



THE BRIDGE



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SUMMER 2019

Moving On...

This August, we will be having our last A level results day as we finally close our doors to Appleton College students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people - staff, students, parents and carers who have been a part of Appleton College over the years. It is a place I will remember as a teacher and as a Principal and I will not disguise my sense of sadness that we have had to reach this position. However, when I look back, I do so with pride at what we have collectively achieved. Whilst the college will be no more, the memories and achievements of all those sixth-formers who have passed through its doors will remain as a vibrant and significant legacy of Bridgewater High School. The powerful image of the class of 2012 on page 29 Serves to remind us of the part that Appleton College has played over the years in helping so many students on their diverse journeys towards varied and fulfilling careers.

As the summer holiday beckons, so does the opportunity to get to grips with some significant refurbishment of both sites. The biggest single job is the complete overhaul of toilets on both sites, costing in excess of £300,000. There will also be improvements to some of the external areas. Appleton College is set to become TCAT's Professional Development Centre.

As such, it will benefit from significant Trust investment which we hope will mark a real step forward in terms of developing the Trust and providing a facility that students can also benefit from.

The Professional Development Centre will serve as a hub for all Trust schools and will also be home to Oxnet, the exciting outreach project TCAT is co-delivering with Oxford University.

Next term, we are also looking forward to a new school day. A key change is that the tutorial time will be moved to the start of the day, providing an opportunity for a better tutorial experience. Additionally, staff 'travel time' between the two sites will generally be limited to breaks and lunches which we are confident will also enhance the climate for learning across the school.

Whilst the summer has not yet been as hot as last year, at least we have had *some* sun with hopefully plenty more in store, so it just remains for me to wish you all a great summer on behalf of everyone here at Bridgewater High school.

Tim Long

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Looking back...

As we celebrate the many successes and adventures that our pupils have enjoyed this year, it is fascinating to look back at what previous generations of our students were doing. Thanks to the generosity of local resident and former pupil, Mr. Geoff Marlow, we are able to reproduce, over the next few pages of The Bridge, some 'summer' extracts from the 1970-1971 edition of the school magazine. In those days, of course, we were Appleton Hall County Grammar School. We hope you enjoy this little trip down Memory Lane...

We begin with some suitably-themed creative and descriptive writing....

BURST TYRE

It happened going to Tenby on holiday. The day was bad for travelling. The sky was blue; sun shining, not a cloud to be seen, and the temperature at least eighty. We were driving down a dual carriageway that had a breakdown lane—luckily for us.

We were all relaxing, talking of the great things we would do, sweating and admiring the beautiful scenery, pit-heads and coal waste dumps, when suddenly our harmony with the world was broken by a tremendous bang and a sagging down of one end of the car, bumping up and down as if it was limping. We thought we were lucky because the car did not skid, but just coasted to a standstill in the break-down lane.

Then the trouble started, because we were going camping and had a big frame tent. Laughing and muttering curses at the same time, we got out and started unpacking the boot, because the spare was at the bottom.

Finally, when the tyre was out and the burst one replaced, we repacked and went on our way, singing and laughing.

Christopher Lewis, 2 Bu.

We know for certain that the gender stereotypes in the following account would not exist in today's school newsletters and we hope that you enjoy some of the contemporary local advertisements on the following page.

SCHOOL CAMP, 1971 MR. FAWCETT'S FIELD, CHAPEL STILE, AMBLESIDE

Preparations for school camp involved much hard work on the parts of Messrs. Mosedale, Dicken, Shields, Wesley, Griffiths, and Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Singleton and Miss Johnson.

On Tuesday, 20th July, a vehicle that usually resembles a minibus left Appleton at 9.15 after picking up the four "junior staff" (so christened by Mr. Dicken). They were Rick Walton, Chris Ashton, Andrea Smith and Janet Pickering. The minibus was by this time looking like a small removal van, towing one boat and with "the Mirror" see "The School Dinghy") on the roof rack.

We arrived at Chapel Stile at about 1.00 p.m., having met the lorry which was transporting all the luggage. It was a hazardous journey for the truck driver. Work was started immediately on preparing camp, although Andrea and Janet were not allowed to



help in erecting tents as they were given strict instruction to get lunch ready. Ever tried preparing lunch in the middle of a field which has been recently used as a pasture for cows? Dinner was produced after Messrs. Dicken and Mosedale had done their daily calculation of how much dried potatoes to use, as the instructions were in gallons and pints.

All the tents were erected and camp ready by the time evening arrived. It must be said that Rick, Chris, Mr. Dicken and Mr. Mosedale worked extremely hard that afternoon. After the evening meal—much of which Chris managed to pour over himself—we were able to relax, and it was the turn of the midges to work. They took a particular liking to Mr. Dicken, who had managed to break a century by the end of the holiday and at the same time use two tubes of “anti-bump” cream provided by Andrea and Janet.

During the night it began to rain. Andrea and Janet were the only ones to hear it, so they decided to go and loosen all the guy ropes—quite a task. When it came to loosening Messrs. Dicken and Mosedale's they thought they had succeeded in doing it quietly, but at breakfast they were proved wrong when Mr. Dicken said to Mr. Mosedale, “Did you hear those sheep round our tent last night?”

Mr. Mosedale left camp at 10.0 a.m., arriving at School to inform everyone of the rain, so at lunchtime there was a rush on wellingtons in Stockton Heath. They found it hard to cater for so many large and small feet. Mrs. Singleton was quite upset because she had to pay more for her wellies than Mrs. Storey.

When the rest of the masses arrived, there was chaos, with the noise level rising well above the recommended level.

Soon the ‘Jam Butty Factory’, ‘Dicken Chorus’, ‘Wesley wet-sharers’, ‘Griffiths Wet-Pit Association’ and many more institutions were set up amongst the staff.

At the weekend Messrs. Singleton, Storey and Shackleton arrived, much to the joy of the 2nd form girls, who made great opposition for Mrs. Singleton, all deserting Mr. Dicken, at which he was most upset.

Mr. Shields, leader of the Jam Butty workers, was distraught when his pipe broke, so Miss Johnson (i/c First Aid) mended it with elastoplast (Bruno-ectomy).

Contrary to popular belief, Mr. Wesley did not spend all day sharing—just twice each morning. He spent the rest of the day messing about in the middle of Windermere shouting “Ready about, lee ho!” He also spent a rather wet time in Windermere wailing “Wait for me!” after Mr. Griffiths had sailed off without him. We just cannot make out why Mr. Wesley sat in the water instead of in the canoe, but he must have a mania for water, as he also insisted on throwing many of the 2nd years into the river, with the help of the rest of the staff.

Everybody enjoyed the camp in spite of the bad weather, and many thanks go to all the staff involved.

Andrea Smith 5Br, Janet Pickering 5Br, Richard Walton 5Bu.



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St Omer Visit 2019

On the 31st March, a group of around 60 students from year 8 and 9 left for a trip to St Omer in France. We got on the coach at 6am and left for Dover. Once we had arrived in Dover, we boarded a ferry which took us to Calais and then we drove the rest of the way to St Omer. At the Château d'Ebblinghem, (our base) we met the NST team, Tom and Anya. They were very kind and showed us around the site. Before going to bed, we did team activities such as a scavenger hunt and an egg drop.

The next morning we went down for a traditional French breakfast mainly consisting of bread. Every morning, we made our own sandwiches for lunch, packed them in a box and headed out for the day. We went to a snail farm where we even had the chance to try different flavours of snail. Next, we headed to a boulangerie and we watched the classic French bread being made and got to eat some. Later that day, we went to a WW2 museum and planetarium. For many of the students, this was their favourite part of the trip. As we were so tired from the journey, there was quite a bit of snoring! Back at the chateau, we did more activities, had a meal (with more bread!) and went to bed.

The next day, once we had eaten, we went to Boulogne sweet factory. The owner was very friendly and we got to sample and buy the sweets. Then we went to Le Touquet where we did a town trail. The map was wrong so we all got lost and had to ask the police for help! After dinner that night, we were allowed into the games room before we went back to our dorms.

On the fourth day, we went back to Boulogne and visited the market to buy supplies for a competition; this was for who could make the best meal. A winner was picked at the end. We did another town trail with the whole group and managed not to get lost this time!

Back at the chateau, as it was the last night, the NST staff organised a disco. For many of us, this was the highlight of the trip and many memories were made.

On the final day, we had a special big breakfast (with yet more bread) before going back to our dorms to make sure everything was packed and we were ready to leave. We loaded the coach and left to have a tour of a glass factory. Afterwards, we went to the glass shop, which everyone surprisingly enjoyed. The final part of our trip to France was a chocolate factory and shop where we decorated our own chocolate and bought souvenirs for family members.

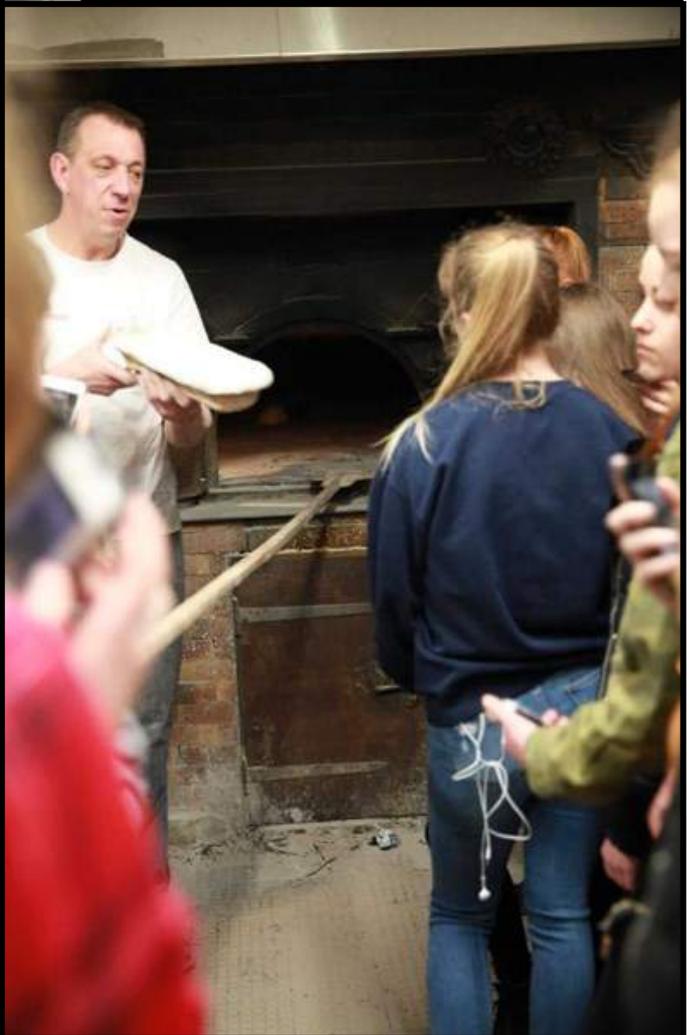
On the way home, we used the Eurotunnel, which was much quicker than the ferry. We arrived back home at roughly 7pm. We all had an amazing time and were sad to leave.

