that of the pupils, and to their delight, unceremoniously collapsed.

Bridgewater High School also continues to work alongside Unilever, and we have a group of lower school pupils continuing to participate in a four-month competitive project run by that organisation. A fascinating trip to the Unilever factory in Port Sunlight greatly inspired our pupils who impressed the staff with their inquisitiveness, resourcefulness and will to win. To do so, they must design and market a product which could be mass produced and sold by Unilever. Our group has some stiff competition in the form of other excellent schools, but are confident of being a force to be reckoned with as they continue designing a product intended to impress the company.



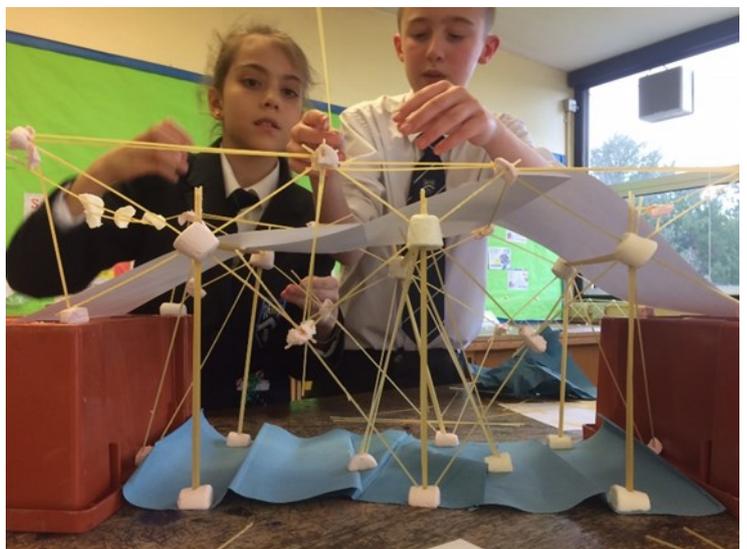
Year 7 STEM club members try to outdo their competition by building the longest spaghetti bridge

Lower school STEM club continues to flourish, with a regular body of students and some very helpful and capable sixth form helpers. Activities carried out by pupils have included paper aeroplane designing, electronics, construction, mechanics and lots of (controlled) burning. Most recently, we have concluded a 'floating gardens' project. Pupils investigated some of the challenges posed by flooding in places of the world most at risk and designed some floating gardens using household refuse. These are designed to accommodate soil with growing plants whilst floating. Using household waste such as plastic bottles, along with string, tape and glue guns, pupils made some excellent floating gardens which continued to float when loaded with soil and growing plants.

We are also especially proud to have overcome the

gender barriers that still appear prevalent in STEM based careers and in fact, the majority of our STEM club membership is female. As the year continues, we aim to provide further STEM opportunities for learners of all ages to further their interests and career opportunities in these fascinating, much sought after subjects.

STEM club is open every Tuesday, straight after school in room 84 on lower site. New pupils from any lower school year and set are most welcome.



COMING SOON!



ALL THE WORLD'S A
HORROR STORY

Year 11 BTEC production

18th and 19th April

Tickets £3

**On sale from March 12th
from Upper School finance
office and reception**

BUGSY MALONE

In February, the school hall was transformed into the 1920's for our annual production... BUGSY MALONE!

Our predominately lower school cast worked tirelessly to develop their accents, learn choreography and lyrics to songs. The cast was a credit to us, and performed to a packed house each night. The EPA faculty would like to take this opportunity to thank all that came to support the show.

Mrs A. Swaffield



YEAR 11 BTEC DANCE

Unit 1 Solo Performance

As part of their final unit, the Year 11 BTEC Dancers had to choreograph and perform two solos based on the theme of contradiction. One solo was more performance based with given movement from a professional dance piece that showed Contradiction: Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker and Swan Lake; the other solo was a solo choreography created fully by the students. On Tuesday 20th March, all students managed to perform both solos to a very high standard, leaving the dance department very proud. We, as a team, wanted to offer huge congratulations to our dancers who now only have one written element of the course left to complete.

Well done to everyone!

Bridgewater Dance Department.



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THE RETURN OF THE KS3 CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Natasha Hookins and Lauren Norman, winner KS3

After an absence of five years, Mrs Parry made the suggestion to bring back the popular Key Stage 3 choreography competition. This was in response to the amount of creative work we have seen from our Key Stage 3 dancers and we felt it should be showcased.

The show took place on the evening of Tuesday 20th March, with 40 dancers and a very packed audience. Since January 2018, the dancers have been meeting weekly with Mrs Parry to decide a theme/ story for their choreography and to create it and develop it further.

