



THE BRIDGE



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Two of my favourite events of the year at Bridgewater High are the Upper and Lower Site Awards Evenings, the first of which took place last month.

The evening is a great opportunity to showcase and celebrate the achievements of many of our students. It is also a great time to take stock and reflect upon why education can be such a rewarding profession as we witness young people seizing opportunities to achieve success.

We were fortunate to have James Lloyd from United Utilities provide the key note speech, in which he reflected on his own academic and professional journey, which interested all in the room. Whilst I can't necessarily claim James' achievements, I also had the opportunity to reflect upon what leads to sustained success over time.

For me, success is built upon long term curiosity in developing your own knowledge and experiences, seeking out new challenges and being responsive to change. To illustrate this, within my own speech, I described my recent experience at the cinema where I had watched "They shall not grow old", a documentary film directed by Peter Jackson, about World War I, commissioned to commemorate the centenary of the end of the war.

As Paul Gribben of the BBC says, "It uses technology to transform black and white archive footage of soldiers into a visceral, full-colour documentary - and is probably the nearest thing we'll get to travelling back in time." I, for one, felt transported back in time. However, notwithstanding the sheer horror and devastation the film depicts, I felt I was in familiar territory. By that, I mean that what I was watching were things that had become familiar to me and many other people over time through our reading of First World War literature and history.

However, what I wasn't familiar with and what really challenged my thinking, was the way in which the soldiers discussed how they felt when the war was over. In the immediate aftermath, rather than feeling euphoric, they described feeling overwhelmingly numb. And then, when they returned to England, many soldiers described how very few people talked to them about their experiences. It was all bottled up in silence. This was new to me as I had developed a view that after the war, soldiers were welcomed back as heroes and it seems that perhaps this was not universally the case.

So returning to my theme, if we are all to remain active, thoughtful citizens, than maybe the key is to remain open to new ideas that challenge our established thinking, as the film "They shall not grow old" has done for me and doubtless many others.

Rightly, we commemorated the centenary of the end of WW1 at Bridgewater during this past term with thought-provoking assemblies, striking displays, fascinating lessons and even competitions. As ever, these were interspersed with all of the trips, performances, sporting or academic achievements, projects and other events that characterise life in a busy comprehensive school such as ours. The highlights of these are documented in the pages of this edition of the Bridge, which I hope you enjoy reading.

Finally, it just remains for me to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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ALDER HEY TOYS APPEAL



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

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

Pictured are Isabell and Charlotte delivering Bridgewater's gifts with some of the staff at Liverpool's Alder Hey Hospital.



STOP PRESS! First School Magazine!

Some readers will know that Bridgewater High School's lower site buildings began life in 1968 as Appleton Hall County Grammar School. This building, give or take a few additions and some recent substantial refurbishments, remains essentially the same as it was when it first opened in 1968. 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 extracts from the very first school magazine, published at the end of 1968/69, the first year in the new building. Before reading about the many achievements of today's pupils, we hope you enjoy this little insight into life fifty years ago...

THE OFFICIAL OPENING

On Friday, 6th June, at 8-0 p.m., the ceremony of officially opening the school was carried out, with the Rt. Hon. Kenneth Robinson, M.P., as the principal guest.

The school was looking at its very best, and for this tribute must be paid to Mr. Unsworth and his small cleaning band, who did wonders, the staff and technicians for their displays, and the children, who helped in many different ways to make the occasion function smoothly.

In his speech Mr. Robinson made reference to a number of burning local issues which will have some bearing on the school in years to come, particularly the development of Warrington New Town and Comprehensive Education. This may not have pleased many people present, but the facts cannot be ignored. It remains to be seen what will happen, but one thing is certain, the school will increase in size and scope and play a very important educational part in any future development of the area.

An interesting link with the past was provided by Mrs. Davidson, the former owner of Appleton Hall, the previous building on the site, who was present as one of the platform party.

Following the official ceremony, in which the school choir played a small but melodious part, the school was open for display, and excellent refreshments were served in the dining hall.

The County officials who were responsible for the overall arrangements of the function must be congratulated on their organisation, but it must be stated that the occasion might have been more meaningful if all the pupils had been present, and visitors had had the opportunity of seeing the school functioning under more normal conditions.

Throughout the speeches many references were made to the magnificent site on which the school stands. As teachers and pupils we are fully aware of this, and must consider ourselves to be fortunate indeed to be working in such surroundings. It may seem odd to have an official opening some nine months after the school actually started, but having it in June, with the right weather, as we had, made the event worth waiting for.

Some things do not change and it's reassuring to note that quality of catering was always a priority. We're not sure, however, whether Hannah Johnston, our current catering manager, would relish being referred to as "Matron"...

MATRON

To obtain her appointment as Matron to the school Mrs. Pike had seven individual qualifications to her credit, which ranged from first-aid to, of course, canteen management. Her task is to plan, order, and prepare meals five times a week for some 250 people.

The planning is done eight weeks in advance, and in that period certain food-stuffs must be used: every cut of lamb, beef and pork must be served; fish dishes must be provided for variety; two-and-a-half gallons of fresh milk and eight pounds of dried milk must be used daily; specific quantities of fruit and vegetables are demanded to ensure a balanced diet.

