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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of this term and embark on a well-deserved festive break, it's a fitting moment to reflect on the enriching journey this academic year has presented us.

In contemplating the upcoming new year, it's always worth noting the unique rhythm of the school calendar, which concludes in July, unlike the conventional calendar year. While many individuals use this time to reflect on the past twelve months and establish new year's resolutions, we in the school take stock of the term and assess the impact we will have on the rest of our academic year.

This juncture provides us with an excellent opportunity to evaluate the support systems in place for our students, both at school and at home.

The partnership between school and home is crucial, and your continued support greatly contributes to the success of our students and is genuinely appreciated; thank you.

This term has witnessed a fresh approach to assessment and reporting. Whilst in its infancy, the feedback from parents and carers has been encouraging. Our aim is to gradually desensitise students from the negative aspects of assessments and offer more contextualised information to parents, ensuring a clearer understanding of their children's progress.

Beyond the classroom, I continue to be impressed by the energy our students devote to a range of extra-curricular activities. Whether on the sports field, in the performance hall, at the chess board, or in the baking competition, they exemplify qualities that shape their character, and this newsletter aims to give a snapshot of their achievements. As adults, we can draw inspiration from their pursuits and reflect on the balance in our own lives!

This newsletter also highlights our engagement with Future First, a platform that aims to build an Alumni network for the school. While we are still in the process of expanding our network, we recently had our inaugural interaction with members of our Alumni through a Physics workshop. It was a pleasure to witness the success of former students and you can find more details about this event later in the newsletter and ways to join the network yourself.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you again for the unwavering support you provide to the school. Your tremendous efforts day in and day out, coupled with your commitment to challenging your children to become well-rounded individuals, are truly commendable.

As we approach the festive break, I wish you all a relaxing and joyous Christmas. I hope you find time to relax and connect with friends and family.

Warm regards,  
Mr. K. J Powell  
Principal

# CIVIL AND REMEDIATION LTD COMES TO BRIDGEWATER!



Jack Rowley (pictured above) Managing Director of Civil and Remediation Ltd. Recently gave Bridgewater students the opportunity to use their Construction Simulator for the week.

Students could see, feel and consider what it would be like working in the Construction Industry. "It's a lot to do with hand and eye co-ordination when operating plant," said David Rowlands from the Construction Industry Training Board. When questioned, 60% of students, after trying out the Simulator, commented that they would now consider the Construction Industry whereas previously that had not thought about this career option.

It was great for our students to have this experience. It helped them widen their horizons and consider different careers.



# BOWLING TRIP

On Thursday 14th December, students in the Provision from Upper Site had the opportunity to go Ten Pin Bowling. Competition was fierce but friendly and the students excelled in their playing and gamesmanship.

Alice commented: "Bowling was fun, I got a Strike and I won the second game. It was also fun having a day out with the Provision staff and students."

Rory said: "It was good. My best bit was when I got a strike."

Mrs Sutcliffe tried to give us a maths lesson in explaining how to add up after a score and a strike – apparently when she was our age you had to work it out with a pen and paper!!!





## WALTON GARDENS VISIT

Eight Y8 students visited Walton Gardens in November for a Zookeeper Experience Day. It was good to see some of our old students who now work there.

The students involved themselves with all the tasks and fed the animals too!

Mr M Kueres and Miss E Magee







Murad, Paulyn, Eloise-Mae, Eskild, Marcel, Frankie, Emily, Bryleigh-Rae





## GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Well done to the winners of the Geography Department's recent photography competition, whose splendid efforts are pictured over the following pages.



1<sup>st</sup> Place. Nathaniel Y7. Taken going up Langdale Pikes. "The contours just keep getting closer!!!"



2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Billy Y7. This picture is of the view from Hill Cliffe cemetery in Warrington. It shows Fiddlers Ferry power station. The power station is a famous landmark in our town but is now closed and will be demolished in December 2023. It was built between the years 1964 and 1971.





3<sup>rd</sup> place. Amelia Y7. My photo shows physical, human and environmental geography. Physical- natural features of the River Mersey with the sun shining above. Human- manmade bridge and road, the symbol for river on a map is a blue line. Environmental- trees either side and water running through providing a home for animals.



