



# THE BRIDGE

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers, and Community Members,

In the Easter Edition, I wrote about hoping for brighter days ahead despite the gloomy weather!! As we look ahead now, the weather looks a little brighter and the forthcoming summer break offers us a time to reflect on our collective achievements, successes, battles, and challenges.

In every edition of The Bridge, we celebrate success and achievement, but it's important to understand what these truly mean to us. Success is not just about the grand moments but also the small victories and the efforts put in along the way. Happiness and success are often measured against the backdrop of challenges and failures.

My personal definition of success involves achieving something through hard work and

effort, and finding peace amidst life's inevitable turbulence. In recent assemblies, I've encouraged students to reflect on their individual successes, recognising that many of their achievements may be very personal and therefore may go unnoticed. Whether it's a student mastering an equation in Maths, helping siblings get ready for school, or achieving a grade in music, every accomplishment is significant and deserves recognition and reflection.

Notwithstanding rewards given out in assembly, the recognition of effort and success through our Facebook page and (X)Twitter feeds, items in The Bridge as well as day to day dialogue, this academic year we have issued 9,884 reward emails, 3,000 reward postcards, 28 Principal's Golden Tickets, and 163 awards during our awards evening. These celebrations not only reflect the character of students, but also the strong collaboration between school and home in supporting our students. I will however, repeat my message. Whilst this is a great achievement, we must be proud to also acknowledge and encourage the successes that may not fall under these headlines but are equally important. It is in this spirit that we encourage you to share your children's other successes outside of school with us so that we can celebrate them with you. Please email any details to [p.mccewan@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:p.mccewan@bridgewaterhigh.com).

It has been a good year and - as previously mentioned - we have all benefited from the strong school-home relationship we collectively build, which we will continue to grow next academic year. Have a great summer break and please find time to connect as families.  
Regards

Mr. K. J Powell  
Principal

# PRETTY MUDDER

Pictured below are Evie and James from Year 11, together with some of their friends and teachers who took part in Race4life pretty muddy 5k event. Twenty Bridgewater staff ran the event on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June in support of James in Y11. James is undergoing treatment for cancer. It was James' girlfriend, Evie, who inspired everybody to get involved in the race. Evie was also running for her mum, Vickie, who is also undergoing treatment for cancer. It was a fantastic day and lots of fun.

Staff team total - £2731.25  
Evie's total - £5878.75

Total raised for cancer research is £8610!

Well done Evie and Bridgewater High School!



## THE WARRINGTON INSPIRATION AWARDS

Congratulations to Evie (Y11) who was a finalist in the Warrington Inspiration Awards. (See previous page for more details of Evie's story.) Evie writes as follows:

The Warrington Guardian Inspiration Awards 2024 Ceremony, held locally in the Village Hotel, was such an amazing experience. What a lovely night it was for me, my mum, Kate (my mum's best friend), James and his parents.

It was humbling to be in a room with people who have given so much to the Warrington community and the world. A room full of heroes, one of whom was Brianna Ghey's mother, Esther, who received the award of courage. The event was emotional but beautiful. People were recognised for their selfless efforts and work.

The key sentence repeated throughout the night is that "we're all winners". I received the award for being a finalist of the junior fundraiser award. That night I also ran into two of my old, much-missed primary school staff: Mr D. Harding (the wonderful headteacher) and Emma Woodhall (my favourite lunch lady) of Stockton Heath Primary School. Everything felt perfect. The ceremony was truly a night I won't forget and a night I'm eternally appreciative of.

### EVIE YEAR 11



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT AWARDS EVENING

Our annual school awards evening was held on Thursday 11th July. We welcomed 139 students and their families into our school hall at Upper Site to receive certificates for effort and achievement across the year. Amongst the special awards winners were Thomas in Year 9 who received the River Reeves Award and Nathan in Year 10 who received the Debbie Luty Award. Other winners have been mentioned elsewhere in this edition of the Bridge.

We were delighted to welcome onto the stage as guest speaker, former student, Rachel Winterburn who left Bridgewater in 2011. Rachel (pictured below with Mr. Lambrianides and her brother John) now works as a financial controller for EMEA & APAC KVH Industries Inc. Rachel spoke very warmly of her time at Bridgewater and her key messages to our young people were as follows:

- Don't Give Up! Be consistent.
- Ask for help when you need it – it's not a weakness!
- Take ownership of and learn from your mistakes...
- And most importantly, enjoy celebrating your successes.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all, culminating in a vote of thanks proposed by Anita Pailing, vice-chair of governors. Thanks to Rachel and Anita for joining us, as well as our accompanying musicians, Katie, Nakita, Quinette and Richard. Thanks and congratulations to all our young people and their families. As Rachel said, enjoy celebrating your successes!



## HEALTHY CHINESE



In February, Bridgewater was the venue for a FUN:) Healthy Chinese Cuisine Ambassadors Teacher Training Workshop. Many food teachers from the local area came to learn basic knowledge, skills, and gain confidence to cook Chinese food with their classes. There were several demonstrations including steamed Sea Bass with ginger, XO fried rice and Beef and Broccoli in Oyster sauce.

The FUN:) team included an element of competition and asked teachers to recreate the Beef and broccoli dish alongside some shaped pork dumplings – these dishes were then judged. Miss Bradshaw was fortunate to be invited to the Grand Final in London.

On May 11th Miss Bradshaw travelled to London to attend the 'Ming-Ai FUN Team and Lee Kum Kee: Healthy Chinese Cooking Competition'. This was an excellent opportunity to learn more about Chinese cuisine and we had 2 star Michelin chef Andrew Wong there to showcase to us some of his amazing dishes.

In the afternoon, the event turned to the competition element and the Grand Final commenced! Each teacher had 30 minutes to cook and present the beef and broccoli in oyster sauce dish we had been shown on our teacher training workshop event – this was worth 30% of our score. Teachers then had to create their own Chinese dish – with ingredients/quantities and a timeplan having to be submitted prior to the Grand Final – Miss Bradshaw felt like her Year 1 students completing their NEA tasks!

Miss Bradshaw made pork and prawn siu mai with decorative cucumbers and a chilli oil and sweet and sour dipping sauce, garnished with spring onions and red chillis. (sounds delicious!)