Evie and Anna



Château d'Ebblinghem, our base for the trip.

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FRENCH PEN PAL

This term, we had the opportunity to speak with a student from Lycée Saint Prieur, a school in France, near Dijon. We were asked what our interests were and then paired with someone who shared our interests. We received an email address for the student we were paired with and started talking to them straight away. We sent an email in French about ourselves, including information that we'd learnt in class. Then our pen pal replied in English with what they'd also been learning. We then sent an email in English and they replied back in French so that we could practise our translating skills.

We really enjoyed this exchange because it's something we've never done before and it allowed us to communicate with people outside of the classroom. We still talk to our French pen pals regularly and we believe this has really helped to develop our language skills.

Bridgewater Teaching School – Initial Teacher Training Programme

On 28th June, Bridgewater said goodbye to its first group of newly qualified teachers, 'the class of 2019' as they moved on to pastures new to begin their careers in the teaching profession. Bridgewater became a Teaching School in 2017 and the School interviews, recruits and trains secondary school teachers. Over the past year, 12 Associate Teachers have worked alongside qualified teachers in Bridgewater and in other TCAT schools, learning how to be good and outstanding members of the profession. They have been taught the pedagogy of teaching by experienced TCAT practitioners and at the same time have completed assignments with Liverpool John Moores University to qualify for a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate of Education). We are delighted to congratulate our NQTs on their achievement and wish them all the best with their careers in teaching.

If anyone is interested in Teacher Training and would like to talk to us about a career in teaching and training within TCAT, please see our website for more details or email j.hodgson@bridgewaterhigh.com



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New York Trip

During the Easter break I took 57 pupils along with 6 staff members to New York. We had a fantastic time and the trip was a huge success. We started in style, flying with Virgin Atlantic; one pupil even flew first class!

When we arrived at JFK, we were surprised by how warm it was and this lovely weather continued throughout our stay in the Big Apple. We checked into the Hotel Wolcott in Manhattan, close to the Empire State Building, and went straight to Times Square for dinner in 'Bubba Gump Shrimp' – the famous *Forrest Gump* restaurant.

The next day, we were up and out and split into two groups: The Art students explored The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) with Miss Crawford as their guide, and the Musical Theatre group took part in a Broadway Experience workshop. During the workshop, the students learned a song and routine from the Broadway show 'Frozen'. They worked Aisha Jackson (the understudy for Anna from the show) and Michael Dansicker, whose C.V. includes *High School Musical* and *Elf* movies! Both the Workshop and the MoMA activities were very special and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed them

After lunch, we were lucky enough to see *Frozen* on Broadway which was absolutely incredible. Mrs Swaffield cried from start to finish! After the show, we went to Ellen's Stardust Diner where the waiters perform during the meal. It was a highlight of the trip for sure. We completed this fabulous day by heading up to the top of the Empire State Building where we bumped into Mrs Shaw! This was my favourite day and I loved the show!

The next day was for sightseeing and we visited the Statue of Liberty and Ground Zero before continuing our Movie and TV sightseeing tour. We visited the *Friends* building and the *Ghostbusters* house and saw many more famous places; New York is a real life movie set! We then went ice skating at the Rockefeller Center and had our evening meal at The Hard Rock Café.

On the final day in New York, we caught the Subway to Central Park where some pupils shopped until they dropped and others went exploring Trump Towers and the park which is the most filmed location in the world! We stopped at Macy's department store before returning to the hotel, ready to travel home.

The New York trip is a short one but as you can see, it is an amazing, jam-packed (and tiring!) experience. The pupils who went this year were absolutely fantastic. Their behaviour was impeccable and I really enjoyed travelling with them. We received nothing but compliments from the general public and I was very proud to be leading the group. I would like to thank Mrs. Brown, Mr. Carroll, Miss Crawford, Mrs. Rutland, Mr. Smith and Mrs Swaffield for all of their hard work in keeping the pupils safe and for helping to make the trip extra special.

Mrs. Antell



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This term, Y7 took part in an annual cooking competition: School Food Show Down! Green Peas battled it out against Red Chilli. Representing Appleton were Mr Smith, Mrs McKean, Leo, Ruby, and Reece. Stockton was represented by Mrs Hancock and Mr Thompson, Lewis, Oliver, Sienna and Zane

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Year 7 Conway Experience

We were incredibly proud of all Year 7 pupils who took part in the Conway Residential from 20th-24th May this year. The weather was a amazing! Stockton went from Monday 20th- Wednesday 22nd May, with Appleton arriving on change over day Wednesday 22nd—Friday 24th May. Pupils took part in: raft building, canoeing, kayaking, orienteering, science experiments, meditation, dance/combat, physical, social and positive mental health activities, as well as a disco and quiz. We also visited the beautiful Beaumaris Castle, Gaol and Courthouse.

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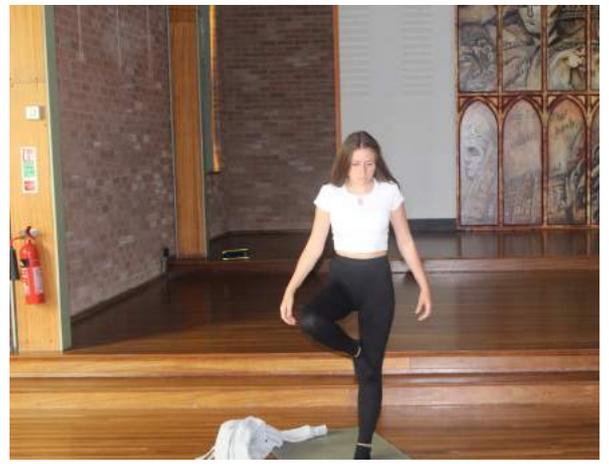
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Warrington Wolves Pitch Performance

May 2019

On Saturday 18th May, Dancers in years 9 and 10, had the opportunity to perform at the Halliwell Jones Stadium, alongside 300 performers. In a large scale community project, school, community groups and dance schools were invited by Culture Warrington to perform at half-time during the Warrington-Hull game. Performers ranged from the age of 5 to 60+ and all performed the same dance.

Initially, the dance concept was sent to us as a video link and the students committed to rehearsals after school over a few weeks to prepare for the performance. The year 9s and 10s demonstrated 100% commitment throughout. They performed with high energy and professionalism on the day to thousands of supporters.

They made the dance department proud, and were a pleasure to work with.

Miss Hughes Head of Dance

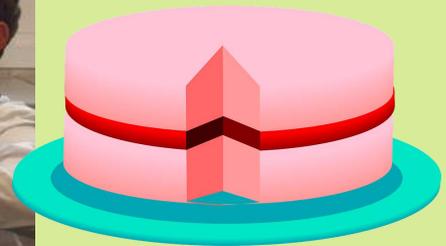




BAKING CLUB UPDATE!

This half term baking club members have been cooking up a storm making jam sandwich biscuits, shortbread and recently Rice Krispy cakes, which links with their current Food Technology QMA on rice. It's really great to see boys getting involved in baking and being so enthusiastic about it. Watch out Paul Hollywood!

Miss L Barclay



YOUTH FOR CHRIST THE CUBE

On Wednesday 26th June 2019, students from selected classes in years 7 to 9 spent the day inside 'The Cube'. As students entered the sports hall, they saw a dramatic 4 screened object. 'The Cube' was arranged through Warrington 'Youth for Christ' an organisation which works closely with Bridgewater. 'The Cube' aids the teaching of Religious Studies in a new and unique environment and students themselves participate in an interactive learning experience through video, sounds, lights, discussion and engagement.

In each session, students learned about faith and Injustice. This fits into our Year 9 Programme of Study in which we explore the Problem of Evil and Human Rights. It also builds on students' prior knowledge of Christianity and explores questions such as 'What is injustice?'; 'How does God feel about injustice?'; 'How can you tackle injustice?'.

Students provided the following feedback on their experience from inside 'The Cube'

'I enjoyed the cube experience as it was more interactive than our usual lessons.'

'I liked the lesson about Injustice because it's something that we need to know about.'

'It was interesting to find out what other people thought about injustice.'

'The Cube was an amazing experience which I thoroughly enjoyed. My favourite part were the videos and the section on Would your rather game.'

'I thought the cube was good because it was interactive and interesting. It got us thinking about injustice.'

'The Cube was interesting and it made me think. Over all, it was fun.'

After school, The Cube stayed up and all students had the opportunity to come into it during the 'Fresh' (our weekly Wednesday Christian Union club led by Warrington Youth for Christ.) The students had the opportunity to have a Q&A time with Youth for Christ Cube team, over snacks, as well as playing some games designed to make them think about relevant issues.

Adam Post, Warrington Youth for Christ.



75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy

Thursday 6 June

In a break from our normal lunch-time activities, Mrs Hughes and Mr Morrison kindly came to the library to talk about the D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy, in commemoration of its 75th anniversary. Mr Morrison has extensive knowledge of the Normandy and D-Day beaches, as a regular visitor to the area, and bought in some war mementoes and maps relating to Operation 'Overlord', the code-name for the Battle.

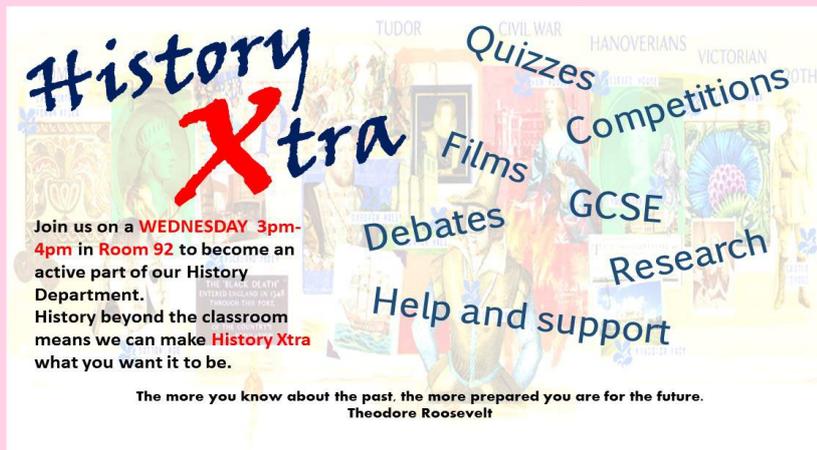
Mrs Hughes brought a personal touch to the proceedings by telling us about her father and his role in the War. Many thanks to both Mrs Hughes and Mr Morrison for taking time out to help us commemorate this important historical event.