1<sup>st</sup> Place. Dexter Y8. I have chosen my subject piece to be the San Francisco 49ers Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California as this relates to sport in geography. It is 40 miles south of San Francisco and was chosen for its existing infrastructure. The Stadium is an open stadium design with a capacity of 68,500. There is a rooftop farm producing crops used in the stadiums catering. The 49ers are owned by the York Family who also own Leeds United. They are named the 49ers after the 1849 Gold Rush in San Francisco.





2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Max Y8. I took this photo of Latchford bridge in the evening . I like the way the bridge is reflected in the water and this is the bridge I cross to get to school .

Canals are man-made and exists where water does not flow naturally . Rivers however exist where water naturally gathers . Canals are man-made waterways designed to serve a purpose in controlling the flow of the water , they rely on integrated features like locks and dams . They also help letting out excess water after heavy rain fall . Canals can be thought of as artificial rivers .



3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Magnus Y8. **Popular Sport** This photo was taken in Old Trafford Stadium. One day, I was riding my bike to the Old Trafford Stadium. Football and cycling are both popular sports.





1<sup>st</sup> Place. Santiago Y9. This small house is in Ambleside (which is in the lake District). It is a 17th century house which used to be an apple store but it was originally built on a bridge, so the owners didn't pay land tax. It is now part of the national trust.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Murray Y9. It was taken by me at Manchester airport, at the visitors park. My topic is tourism and the growth of tourism. One of the ways tourism has grown is by transport being more available to people and the development of air travel. Air travel is good for tourism but also impacts the environment.





<sup>rd</sup>  
3 Place. Jack Y9. This photo was taken in Bormio, a ski resort in Italy. The photo links with Geographic subjects I studied the past couple of years. For example, the past couple of years, I have studied maps in Geography. We studied how to work out the steepness and top and bottom of mountain ranges. this included studying contour lines and learning the closer they got, the steeper the mountain got. That is why this picture links with that subject because the mountains in the picture are the Alps, and the mountain from which I took the picture from is 3000metres above sea level. It isn't a glacier, but when the snow melts, it flows down streams which link all the way to lakes just outside of Milan.

Congratulations to all those KS3 winners whose photographs are shown above and thanks to everyone who entered the Geography competition. KS4 winning entries are shown on the following pages. Well done!





1<sup>st</sup> Place. Caitlin Y11. Giants Causeway - an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns - the result of an ancient volcanic fissure eruption over 6 million years ago. Off the North coast of Northern Ireland in County Antrim, Giants Causeway is one of the 7 wonders. It was formed by erosion processes such as hydraulic action, abrasion and attrition. These processes formed the polygon shaped stones and vertical columns that make the Causeway. This picture shows the wonders of coasts and the omnipotence of the environment to form such spectacular scenes.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Jacob Y10. My photograph links to the topic of coastal landscapes as it was taken in Kao Sok national park in Thailand, on the Indian Ocean.





3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Lucy Y11. This photo was taken in my front garden, and I have identified it as a fly agaric mushroom. This links to my topic of world biomes and the organisms living within them.

## MUSIC TUITION

### DRUM LESSONS

If you are interested in having drum lessons, please contact Mr Bradbury who will put you in touch with our new drum tutor.

### OTHER INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

In case you weren't aware, we offer instrumental lessons here at Bridgewater High School. If you are interested in learning any of the following instruments, please contact Mr Bradbury on [r.bradbury@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:r.bradbury@bridgewaterhigh.com)

Saxophone  
Drums

Flute  
Trumpet

Clarinet  
Trombone

Guitar  
Violin

Bass  
Cello

Lessons will be restarting in January. Contact Mr Bradbury as soon as possible.



## PARENTS' EVENING LETTER

As you will know, we moved to Schoolcloud 'virtual' parents' evenings during the Coronavirus. Due to overwhelmingly positive feedback, we have retained the format. We continue to review this decision and are keen to overcome any barriers faced by parents when using this particular platform. We recently trialed a 'live' British Sign Language Interpreter, who interpreted for a deaf parent. Both parent and interpreter were present in our meetings room, whilst teaching colleagues streamed remotely. Another parent who is deaf, kindly observed the process and writes as follows about the experience:

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of November I was grateful to have the opportunity to sit in as an observer in a new Year 7s first parents' evening, along with her parents, to experience the parent portal on a large screen in the school with an in-person sign language interpreter.

I am a parent of a current Y9 student at Bridgewater. I have had many years experience of being a parent and supporting my children through high school, both in Cumbria and in last 8 years at Bridgewater.

I am also profoundly deaf.