When the winners were announced Miss Bradshaw was shocked to discover she had been selected as a winner and has won a trip to Hong Kong and China in August. The trip will include

trips to the local markets, sightseeing excursions, a trip to Lee Kum Kee's factory in China and the opportunity to enjoy lots of delicious, traditional dishes.



*Helen Bradshaw - Bridgewater High School*

### Pork and Prawn Siu Mai



2 Michelin star chef Andrew Wong demonstrating dishes to the Grand Finalists.



Final Creative Dish: Pork and Prawn Siu Mai topped with XO served with chilli oil and sweet and sour dipping sauce, garnished with cucumbers, spring onion and chillis.

## CODE CLUB

This half term, the Computing department at Bridgewater has been able to run a popular Coding Club initiative for Years 7 and 8.

In today's digital age, coding and digital skills are becoming increasingly valuable to careers. The club, which has been a popular request among students, has over 40 students consistently attending each week, developing their skills using the iDEA (Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award) and Code Combat.

### MISS K HAZEL



## DRUM NEWS

Congratulations to William, Y10, who successfully passed his Grade 6 drums with a 75% pass (merit) and as a result, will now move straight to Grade 8. Later this year, he will look to successfully pass his Grade 5 guitar.

Fantastic news, William. You are clearly a very talented young man. Well done!



## BTEC PERFORMING ARTS

On Monday 10th June, Year 10 BTEC Performing Arts pupils took part in an all-day drama workshop with theatre company, Stage-Ed.

Led by Mike Southern and Steve Palfreman, two former actors from the West End production and UK tour of 'Blood Brothers', pupils had an action-packed day exploring various scenes and themes.

As part of the course, pupils study the play and are required to complete a written assessment showing their knowledge and understanding. The bespoke workshop allowed pupils to explore character development, as well grasping an understanding of the production elements required to bring the play to life for an audience.

The pupils were a credit to us, with both Mike and Steve passing on their congratulations and thanks. We hope everyone involved enjoyed their day!

### MRS A SWAFFIELD

Head of Drama



## FRANK PROSSER AWARD



The Frank Prosser award has been sponsored by Mrs Carolyn Prosser over the last few years, in memory of her husband Frank, who was passionate about the Arts and whose hobbies included amateur photography.

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

He moved to Warrington in 1971 to marry his wife Carolyn and they had a daughter, Olivia and a son Conleth, both of whom attended Bridgewater High School prior to University. Frank became interested in local politics and stood as Borough Councillor for Stockton Heath.

Mrs Prosser has sponsored the Award for outstanding commitment and effort in Art at key stage 4.

This year the Art department have chosen Janice and Azure to receive the award. Congratulations to you both!

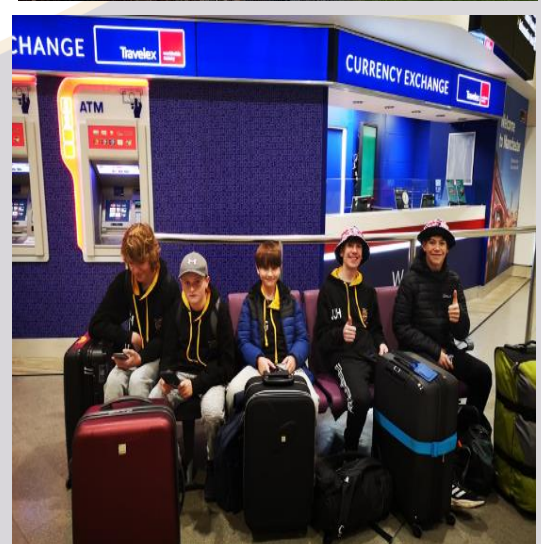
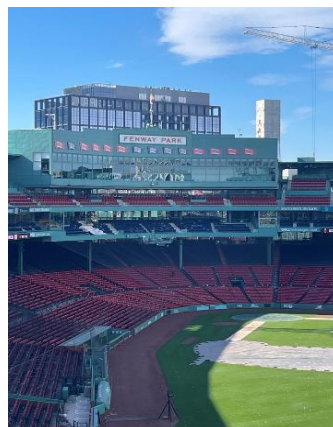


## 31<sup>st</sup> MARTHA'S VINEYARD EXCHANGE 2023-24

It was 4.00 am on a very damp Thursday morning in October 2023 when 35 students from Year 9 and four Bridgewater staff met at the Manchester airport drop off point to start the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Martha's Vineyard exchange.

Twenty four hours later, the same group of people arrived, excited but fatigued, in the homes of their exchange partners on the island off the south coast of Cape Cod in Massachusetts. So began the adventure.

An enlightening tour of the island with commentary by published local historian Tom Dresser was followed by visits to Boston (the freedom trail), Plymouth (Plimoth Patuxet museum, The Mayflower II and the famous Plymouth rock), Slough Farm and Fenway Park (home of the Boston Red Sox) before the UK party made their way back over the Atlantic a wiser and more grown-up group.



On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the UK party assembled once more on London Road to greet their new friends from America and reciprocate the hospitality they were shown.



The US students were treated to visits to Chester (with a centurion tour), Liverpool (with a visit to the Beatles experience) and Conwy Castle before all involved (US and UK) visited Alton Towers. Our host families looked after their US guests excellently, treating them to restaurant trips, parties and in many cases, trips to London to visit the sites - including Wembley stadium - for once-in-a-lifetime visits to iconic sporting events such as England football matches and Rugby League cup finals.

When we bid farewell to the US visitors on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, we had completed the 31<sup>st</sup> exchange, knowing that, just like after the first one many years ago, lifetime friendships and memories had been made.

Many thanks to all students, parents and staff involved in this year's exchange; we're already looking forward to repeating it with 32 lucky students again in October.

Year 7 students should watch out for their invitation to join this exciting programme when Mr Norman visits your assembly in November 2024 to launch the 33<sup>rd</sup> exchange to take place in school year 2025-26.



## GENDER EQUALITY

***Recently, Mr Till's Year 9 class wrote an open letter regarding gender inequality in society. Alex put themselves forward for having their letter published in The Bridge. Alex offered their voice, hoping to help people reflect upon the issues that marginalised communities face across the world."***

In this modern society, it is heartbreaking to see that there is still gender bias permeating every level of human civilisation. From pay disparities to impossible beauty standards, living in a male-dominated world is a struggle for many.