See pictures below:





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History Xtra

Join us on a **WEDNESDAY 3pm-4pm** in **Room 92** to become an active part of our History Department.

History beyond the classroom means we can make **History Xtra** what you want it to be.

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Theodore Roosevelt

The poster features a collage of historical figures and events, including Tudor, Civil War, Hanoverians, and Victorian eras.

Collecting for D-Day

Throughout June, we have been collecting money for the British Legion to allow D-Day veterans to return to the beaches of Normandy for the 75 year anniversary of the famous landing. We have collected over £30 in 5 pence coins in our history lessons to symbolise the five beaches which the veterans landed on (Utah, Omaha, Sword, Gold and Juno). Just before sunset on June 5th, over 300 veterans were transported across the channel on the MV Boudicca.

Robert, Sean and Alexander.

D-Day Coin Competition

We also ran a competition to see who could find a D-Day £2 coin. Billy (Year 9) won this competition. The coin was a gift for his birthday in a collectors set. These coins are extremely rare and he won a £15 Amazon Gift Voucher for being able to find such a rare and valuable item.

History Xtra WW1 Trench Competition

The next competitions is a trench building competition. This competition is open to all of KS3 and the best and most historically accurate trench can win. Students can look for inspiration at History Xtra club from 3:15pm to 4:15pm in Room 92. You can use whatever materials available for this as the most creative trench model will win a voucher.

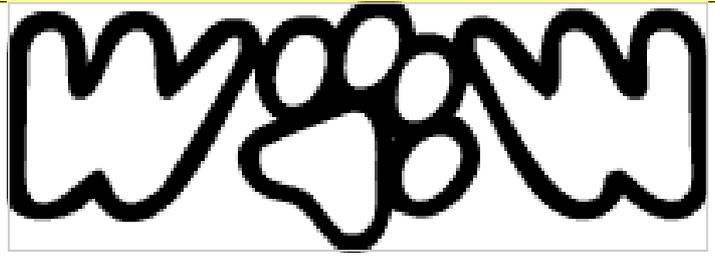


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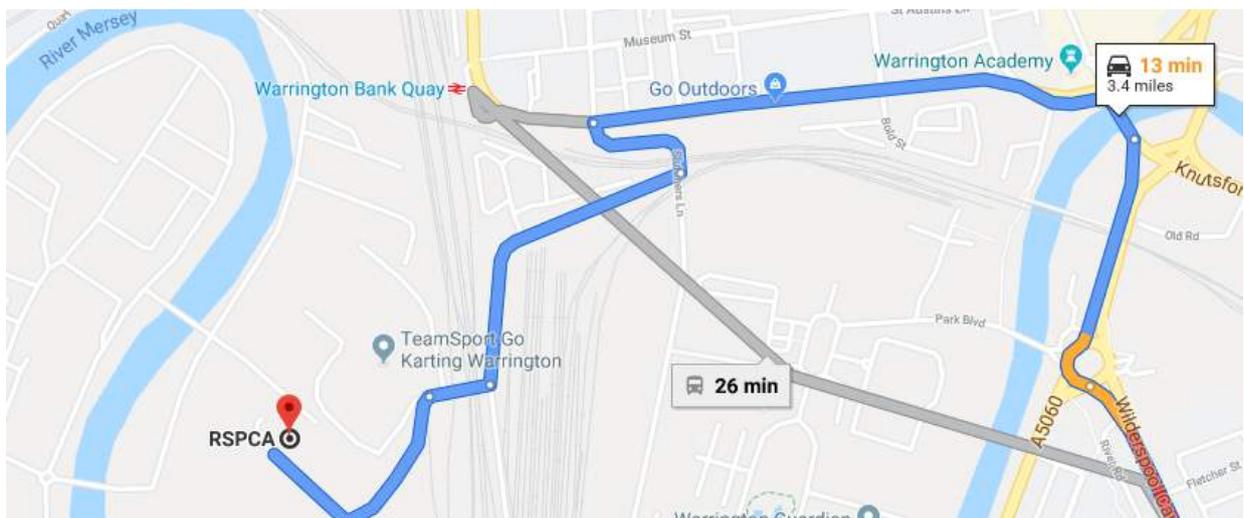
A big thank you to everyone who has donated to WAW this year. Volunteering at Warrington Animal Welfare is fantastic. I am able to make a difference to so many animals' lives and enjoy their success stories. If you would like to help, we are desperate for donations of cat and kitten food.

It's that time of year where we are inundated with young mums and their kittens. If you are in a position to rehome a dog, cat or rabbit, please have a look online as we share pictures and videos of the animals who are ready to find forever homes. Any donations can be dropped off at the Centre (behind the RSPCA, Slutchers Lane, Bank Quay) or brought into reception at school and I will drop it off. Thank you for your generosity.

Miss L Barclay



To find out more, visit <http://www.warringtonanimalwelfare.org.uk/>



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MP Visit

On June 20th, Year 9 Religious Studies pupils welcomed Warrington South MP Faisal Rashid to school to talk the pupils about Hate Crime. Pupils have been studying the Human Rights Act and Mr Rashid visited to take questions on the following issues:

- We are all born free. We all have our own thoughts and ideas and we should all be treated the same way.

and

- Everyone has the freedom to think or believe what they want, including the right to religious belief. We have the right to change our beliefs or religion at any time, and the right to publicly or privately practise our chosen religion, alone or with others.

As well as talking and taking questions about Hate Crime, the MP also explained the role of a minister of parliament and explained the history behind how he became an MP. Pupils gained a lot from the visit and I'm sure there was at least one future politician in the group, and perhaps even a Prime Minister!

Mrs. Watson



Year 8 Geography project: Coastal Processes Models.

This is the process of how we made our cake model of a coast. First we baked a vanilla cake using flour, sugar, eggs, baking powder and vanilla extract. After that, we melted some white chocolate and poured it into some silicone seashell moulds to set. We then iced the cake: half yellow and half blue. Next we sprinkled some crushed digestive biscuits over the yellow part of the cake - for the sand - as well as adding the white chocolate seashells. For the boulders, we used the remaining melted white chocolate, dyed it grey and added some cereal into it and then rolled it into rough ball shapes. We made the boulders vary in size so it was more realistic and placed them in the centre of the cake. Finally, we finished the cake with sprinkles and Lego figures.



Eleanor and Lily

Dot Art Competition

Congratulations to Lizhi (Year 9, pictured below) who was runner-up (secondary category) in the recent Cheshire Dot Art competition. Lizhi's amazing work is pictured below. Thanks to all those who voted!



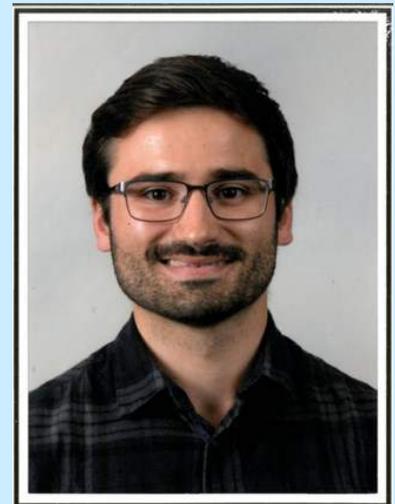
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KS3 Awards Evening : 20th June, 2019.

One of the highlights of the school year, is our KS3 Awards Evening, when we celebrate the hard work, participation and success of our lower site pupils in events both in and outside of school.

This year, as well as the nominations for hard work in particular subjects and across the curriculum in general, we were delighted, to make awards for resilience, a hugely important character trait for our young people as they make their way in an increasingly complex world. It also gave us great pleasure to award the River Reeves Award to Amelia in Year 7 for Outstanding Contributions to Music. Amelia, amongst her many other musical talents and contributions, has led our lower site Gospel Choir this year. We were also delighted to welcome Mrs. Carolyn Prosser to the stage in order to award the first, second and third prizes in the Frank Prosser Photography Competition (see separate article).

Our guest speaker was ex-pupil, Mr. Shaun Rigby (pictured right) who started at Bridgewater High School back in 2005, completing his GCSEs and A levels with us. Shaun spoke enthusiastically about some of the ways that Bridgewater had prepared him for varied but exciting challenges that he has faced since leaving us. These have included a Masters degree in Ocean Science at the University of Liverpool. Here, he achieved a first class degree and won the coveted Riley prize for the highest grade in Environmental Science.



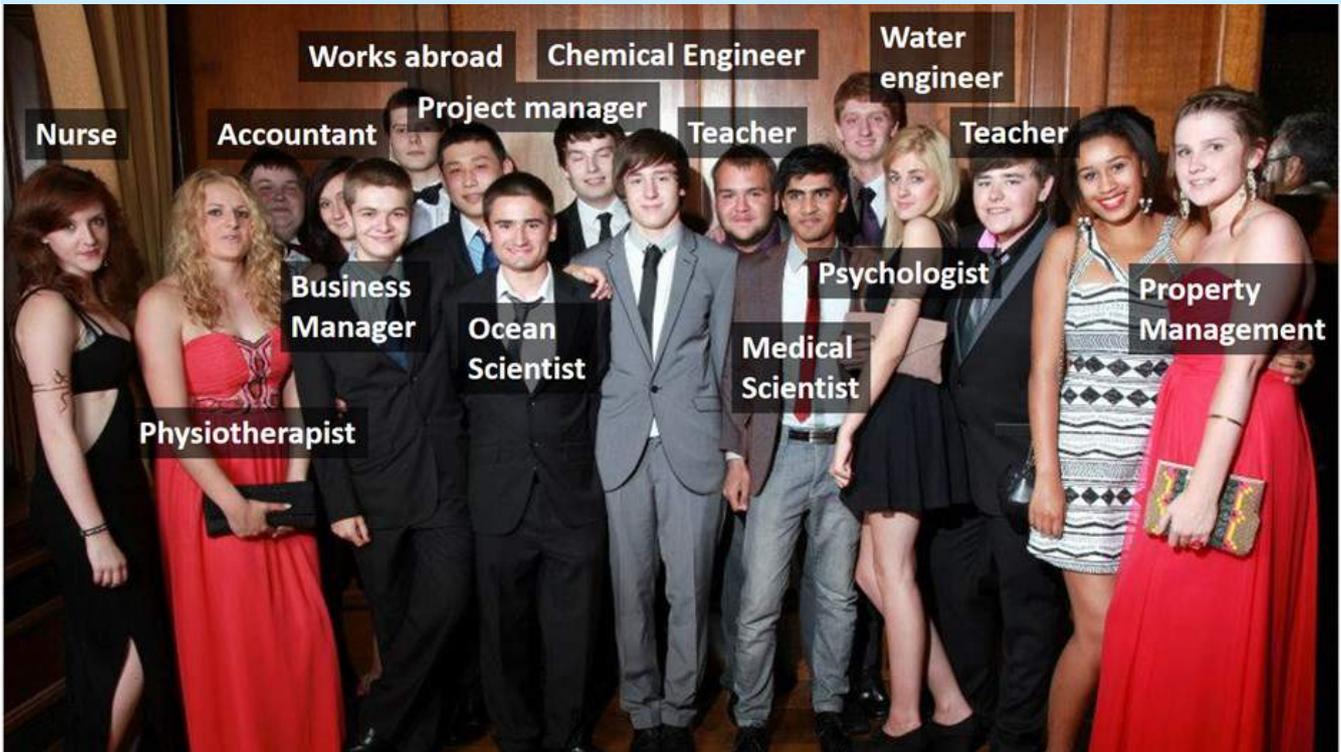
Since then, Shaun has been busy studying for his PhD in Ocean Science at Liverpool University. Along the way, he has presented his research at conferences not only in the United Kingdom, but also in France, Spain and the United States, the latter attracting thousands of scientists from all over the world.