The standard of hygiene is extremely high, as, of course, it ought to be. The canteen staff—some of whom are mothers of children in the school—maintain this high standard. They are required to scrub up to their elbows prior to preparing the meals, and the equipment used is maintained to a high standard of cleanliness. Inspections are carried out to ensure that the rules are being observed. A sample of the meal prepared each day is kept in the refrigerator for 48 hours, so should any of the people eating the meal suffer from food-poisoning a check on the food consumed on the premises can easily be made. This is unlikely to happen as Mrs. Pike and her staff take great pains to ensure that a nutritious, attractive and tasty meal—often with a choice of menu—appears at the hatches for us at 12-30 p.m. each day.

S. M. L. and 3X Gi...

Our present-day Duke Of Edinburgh Award students, will no doubt be pleased to learn that twenty-mile charity walks were not considered out of the ordinary...

THE "SHELTER" WALK

On March 17th a sponsored walk took place, the money raised to be used for housing homeless families. I went on it. We set off at 9-45 in the morning from Stockton Heath School playground and went up Ellesmere Road. It was a twenty-mile walk, and I didn't expect to walk the full twenty miles. There were check-points about every five miles, where our names were ticked off, and we could drop out at the check points if we wanted to. When we had done about seven miles we saw a sweet shop and bought ice-lollies. We walked on for a bit and one of the marshals—who were passing in cars nearly all the time—stopped and let us put our bags in : this was a great relief as the bags were quite heavy with all our food and drink in them. At the half-way mark we stopped and had our lunch, sitting on the ground near Great Budworth Church. The next ten miles seemed to pass more quickly, and we were soon back in the school playground. My friend and I both completed the twenty miles without a lift, but some people had lifts. In one of the classrooms we got a cup of hot soup, and then we went home. I reached home at a quarter to five, feeling quite well, surprisingly enough! I enjoyed the walk very much and hope there will be another one next year.

Jillian Imrie, 2Bu.

Having had new roofs and windows installed over the past few years, we are used to builders on site and so were the students of 1968/69...

WORKMEN AT OUR SCHOOL

Dumper trucks, the noise of their engines echoing around the building ; tractors advancing slowly across the tarmac ; workmen in dirty overalls and muddy boots. Three signs of the activity being carried on around our school.

When we moved here last September our playing fields consisted of a large muddy mess. Mud on our shoes, trampling mud into school ; mud on the balls with which we played transferring mud to our hands and our clothes. The arrival of workmen to convert these mud baths into succulent green fields was eagerly awaited by all.

Since their arrival teachers have had to shout even louder so as to drown the noise of dumper trucks outside and chattering children inside. These children are stifled by the heat and stuffiness of the classroom as the teachers forbid the opening of windows. Outside the men drive and dig, fetch and carry, load and unload.

Before they came we asked When will they arrive? Now they are here we ask When will they depart?

Kathryn Tomlinson, 3Br.

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Charles Boyle, in 3E, gives us an insight into his weekend, fifty years ago. (With apologies to all Maths teachers, then and now!)

MY USUAL WEEKEND

I've come to the conclusion at the great age of thirteen,
Weekends are for adults, not for the inbetweens.
I can't go to the pictures, they finish far too late,
For pleasure in the evenings I've only got to wait.

We idly kick the ball about in our silent lane,
The lady living opposite complains of feeling pains.
Her head, it seems, is thumping with the constant sound
Of footballs hitting garden walls and thudding to the ground.

My mother says I'm muddy and in a dreadful state,
And will I please not scuff my shoes upon the garden gate.
Go and visit grandma and tell her all the news,
It isn't worth the effort, she doesn't want my views !

Sunday's punctuated with a trip to Sunday School,
We visit our paternal aunt, it's always been the rule.
Uncomfortably smart and scrubbed around the ear
I squirm and shudder as the latest photographs appear.

Hasn't little Jacqueline grown, and isn't Diane sweet ?
What about the dockers' strike and the awful price of meat ?
The ceaseless chatter pours from them in never-ending flows,
I finally resign myself and contemplate my toes !

The evening passes pleasantly as my family sit together,
We talk of things that interest us and never of the weather.
I really feel quite cheerful as I flop into my bed,
My brother screaming loudly that I'm sitting on his head !

Monday morning comes at last, it's damp and I've slept on,
I rush down to my breakfast and in no time it is gone.
I whistle as I get my bike and slam the garden gate,
The dreary weekend's over and even maths. looks great.

Charles Boyle, 3E.

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Finally, these local adverts may take older readers on a nostalgic trip down Memory Lane...

Visit the . . .

Higher Walton Cafe & Village Stores

(Proprietors: B. A. & M. Ward-Jones)

Telephone Warrington 61260

L. OWEN

DAIRY FARMER

DINGLE FARM, APPLETON
Telephone: Warrington 63240

Producers of Channel Island Farm Bottled Milk

NEWSAGENT : STATIONER : SWEETS : TOBACCO

W. A. COOK

POST OFFICE, 38 BRIDGE LANE,
APPLETON, WARRINGTON
Telephone: Warrington 63551

and at 165 London Road. Telephone: 61809.

mothers who know best



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BROADBENTS OF WARRINGTON LTD.