The students were given a list of starting points that the choreography had to be linked to, for example 'a Fairytale', but they could then develop this idea how they wished.

The five categories of the competition were as follows:

- Best Group Choreography
- Runner up Group choreography
- Best Solo Choreography
- Runner up Solo choreography
- Best Costume

We were lucky enough to have four judges on the night, to whom we are very grateful. These were Mel Plimmer, Sophie Lishman (Ex- Dance student), Nicola Rowland- Nash and Michelle Wainwright (ex-professional dancer) who judged a difficult competition.

Every one of the dancers gave it their all and there were some outstanding performances on the night. The standard was high and the judges said how difficult it was to make the decision for the trophies.

The winners of the evening were: Lauren Norman and Natasha Hookins for their Group choreography; Ellouise Delooze and Summer Wilson Humphries as runner up group choreography; Lauren Norman for her Solo Choreography and Louise Pryor as solo choreography runner up. The Best Costume trophy was then awarded to Daisy Britton, Oliva Birchall, Clara Corkill, Sophie Voos, Megan Rustage and Sophie Glenn for their piece 'Read all about it'.

Congratulations to all dancers. We are looking forward to seeing more choreographies in the competition next year!

Miss Hughes and the Bridgewater Dance Department

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Move it 2018'

ExCeL London

On Saturday 17th March, we went to 'Move it' in London which has now become an annual dance trip for Key Stage 4 and 5 dancers. 'Move it' is a huge dance exhibition that happens annually and includes dance companies, choreographers, classes and stalls from all over the world. Throughout the day, students are given the opportunity to see the leading dance colleges perform on the main stage, shop at the discounted dance wear stalls, speak with further education colleges for the performing arts and take part in a variety of dance classes with leading industry professionals. The classes range from hip hop to contemporary with fitness classes and roller skating thrown in too. It was a jam-packed day that was thrilling for the A level students who went this year.

We look forward to visiting again next year!

Miss Hughes



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The Frank Prosser Memorial Award 2018

Bridgewater High School and the Prosser family are proud to announce the 3rd **Frank Prosser Memorial Award** – a photography competition open to all students at Bridgewater High School and Appleton College.

The theme for this year is "Challenges".

There will be 2 sets of prizes - one for lower school and one for upper school (including the 6th Form)

1st prize: £75 gift vouchers & a framed print of the winning entry.

2nd prize: £50 gift vouchers.

3rd prize: £25 gift vouchers.

Pupils can submit up to 3 entries in to the competition.

Entries will be by JPEG/RAW formats and should be emailed to photos@bridgewaterhigh.com . PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND FORM IN YOUR EMAIL

Please attach the photo to the email rather than embedding it in the body of the message

This year the entry form is electronic and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W7QQSFL> . Please complete one form per entry.

The competition will be open for entries from Mon 26th March and closes Friday 1st June. Photographs do not have to be taken during this time period but must be submitted before the closing date.

Photographs will be judged by a panel and the winners will be announced in the Summer term (announced on the website). Winners will be expected to attend Awards Evening to collect their prizes.

Frank Prosser was born in Dublin in 1941. On leaving school he studied in Leeds for a while then returned to Dublin to take up a career in the travel business.

He came to Warrington in 1971 to marry his wife Carolyn. They had a daughter, Olivia and a son Conleth. Both attended Bridgewater High School prior to University. Frank became interested in local politics and stood as Borough Councillor for Stockton Heath. The Warrington bombing by the IRA occurred at this time and he became involved in the Warrington Project which was set up to embrace reconciliation with Northern Ireland. The aim of the project was to encourage contacts between Northern Ireland and Warrington schools. As an Irishman he was very keen to improve relations between the two countries.

His hobbies included amateur photography. Frank died on 14th September 2005 shortly after a holiday in Venice.

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Making a difference!



Gambia- Gunjur Project 2018

The Gunjur Project is a UK and Gambian registered charity which enables visitors and supporters of Gunjur Project Lodge to make donations that have a **real-time impact on the local community**. The Gunjur project offers many work-shops and trips including: **women's development, community development, compound make-overs and health**.

Instead of an 18th birthday party this year I have chosen to offer my support to this worthwhile project. On February 4th, I will be spending 10 days in Gambia with a group of people to offer a helping hand in everyday things that we take for granted. I will document this experience and post all about it on my return.

This is an amazing chance to be part of something special and help a community.

I appreciate there are many good causes and charities, if you and/or your business could help in any way then any donation will be gratefully accepted.

Thanks!