Shaun's research has led to him spending six weeks at sea, sailing from Southampton to Guadeloupe in the Caribbean (as well as spending time working in a German laboratories.) Later this year, he will be presenting new research in Norwich and then in New Hampshire in the United States.

As well as travelling around the world's oceans and scrutinising his findings in laboratories across the country, Shaun is a keen and skilled golfer. He has been a member of the University of Liverpool golf team for the past 7 years, including the last two as captain. He put his golfing prowess to good use for two summers when he taught golf to youngsters at Camp Towanda in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

It was clear to the assembled pupils, parents and staff that Shaun is a driven and highly talented individual who has taken every opportunity to carve out for himself an exciting and fulfilling career, with lots of wonderful experiences along the way. We are confident that he inspired our youngsters to aim equally high and recognise that there are wonderful, life-changing experiences waiting for those, who – like Shaun – are prepared to work hard for them. Shaun shared the following powerful picture with us, (taken at his Sixth Form prom) which reminds us that Bridgewater is the start of a very important journey for our young people as they head towards demanding, exciting and fulfilling careers.

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Shaun Rigby with the rest of 'The class of 2012'

THE FRANK PROSSER MEMORIAL AWARD

Now in its fourth year, we continue to be impressed by the quality of the entries to this photography competition. The theme this year was "Nature in our Back Yard" and pupils were able to interpret this in many different ways – from photos of magnificent trees to tiny insects, raindrops to rambling countryside – celebrating nature and our surroundings at their best.

The winners are:

Key stage 3



1st Prize – "Bee in a cornflower"
Brandon 7EP
£50 voucher and a framed print

2nd Prize - "Geese on the canal"
Joseph 7EP
£25 voucher and a mounted print



3rd Prize – "Iris H Purple"
Iris 8ESS
£15 voucher and a mounted print



"Highly commended"– chosen by the Prosser family. (All winners receive a £5 voucher and mounted print)

"I'm watching you"
Brandon 7EP



"Grappenhall Heys Sunset"
Emily 8EJH

Photo 1
Poppy 7BA



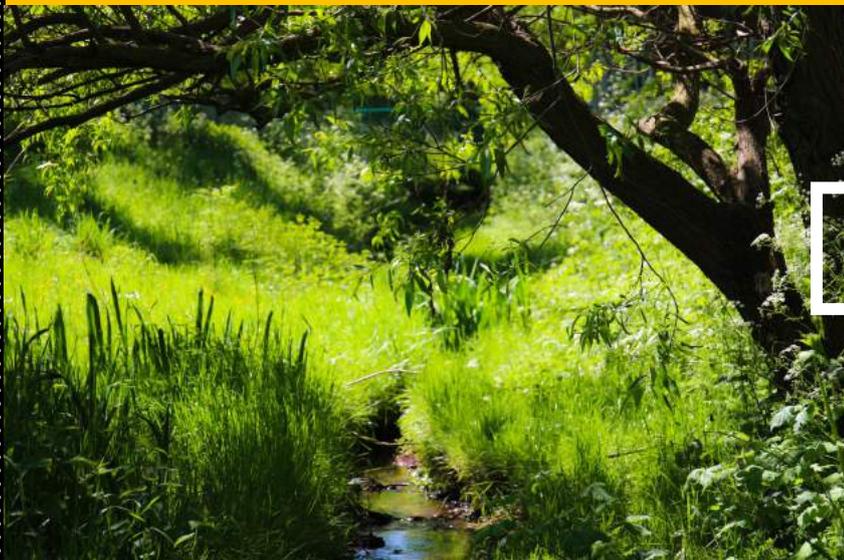
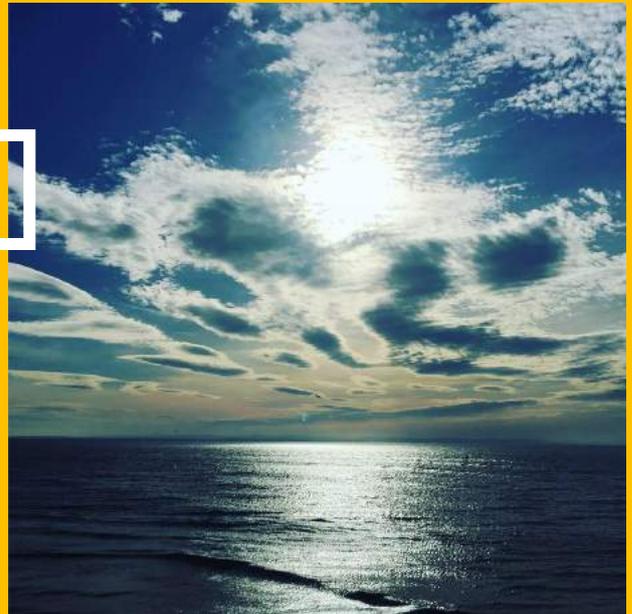
Photo 2 – Poppy A 7AES/CP

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Harry 8LJT

Poppy C 7BA



Sophie 7BA

1st Prize "Bee"

Ealish 13JLW

£50 voucher and a framed print



Upper Site entries



Joint 2nd Prize – "Spider" and "Snail"

Owen 11DT

£25 voucher and a mounted print



3rd Prize – "Raindrop"

Callum 10AGR

£15 voucher and a mounted print



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"Lavender"
Georgina 10Ezs



"Highly commended" – chosen by the Prosser family. (All winners receive a £5 voucher and mounted print)



"Duck"
Joshua 11DT

"Flowers in her hair"
Emma 10LC/AMS





THE ARTS SHOW

This took place on Wednesday 17th July at Upper School. It consisted of solo music performances as well as performances by our Love2Sing choir. The Lower School Drama Club performed an extract of *The Jungle Book*. The Upper School Drama Club also performed their own version of *Shakers* by John Godber and an abstract piece about mental health. It was most definitely a showcase of excellent talent and hard work by all.

BTEC FUNDRAISER

The BTEC Fundraise took place on Monday 8th July. The pupils were raising money to take part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival in November when they will be performing *Romeo and Juliet* in Manchester at the ZArts Theatre. The event showed the three musicals that they have studied on their course in Component 1. These are *Les Miserables*, *West Side Story* and *The Lion King*. Pupils have studied three songs from each musical and also studied and researched the plots and the choreographer, director and a main performer from each musical. They have also included their own acts in the show and held cake sales and a raffle to raise extra money. Well done everyone!

MUSIC AMBASSADOR SCHEME

BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL



ABOUT THE SCHEME

Bridgewater High School has a lot of competent musicians who have a range of different instrumental and ensemble skills. With the ever changing climate of learning, introduction of new GCSE and A Level specifications and the move to Progress 8, it is important that music still plays a relevant and active part in life at Bridgewater. The Music Ambassador scheme will further develop and challenge those students who share a passion for music and wish to continue to study it at Key Stage 4 and beyond.

PERFORMANCES

Students will be required to audition to become a Music Ambassador. After a successful audition they will be expected to perform at least once across the academic year in one of the many EPA/Music events held across the school. Students will develop a portfolio of performances and will be given one to one help to enhance their performance skills every week.

MUSIC THEORY

- All students will be expected to attend at least ten music theory sessions within the year. All students will take Grade 1 ABRSM music theory exam in their first year, which will be funded by the school. Music theory skills will be developed in preparation for GCSE Music.

PERIPATETIC LESSONS

- All Music Ambassadors will be encouraged to participate in our peripatetic lessons offered throughout the school.

REWARD TRIPS

- Students will be rewarded for their hard work and dedication on the scheme with trips to see musical events across the country, such as visits to the Royal Albert Hall and the MEN.



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ALTERNATIVE CURRICULUM

Music students will have a tailored timetable for alternative curriculum week, which will further develop their musical skills and involvement with performances, composition and listening and appraising. For example, in the first alternative curriculum week of the school year all music ambassadors will put together a performance which will be showcased during the Year 7 'Lion King' show. Further activities will then be organised across the year.

COMPOSITION GRADES LCM

London College of Music, run through West London University, offer Composition Grades 2-8. It would be the intention that music ambassadors would prepare the required portfolio material for Grade 2 in Year 7 and would be submitted by Bridgewater High. This qualification would further enable students to access composition at GCSE and is accredited by Ofqual

TCAT PARTICIPATION

- Throughout the year there will be many opportunities to participate with out multi-academy trust schools, in events such as the TCAT concert at The Parr Hall and collaboration with the TCAT choir.

MUSIC AMBASSADOR CONCERT

- Every year we anticipate to hold a Music Ambassador concert in the summer term, to showcase all the fantastic work and effort that has been put in by the students.



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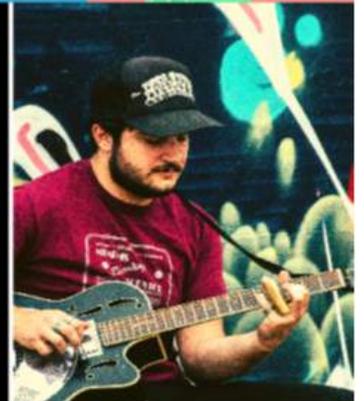
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BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL **PERIPATETIC LESSONS**

2019/20

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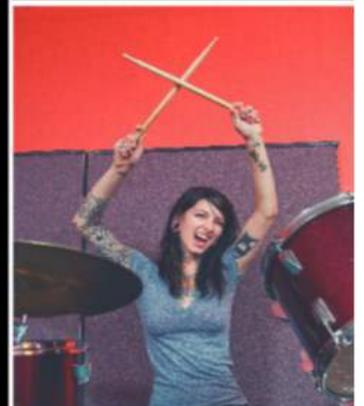
£9.50 A LESSON



ELECTRIC GUITAR



FLUTE



DRUMS



ACOUSTIC GUITAR



VOCALS



PIANO



SAXOPHONE

Spotlight on...