Supply all School Uniforms for Girls

BRIDGE STREET WARRINGTON.
Telephone: Warrington 30561

HARRY BIBBY & CO. LTD.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS
AND ENGINEERS

18 BUTTERMARKET STREET, WARRINGTON
Telephone: Warrington 35486

Appleton's General Store

NEWSAGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS
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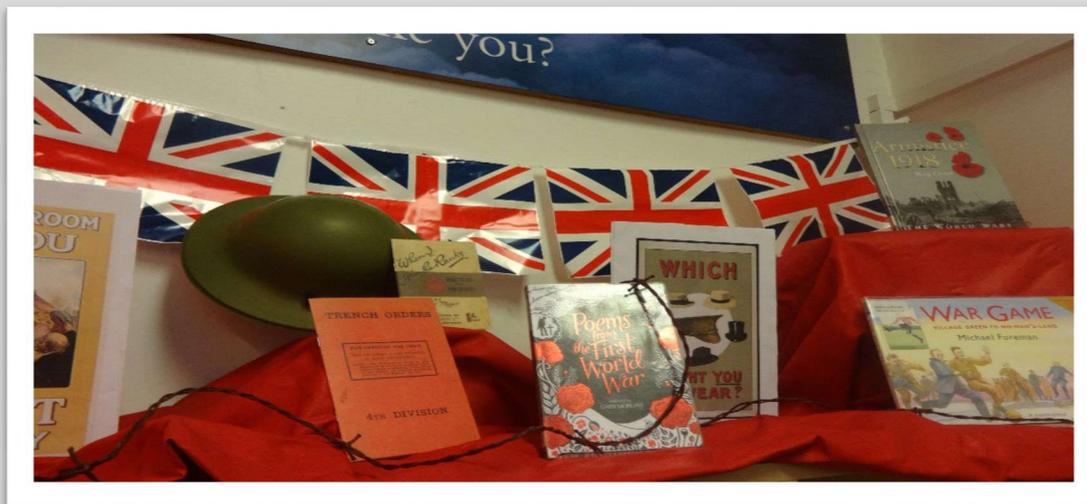
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Thanks again, to Mr. Geoff Marlow for donating these treasures to us!

WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY—LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY



To mark 100 years since the end of World War 1 and to raise awareness of this historical date, Bridgewater's Lower School Library, in conjunction with the English and History departments, hosted a week of WW1-themed activities. These included a WW1 Quiz and a film-show featuring clips from 'Blackadder' and 'Horrible Histories'. A WW1 Fiction reading list was available and Mrs Gardner made some eye-catching Remembrance displays in the Library.



Over the week, teachers came into the Library to give a moving reading of entries from the diary of Harry Drinkwater, a soldier who fought on the front line. These readings gave pupils insight into the horrors of the trenches and the gruelling daily realities of the young men who went to war. Pupils were also able to sample some home-made WW1 trench biscuits, based on an authentic recipe by Huntley and Palmers. In spite of the basic ingredients, pupils and staff resoundingly gave them the thumbs-up!

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Isaac (7SRG) gives the biscuits a try!



Mrs Hughes also very kindly brought in her grandfather's war medals and some poignant family mementos, including photographs and hand-written letters which pupils were able to examine first-hand. Mrs Mottershead took time out to bring in some photographs of the war cemeteries and to tell us about her visit to the WW1 battlefields in France.

Many thanks to all the staff who freely contributed their time to help mark the Centenary, and congratulations to Benjamin (8JEB/JRB) who achieved the highest score on the Quiz!

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Natascha (7GC) and Daniel (8JEB/JRB) proudly display the WW1 war

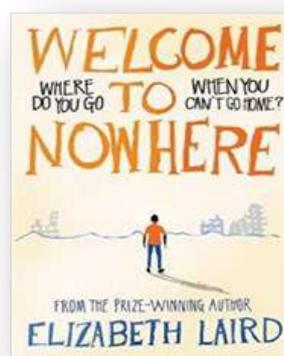
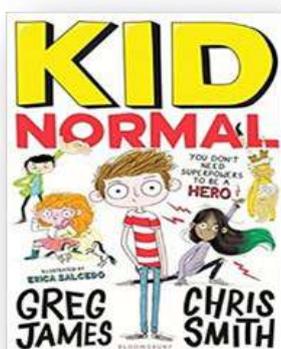
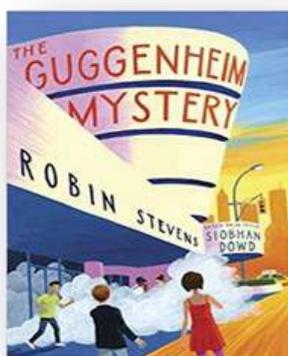
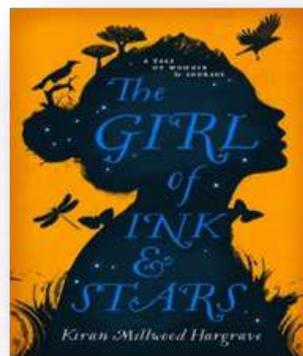
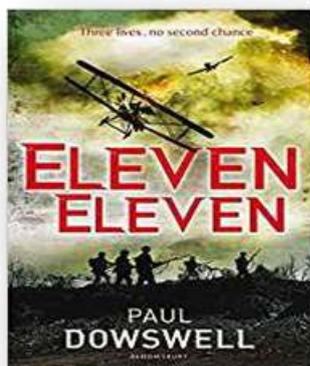
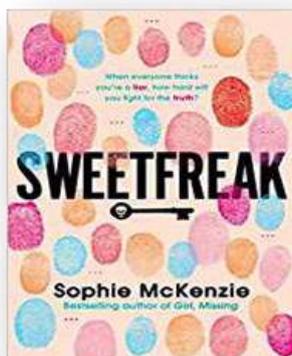