Charlie Brandwood

If you would like to know more about the project they have lots of information on their website:

<https://www.gpagambia.org/index.html>

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YEAR 12 MINDFULNESS SESSION



On Friday 23rd March Sylvie Ball (a yoga/meditation teacher) kindly came into college and gave Year 12 students and tutors a taste of how Mindfulness works and allowed us to see the benefits it can bring. Although an unusual experience for some, it a most worthwhile exercise in training the mind to relax and be calm in our increasingly busy lives.



YEAR 12 OXBRIDGE STUDENT CONFERENCE 2018



On Wednesday 21st March, some of our Year 12 students visited Aintree Racecourse. Anna, Eleni, Ealish and Matthew attended an Oxbridge Conference along with hundreds of other students who are considering Oxbridge universities. Eleni said "there was a range of sessions through the day, informing us about subjects, student finance and making a competitive application, along with general life at Oxford and Cambridge. Professors and students held the talks and were there to answer any queries." All in all, our students found this an interesting and useful day. We hope that they now feel inspired to take up the challenge of working towards Oxbridge.

YEAR 12 INSPIRING YOUNG TRUSTESHIP PROGRAMME

Lucy Whitehead, Charlie Wallace, Eleanor Clarke, Anna Fynn, Eleni Kempster and Matt Spencer were some of our Year 12s who recently enjoyed a working lunch with Stef Woof from Warrington Voluntary Action. The students are receiving training so they can become Young Trustees on Boards of Charities. This will allow them to have a say in how charities are managed and to influence the decisions made.



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DOWN'S SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

The 19th March – 25th March 2018 was Down's Syndrome awareness week. Over the weekend, Miss Price ran the 10k obstacle course around Wirral Country Park to help raise money and awareness for a charity supporting parents and children with Down's Syndrome. (Photographic evidence is below). Thank you to everyone who helped raise money to hit the £1,000 target and well done to Miss Price!



Wednesday 14th March aka 3.14 was Pi Day. It has become something of a tradition at Lower Site to mark this day with special activities. 2018 has been no exception.

This year, a Pi day treasure hunt took place around the school with prizes for the pupils who answered most questions correctly.

I am delighted to announce that the winners are Mae Little 8KMC, Imogen Leah 8KMC and Sophie Martin 7MPO.

Here are a few questions for you to try!

What is the formula for the area of a circle?

From which alphabet does the letter pi come?

Which famous scientist was born on pi day?

Which fraction is used for an approximation of pi?



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SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Key Stage 3 girls have continued to have a busy football schedule throughout the term. The Year 8 and Year 9 team have each had a strong competitive run in fixtures, leaving them waiting on a semi-final fixture for the Flood Cup as part of Cheshire Football. Students also participated in the Warrington School Sports Partnership Under 14's girls football tournament. The girls fought hard, only drawing one game. Five subsequent wins saw them bring home the gold! As the winners of the tournament, the girls will represent Warrington at the Level 3 Girls Football finals on Tuesday 13th March 2018. The Year 7 team also entered into the same tournament and fought hard to try and retain points but were unsuccessful despite their best efforts. We aim to go again next season!

This has been another superb start from all of the girls involved in football at Bridgewater High School and we will continue to improve, using the training sessions on Thursdays after school with Miss. Price.

Congratulations on the hard work, effort and commitment so far girls, well done!



SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY LEAGUE

What a fantastic year the team have had in the National Rugby League Finals. Reaching the semi-finals and achieving the final 4's in the country at the first try is a real testament to the team. We drove to Hull on a cold wet day and played in the worst conditions imaginable and dug out a great victory 22-10 to reach the next round.



The Semi-final was scheduled to be played at the local venue of Crosfields RFL. The game was hard fought against Castleford Academy and at half time we were up 16-10. The second half was very close and finished with a draw at 16-16. The game then went to extra time and golden point. Castleford stayed composed and snapped a drop goal in the dying minutes of the game to take the last 2 spots available. I am very proud of all the lads who have been involved with the school rugby team since Year 7. It has been an immense privilege to work and play with so many characters that have given their all in every game and who have made me laugh out loud on so many occasions. I look forward to our final game on Wednesday 28th March at Victoria Park, for the North West final of the National Rugby league competition.



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SPORTS NEWS



The Year 11 Rugby Team in action!



SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL

The Boy's football season started again after the Winter Break and having completed all of our fixtures in the Warrington League, we now await details regarding the finals where our Year 7, 8 and 9 should be present. Our Year 11 boys reached the semi-final of the County Competition where we were unfortunately defeated by a strong Culcheth team. The U14 girls will play their semi-final in the last week of term v Lymm and will be looking to match last year's success of reaching the County Final.