When people think of gender bias, they think of women, and though that is still an issue, transgender people get overlooked. As a gender-fluid member of this society, I find it extremely difficult to navigate through life. As a transgender citizen, I feel that we live in a country that cannot support my needs and the needs of many others. I can't help but feel unwanted and invalid. Just over one year ago, Brianna Ghey, 15, was brutally murdered because she was openly transgender. Transphobic attacks like this tragic event cannot carry on. Perhaps what is equally horrific is the abuse that members of the LGBTQ+ communities endure on an everyday basis, whether this be online or on the streets. We must make ourselves aware of the lasting impact that these incidents have on those who are unjustly targeted.

However, the transgender community is only one of a plethora of marginalised groups. The objectification of women in the media has created unhealthy beauty standards across the group. Impossible body images are flashed before our faces every day, and hyper-sexualisation has formed an unhealthy body image for all women.

This issue affects each woman, pressuring and maintaining an unhealthy ideal; an impossible ideal that many women hold themselves to. This infatuation with the 'perfect' body only leads to despair and low self-esteem, leading many to resort to unhealthy habits such as eating disorders in order to cope with the demands of manufactured low self-esteem.

Unfair obligations follow many women into the professional world. Professional wear, even the likes of dresses in schools, make many women feel targeted, as the requirement is that women should wear 'delicate' clothing, which emphasises their femininity. There are comments that I've personally been witness to, that have only served to dehumanise women, robbing individuals of their personal brilliance, and instead, just serving them on an objectified platter to fuel the ideal that women's values lie solely on the surface.

ALEX YEAR 9



## YEAR 10 TECHNOLOGY TRIP TO MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF JEWELLERY

Twenty-two Year 10s had an amazing experience with Manchester School of Jewellery based at the Design and Craft Centre. The Graphics and Product Design pupils had the opportunity to make either a silver necklace pendant, a pair of earrings or a pin badge.

For the first couple of hours, they worked in copper using an array of hammers, mallets and punches to shape and decorate the metal. They then had loads of fun learning how to use the blow torch to solder.

They focused and practised hard, absorbing all of the teaching so quickly. Their final pieces of silver jewellery were just fantastic.

They were so proud of themselves and a credit to Bridgewater!

MRS E PARSONS



Congratulations to our group of Year 9 STEM students who have worked really hard all year to compete in the United Utilities and TCAT STEM competition.

They won three categories:

Best Engagement went to Oliver, For a really impressive pitch and great innovation.

The Most Confident speaker went to Halle and our A Team won the United Utilities Quiz Test.

They have been brilliant and hopefully will progress to work in STEM careers.

The Team included:

Halle, Ed, Ed, Jack, Ollie, Olly, Nathan, Eli, Faith, Lilly and Charlotte.

Certificates have been handed out to the worthy recipients.

MR S LANGTON





## Y9 VISIT TO CRONTON COLLEGE

Earlier in the year, I was privileged to accompany 10 of our Year 9 girls to a STEM day at Cronton Sixth Form. The event was entitled **"Be a Built Environment Professional for the day"** and involved the team taking on different roles, researching and coming together to design an eco classroom. They had to put a lot of thought into construction, materials, recycling, carbon and environmental impact and other design features. Each group had to give a five-minute presentation at the end of the day to all of the other schools and a panel of judges. I am pleased to say that the Bridgewater team won hands down! Well done to the team - I am very proud of you all! *See pictures on following page.*

MS E SHAW

*"We participated in Y9 Stem Event "Create An Eco Classroom". Within a couple of hours, we designed an eco-friendly classroom and with only five minutes to present our hard work, we won! With the help of teamwork, scientific skills and clear presentation, we beat seven other groups of 10 people."*

Juliette

*"Today we went to the 'Create An Eco Classroom' Event at Cronton College. We each chose a role like architect or engineer and made sure we worked hard to fulfil our specific tasks. We won! I think we won because of our teamwork, communication and presentation skills."*

Aimee

*"Today at Cronton, me and some of my fellow classmates participated in a challenge to create an eco friendly classroom and we won 1<sup>st</sup> out of 8."*

Macey

*"We had an amazing day at Cronton. We designed and sketched an eco school and garden, with many imaginative environmental features and competed against seven other schools. We presented to 80 people and finished 1<sup>st</sup> place after being judged by a variety of past students and current teachers."*

Bella, Hollie and Amelia





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AND SILVER AWARD



At the end of April, 42 Year 10 students, completed their training expedition in very challenging conditions, from sleet to sideways rain. (This seems to be a theme for this year group!) All completed the 20 mile hike over two days with smiles and with no complaints. Mr. Gifford said: "I am really proud of the team work".

As always, if you are interested in DofE, please have a look through our twitter/x feed. [@BWHSDofE](#)

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH SUCCESS

I have pleasure in congratulating 40 Year 10 students who have completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition, completing 50 km over the hills of Llangollen, including a 577 metre climb. They all really excelled themselves during a hot and sunny weekend near the end of May. It had previously been a rough ride for this year group, weather-wise, but this latest weekend finally gave them some sunshine with not a thunder-cloud in sight.

As always, Mrs. Nicholson has updated our progress and exploits so if you have time, there are some absolute gems to find on our twitter account: BWHSDofE



The students and I could not have done it without our amazing DofE Staff team. Thank you all so much for the support, hard work, laughs, and commitment you all show every day. You all bring your unique twist to the weekends. Thank you to Miss Brennan, Mrs. Nicholson, Miss Hopper, Mr. Mercer, and Mr. Mann. A special thank you, also, to Mrs. Hayes, for helping me with the organisation.

### MR O GIFFORD





## CHESHIRE BOOK QUIZ FINAL 2024

On 19th June, our Y7 reading group took part in the Final of the Cheshire Book Quiz 2024 at Christleton High School, in Chester. They were accompanied by members of our other Y7/Y8 reading groups, who had also taken part in the reading quiz this year. Dan Smith, author of '**Nisha's War**', one of the books the groups had read, was in attendance and happily signed books. He talked about how he found his inspiration from films, the world around him and history.

After reading five books in six months and competing against 23 other schools across the Cheshire area, our Y7 team scored a place at the Final. This is our first team in five years to reach the Final! They were up against Middlewich High School, Sandbach High School and Weaverham High School. The team took part in 18 nail-biting buzzer rounds of general knowledge about books, with topics as diverse as *Shakespeare vs Batman: That is the Question*, *Gods and Goddesses*, *Fictional Felines*, *Fact or Fiction*, *World War 2 Animal Heroes* and *Emoji Titles*.