Cheshire Book Quiz 2018 / 2019

This year, Bridgewater High School has four teams from Years 7/8 taking part in the 40th annual Cheshire Book Quiz. The Cheshire Book Quiz is an inter-school competition set up by school librarians to foster and promote an enthusiasm for reading in pupils from Years 7 and 8. Taking part is no mean feat as teams will be pitched against pupils from 25 other schools from across Cheshire.

Teams read a pre-selected book from a range of genres over six months and then come together once a month to answer questions on each book and on general fiction. As well as being a challenge to read a range of different genres, teams enjoy getting together to test their literary knowledge and to chat informally about books and reading. The Quiz definitely brings out the pupils' competitive spirit and we look forward to seeing if we can make it to the Final in June!

This year's titles



Literacy and Numeracy

In October, we introduced a new initiative within the English Faculty. We are now proud to have an enthusiastic group of Y9 and Y13 Literacy Leaders. These students have taken part in training from the 'Get Reading' organisation and since then, during registration time at the end of the day, have helped to encourage readers from Y7 and Y8. The Y9 Leaders also played a big part in a joint Literacy/Numeracy Day in December.

In addition to this, many of the Y13 students have volunteered to help in Y7 lessons; this is a huge help to English teachers to have an extra pair of hands, but will also benefit the Y13 students when completing University or job application forms. If we have inspired a few budding teachers, this is an even greater reason to celebrate this successful venture!

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

Mrs M Lomas and Mrs. Hughes





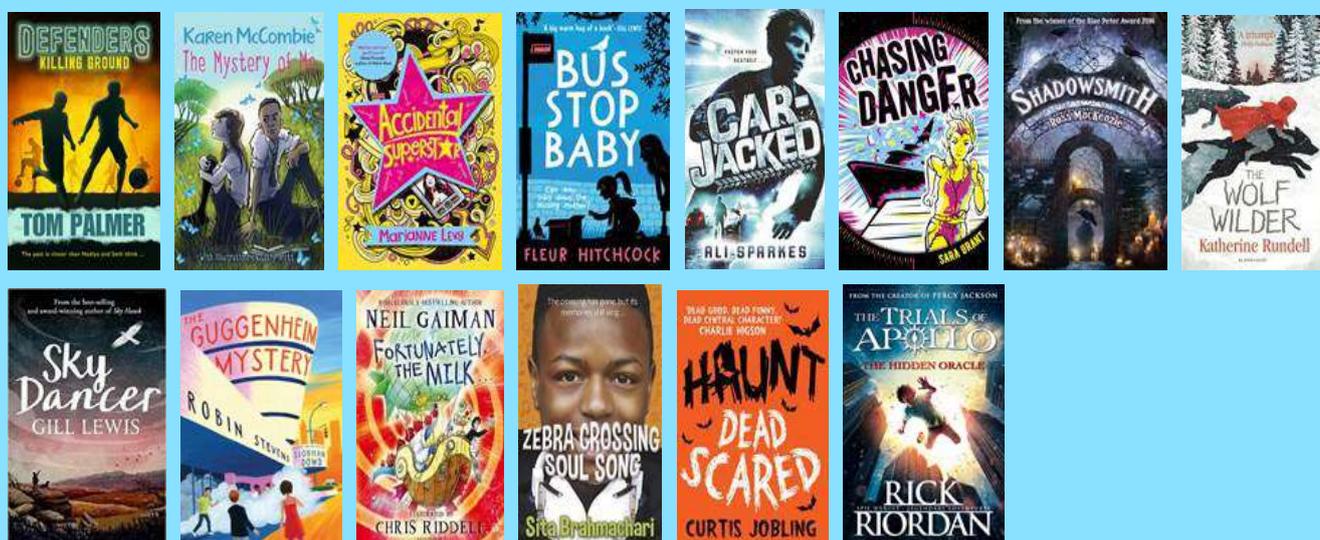
Year 7 Choose Free Reading Books With 'Bookbuzz'

This term, all of Bridgewater's Y7 pupils were able to choose a free reading book from Bookbuzz, an initiative run by the reading charity, BookTrust. The aim of the scheme is to support secondary schools in encouraging a love of reading. Every year, a range of titles suitable for 11-13 year olds is specially selected by a panel of teachers, librarians and book experts. The book that pupils choose form the basis for classwork in English and for general reading.