Congratulations to Keira in Year 7, who recently entered the Hannah Whelan Invitational gymnastics competition, winning gold award on vault, silver on bars, silver on beam, silver on floor and silver all around in a competition for any North West club. Keira trains at Warrington gymnastics club at Regional level for 16 hours per week. Well done Keira on all your hard work and success!



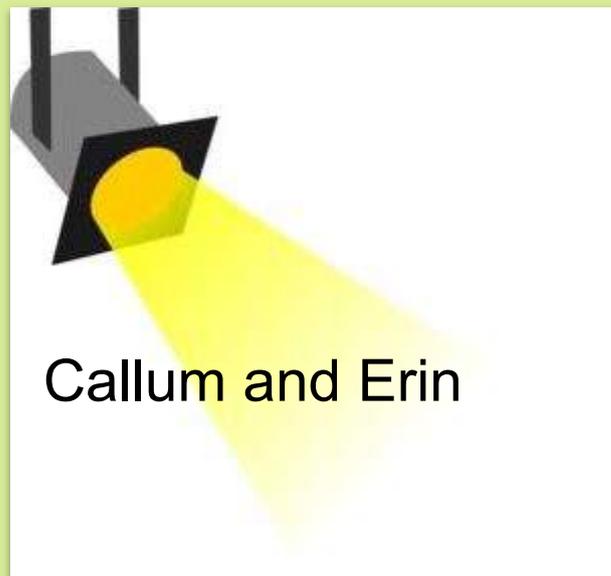
Year 9 cyclist, Raphael, has been busy travelling far and wide, racing against the very best riders in the country in both Road racing and Cyclocross. He has enjoyed a hugely successful cycling year culminating in him taking 2nd place in the recent U14 National Youth Circuit Championships. He has also won the TLI Cycling U14 Closed Circuit National Championship in May. Raphael came 3rd overall in the prestigious Isle of Man Youth Tour, winning the most challenging hilly Stage 2. Earlier on in the year, Raph won the NW Cyclocross Association U14 League and finished 4th at the 3rd round of the Cyclocross National Series. He was awarded the National Clarion Most Meritorious Junior Rider for 2019, as well as being awarded Junior Rider of the Year by North Cheshire Clarion. Well done Raph!

We love to report individual pupils' achievements in 'The Bridge' but are reliant upon you informing us about what your child is achieving outside of school. Please keep us informed by emailing news to b.mccahey@bridgewaterhigh.com and we will do our best to include it in 'The Bridge'. We also like to receive news updates from our ex pupils so please stay in touch!

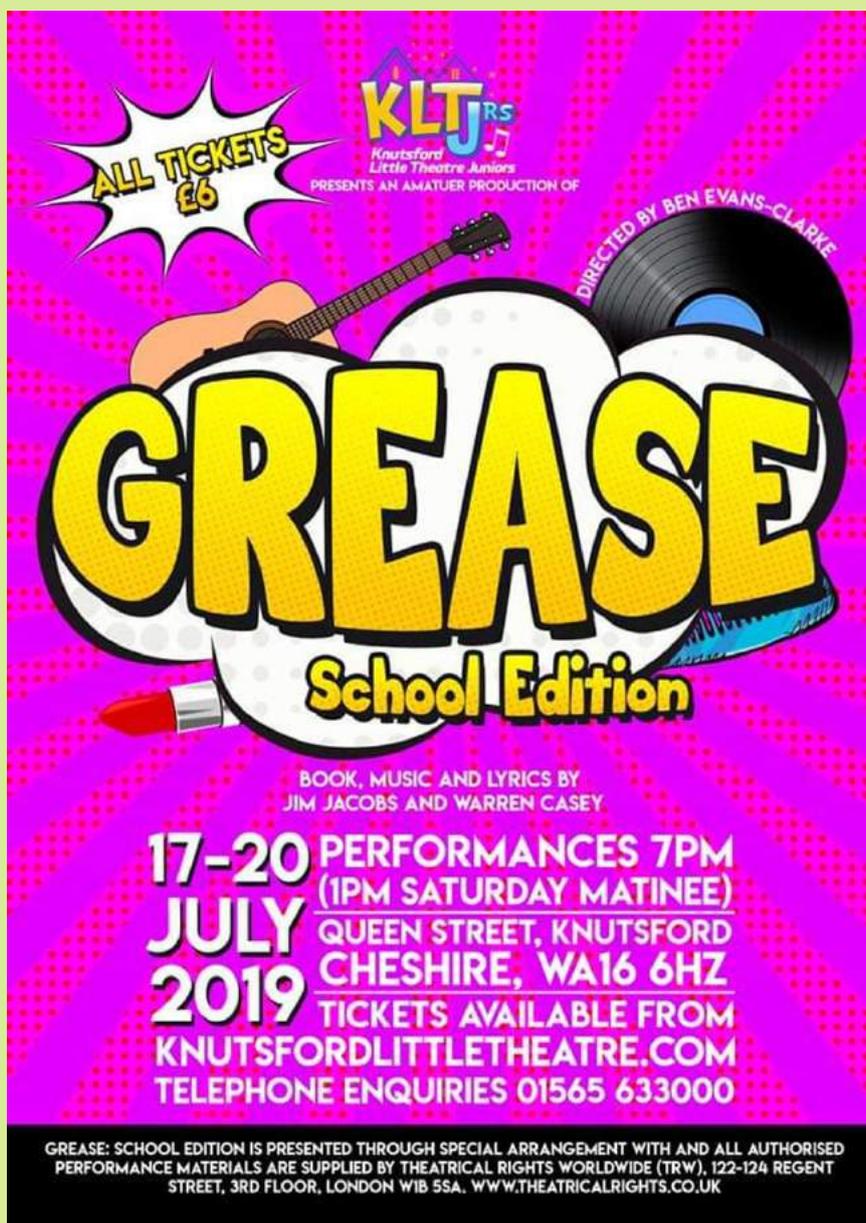
Spotlight on...

GREASE IS THE WORD!

Lower site siblings, Callum and Erin are both starring in Grease in July at the Knutsford Little Theatre. Erin is playing the role of Sandy and Callum is playing the role of Roger (aka Putzie in the film). Performances run from 17th—20th July at the Little Theatre Knutsford.



Callum and Erin



ALL TICKETS £6

KLTJRS
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PRESENTS AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF

DIRECTED BY BEN EVANS-CLARKE

GREASE

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Year 8 Activities

Rowing

This year has been very exciting for the year 8 rowing team. Each Monday, we went out to Warrington Rowing Club by the River Mersey. Since November, we have been learning how to row.

In January we went to the Halliwell Jones Stadium for an indoor rowing competition. This was against the other schools who were taking part in the rowing programme. After lots of training, Emily came first out of all year 8 girls. Ryan came first out of all year 8 boys. On July 2nd, the Warrington Schools Regatta took place. Out of all the schools, the boys came first by a big lead. All year, the weather has been brilliant, making it a very fun experience that I would encourage others to try out.

Camping

We were the second year to go camping in Cheshire and it was an amazing experience. When we first arrived at the camp site, we sorted out our tents then went into the woods for activities. The first was survival skills where we learnt how to put up a tarpaulin and hammock in the trees. Then we learnt how to make a fire using a flint and steel. After lunch, we learnt how to shoot a bow and arrow and how to climb trees. We then went through a night line in partners and a low ropes course. After tea, we went out to a field and completed some team-building activities (which were very funny!) Then we had a massive Stockton versus Appleton rounders match which Stockton won 14 rounders to 13. The next day we had water sports on the River Dee. We could choose between kayaking, canoeing or stand-up paddle boarding. After lunch (with lots of nosey ducks!) we got to switch to another vessel. We went further up the river then came back and got ready to go home after a very fun residential.

Year 10 TRIP TO SIDNEY SUSSEX COLLEGE

Students experienced sample lectures, a tour of the college given by undergraduates and a short tour of Cambridge.

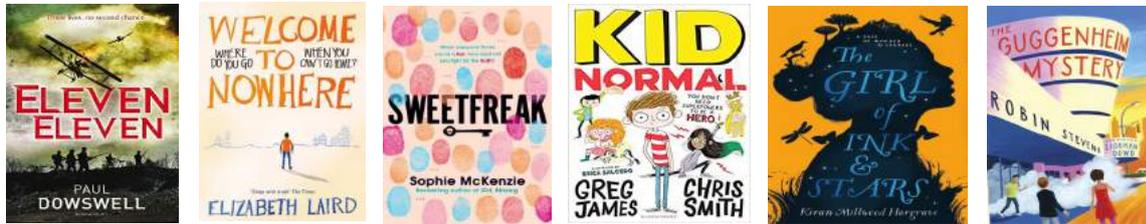
The Admissions Officer told them all about the Cambridge collegiate system and the application / interview process. It was a long day starting at 6am and finishing at 8.15pm but the students felt "it was really worth it!" Hopefully some students have been inspired to aim high when it comes round to making university choices.



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Cheshire Book Quiz

Final 2019



On 18th June, our Y8 Boys' group took part in the Final of the Cheshire Book Quiz at The King's School, in Chester. They were accompanied by all of the teams from Y7 and Y8 who took part this year. Paul Dowswell, author of 'Eleven Eleven', one of the books the groups had read, was in attendance and happily signed books. He also did a short presentation entitled '10 Facts You Might Not Know About WW1' and talked about how the haunting images of War had inspired his writing.

After reading six books in six months (no mean feat in itself!) and competing against 23 other schools in the Cheshire area, the boys came fourth and were invited to the Final contest. They were up against Helsby High, Weaverham High and The Queen's School, Chester. The team took part in 18 nail-biting buzzer rounds of general knowledge about books, with literary topics as diverse as:

Flora and Fauna, Kitchen Sink Drama, Who's Who, A Note on the Refrigerator, Children's Classics, That's My Boy, Fruit and Twisted Fairy Tales.