Our Bridgewater team fought valiantly but came in at third place, with Weaverham High in top position. Although we didn't win the Cup this year, the Finalists all received a book token for their excellent effort!

Many thanks to Mrs. Nash, Mrs Jarvis and all pupils who took part and behaved impeccably during the event! They were a real credit to the school.

**Entries for the 2024-25 Cheshire Book Quiz will open in September. See Mrs Nash if you would like to take part!**



## CHESHIRE BOOK QUIZ



See if you can answer some of the questions from the Cheshire Book Quiz 2024...

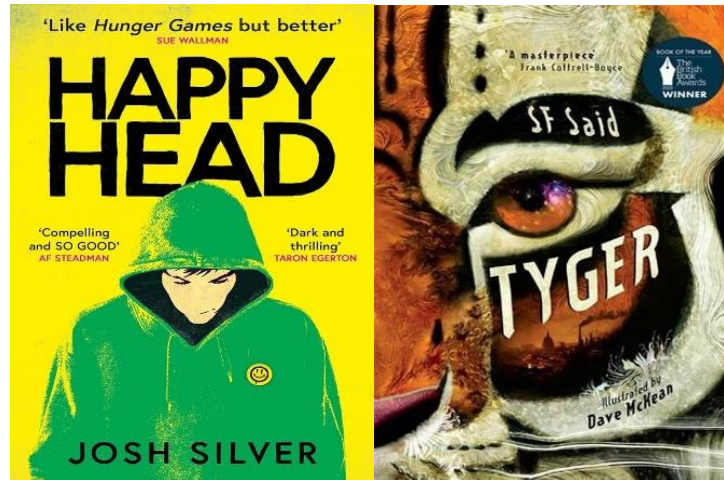
1. Can you name the shop in Diagon Alley that Hermione bought Crookshanks from, in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series?
2. What type of mythical creature is Jacob in the 'Twilight' series by Stephenie Meyer?
3. Guess the missing word in the title of this book: *Kidnap on the \_\_\_\_\_ Comet* by M.G. Leonard (Clue; in USA)
4. In which book by Anthony Horowitz does Alex Rider encounter Herod Sayle and his Portuguese Man O' War?
5. Which book does this film scene come from...?



ANSWERS at the bottom of the page!

1. The Magical Menagerie
2. Werewolf
3. California
4. Stormbreaker
5. The Witches

## CHESHIRE SCHOOLS' BOOK AWARDS



On 15 May, Bridgewater reading group members attended the Cheshire Schools' Book Award 2024 at Winsford Academy along with other schools from across Cheshire.

The Cheshire Schools' Book Award is an annual book award celebrating teenage fiction and the joy and community of school reading groups. The award is entirely pupil-led, with pupils nominating and voting for their favourite books. The event was well attended by six authors in person and video messages from a further two. The winner of the Younger category was S.F. Said with **Tyger** and the winner of the Older category was Josh Silver, with **HappyHead**.

Pupils who attended said "it was an amazing event! The range of different authors and books was great".



## CELEBRATING MATHS

Celebrating success in the UK Maths Trust competition

Some of our best Mathematicians chose to take part in the Junior Mathematical Challenge and as a school there were 7 Bronze Certificates awarded to Nathaniel C (Yr 7) Ginny D-C (Yr 8), Harry K (Yr 8), Eloise M (Yr 8), James Mc (Yr 8), Sam T (Yr 8), Eva T (Yr 8), and Juby W (Yr 8). Silver awards went to Isa A (Yr 8), Megan B (Yr 8), Hinson C (Yr 8), Lexi G (Yr 8), Thomas O (Yr 8), Lewis W (Yr 8), and James W (Yr 8). 3 outstanding students gained a Gold Award: Ben M (Yr 8), Harvey J (Yr 8) and Hayley N (Yr 8).

Here is an example of one of the questions in the Junior Challenge. Can you get the right answer?



Goldilocks eats three equal-sized bowls of porridge, one after the other. When she has eaten  $\frac{5}{7}$  of the total amount of porridge, what fraction of the porridge in the second bowl has she eaten?

- A  $\frac{2}{63}$       B  $\frac{1}{7}$       C  $\frac{1}{3}$       D  $\frac{2}{7}$       E  $\frac{1}{2}$

[JMC-2024-Solutions-1.pdf \(ukmt.org.uk\)](#) qu 18

As a result of their very high scores, Ben and Harvey were invited to take part in the next challenge round called the Kangaroo round. Ben was awarded a Certificate of Merit.

Here are some of the tough questions that Ben managed to get right. Can you do them?

In how many ways can three kangaroos be placed in three different cells of the grid shown so that no two adjacent cells both contain kangaroos?



- A 7      B 8      C 9      D 10      E 11

Jo, Flo and Mo divided up a sum of money. Jo took £10 plus a quarter of what was then left. Next Flo took £40 plus a quarter of what was then left. Finally Mo took what was then left. Jo and Flo took the same amount of money. How much did Mo take?

- A £100      B £120      C £150      D £180      E £350

Four points lie on a straight line. The distances between pairs of points are, in increasing order, 2, 3,  $k$ , 11, 12 and 14.

What is the value of  $k$ ?

- A 9      B 8      C 7      D 6      E 5

[Junior Kangaroo 2024 Solutions.pdf \(ukmt.org.uk\)](#) qu 22, 23, 24

## MEM CHALLENGE

A number of students entered the MEM Challenge and Senior Challenge 2024 competitions. There were over 1300 entries for Challenge and nearly 700 for Senior Challenge with entries coming from 122 schools. In particular I would like to congratulate Zita C (Y10) for achieving a Certificate of Merit and Ben W (Y7) for being a prize-winner.

Well done for such an amazing achievement!

Miss C Beswick

# TCAT Train to Teach

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## YEAR 9 TRIP TO PRIESTLEY COLLEGE

At the recent Year 9 trip to Priestley College for the Oxplore event, Bridgewater pupils won the best space community ideas. It was a communist totalitarian regime with the destruction of the humans left on earth, as they zoomed off, but it had great health care and a cashless society.



All in all, it was a very interesting day with some incredible ideas. The pupils involved were Mathlida, Amy, Amrit, Adrian, Edward, Ellen, Teddy, Noah, Freddie, Henry, Charlotte and Alfie.