After a session in the library looking at how to choose fiction books, pupils were able to have a look for themselves at the selection of fourteen titles available from this year's Bookbuzz and watch a video featuring the authors of the books. Ranging from adventure books, stories about the environment, ghost stories, thrillers, mystery, real life and humour, and including popular authors such as Rick Riordan, Neil Gaiman and Robin Stevens, there really was something for everyone, including even the most reluctant of readers! Bookbuzz is always a popular event in the library calendar and generates much book-related discussion as pupils talk about what they like to read!

If you would like to know more about Bookbuzz, BookTrust has a very informative website with competitions, quizzes, author blogs and information on what books to read next.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/>





Students with their BookBuzz books



Fond Farewells

Earlier this term, we bade a fond farewell to two of our longer-serving members of staff. Chris Worrall (right) and Gina Wright (left) have each worked at Bridgewater for over 27 years, as teaching assistants in the Special Educational Needs Department, working latterly with pupils in our Designated Provision. During their time at Bridgewater, Chris and Gina have accompanied more trips than could possibly be mentioned, many in their own time. They have also assisted with countless drama productions and choir events, not to mention clocking up a combined 40+ years service on the staff welfare committee. It is for their work with individual pupils, however, that they will be most fondly remembered. There are literally hundreds of youngsters who have benefited from their kindness, patience and direct support in the classroom.

We wish these two well-loved colleagues all the best and thank them for all their hard work. Both are now looking forward to spending more time with their respective families.



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AQA LIFE SKILLS

As Part of our Life Skills course, this term, a small group of students visited a number of local public services. They found out about the National Health Service and how it works and visited Warrington General Hospital to see our fantastic NHS workers in action!

They also met with the local community liaison officer, Phil Hilton, who gave students a guided tour of Stockton Heath Police Station and told them all about its history. They were lucky enough to meet with two armed forces officers who gave them a talk on the equipment they use and their roles within the police force.

Another visit was Warrington Fire Station, where students enjoyed a hands-on tour of facilities, as you can see from these photographs.

These were all fantastic opportunities and gave our students an amazing insight into those essential organisations that work so hard for all of us. Thanks to all those professionals who made us so welcome. See below for a selection of photographs!

Mrs. English



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James Cousins Dance Company: Year 11 GCSE Dance workshop

In October, all of our year 11 GCSE dance students had the opportunity to work with some of the dancers from the James Cousins Dance company. They learned about one of the set works 'Within her Eyes' from the dancers themselves. The students took part in practical workshops that included learning repertoire from the actual piece, lots of lifts and contact work and analysing the work through group discussion.

It was great day and, of course, our talented GCSE Dance students did Bridge-water proud!



Winter Wonder Showcase: No- vember 2018

At the end of November, we always stage our Expressive performing arts showcase 'Winter Wonder'. Involved in the evening were lots of performers across key stage 3, 4 and 5. Lots of performances took place across Dance, Drama and Music. There was even a modern day Nativity. We want to say a huge well done to all of our performers and will look forward to more amazing talent in



GCSE Dance Exam: Solo Performance.

Year 11 GCSE dancers completed the first part of their practical exam earlier this month. On Friday 7th December, all students were involved in an intensive two hour rehearsal for their solo performance before completing a mock. After some feedback, all dancers then performed their two set phrases individually. The Dance department would like to say a huge well done to our Year 11 dancers who were professional throughout the day and worked incredibly hard. We will look forward to seeing the rest of their exam work in the New Year.

Bridgewater's 'The Tempest'



BTEC students perform

On Friday 9th November, I and the rest of the Year 11 BTEC class performed 'The Tempest' for the Shakespeare Schools Festivals at Z-ARTS theatre in Manchester. The Shakespeare Schools Festival is a performance in which a number of schools participate by performing different Shakespeare plays. This year, we performed 'The Tempest'.

In July when we first received our scripts, we started to bring our ideas to life, each of us contributing towards the show. We found inspiration by first watching the film version of 'The Tempest' and this helped us to discover and explore our characters and personalities. This also helped us to add the visual and vocal details to our show.

We started rehearsing in September and spent our lessons developing and composing our ideas as a class. In October, we went to Z-ARTS to take part in a workshop, helping us to develop our chosen scene. This is where Trinculo (my character) and Stephano are introduced. They soon come to meet Caliban, the monster on the island. The Workshop helped a lot and was fun to be involved with. The reason why it was helpful was because it was a comedy scene. At first we weren't sure how to bring the comedy out but we were given tips on perfecting certain accents and the way we moved. For example, Stephano is supposed to be drunk so we really emphasised the way he would walk and talk in a drunken manner.

On the show day, we headed to Z-ARTS theatre around lunch time. We took part in a technical rehearsal before watching another school perform their dress rehearsal. They then watched us perform ours. Later on, we took part in the show. We were all very nervous before we headed on stage, but afterwards we were all relieved.

I found that performing 'The Tempest' was very different to what we had performed before. Initially, it was hard to understand, due to Shakespeare's challenging language. We all needed to work hard to understand both the language and story. We did this by translating some of the words and scenes into modern English. It was very challenging but it was fun. We all had to push ourselves but the end result was worth it. The show was a great success and we all had a lot of fun.