ROWING SUCCESS

We are delighted to celebrate the success of two of our Year 9 students (Quinlan Dunne and Charlie Ford) who were in a quad that won the Gold Medal at the Liverpool and Victoria Rowing Club Head of the Float race in early December. The boys' quad beat 11 different crews (rowing over 4 KM in two separate timed races) in a competition where all the best schools and clubs from the North West were represented. The boys are extremely talented and very quick and are effectively the fastest J14 crew in the North West! They will now go on to compete in the National Championships, which will take place at Eton in March. From everybody at Bridgewater, we wish both Quinlan and Charlie, the very best of luck.

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SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS' NETBALL

Year 7 County Tournament squad.



Year 8 County Tournament squad.



Year 9 County Tournament squad.

SPORTS NEWS

Bridgewater Netball

Mid-Cheshire league friendly games for all of our teams are now finished and have been a great opportunity to play our B and C teams in several of these fixtures. Our girls have shown great progress and being able to rotate players shows the depth of netball at Bridgewater. Well done to all girls this year who have represented school.

Our year 7 A team have had a good end to their season playing in the Cheshire County and Mid-Cheshire Tournaments. The girls came up against some tough opposition last Saturday, winning some games and losing a couple. Unfortunately we did not make the semi-finals on this occasion but took lots of learning away with us and applied this experience a week later to our performance in the Mid-Cheshire Tournament. We made the semi-final but lost the game by one goal! We will be back stronger next season. Well done on a super first season of netball at Bridgewater!

Our Year 8 girls showed super team spirit in their County Tournament as we were missing Millie Lawton, our county player! However, our girls maintained their hard work, winning several games but also missing out on a semi-final place! Good luck to the girls in their Mid-Cheshire Tournament next week.

Year 9 have enjoyed their best season yet at Bridgewater. In the County Netball Tournament, they won all but one of their group games convincingly. The loss was by only one goal and we therefore reached the semi-final against The Grange who are National Finalists. Unfortunately, two of our girls could not play the semi due to illness and injury, so we were a player down. Our girls were amazing and we only lost by 4 goals, still coming third in Cheshire. Well done super stars!

Our year 10 A team and 11 B team played in their Mid-Cheshire Tournaments this week to finish off their season. The year 11 girls played in the A team tournament and finished in a respectable 5th position out of 8 schools. Well done ladies! The year 10 girls finished their season in style by winning the tournament and were crowned champions! All girls showed amazing team spirit and determination. A superb achievement!





SPOTLIGHT ON...

ELLA PARRY YEAR 10



I'm currently Northwest champion in double mini trampoline and synchro. I finished second in individual trampoline. I won a bronze medal last year at the British Championships in double mini trampoline and this year I hope to be able to trail for the junior world championships. This is the second time I have won the North West championships and I have also recently won a gold medal whilst competing out in Portugal at my first international competition.

I train at Liverpool Trampoline Academy for 23 hours per week. It's hard sometimes juggling training and school, especially fitting homework in, but I wouldn't change what I do. I moved to Liverpool last year and really enjoy training there. Prior to Liverpool I used to train at Widnes.

A few years ago, I fell and hurt my neck, this really set me back and I lost my confidence. The move to Liverpool really changed things for me, however, and with a lot of determination and patience from my coach, I am now competing a 5 double routine and increasing my skills all the time.



SPORTS NEWS

SECONDARY INDOOR SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

Year 7 and 8 boys and girls teams competed in the Secondary Indoor sports hall athletics competition on Tuesday 30th January. In total, seven schools across Warrington competed in various athletic disciplines, including the relay, 4 lap individual race, 6 lap individual race and field events.

Year 7 GirlsYear 7 Boys
4th place 2nd place

Georgia Oakes	Leyton Holden
Emily Entwistle	Marcus Trevithick
Jocelyn Carr	Oliver Cooper
Lily Welsh	Harvey Mason
Grace Edwards	Jack McKean
Isabel Clark	Evan Hawkins
Sky Beddall	River Cole
Grace Callaghan	Oliver Spence

Year 8 Girls Year 8 Boys
2nd Place 3rd place

Ella Redmond	Ben Hartill
Maisie Bell	Ethan Benyon
Lisa Halliday	Sam Gill
Millie Lawton	Harry Crank
Lois Mc Sorley	Sam Marshall
Lucy Gittins	Cameron Taylor



Well done to the Year 7 boys and Year 8 girls' athletics teams that came 7th overall in the level 3 games at Ellesmere Port Sports Village.