Having access to all things within high school life which most parents would take for granted, such as information evening of all kinds, presentations/performances and parents evening has always been hit and miss, whilst I can lipread, lipreading is unreliable only 30 percent is visible, the rest is guess work. It is also very tiring, so my preference is using a British sign language interpreter to participate, follow and fully understand communication with others.

When covid happened, with the many challenges and difficulties it presented us all with, I also lost access to the world with communication. Everyone wore face masks and everything, including school and Parents' Evenings, moved online.

I cannot lipread a flat screen at all, most virtual platforms do not provide reliable subtitles or support adding an extra "person" which stays on the screen at all times. Nor can reliable internet connection be guaranteed which further impacts screen quality and lag. All these are essential when watching a visual language on a screen, as if the screen is blurred or freezes, your communication is lost.

Unfortunately the school platforms that are used have all these issues, so I missed out on all parents' evenings etc because of covid.

I had hoped that in person events including parents evening would return – as there is no lag or internet connection issues in face-to-face contact, and you can make use of a "in person" sign language interpreter, but this isn't meant to be at this time. I informed the school of the difficulty I faced accessing these things and a few things were tried over last year but, again a sign language interpreter couldn't be added virtually for me to see,

So Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> November was a new trial, for which I was invited along to, and along with the other parent we made the most of a in person sign language interpreter and together worked out what worked well and what worked less well, and so going on this system can be used until such a time face to face parents evenings might return.

If you have a communication need, or any need that poses a barrier in accessing parents evening, do contact the school, don't feel you must miss out. There may be trial and error along the way, but they will try and work with you to find a solution.



By Harry and Harry

Martha's Vineyard is a once in a lifetime experience. It's very exclusive, you make new friends, meet new people and discover new culture. You get to experience Halloween in America if you go in October. You get to visit Boston, the capital of Massachusetts. There are lots of options to go shopping, have a day in an American school and see how different it is compared to British schools. Then you can get to play basketball or a football game (make sure you win that game) and maybe you could play their version of football.

Also you can go to another American state called Rhode Island and visit a massive mansion house. With Martha's Vineyard it is a very safe. There are lovely beaches to go to and have fun. It is a place where you would love to live.

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD 2023

By Max

The eight hour flight and hour boat journey was tiring. The day lasted over 24 hours but it was worth it. We saw a catapult launch a pumpkin and we even got a free little pumpkin and picked sweet potatoes at the Morning Glory Farm. We went to the Boston Red Sox Stadium and had a go at the American school system. They have more colourful classrooms and no school uniform. We went to the Mayflower 2 and saw camps of Wampamnoag Tribe and sat on skins of animals, like deer. We also sent to a mill and watched the water wheel crush the corn and we all had a go at a hand grinder and a hand crusher. The Americans beat us a football 4-2 but we are looking forward to beating them at basketball. At the weekend, all of the Brits and their exchanges went bowling and to the park. On the last day we went to a mall for six hours and bought lots. I bought a Led Zeppelin and Guns 'n' Roses t-shirts and everyone was converting the dollars to pounds to see if the price was worth it.

By Cameron

On the Martha's Vineyard trip it was very good as we did not just stay on the island, we went off to other places like Fenway Park, home of the Red Sox Baseball team. We walked on the freedom trail and we visited the Mayflower 2 and Plymouth Rock (not in the best weather conditions). We did stay on Martha's Vineyard though when we had tour of the island on the first day. Then a couple of days later we went to the Slough Farm and launched a pumpkin out of a catapult. We had a good game of football against the Americans and we are going to try and beat them in basketball (which is unlikely).



Our annual Martha's Vineyard exchange has been running for many years. As you can see from the above accounts, our students have a wonderful time and make lasting friendships.







## CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Big-hearted students from Mrs. Antell's form recently collected charity donations for the Christmas Toy appeal at Warrington Hospital. They delivered presents for the babies, children and young people who are poorly over the festive period. It was heartening to see our young people thinking about giving rather than receiving at Christmas time. It has been an absolute pleasure witnessing their compassion and commitment to the cause.

Mrs B Antell





## DAY IN THE LIFE OF WINTER WONDER

Hi my name is Harvey and I am in Year 8 at Bridgewater High School.

Today when I was at the rehearsals of Winter Wonder I saw loads of different performances. It was a spectacular day. There were lots of brilliant dancers and singers. There were lots of kind people that were really welcoming. You never felt left out.