I think that The Shakespeare Schools Festival is something that all schools offering Performing Arts should take part in. I hope that Bridgewater can carry on this experience for Performing Arts students as we all gained so much from the experience.

Grace, Year 11



"WE ARE SUCH STUFF AS DREAMS ARE MADE ON"

The Tempest
by Bridgewater High School
at The Z Arts, 9/11/2018
appraised by Lisa O'Hanlon

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Bridgewater High School for your fantastic production of The Tempest as part of the 2018 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a brilliant night of theatre, and I'd like to highlight just a few elements that really stood out.

Congratulations Bridgewater High! I was really impressed with your production of The Tempest, especially your excellent stage discipline and professional conduct throughout the day. Your physical theatre skills and use of harmonious singing/choral vocal work were really effective in creating the landscapes, (or sea scapes!) atmosphere and context.

Your movement skills were very strong and well rehearsed and your physical characterisation was very effective. I particularly enjoyed your more stylised work and your contemporary dance pieces, which both complemented and heightened the action within the scenes. You used the stage effectively and confidently and adapted to the space with maturity and professionalism.

You received a great audience response to the more comedic characters and elements of the piece, which were a lovely contrast to the previous brooding and ethereal scenes. Your "BBC news" scene worked really well and was a great convention for storytelling with clarity and humour. The super costume designs added to the highly visual elements of the piece.

Overall, a slick, stylised and visually stunning Tempest by a very confident and professional ensemble.

Performing Shakespeare's words on a professional stage takes courage, resilience, and imagination. You and your teachers should all be incredibly proud of what you have achieved.

I hope to see Bridgewater High School in the Festival again next year!

Lisa O'Hanlon

**"A SLICK, STYLISED AND
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In January 2019, the Year 10 BTEC students will be debuting their new production, GREASE! The classic love story of two teen summer lovers is being brought to life by the extremely hard-working and enthusiastic group of performing arts students with two fabulous casts. The story revolves around Sandy Dumbrowski (Act one- Charlotte, Act two- Ellouise) and Danny Zuko (Act one- Jess, Act two- Ewan) as their summer romance evolves into something more once they find out they attend the same school. With classic numbers such as "Greased Lightning" and "You're the One That I Want", complex dance routines and captivating and emotional scenes, these dedicated teens have covered everything.

It will be performed in the Upper School Hall, at 4pm and 6:30pm on the 30th January, and tickets will be on sale for £2. "See ya there!"

Isobel and Georgie





6th Form Macmillan Coffee Morning

This was a great team effort and the amount raised from such a small cohort was amazing!

Thanks to everyone who baked, bought and sold.



Appleton College - Restart A Heart

Aaron Cawley, Bridgewater's Health and Safety Co-ordinator and First Aid Trainer, delivered a Lifesaving session to Bridgewater's Sixth Form students. It covered topics such as how to deal with choking, burns, severe bleeding, fits, nose-bleeds etc., and actions to take whilst awaiting the emergency services. Aaron then went on to show us how to perform CPR and everybody was able to practise the technique.

Hopefully it will never need to be put to use but at least everybody is prepared.

Mrs. Winstanley



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CAREERS DAY WITH A CAREERS FAIR AT BRIDGEWATER

Thursday October 18th 2018

Years 9, 10, 11 and 13 were all off timetable for the day and were involved in “All Things Careers Related”, including some of the following:

- Chance to talk and ask questions at the career fair with 30+ external organisations including The army, Barclays, Morrisons (degree apprenticeships), the police, Priestley College, Solway, Abb, Manchester University, Telephonica, O2, Warrington & Vale Royal College, Unilever, Cronton And Many More.

In addition, students were able to:

- Have a mock interview with external business interviewers
- Learn how to write a cv, about interview techniques and career software
- Listen to visiting speakers in small groups and gain invaluable information about their jobs and ask questions e.g.O2
- Enjoy presentations about A Levels, apprenticeships and universities, given by various organisations

The visiting companies and organisations were very impressed and our students were described as “very, very good candidates” who were “confident and capable”.



NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE?

NOT SURE ABOUT COLLEGE/ APPRENTICESHIPS OR UNIVERSITY / APPRENTICESHIPS?

THERE ARE LOTS OF PLACES IN BRIDGEWATER TO GET HELP:-

4 Noticeboards around school. They're bright orange so you can't miss them!

Show My Homework – weekly information for Year 11 and 13's including list of apprenticeships.

Upper Library – Wednesday and Friday lunch. Drop In Session with Mrs Winstanley for information, advice, guidance re: - careers, university, CVs, applications, apprenticeships etc.

PAM/PAL – ask them to make an appointment with Mrs Winstanley for you.

Outside Hall – First Monday of every month – Drop in Session with Interserve Learning and Mrs Winstanley to discuss opportunities and apprenticeships.

Assemblies – including outside speakers for different year groups.

Career Day/ Fair – Annual event for years 9/10/11/13

PSHE sessions.