MR S LANGTON



# OXPLORE

This term, students from Bridgewater High School participated in engaging OxPlore sessions. Year 7 and 8 explored diverse habitats on-site at Bridgewater. Meanwhile, Year 9 delved into the wonders of space travel, and Year 10 examined the science of vaccinations, both held at Priestley College.



Three Year 9 students from Bridgewater High School excelled at the STEM Olympics hosted by The Grange School. They were placed highly in all categories and won first place in the quiz on Units. Their outstanding performance showcased their dedication and knowledge, bringing pride to our school community.



MRS R STOCK

## DANCE IN THE SUMMER TERM

As ever, it has been a very packed few months this term in Dance with our biennial show taking place at the Brindley Theatre in April; exam coursework and final exams for both Year 10 and 11 in May; our Trust's TCAT Performs show at the Parr Hall in June; our annual EPA showcase 'All the worlds a stage' here at school in July. This is amidst all of our energetic Key stage 3 curriculum classes who have been busy developing their skills in Street Dance and preparing for the BEE Award exams which mark the end of EPA subjects at Key stage 3.

Our Oscars dance show at the Brindley Theatre in April was as wonderfully busy as usual and this year, with our version of Moana in ACT 1, we also had a lot of props to contend with. Our Moana cast did a wonderful job of showing the well-known story through dance. We had students involved from years 7-11 and it was wonderful to see them all working together back stage and supporting one another. The story came across beautifully with Moana, Maui, Te Fiti, Te Ka, Gramma Tala and our villagers showing us the highs and lows of the story. It really was a pleasure to work with such a lovely cast who gave it their all. A huge well done to everyone involved.

Act 2 of the Oscars show saw our curriculum work from Years 9, 10 and 11. We had a mix of Commercial, Contemporary and Hip Hop with students' own choreography too. The whole cast did an amazing job, and it was a great way to showcase our very talented Year 11 students in their final show at Bridgewater. You will be missed! For the first year ever, we also had a full Year 9 curriculum class perform their assessment piece based on Diversity's look at 2020 and it was a proud moment seeing so many students get involved.

It was the Dance department's turn in June to get involved in the 'TCAT Performs' show which includes all the schools in TCAT, our Multi AcademyTrust. On a very warm day, our Year 9 dancers rehearsed on stage during the day with professionalism and ease and then performed their work in the evening to a jam-packed auditorium. We also had Charlotte, a very talented Year 10 student sing a solo from the musical 'Waitress'. The evening was a huge success with so many talents being showcased. We were unbelievably proud of our students here at Bridgewater and it was truly a wonderful evening for TCAT.

In June, we also hosted a Day of Dance for our Year 9 students who have opted to take the subject next year to give them the opportunity to see what we get up to in BTEC Dance as well as inviting in Annie Keating a professional dance artist, who worked with our Year 10 dancers on developing their performance and technique ahead of their practical mock exams.

The year concluded with our annual 'All the world's a stage' show and the Year 9 BEE Award exams. Our Year 9's performed in the show again for us, amidst rehearsing for their BEE award exams so a huge well done and thanks to them.

It has been a very busy year but we wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our students who have got involved in shows and workshops this year and for all the hard work that has been put in. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow. Watch this space to see what we have planned for next year!

MRS N FLEMING  
Head of Dance

See our pictures on the next few pages!





**ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE SHOW!**

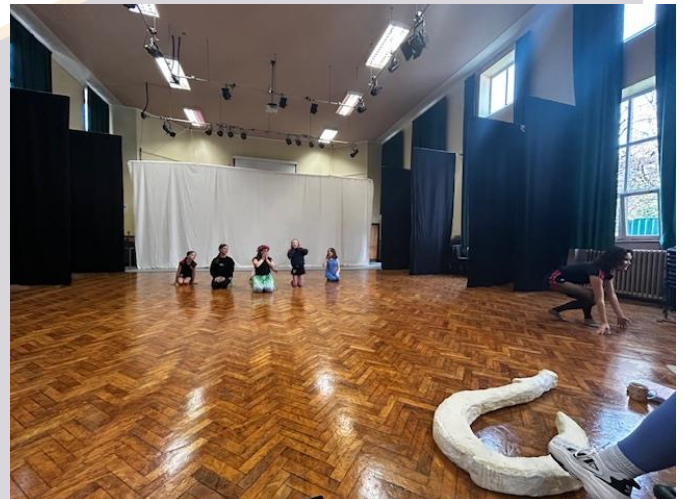


# DANCE OSCARS!





# TCAT PERFORMS!







## DAY OF DANCE!



## YEAR 7 STUDENT REPS

After a rigorous selection process, which involved 35 Year 7 students, we selected 13 students to take on the role of Student Mentor. Each student went through the training programme and passed the course. Their first job was working with the Year 6 students on the recent Induction Days, when they helped to deliver the school tour and worked with the students over the two days, helping to settle the Year 6 into Bridgewater life.

The Peer mentors will be working with a selection of the new Year 7 students next year, helping them to settle further into school life.

MRS V BODEN



## DEBBIE LUTY AWARD

The Drama department would like to congratulate Nathan in Year 10, who was this year's proud recipient of the Debbie Luty Award.

This annual award is presented in memory of our former colleague, Debbie, who we sadly lost in 2020. Debbie was very much an advocate for those who could thrive through the Arts.

Nathan has tried very hard this year and his energy and enthusiasm is infectious! He seeks guidance to improve his work and undertakes any challenge with focus and commitment. Well done, Nathan. We are very proud of you!

Mrs Swaffield  
Head of Drama

## THE ARTS HELPS TO BUILD THE CHARACTERS, THE PERSONALITIES, THE PEOPLE OF THE FUTURE!

Bridgewater High School has always been passionate about the Arts. This goes back to the time when we were selected as a specialist school for the Performing Arts. We remain as committed to the Arts today as we were then and are sure that the Arts should be at the heart of any curriculum.

We believe that the Arts (Drama, Dance, Art and Music), provide character development for our younger generation. What are called "social and emotional learning opportunities" teach pupils to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, as well as making responsible decisions. We provide this within independent and group learning across our individual subjects. We are constantly nurturing the development of empathy and emotional intelligence. Young people need the opportunity in school to develop their practical wisdom and ethical responsibilities. Our Faculty consistently provides this.