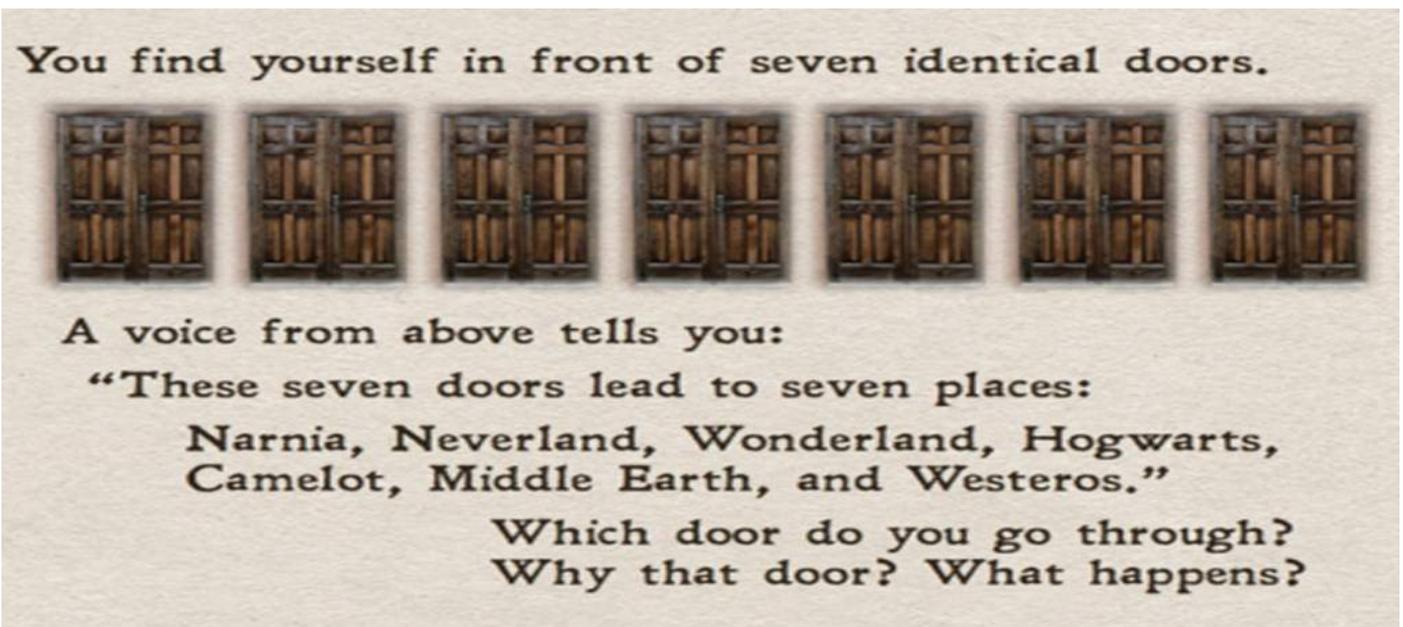
Bridgewater's Y8 Finalists!



'Finish The Story' Competition

This term we decided to run a 'Finish The Story' competition in Lower School Library after some pupils had expressed how much they enjoyed writing short stories. The aim was to write a short piece in no more than 500 words, using the story starter below. Pupils were able to give full rein to their imaginations as they entered some rather well-known literary fantasy worlds. Miss Dearden kindly volunteered to judge the entries, with Liberty (7DAS/DW) and Freya (8MPO) both winning a book token for their imaginative entries!

See if you can guess which door these writers chose to go through, on their short story journey...



Year 7 Winner – Liberty (7DAS/JW)

I stood in front of the seven wooden doors. Each one identical but all leading to very different places.

The voice from above had stopped now. I knew not where it came from nor who it was.

“Choose now!” The voice demanded, echoing around the small room as if it were using a megaphone. Perhaps it was using one...

“I cannot choose,” I replied. “How am I to choose when each door is identical to the others?”

“You could easily choose at random,” the voice suggested. I looked at each door again before beginning to walk to the one on the far left that I felt somehow compelled to.

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Winner Year 8 –Freya (8MPO)

I clutched its brass handle tightly, so tight that my knuckles were as white as paper and my palm ached.

“You have chosen wisely,” the voice said almost fondly.

Then out of nowhere, a figure wearing a black, hooded cloak appeared before me. I could not help but hold my breath.

“You will go through this door and enter a world like no other. This is not to be thought of as curse, Liberty, but as a blessing.”

I did not bother asking why this stranger knew my name. I knew that my answer would be vague or I would not get one.

I opened the creaky, wooden door and the figure behind me took in a deep breath. I could not figure out why because all I saw on the other side of the door was darkness. It was like the sky when it had grown so dark that even the stars had ceased to shine. I felt uneasy beyond anything that I had ever felt before.

But what I also felt was a sense of longing to step into the blackness that lay not so far ahead of me. So, I did.

Both the figure wearing the hooded cloak and the room, disappeared as if they were only a figment of my imagination. I was too smart to ever let myself believe this though, this figure was as real as I was, as real as anything. The consuming darkness was suddenly gone as if it simply melted away. Perhaps it had...

I was now stood outside a pair of large, golden doors that led into a tall, stone castle. The towers and turrets were all in odd places, the sides of the castle were not in the least bit symmetrical. I gazed up at it in wonder. So did the people around me. They looked to be my age, maybe a few of them slightly older, but they all had something in common. They were all dressed in a school uniform and black robes. Everybody was chatting excitedly with each other, an occasional laugh heard from somewhere in the crowd.

A man was stood at the entrance. I gave a squeal of delight when I saw who he was:

“Welcome to Hogwarts,” a beaming Albus Dumbledore shouted over the chorus of voices....



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“These seven doors lead to seven places: Narnia, Neverland, Wonderland, Hogwarts, Camelot, Middle Earth and Westeros.”

Seven dark brown doors, all in a line, all leading to different worlds of fantasy.

I pushed a door to sneak a peek but I couldn't...

“You will have to find a key to unlock the chosen door”, the deep voice from above said.

I searched and searched but I couldn't find a key, until I saw something shiny but small on the floor. “Aha, the key I've been looking for!” The key was rusty but useable, the key was engraved.

“Congratulations – you found the key, now you must use it to open your fantasy”, the deep voice instructed. I put the key into the keyhole and turned the key, the door creaking as I pushed it open. The world in front of me was beautiful: colourful flowers, bees sucking pollen off plants of all shapes and sizes, large mushrooms. But strangest thing of all, which told me where I was, was a rabbit-hole. I was in Wonderland. I slid down the dark rabbit hole just like Alice did with the rabbit.

I slid down the rabbit's hole, it was like going down a water-slide at full speed. I appeared outside of a large castle with a giant red heart at the top. I walked through the heart-shaped archway, which led me to the Queen of Heart's castle. I was frozen, as still as a statue.

“Excuse me!! How dare you enter MY castle without permission!! Who even are you, how did you get here?” The Queen of Hearts shouted furiously. I didn't know how to react, what to say or what to do. “I'm Charlotte and I...came through the rabbit-hole..”, I said nervously.

“OK then, Charlotte, you shall stay in the castle until you figure out how to get back to where you came from”, the Queen said, this time not angry.” Only on ONE condition, you shall work for me and when I am satisfied with your work, you can do whatever you want”.

Charlotte's journal, June 2019:

You won't believe what's happened - I'm in Wonderand! I've been staying at the castle for just over a month, and I've grown to like it here. The Queen of Hearts isn't that bad, just stay on her good side...at all times. If I'm being honest, I don't really want to go back home. The Cheshire Cat, The Mad Hatter and the White Rabbit, they're all so nice to me.

But there's one problem... I still don't know how to get back home and the Queen of Hearts said I will have to stay here until I know how to get back. Write back soon XO

Book Swap

For the last part of term, Lower School Library set up its annual Book Swap. Pupils were able to bring in unwanted books from home to swap with other people's books. This was all in the name of recycling and the discovery of new books and authors. Pupils were able to choose an equivalent number of books to the amount they brought in. The Book Swap was extended until the end of term in order to allow as many people as possible to bring in books to exchange and to choose something new to read.

Remember to keep your old books for next year's Swap!



Many thanks to all the pupils who have given up their breaks and lunch-times to help on the Library desk this year!

STAND UP TO CANCER BAKE OFF

On Thursday 27th June 2019 we concluded our stand up to cancer fundraiser. We aimed to reach a target of £1000 but we smashed this target and our year 9 pupils raised an excellent £1765!

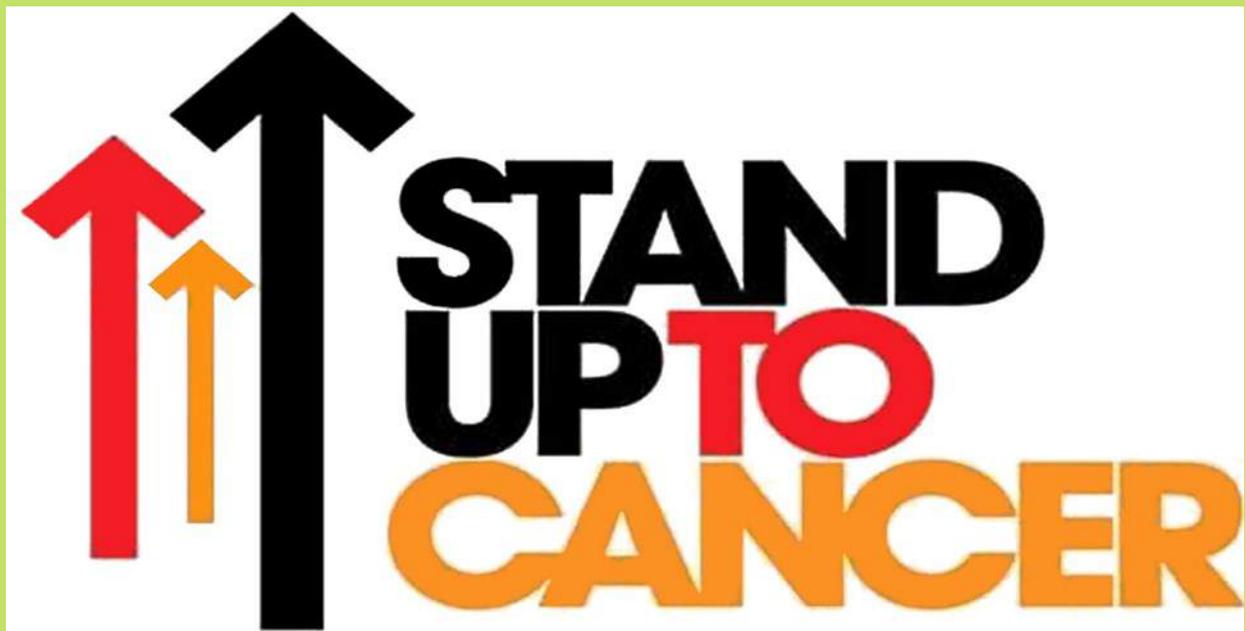
Our fundraiser lasted 2 weeks and included a non-uniform day for all years to contribute to the total of year 9 multiple form cake sales and other fun events such as sponge the teacher and guess the sweets in the jar! This was also a nice way to wave year 9 off to upper site as it was their last day at lower site.