## ALUMNI

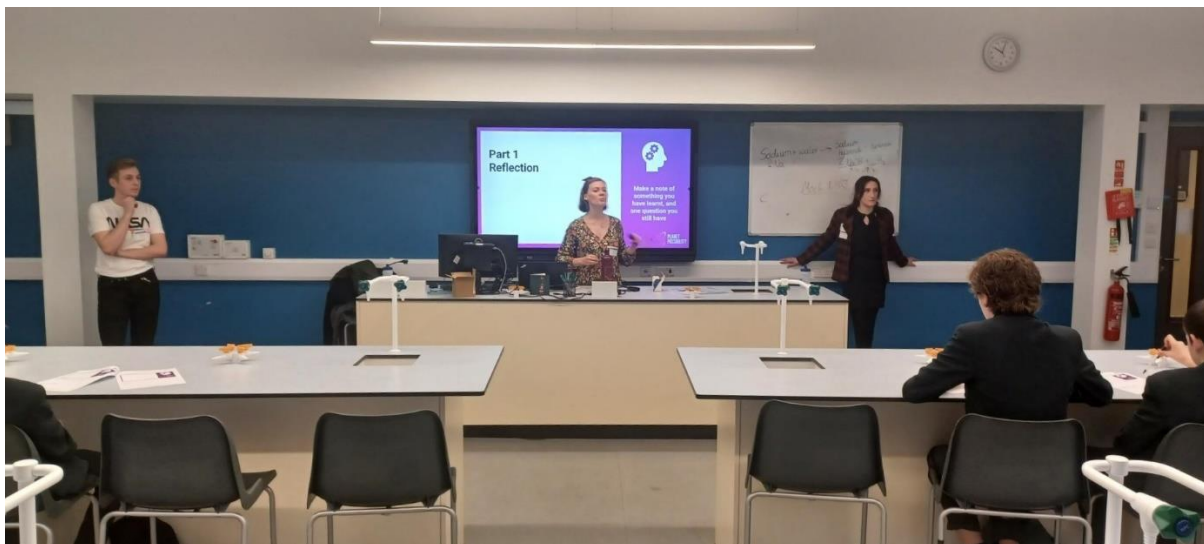
On the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, Bridgewater received a visit from the Future First Alumni organisation.

The visit was a workshop on careers in physics and some of our year 9 students participated. We were delighted to see two of our successful former students - Jacob Williams, who is an undergraduate studying Physics at Oxford university, and Elle Kalavsky, who is now lecturing undergraduates on maths and acoustics at Salford University, while completing her PhD.

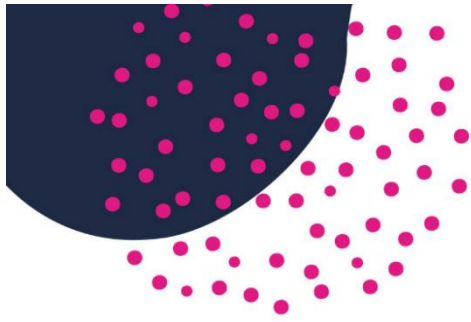
During the workshop, Shannon Walker from the charity helped to raise the profile of physics as a career for all students, including groups that are often under-represented in the field.

After speaking with the participants, we can report that the event was a resounding success, as minds have been changed and future pathways have been revealed. Thanks to all involved!

Mr G Cronin







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LEARNING WITH PRIDE AND JOY

# ARE YOU A FORMER STUDENT?

Bridgewater High School is looking for former students to inspire and advise current pupils. If you are a former student, please sign up to your alumni community by scanning the QR code below.



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- BUILD YOUR NETWORK**
- VOLUNTEERING LOOKS GREAT ON YOUR CV**
- GIVE BACK TO YOUR OLD SCHOOL**



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## BTEC DANCE

During the week commencing the 4th December, year 11 dance were excited to give their final performance for Component 2 Btec Dance. This allowed the girls to bank 30% of their overall grade, resulting in the completion of 60% of the course (having completed their component 1 performance earlier in the year).

Component 2 consisted of the understanding and learning of a professional piece whilst improving physical and interpretive skills. The choreography that was selected was inspired by the theme that was provided by the exam board: 'Power'. Each dancer utilised the theme to think about someone whom they are missing themselves, enabling each dancer to incorporate their deep and meaningful emotions into the piece. This allowed each performance to be unique to the dancers.