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SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 7 RUGBY LEAGUE

Bridgewater's Year 7 Rugby Team (pictured below) continue their unbeaten run of games to gain a position in the last sixteen teams in the country, battling it out to be National Champions. The squad members have shown commitment and excellent skills throughout their games, as well as great resilience playing against Widenes schools SS. Peter and Paul and Wade Deacon. Wade Deacon's excellent performance ensured that for the first time this year, Bridgewater fell behind on the scoreboard. From a team performance statistic, it is an incredible achievement to have only fallen behind on the scoreboard once. Composure and the use of some tactical play from our three halves, demonstrated impeccable leadership and the ability to stir the team into the right areas. This then created chances for us to build the points needed to win the game. The team are now North West Finalists after being unbeaten throughout the competition and will face Wigan's St. John Fisher High School in the North West Final on Wednesday 28th March at Victoria Park Arena, 3:00pm kick-off.

The team welcomed Honley High School in the next round of the national competition, travelling from Holmfirth in Yorkshire. This game highlighted the best from the team this year, showing precision in execution of set plays, defensive strategies and a relentless attitude. All of this ensured that the opposition was unable to gain any advantage. This was then reflected on the scoreboard as the game finished 28-0, with the potential for more tries with some unexecuted changes.

The team now move on to the Quarter Finals of the National Competition, facing Bowdales High School from Cumbria. We wish the students the best of luck with their journey in this competition.



SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS FOOTBALL

HANNAH BURKE

Hannah Burke in 8PDG has been picked for girls football training in the North West Regional Development Programme. For those aware of Hannah's fantastic achievements in football so far, this puts her on the road to eventually representing the country and becoming a Lioness. This is truly superb Hannah, well done!

GIRLS' INDOOR CRICKET FINAL

On Monday 5th March, we took place in the Regional Final of the Cheshire County U13 Girl's Indoor Cricket Competition which was hosted by Bridgewater. Prior to the event, we were fortunate enough to receive over six weeks of coaching from Cheshire Cricket coach, Jess Lewis. During this time, the girls were taught how to play indoor cricket and were given opportunity to work on their batting, bowling and fielding skills.

The competition itself saw us drawn in a group with Altrincham Grammar School and St Nicholas' High School. In game 1 versus Altrincham, we scored 80 runs for the loss of one wicket and then did exceptionally well with our bowling and fielding to restrict Altrincham to 71 runs for the loss of 6 wickets. This gave us a winning margin of 9 runs. In game 2 versus St Nicholas, we batted first and scored 57-4 from our 6 overs. After yet another fine bowling performance, we restricted St Nicholas to 46 to give us another 9 run win.

This meant that we qualified for the final where we would meet an excellent Sandbach team containing at least 5 County players. We batted first and struggled against some exceptional bowling with wickets falling regularly. We were only able to score 15 runs before being bowled out.

In their first ever competitive school experience, the girls were fantastic and should be really proud of their achievements.

The girls who represented the school were as follows: Natasha Hookins, Mae Little, Caitlin Elliot, Louise Mann, Emily Page, Erin Curryer, Laura Buckley, Laura McSweeney.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 8 student Millie Ravenscroft who was been selected to represent the North West Division at the National Finals of the ESSA Swimming Championships. Best of luck Millie!

Congratulations to Year 10 students, Archie Kellett and Will Uttley who have been selected to represent the Cheshire U15 Rugby Union team.

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BROOMFIELDS CLASS OF '68

Calling all ex-students for a school reunion of students who left Stockton Heath County Secondary School in 1968.

DATE: 4th July 2018

TIME: 7.00pm

LOCATION: Fir Grove Hotel, Grappenhall

CONTACT: Facebook – broomfields class of 68

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At TCAT, we work together so that you benefit from access to a range of different educational settings and experiences, all of which are coordinated for you. During your training, you will undertake two secondary placements. Bridgewater and TCAT, as a Multi Academy Trust, offer teacher trainees the opportunity to work with students from a diverse range of social backgrounds and abilities.

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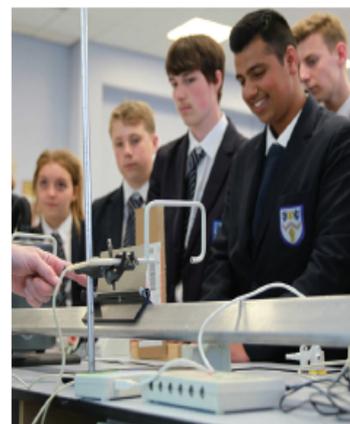
For example, our provisions provide support for students with needs related to Autism and Cognition and Learning. Part of the diverse educational experience we offer to trainees includes time spent in a Special School for students with social, emotional and mental health needs.

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