Creativity, performing and volunteering or membership (involvement and belonging) are three of the "five foundations for building character". They combine elements that will stretch and challenge and will help young people think, develop and grow and which will enhance their self-esteem and confidence.

These are all elements of moral, civic, performance and intellectual character virtues. We have incorporated this belief into our Curriculum through our holistic Intent of clear EPA Principles – the UMBRELLA of our Teaching and Learning.

Miss M Plimmer  
Head of Expressive and Performing Arts Faculty



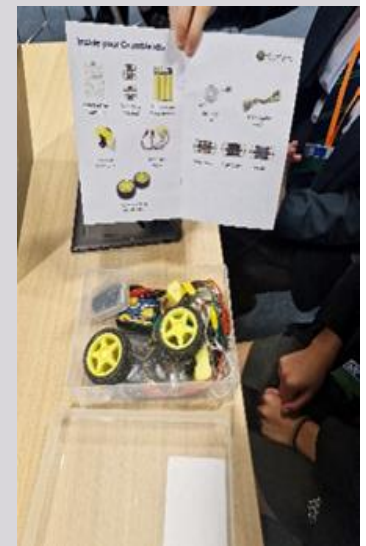
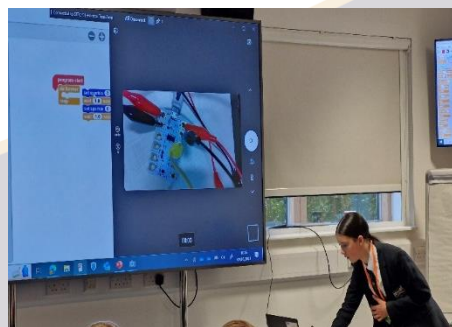
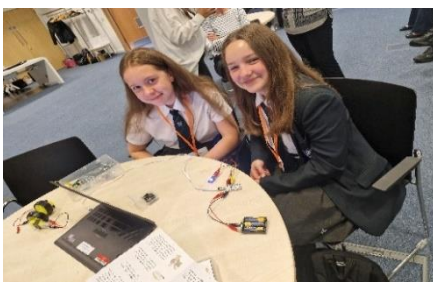
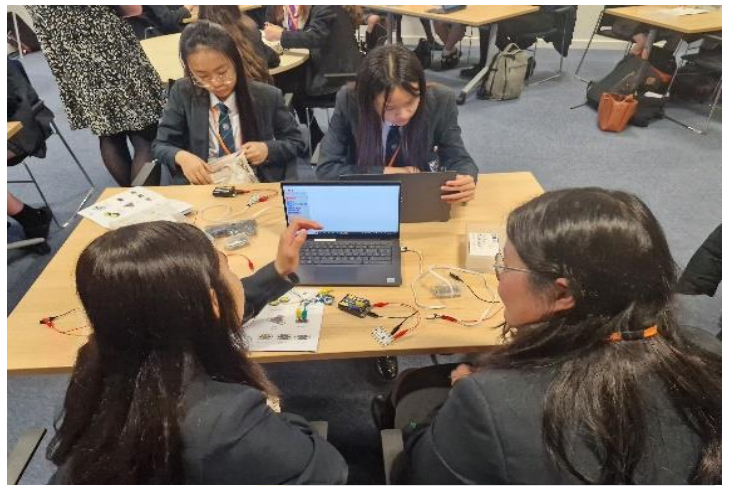
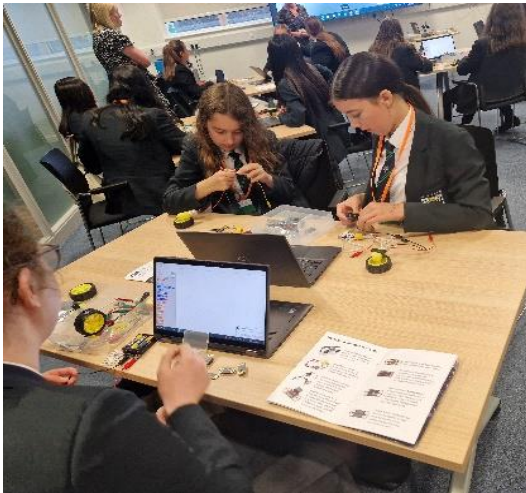
## YEAR 8 COMPUTING TRIP

### Exploring Computing in Local Industry

On the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 10 Year 8 students went on a trip to the Hartree Centre with Miss. Price as part of the *iBelong* event which aims to inspire key students, particularly girls, to pursue computer science and raise awareness of related careers. The aim of the day is to show girls that they can be part of this technological environment, by giving them the opportunity to visit the facilities at the Hartree Centre. It was a brilliant experience which gave students an opportunity to explore and consider how the latest technologies, including supercomputing, data science and artificial intelligence, are being used.

Students completed a variety of activities throughout the day, including:

**Physical computing activities using Crumble Controllers** This was a programming activity which touched upon many areas of the computing curriculum, allowing students opportunities to bring their subject knowledge and programming skills to life through a hands-on experience.





### Watching 3D demos in the visualisation suit to bring data to life

Students were invited to watch the 3D demonstrations in the cutting-edge visualisation suite to see how interactive techniques can be used to bring data to life and help with scientific discoveries.



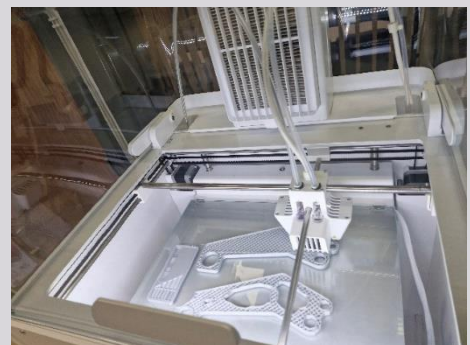
### Meeting the Steminists

All students were then introduced to some inspiring women who each work in a range of computer science roles. Students were given the opportunity to ask them questions about their careers and how they got to where they are today.

### Visiting the Campus Technology Hub (CTH)

The CTH is a place where businesses can make use of technology and expertise to help them create and test products quickly. In this tour, students were able to see first-hand, the use of virtual reality technology and high-tech 3D printers, whilst handling some of the products that have been made on these incredible machines.

### MISS D PRICE



## SPORTS NEWS



### SPORTS PERSONALITY

Congratulations to Olivia Crawford who won the Cheshire Physioactive TCAT Sports Personality of the year award. She is competing next weekend at the English schools Championships and we are hoping she finishes top 2 in the Country.