The skills that the girls aimed to improve consisted of flexibility, movement memory, strength, musicality and characterisation. All of the girls have noticed a great improvement within all aspects of these skills from the beginning of the rehearsal process to the final performance. This experience has fuelled the girls' ambition to succeed in completing their final component and therefore the entirety of Btec Dance.

Btec Dance also included written work. For Component 2, this was a final evaluation and a booklet that was completed throughout the rehearsal process. Although the written work was not as enjoyable as the dancing, the girls still enjoyed the journey that led them to the fantastic marks that they received.

To conclude, the journey that the dancers took to reach their end goal was one that will influence their future, even if their chosen career does not involve dance.

by Isabelle





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AND SILVER AWARD

Recently, 124 students completed a very wet weekend in Whitchurch for their DofE expedition. All had some trials and tribulations but showed some classic Bridgewater spirit and resilience, pulling together to reach the finish. Again the students could not have completed the weekend without our trusted staff team. Becca Hooper, Lyn Nicholson, and Grace Brennan thank you. The pictures below sum up the soggy conditions!

Mr. Gifford.





## Y8 INDIVIDUAL PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

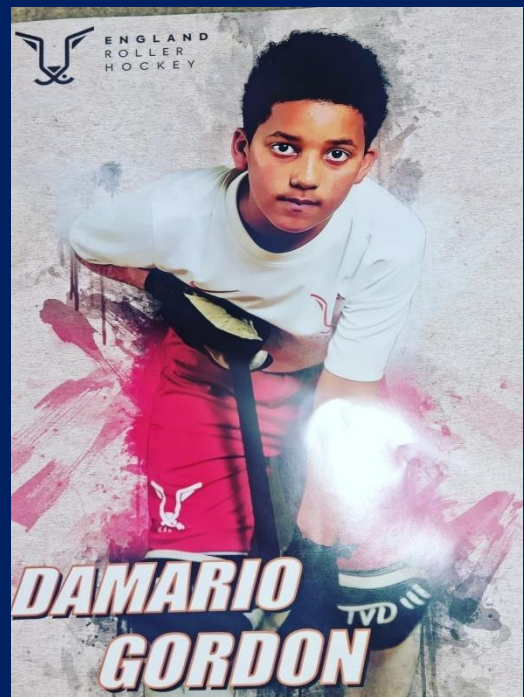
We love to hear about the amazing things you all do outside of school so be sure to let us know of your achievements! Congratulations to these three talented individuals!



Horse of the Year Show 2023

Florrie finished second in her category at the 2023 Horse of the Year Show in October and competed at the London International Horse Show at the Excel Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Damarío represented England at a European Youth Roller Hockey Tournament in September.



Eskild won the British Indoor Karting Championship in November, beating 500 of the best drivers from across the UK.



## LIBRARY NEWS

In the Library this Christmas, we have been running some festive book-themed competitions for Y7/8 pupils. These included the *Bumper Christmas Book Quiz*, featuring questions about popular children's/YA Christmas books, with Amazon Gift-cards as prizes, *Guess the Book in the Jar*, *How many Jelly-Beans in the Jar* and *The 12 Books of Christmas*.

Winners were as follows:

Bumper Christmas Book Quiz - Y7 Finley, Y8 Lewis

Guess the Book in the Jar - Esther Y7 (it was the *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins)

Jellybean competition - Evie Y7 (Actual - 655; closest guess - 660)

The 12 books of Christmas - Gaia Y8

Well done to all the winners and thanks to everyone who took part in the competitions. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!

Mrs Nash  
School Librarian



## CAREERS (CEIAG)

We've had a busy term with our CEIAG programme! These are just some of the things covered.

### Year 11

College assemblies; mock interviews; careers advisor appointments; Careers Fair; Apprenticeship talks; T level talks; Employer talks; weekly apprenticeship updates; applying to colleges; Y11 Parents Information evening; Why do we have CEIAG in school; Priestley College Visit for taster sessions; Warrington Vale Royal Visit for taster sessions.

### Year 10

Apprenticeship talks; T Level talks; Employer talks; Opportunity to join the ROAR Programme; Careers Fair; Year 10 Parents Information evening; College and University talks; What jobs and skills does Warrington need (Labour Market Information); Where and how to research jobs; Why do we have CEIAG in school; What can we do after Bridgewater (post 16 options)

### Year 9

Careers Fair; what jobs and skills does Warrington need (Labour Market Information); Where and how to research jobs; College and University talks; Why do we have CEIAG in school;; What can you do after Bridgewater (post 16 options)

Over 100 students used the simulator kindly loaned from Civil & Remediation Ltd

### Year 7 and Year 8

What jobs and skills does Warrington need (Labour Market Information); Where and how to research jobs; Employer talks; Why do we have CEIAG in school; What can you do after Bridgewater (post 16 options);

Next term will be a busy one too!