The big bake off was a massive hit. Year 9 pupils chose 2 people from their forms to bake a showstopper. All the showstoppers were outstanding but only one could win. Votes were cast by pupils in years 7,8 and 9 and 9PH was declared the winning form.

After all the events had finished, we counted up the individual form bake sales and the individual bake off money and 9PG had raised the most. From the bake off alone, we raised £622.

Selected Year 9 pupils were chosen to stay off timetable and help set up for the various events. This included the pupils setting up their form bake stands, a polling station and a drinks stand.

Olivia and Natalya



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STAND UP TO CANCER BAKE OFF



The Word That Nobody Wanted to Hear

The word that nobody wanted to hear,

No matter how many times I whispered it in their ear.

You might think that this is absurd,

Why would a little girl even need to know about this word?

The word describes the pungent smell of the hospital floor,

And the things you see as you walk through the door.

It describes the machines' permanent beep,

And the child's innocent weep.

A word which describes so much sickness and pain,

Won't care about your name.

The word even described me for a bit,

But I knew that I should never quit.

The word broke my parents into floods of tears,

Knowing that I would have to face many fears.

They knew that having no hair,

Was going to cause people to stare.

Though life goes on at the oncology ward,

Where I am never bored.

My friends and I giggle and play,

To try and keep that word away.

But sometimes that word makes sadness come along,

So we cuddle up and keep brave and strong.

That word I don't regret,

Because all the people who saved me I will never forget.

Even though that word left me with more than a bruise and a cut,

This poem, by one of our own pupils, is written from first-hand experience. Thank you for sharing it with us.



Chemical Association Awards 2019 'St Georges Hall' Liverpool

I was very pleased to be invited for the 9th year in a row to the 'Chemical Association Awards 2019' held at 'St Georges Hall' in Liverpool on 13th June by our sponsor, Craig Barraclough from 'Solvay Interrox'

Craig Barraclough from 'Solvay Interrox' C.I.A. came into school to meet Y10 Product Design students and discuss their ideas with them earlier in the year. Craig confessed 'It was really difficult to choose from the models presented by the students as they were all so different'

Yet again, our Y10 Product Design students designed and made a fantastic range of awards using acrylic, aluminium and a range of hardwoods. The award winners I spoke to during the evening loved the fact each one was different and asked to pass on thanks for the high quality of work produced.

Russ Jones from 'Stepan' who won an award for "Manufacturing & Resource Efficiency" award sent Mrs Garry an email.

'I would just like to say thank you to both yourself & the pupils for all of the hard work that went into the awards, there were some fantastic designs. If you could pass on our thanks to the pupils it would be very much appreciated. Our particular award has now taken pride of place at the site entrance and we have already had a number of comments / compliments regarding the quality of the trophy and the relevance of its design to our Chemistry. Very fitting for a "soap" manufacturer to have an award designed to replicate bubbles!

Well done Year 10 we are very proud of you!

Mrs. J. Garry. Head of D&T Faculty. Congratulations also come from Mrs J. Butterworth, Mrs J Thompson and Mr. J. Blundell.

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Left: CIA Awards Winners 2019

Below: Our compare -ITV News presenter Sameera Ali-Khan



Above:
Russ Jones from 'Stepan' with their award.

Right:
Mrs Garry with Award winners from 'Reckitt Benckiser [UK]' and winners from 'Livent' and 'Venator'



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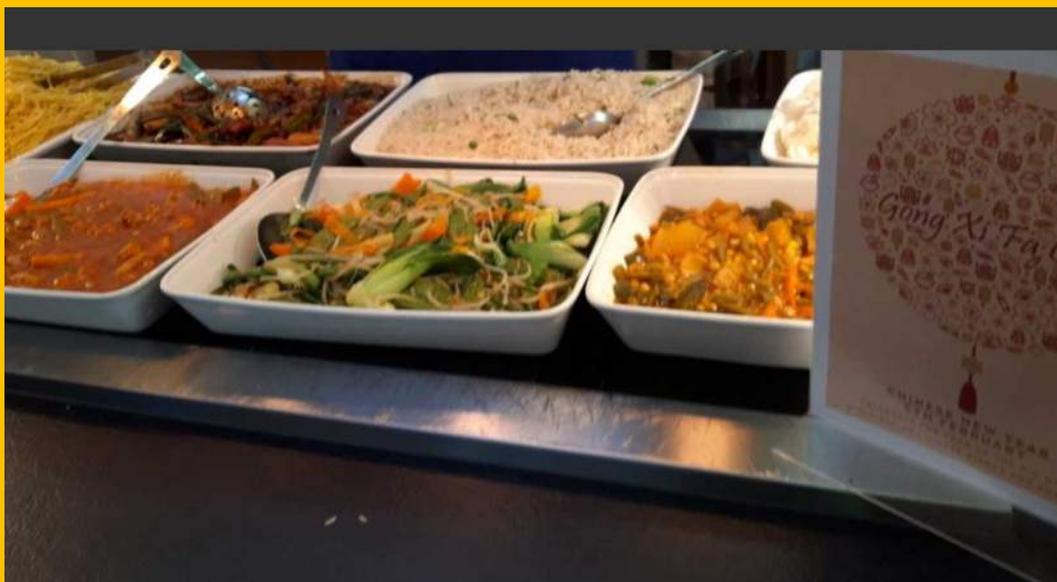
CATERING ACADEMY



We've had a busy year in both the lower and upper school kitchens, and what a fantastic team we have at both sites.

They have all worked so hard to produce some great food, making the everyday favourites but also embracing the always popular theme days such as Street Food Week, Chinese New Year, South American Day, just to name a few. They'll be plenty more theme days coming up next year! We've also had some refurbishment completed in the Kitchens which has really helped us with reducing the queuing time and enabled us to offer more variety of food.

We look forward to seeing (and feeding) you all in September!



Focus on Maths

Over 400 entries were sent from Bridgewater to various individual and team Maths competitions this year. Many students gained prizes and invitations to attend maths events at both Liverpool and Manchester Universities. Our students have an amazing record in the UKMT Challenges and this year they collected 10 Gold, 46 Silver and 72 Bronze awards between them.

UKMT Individual Challenges

Special recognition has to go to the following students who achieved 'Best in Year' awards in the UKMT Maths Challenge competitions:

KS3 : Year7 – **Luke**

Year 8 – **Zoe**

Year 9 – **Daniel**

KS4 : Year10 – **Isobel**

Year 11 – **Jake**

Zoe and Jake also received 'Best in School' awards their performance in the Junior and Intermediate Maths Challenges respectively. Following his strong performance in the Intermediate Maths Challenge Jake also received an invitation to the National Mathematics Summer School, which was a fantastic achievement – well done Jake!

Congratulations also go to the following students who qualified for the follow-on Kangaroo stages of these competitions:

Year 8 - **Zoe, Sian and William**

Year 9 - **Daniel and Ben**

Year 10 - **Isobel, William and Harrison**

Year 11 - **Jake**

Team Challenges

Both our Junior and Senior maths teams have also been in action this year representing Bridgewater at the Regional Finals of the UKMT Team competitions in Manchester and Liverpool.

Junior Team - **Callum (Y8), Emma (Y8), Daniel (Y9) and Ben (Y9)**

Senior Team - **Matthew (Y13), Matt (Y13), Millie (Y11) and Maani (Y11)**

Well done Team ...you did us proud !

Liverpool University – Challenge 19

Well done to **Zoe (Y8)** who earned a third place prize in the University of Liverpool's Challenge 19 competition. She was invited to an award ceremony and an evening of mathematical recreation at the university. Well done Zoe!

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Well done to everyone who took part in all our competitions and a BIG thank to Mr Chau for organising the competitions this year.

Are you up to the challenge?

Here is a question from this year's Junior UKMT competition.

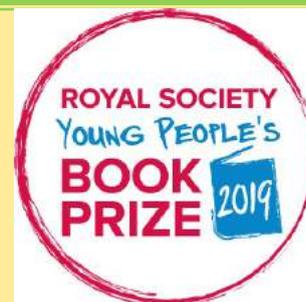
Each row, each column and each of the bold 2 by 3 rectangles in the grid has to contain each of the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (one number in each cell).

What number should go in the cell marked x?

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				6	
		1	2		
		3	4		
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Good Luck and see Mrs McIntyre for solutions !

KS3 STEM CLUB Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2019



This half-term, the KS3 STEM Club with Mr Langton took part in the judging panel for the **Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2019**.

This is an annual competition in which thousands of young people pick the 'best of the bunch' in Science books. The panel had to review six short-listed Science books aimed at young people between the ages of 8 and 14.

This year's short-listed books are:

- *100 Things to Know About Numbers, Computers & Coding* - Alice James, Eddie Reynolds, Minna Lacey, Rose Hall & Alex Frith (for ages 8-10)
- *The Bacteria Book* - Steve Mould (for ages 8-10)
- *Science Makers: Making with States of Matter* - Anna Claybourne (for ages 8-14)
- *Kid Scientists: True Tales of Childhood from Science Superstars* - David Stabler (for ages 8-12)
- *Planetarium* – Raman Prinja (for ages 8-10)
- *The Element in the Room* - Mike Barfield (for ages 8-10)

Over a number of weeks, the group members were able to have a good look at these books in the Library and to evaluate which one they thought was the best. They had to consider ease of reading, interest level, the look and feel of the books and whether the books inspired them to want to read more non-fiction...



KS3 STEM Club judging the short-listed titles

OXNET

On Wednesday 1 May, fifteen Year 8 Bridgewater pupils were fortunate to visit the Warrington Wolves Stadium, together with Year 8 pupils, from each of the TCAT high schools, and others from Years 5 and 12. Warrington Wolves hosted the first of the STEM Delivery Days, which will now be a regular event on our school calendar. TCAT has been invited into a partnership with Oxnet, part of Oxford University, with an aim of promoting academic aspirations for our pupils.

The challenge for the first year, with the assistance of Researchers from Oxford University, is to explore one of the Oxplore Big Questions – Can you choose to be healthy? Pupils spent the Delivery Day in groups, participating in a variety of activities and looking at issues surrounding Epidemiology, Nutrition, Exercise and Nanotechnology. Pupils enjoyed the competitive element to the day and were able to talk with the Oxford University Researchers, who supported each of the activities.

Plans are well underway for the next event during July, followed closely by another in the Autumn Term. Take a look at Oxplore's website, their home for Big Questions: <https://oxplore.org/>

Jacquie Watson, Science Faculty



History Xtra

A competition worth winning?