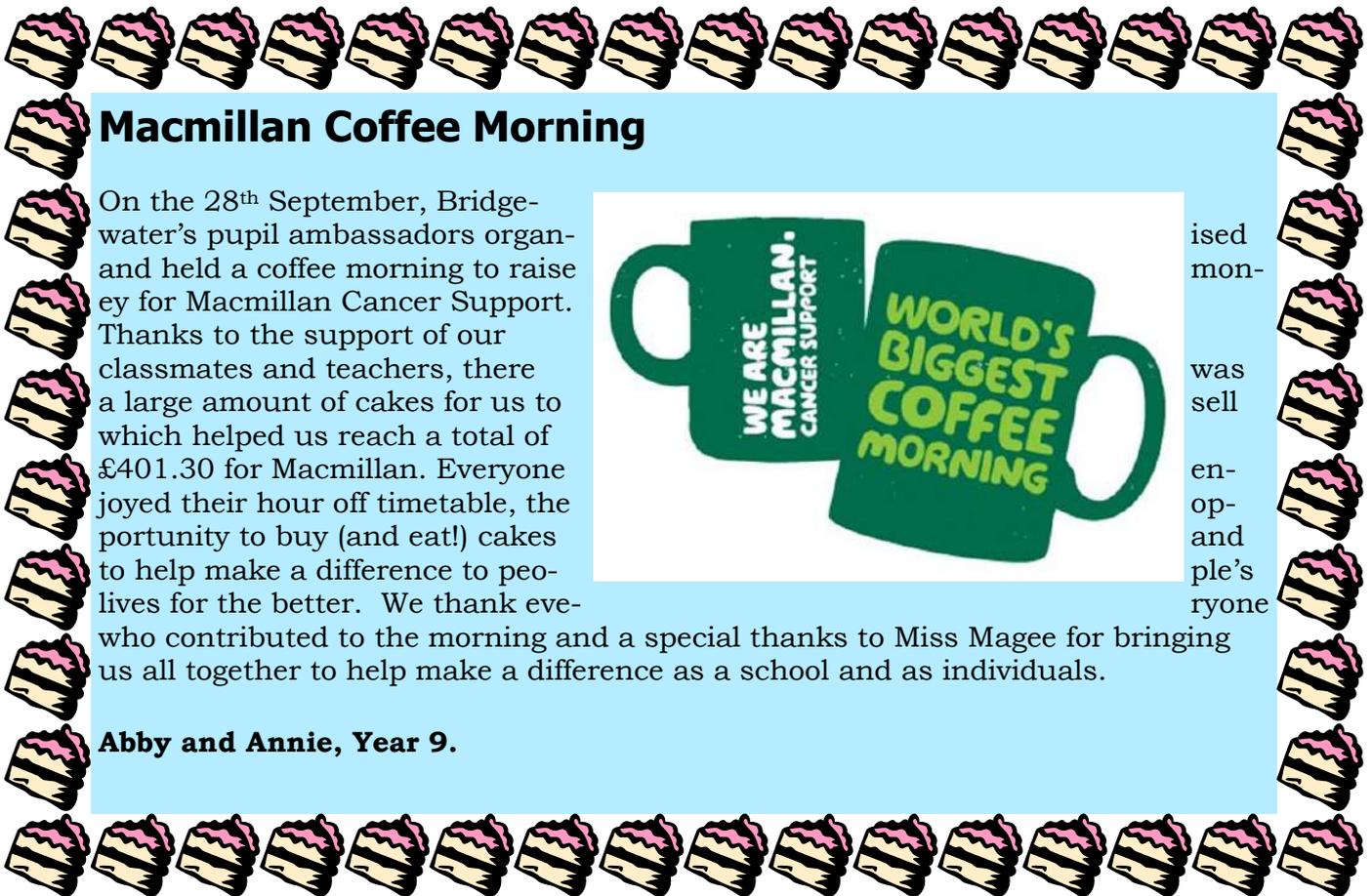
Visits throughout the year to Universities, Colleges, and Job Fairs are arranged to provide further information and choice.



This term, Year 7 Art & Craft Club hosted a *Crafternoon* for 'Mind', mental health charity. Keeping with the Harry Potter theme, pupils produced and sold *Gringotts* money bags, Hessian bookmarks with the famous lightning bolt and notebooks. Pupils also made paper flowers, gift boxes and cakes and drinks.

**Year 7 raised an
amazing £105.40**

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

On the 28th September, Bridge-water's pupil ambassadors organ- and held a coffee morning to raise ey for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to the support of our classmates and teachers, there a large amount of cakes for us to which helped us reach a total of £401.30 for Macmillan. Everyone joyed their hour off timetable, the portunity to buy (and eat!) cakes to help make a difference to peo- lives for the better. We thank eve- who contributed to the morning and a special thanks to Miss Magee for bringing us all together to help make a difference as a school and as individuals.



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Abby and Annie, Year 9.

WARRINGTON FOOD BANK

Appleton College and Willow organised a collection of food over the last few weeks. Thanks to every- body for the brilliant job in donating and collecting to help local people who are less fortunate than our- selves. David McDonell, the Project Manager from Warrington Foodbank said "thanks so much; that is brilliant!"