## UNILEVER

Year 8 pupils were involved with the Unilever Inspire competition launch in November. They were, Arnav, Ayse, William, Piper and Elliott.

We travelled to the heart of the Wirral, Port Sunlight, and took part in a series of science experiments and demonstrations, the pupils were able to show their excellent skills and represented the school in an exemplary manner.

Well done.

Mr Langton.







## YEAR 7 NEWS

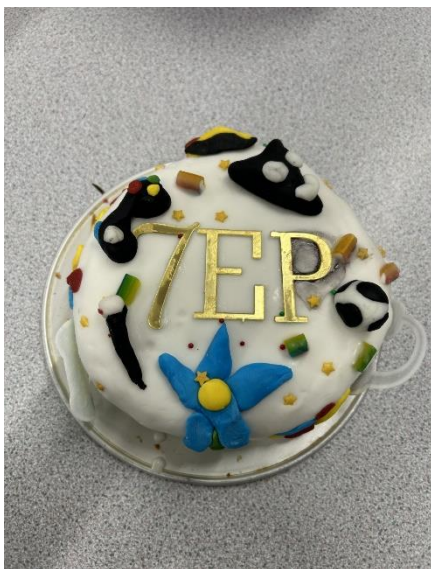
We've had a really busy half term since we returned to school in after the October half-term. We have continued to settle into Bridgewater life fantastically well and, as a year group, we have achieved some amazing things.

The Great Bridgewater Christmas Bake Off was a great success. All twelve of our forms went head to head to design and bake the best cake representing the six school values. Two members of each form were nominated to bake, and what a competition it was! The entries were judged by our very own Mrs. Hendey and our Principal, Mr. Powell! We send a big congratulations to our worthy winners: 7EP.

As a year group, we also took part in Ready Steady Cook. Chef Ben came into school to pitch the red team against the green team. This aimed to promote healthy lifestyles by cooking a tasty meal with healthy ingredients. We definitely managed that!

Lastly, and perhaps our best achievement this half term, was to raise a fabulous £359 for our chosen charity, Solving Kids' Cancer. To do this, we asked Year 7 to bring in cakes and biscuits to sell in school at break times. The pupils did us proud! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause which is close to the hearts of many in our year group.

The Year 7 Pastoral Team







## SPORTS NEWS

### CRICKETER DYLAN



Dylan, now in Year 10, recently played with his Warrington team mates in the Cheshire U13 league final against Kingsley. Although they did not win, it was a fantastic achievement to get to the finals. This was topped when, a few days later, Dylan was awarded 'player of the year' for the Cheshire County Super 9s team.

Congratulations Dylan! We're incredibly proud of you!

Please tell us about your child's individual achievements! We want to join you in celebrating the successes of our pupils outside school as well as inside. Drop an email to Mr. McCahey a [b.mccahey@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:b.mccahey@bridgewaterhigh.com) and tell him all about it.

## SPORTS NEWS

### KARTING SUCCESS

Eskild started racing one year ago and kept winning local competitions so we entered him into the British championship (BIKC) in June. There were 500 competitors in his category from all over the UK participating. He won the local championship in Preston in September, then he won the Regionals in Middlesbrough in October.

This weekend the final was held in Warrington and Eskild won all five races and ended up with a 7 second lead at the end so it was a well deserved win. He won a whole year of outdoor racing with Global Karting League and he's attending a black tie award ceremony at silver stone in a few weeks.





# SPORTS NEWS

## NETBALL



Congratulations to the Year 7 Netball A team who are through to the Quarter final of the U12 National Plate Cup

## SPORTS NEWS

### NETBALL

We are half-way through our netball season at Bridgewater and so far it has been the most successful we have had in a few years! Our year 11 girls came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Cheshire, just missing out in the top two to gain a place in the regional round. It has been a complete pleasure working with this group of girls and they have matured into a superb team of players, full of versatility, character and determination. We will get some more friendlies in the New Year before we say goodbye.