Will you be visiting an English Heritage site this summer? If you're aged 5 – 14, English Heritage want you to write a story in under 500 words inspired by the myths, legends & folklore surrounding their historic places. Choose one of their sites as your starting point.

From St George to sea-monsters, medieval ghosts and buried treasure, England's history is filled with stories, myths and legends that help shape our understanding of our past and present. Be inspired by one of their historic sites this summer and create your own story for a chance to win some amazing prizes for you, your family and your school.

“One lucky winner from each age category will win an illustration of their story, hand drawn by talented artist Clive Hicks-Jenkins, and their story will be professionally printed. They will also receive a year's English Heritage membership for them and their family, and a hands-on expert-led learning workshop at one of our historical sites for them and their class!
Plus, one overall winner will get the top prize of a stay in one of our holiday cottages for them and their family!”

For more information go to:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/tellusastory>

Deadline is midnight on 20th September 2019.

Good luck and please share your entries with History Xtra in September!



Excellence in art-based learning

Rivers of the World is a two-year art project organized by the Thames Festival Trust. Bridgewater High School is one of six Warrington based schools to be taking part in the cycle starting this year.

Our partner school in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and our theme for the first year of the project is The River of Life, with a focus on the river Mersey.

On Wednesday 1st May and Tuesday 7th May, art club pupils from year 8 and 9 created art work led by local artist Kirsty Rae.

The focus for the artwork was the renewed eco-system of the river Mersey and the wild life that now flourishes in and around the river.

Pupils look at the work of artists Rachel Dean and Mark Hearld, whose work is heavily inspired by wild life and natural habitat.

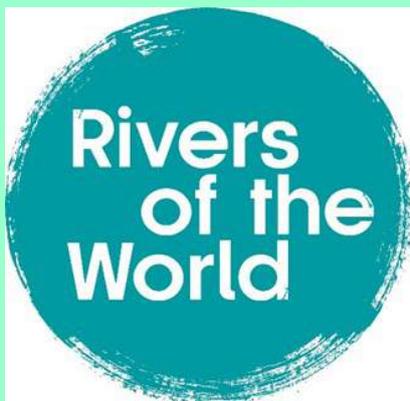
Pupils worked hard to create the ink wash, coffee and Milton based collages and drawings that you can see on display. They also created delicate plaster casts using wild plants and flowers.

The artist Kirsty Rae is going to create a digital artwork using the photographs of the pupils work. Each pupil will be able to recognize their work or part of their work in the outcome.

The work that will be created in the second year of the project will be based on our partner school's river, the river Nile.



You can see examples of our talented pupils' work on 'Rivers of the World' as well as other stunning art projects over the next few pages...



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SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 7 BOYS' FOOTBALL

A massive congratulations should be shown to the Year 7 Boys Football team as they became the Warrington Schools champions.

The team was undefeated throughout the whole season and only conceded a total of 3 goals.

In a tense final against Great Sankey, Bridgewater fell 0-1 down and struggled during the first half with the physical approach of Great Sankey. But two quick goals after half time saw Bridgewater take a 2-1 lead into the final 15 minutes.



During a tense final 15 minutes Bridgewater hit the bar twice and hit the post. The game could have been over if those shots had gone in.

With only 2 minutes left, Bridgewater conceded a late goal from a counter attack by Great Sankey. The final ended 2-2 which meant penalties.

In the penalty shootout, both Bridgewater and Great Sankey scored their first two penalties. With Bridgewater scoring their third penalty, they retook the lead. A fantastic save from Fran gave Bridgewater the advantage 3-2. Both teams scored their 4th penalty, giving Joel the chance to win the cup for Bridgewater High School. Joel scored and Bridgewater were champions!

Congratulations to all the boys who have represented the Bridgewater High School this year.

SPORTS NEWS

ROWING

The Warrington Youth Rowing programme was launched last year with the aim of giving under-privileged students the chance to thrive in an area outside of their comfort area and also develop rowing participation in Warrington. This year, the programme has grown substantially and over 200 students throughout Warrington have developed their skill and desire for rowing.

The Rowing season unfortunately had to come to end towards the back end of this term, but not before the boys' and girls' teams progressed with technique and the speed at which they were rowing.

They finished the year in fine style at the Warrington Rowing Regatta. Both Crews rowed exceptionally well with the girls being pipped slightly at the finish line. The boys went on to be overall winners of the year 8 competition.

A highlight of the year for the rowing team was male rower Kyle being awarded the Male Outstanding Rower throughout the whole year 8 boy's cohort from all schools taking part. His commitment and resilience earned him this award. Well done to him.



SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY

The Rugby season once again has been a packed season with plenty of success across the year groups. All age groups have featured in many different leagues and tournaments throughout the year and have competed in well over 50 games this year. This is a phenomenal achievement by all students and staff involved. Below are the achievements gained by this year's teams this year.

Year 8- Champion Schools Quarter Finalists

North West Plate Champions

National 9's winners

Warrington 9's Winners

Warrington Legends League Winners

Year 9- North West Plate Runners Up

Warrington 9s winners

Year 10- North West County Champions

NatWest Vase Semi Finalists

Warrington 9's Winners

Champion Schools Semi Finalists



SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL

The football season finished on a high this year with 4 of the 5 teams featuring in Warrington Finals in the chance of being the best team at their age group in Warrington. The finals night proved to be a fantastic occasion with great success throughout the year groups. There was some great football played with 2 of the 5 games being taken to penalties to decide the outcome. Year 7 managed to come out on top but unfortunately year 9 was unable to complete the clean streak of wins from Bridgewater High School. Better luck next time!



Results

- Year 7 Warrington School Champions
- Year 8 Won - Warrington School Champions
- Year 9 Warrington Schools Runners up
- Year 10 Warrington Schools Champions

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ATHLETICS

English Schools Track and Field Cup

Results 7/5/19

Junior Boys 2nd 263 points

Junior Girls 3rd 235 points

Inter Boys 2nd 338 points

Inter Girls 4th 230 points

Inter boys progressed to the North West final. Unfortunately, this event was abandoned due to bad weather.

Warrington Schools Athletics

Boys overall finished in 2nd place out of 12 schools

Girls overall finished in 3rd place out of 12 schools

Year 7 boys finished 5th

Year 7 girls finished 4th

Year 8/9 Girls Warrington Champions

Year 8/9 boys finished 6th

Inter boys Warrington Champions

Inter girls finished 3rd

County Athletics

Year 7 Minors

The following Year 7s were selected to represent Warrington at Cheshire Schools Competition on Monday 24th June.

Boys

Brad 100m

Charlie 800m

George Shot Put

Girls

Relay Harriet 1500M

Katie Long Jump



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The following were selected to represent Warrington at Cheshire Schools Competition on Saturday 8th June.

Junior Boys/Girls

Lisa Sprint Hurdles

Emily 1500m

Maisie 800m

Bella Discus

Ruby Shot

Annie 100m

Julia 100m

Marcus 1500m

Jack 100m

Leyton 800m

Inter Boys/Girls

Theo 200M

Thomas 200m

Joel 1500m

Isaaq 1500m

Joe 300m

Rorio 100m

Leo Sprint Hurdles

Joe 1500m

Mason Trophy Inter Counties Competition

The following were selected to represent Cheshire Schools at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham on Saturday 15th June.

Thomas 200m/Relay

Theo 200m/Relay

Rorio Relay/Shot/Javelin

Leo 100m/Shot

Joel 1500m



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Cheshire Year 10 athletes Mason Trophy



Sports Leaders Primary Athletics Tuesday 2nd July

A special mention to the GCSE pupils that helped out at the Bridgewater Primary Athletics Competition. They helped support the events in a range of roles including track and field officials, recorders and general leaders. They performed their roles in an efficient and professional manner and were a credit to themselves and their school.



SPORTS NEWS

TENNIS

Year 7/8 Team Tennis

Adam8
Owain8
Ben8
Thomas8
Sam7

Well done to the boys for finishing in 2nd place in their group league.

Year 9/10

Seb
Freddie
Callum
Thomas
Robyn



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Congratulations to the boys on winning their box. They now progress to the knock out competition.

Road to Wimbledon

Well done to all tennis players that took part in this event.

Boys

U14 Winner

Seb Year 9 *qualified to play in the County Round

Runner Up

Adam Year 8

3rd Place

Henry Year 9

Girls

Winner

Olivia Year 9 *Qualified to play in the county round

Runner Up

Emily

Tennis Umpires

KS3 boys/girls tennis players recently officiated in the Stockton Heath Primary Schools tennis competition. They did an excellent job.

Well done to Seb, Adam, Owain, Oliver, Olivia and Emily.

SPORTS NEWS

England Call Up for Miss Price!

Finally, congratulations to our very own golden girl, Miss. Price who has been selected to compete for England Women's Minifootball team in September. The brilliant and dedicated Miss Price has helped to run the girls football team at Bridgewater High School for the past 3 years.

Women's football has made huge progress over the last decade; Bridgewater High School have supported these ground-breaking changes, not only with pupils but also with staff. Miss Price is an amazing, positive role model for students at Bridgewater High School, showing her multi-talented side, being a teacher of Computer Science whilst also showing her prowess as a semi-professional footballer outside of school. Miss Price attended England trials and impressed the GB Minifootball President with her skills and magical feet.

Miss Price recalls ...

"I was scouted whilst playing 11-a-side and asked to attend a trial for the England Women's Minifootball team, at first I thought it was a wind-up so I just dismissed it, but they kept asking me to attend, so hesitantly I went down. The trial went well and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, but then I just had to wait to hear from the association responsible for the England team, GB Minifootball Union, to see if I'd been selected.



A few days later I received an email from them, and I was overwhelmed when I read that I'd been selected to play for the England 7 a side team at the Women's FIF7 World Cup in Rome! I never thought I would be at the standard of representing my country at a major tournament.

I know the hard work lies ahead now, so that by the time September comes around, I will be in the best possible condition and mind-set for the biggest moment in my sporting career so far. This opportunity just shows that you can achieve anything when you set your mind to something and are committed to being the best you can be.

I am thoroughly grateful to all of my colleagues at Bridgewater High School who have supported me throughout the process, especially Mr. Long and Mrs. Hatton who have allowed me the time away from the classroom to compete for my country."

GB Minifootball President, Mark Staines, said of the call-up, "Miss. Price is a really good player. She has a lot of good attributes to her game and she shone at the trial. On the pitch she has a great attitude, she's willing to learn and offers us something that we don't have with the other players in the squad. Off the pitch, she has been a pleasure to deal with." Well done Miss Price!



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



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