### ROWING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Emily in year 8 who has been placed third in her local rowing club. She recently received a silver award at Runcorn Regatta, racing in a double event and has regattas lined up over summer. Good luck with these, Emily! Emily is also the only female junior at Antrobus Golf Club so her sporting and competitive spirit clearly burns brightly! We look forward to hearing more about her achievements.



## OTHER ROWING SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Lily and Flo on a 1<sup>st</sup> place win at the weekend for rowing.

Lily also competed in the singles event and won an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Flo also won a silver and a bronze medal as well as a gold.

Laurence also won two gold medals.

Congratulations to all!

MRS L MARTIN  
KS4 SEN support



# ACADEMY + SPORTS NEWS



**Liv Year 9 – 75 m Hurdles**

- Cheshire Champion
- Northern Counties Champion
- Mason Trophy Champion
- U15's Top 5 in the UK
- English Championship hopeful for Birmingham 2024



**Ollie Year 10 – Rugby League**

- Warrington Wolves Scholarship athlete
- 2023 'Man of Steel' winner for U14 Warrington.
- Ambitions to play professionally at Warrington Wolves.



**Lucas Year 9 – Rugby League**

- St Helens scholarship programme.
- Man of Steel winner 2023, runner up 2024.
- Aspirations of playing in the NRL.



**Damaro Year 8 – Roller Hockey**

- Manchester Roller Hockey u15s & u17s
- Represented England for roller Hockey
- Won u15s National cup, Northern counties cup & Regional Cup
- U15s player of the year for England
- Aspirations of playing abroad professionally
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**Jack Year 10 – Rugby League**

- Signed for Warrington wolves scholarship
- First of his year to play a year up for the scholarship
- Aspires to play rugby league professionally for Warrington wolves

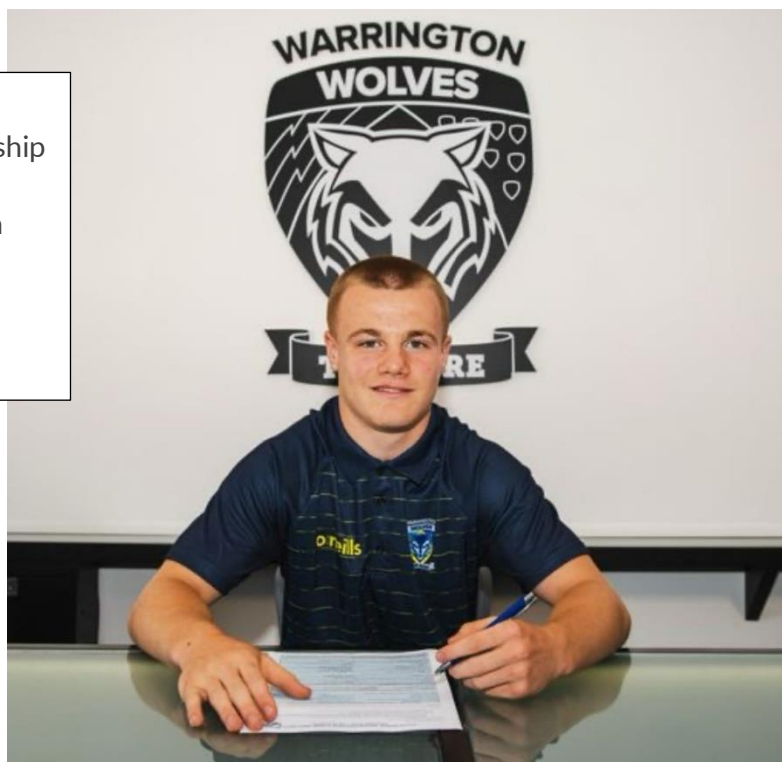


**Dylan Year 9 Karate**

- Won 32 medals competing in karate since the age of 5
- Competed in the National Kata Championship 2024
- Current 15 – 17 years old individual Kata Champion
- Has had experience training with the England squad
- Aspires of competing in the Olympics

### Freddie year 10 – Rugby League

- Signed for Warrington wolves' scholarship
- Played a year up for the scholarship against Castleford tigers and scored on debut
- Aspires to play rugby professionally in either league or union.



### Adam Year 9 – Basketball

- Manchester Magic basketball team playing locally and regionally.
- Selected for U15 Aspire talent program
- Aspires to make the England Basketball Team.



### Isobel Year 10 – Swimming

- qualification for Swim England Winter Nationals (short course (25m)) in 1500m freestyle in December..
- Qualification for 1500fr and 400fr at the English Summer Championships
- Looking ahead, Isobel remains committed to the sport and her training. She is focused on recovery and training for the summer nationals and then looking forward to resting over August and starting afresh in September. Objectives for next season will be to qualify for Winter Nationals again, push for British Champs qualification in April and look to get back to qualifying for events at the British Summer Championship in 2025.

### Isaac – Year 9 Rugby

- Plays rugby league and rugby union locally and looking to progress further in the coming years.
- Joined the Sale Sharks Developing Player Programme and accepted the offer of a Warrington Wolves Scholarship. He's looking forward to making the most of his time with the Wolves and taking the opportunity with them as far as he can.

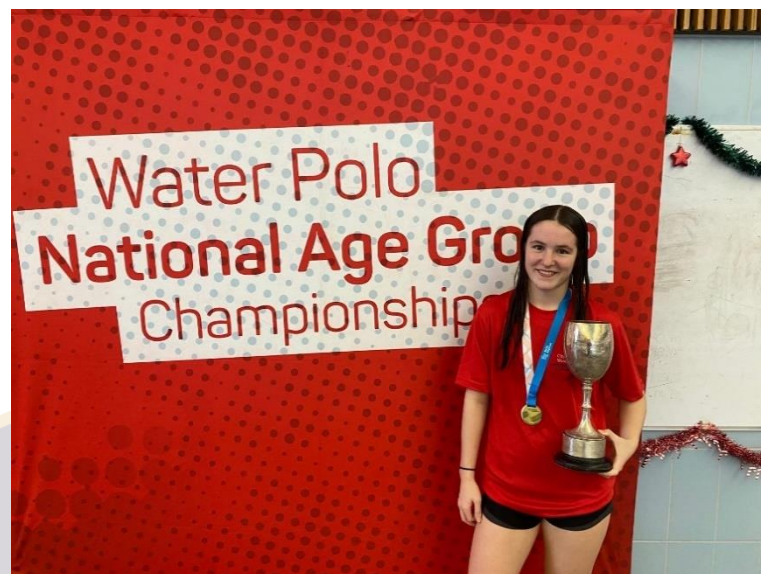






### Emma – Gymnastics

- Over the past twelve months, Emma has recovered from a serious knee ligament injury to be able to compete back at national level.
- Just competed abroad for the first time in Malta.
- Aspires to compete in the British Championships.