Our year 10 girls achieved the third round in the SnS (Sisters n Sport) National Cup and now look forward to maintaining their Warrington Champions crown. We have some superb leaders in this squad with several players gaining experience officiating games. A special well done to Nicole who played for the year up at the Year 11 County Comp making a significant impact to the team!

The Year 9 girls are absolutely smashing it this year! Our girls are through to the National Plate Quarter Finals and will represent Cheshire in the regional round of the Nationals, both in January. As an award for their hard work and progress, all 10 girls in the squad spent an unbelievable afternoon in the company of England and Manchester Thunder player Imogen Allison at Priestly College. We enjoyed a Q&A session and a practical workshop led by the Roses player. Hopefully the girls can apply some of their learning to the regionals in January. Thanks for helping to officiate and organise the year 8 interform netball girls. Special well done to Tilly and Tillie who have been selected for Manchester Thunder squads this season. What a superb achievement, girls!

Year 8 have made progress this year entering the SnS National Cup for the first time and making round 3. A tough draw saw us put out of this comp and so we look forward to finishing this season by defending our Warrington crown and playing in the Cheshire Comp in March. Massive thank you to the girls this year for helping to organise and officiate the year 7 interform competition. We have some outstanding leaders in the making at Bridgewater putting our PE core values to the test!

I am delighted to say that this season has brought us one of the strongest year 7 teams in a few years! The depth in the A, B, C and D teams is amazing. Our A team have been entered into the National Cup for the first time this year and like the year 9 team, are through to the National Quarter Finals on January 11<sup>th</sup> v Stockport Grammar. It is an amazing achievement to get this far and we look forward to their Cheshire Comp also in March. The other teams will have more Warrington fixtures in the new year. A special shout out goes to Lola and Esmee who have made Thunder Pod squads. What an amazing achievement girls!

Massive thanks are due to Mrs Matthews (maths dept) for her help with our year 7/8 participation netball club this year. Without her commitment and time, we wouldn't be able to offer netball to so many girls on a weekly basis. Also, special thanks are due to our super parents who give great support, especially when transporting their girls on cold, away days, early Saturday mornings, some even become timers and scorers!

Mrs McKean and Mrs Marshall



# SPORTS NEWS



Year 7 A squad



Year 11 squad



Year 7 A,B &C squads



Year 9 squad



Year 8 squad



Year 10 squad

## SPORTS NEWS

### Rugby League in Term 1

The Year 7 Rugby team have had a good start to their season and having competed in the Warrington Schools Competition (Organised by Warrington Wolves) in September, they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and qualified for the Northwest Regional Competition.

In the first game of the Northwest Counties, we drew 12-12 with Bedford in a fantastic contest which saw over 20 players represent the school.

We then travelled to Standish where we played very well but were narrowly beaten by 16-12 however, we showed signs of real improvement from Game 1.

In our final group game, we travelled to Wade Deacon and picked up our first win of the season winning by 14 points to 10. There were some excellent individual performances but most importantly an excellent team spirit and the team fully deserved their win.

The Year 8 Rugby team have had an excellent start to their season. Having won the Warrington Schools tournament, they have been placed in a Northwest Schools group with St. Peters, Saddleworth, and St Cuthberts.

The boys faced Saddleworth at home first. After a close first half we raced away for a 26-4 win. The second game was away at St. Peters, a school well known for its rugby league. In tricky conditions we were victorious winning 26-12. The boys will now progress to the national stage of the competition.

The Year 9 Rugby team have had a mixed start to the season. In the North west counties tournament they have performed excellently, demonstrating why they've made the national final two years in a row. This has led to them qualifying for the national stage of the competition yet again.

The year 10 rugby team have had a strong start to their season. In the Warrington Schools competition, they finished first resulting in them drawing Deanery, St Ambrose, and Cowley in the Northwest competition. Having beaten St Ambrose, they still have Cowley and Deanery left to play.

The Year 11 rugby team qualified for the Warrington final at The Halliwell Jones Stadium in October. They faced tough competition in Newman and unfortunately fell short. The boys represented the school fantastically demonstrating many of the values including pride and collaboration.



# SPORTS NEWS



Above : Year 11 rugby team after their Warrington Schools final at the Halliwell Jones Stadium.



Oliver, Year 10 winning his Made of Steel Award. Best Year 10 in Warrington.

# SPORTS NEWS



Tom, Year 11 winning his made of steel award for the best player in Year 11 in Warrington.





The Principal, staff and governors would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students, parents, carers and friends a restful Christmas and New Year.