### Tillie – Year 9 – Water polo and Netball

Water polo:

- Selected to trial for Great Britain u18s as an u15
- Was re-selected for the national talent centre programme

Netball:

- Was re-selected for u15 Cheshire academy as an u14, progressed to the Player Development Pathway as a training partner ready for next year
- Captained the Cheshire academy team on our tour to jersey
- Future aspirations are to trial and be selected for GB water polo in her age group. For netball it is to continue to progress through the Manchester Thunder or Cheshire pathways.



### Tyler Year 9

- Tyler was awarded bronze medal for pattsens, silver for sparing and gold for flying high kick
- Next step is to work towards his UKTC second dan level at black belt.



### Patrick Rugby Year 10

- He would like to continue the pathways of both codes as long as is possible, before he is potentially forced into making a decision about his future in rugby
- Represents Warrington Wolves Scholarship program and the Sale Sharks Player Development Program.
- Warrington Wolves
- Academy Prospects u15



### Fraser

Fraser has enjoyed great individual and team success over the last 2 years and will continue to compete in all 3 of his chosen primary sports.

As a result of being selected in the Sale Sharks SDG, Fraser has taken the decision to focus primarily on Rugby Union and athletics (high jump) with the high jump assisting him in his development as a key lineout jumper for Rugby Union.

Fraser will continue to play at No 8 in rugby union with the targets to:

- Maintain his place and develop his skill set as part of the Sale Sharks u16 Academy.
- Attain representative honours for Scotland via their Exiles programme.
- Win the Lancashire Cup with Warrington Rugby Union.

Fraser has set a target of 1.90m this year in the High Jump.



### Emily - Swimming

- Achieved personal bests across numerous strokes and distances at every gala she has competed in.
- She has spent time as the number one ranked girl in the county and remains in the top 5 in the NW region.
- She swam well over the next few months at numerous galas but unfortunately narrowly missed out on the opportunity to compete in the Nationals competition in July. This was her first occasion of being eligible and has learnt some valuable lessons which she will take into Winter training to be ready to ensure she is eligible again come the 2025 qualifying window.

### Tilly, Year 9 - Netball

- Tilly has represented Oldham, Manchester Thunder, and Cheshire this year on a national scale.
- Tilly hopes to be successful during trials at the start of the season to secure a franchise squad place and County academy squad place, which is the England Pathway in anticipation for the U16 National clubs in 2025/2026.



## SPORTS NEWS

### Athletics

A huge well done to all athletes that took part in competitions during the summer term.

### English Schools Athletics

Cheshire Round

Junior boys 5<sup>th</sup> place

Junior girls 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Inter boys 5<sup>th</sup> place

Inter girls 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Top point scorer for Track & Field

Nathan

Aby

Fraser

Hilary

The Junior Girls team qualified for the Northwest final and finished in a respectful 8<sup>th</sup> place. Top point scorers at this competition were Ruby and Aby.



### Warrington Selection

Congratulations to the following Bridgewater pupils who were selected to represent Warrington at the Cheshire Schools Championships.

#### Year 7

Nathaniel 1500m, Henry 800m. Isaac High Jump 🏆, Bella 800m 🏆 Millie

#### Year 8

Nathan 800m, Tobi High Jump, Ruby Javelin 🏆, Eva 800m

#### Year 9

Hilary 100m, O Crawford 75m Hurdles 🏆

#### Year 11

Esme 1500m 🏆



### **Mason Cup**

Congratulations to Olivia who was selected to compete at the Mason Cup for Cheshire. Olivia finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 75m Hurdles.

### **Warrington Schools**

Bridgewater athletes finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Pupils displayed a great team spirit and demonstrated true grit and determination throughout the day. There were lots of individual and team successes throughout the day with many Bridgewater pupils making finals. Well done to the Y8 pupils that competed in a year 9 category and those Y9 pupils who competed in the Y10 category. Below are a list of winners and runner ups.

#### **Warrington Champion**

##### **Year 7 Minors**

Bella 800m  
Tehila Shot putt

##### **Year 8/9 Juniors**

Isaac 1500m  
Ruby 100m & Javelin  
Girls relay team

##### **Year 10 Inters**

Hilary (Y9) 100m/Long Jump  
Fraser High Jump  
Alex (Y9) 400M  
Girls relay team

#### **Warrington Runner Up**

Isaac High Jump  
Tehila 100m  
Henry 800m  
Year 7 girls relay team

Eva 800m  
Emily 200m

Seb 1500m  
Erin 1500m  
Charlie 300m



### English Schools Championships Finals

A massive well done to Esme (y11) who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 3000m. Esme raced brilliantly in a strong field, gaining a new PB of 9.47.



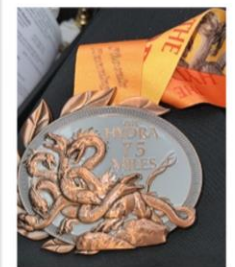
A massive well done to Olivia in year 9 who competed at the English Schools Championships in the 75m hurdles finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place. A huge competition and a fantastic achievement for both girls.

### WHITE COLLAR BOXING

In April 2024 I took part in a white-collar boxing match against a tough opponent. I was put up against a taller, heavier and more experienced fighter as we were matched on ability. Unfortunately, I lost the fight on decision but had an amazing experience and loved every minute of training. Whilst training for the boxing I was training for a 100 mile ultramarathon that took place in June 2024. This meant countless hours running alone for months on end. I finished the race in 15<sup>th</sup> place having to tap out after 82 miles in 22 hours due to a chest infection. I was devastated to not be able to finish and I'll be back to do it again in the future.

Across both events, I managed to raise £2,800 for three fantastic charities: Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Cancer Research UK and POPYRUS.

MR L THOMPSON



The Principal, staff and governors would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students, parents, carers, friends and alumni, a restful Summer break.