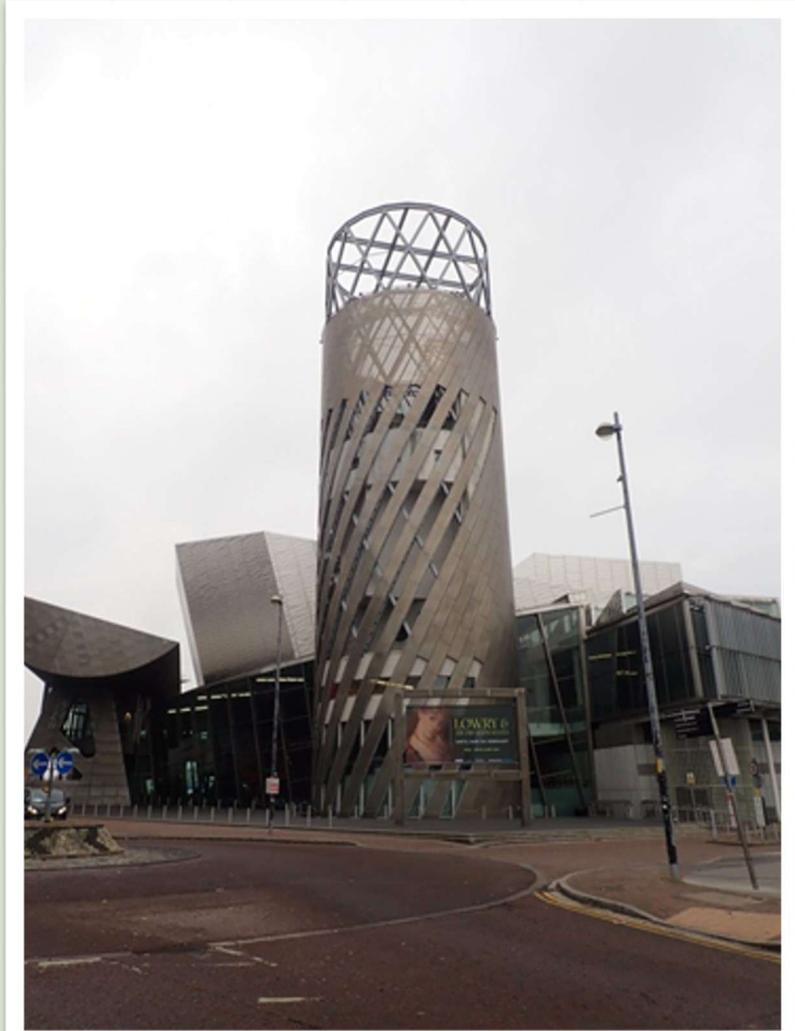


GCSE Geography Urban Field Trip

Year 10 students studying GCSE Geography visited the Salford Quays and MediaCityUK area of Salford on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th November. The days were stormy (due to the tail end of Storm Diana) however the students' spirits were not dampened and enthusiasm was high.

The fieldtrip was part of a compulsory element for AQA's Geography GCSE and focused on investigating Salford's urban planning. The Salford Quays and MediaCityUK were chosen for their dramatic, bold attempts at urban redevelopment, with the area experiencing a renaissance in fortune after decades of decline. The redevelopment of Salford Quays has created a world-class business, cultural and residential area. More people now work in the Quays than in its heyday as a major seaport, with 900 businesses supporting 26,000 jobs. Salford Quays has also become a popular residential area for both young professionals and families, with a well-integrated public transport system and local amenities. The continuing development of MediaCityUK will continue to build on the area's vibrant economy, fantastic leisure assets and high quality residential building.

The fieldtrip focused on investigating Salford Quays' urban planning; exploring the Quays' public space, green building, integrated transport systems and environmental quality. The overall aim of the research was to answer the enquiry question; has the Salford Quays redevelopment project been a success?



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During the field trip, students were required to complete a questionnaire with members of the public to find the purpose of their visit and the distance that people had travelled. They were required to complete an environmental analysis and field sketch of key areas within the Quays. Students also completed a land use survey, deciphering the use (or multiple uses) of the buildings in the area. Back in the classroom, students have been collating their data, presenting the results appropriately and analyzing critically their results and methodology.

This research is essential for the students GCSE Geography Paper 3, in which they will be tested on skills, fieldwork and issue-based questions. The fieldwork was also an ideal chance for students to apply theory and skills learnt in the classroom to real world situations, developing essential team-work, communication and problem solving skills.

Miss V. Roach



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Poland 2018

Poland 2018, what an experience! When we heard about the Poland trip, we were desperate to go as it sounded like an amazing opportunity and we were right!

Over the course of the five days, we laughed and cried. The trip was great fun and a good laugh but it was also very deep and meaningful.

One of the days we went to Auschwitz-Birkenau which really made us realise how lucky we are not to have been there during this awful time. But we also did lots of fun activities like shopping and going out for delicious meals.

It was an experience we will never forget and some of these things - like speaking to an actual holocaust survivor—we will treasure forever. So thank you to Bridgewater High School for providing us with opportunities that will stay with us forever.

Ellie and Libby, Year 10



Martha's Vineyard Trip

Martha's Vineyard is a small island, just off Boston. There are 150,000 people living on the island and students from Bridgewater take part in an exchange every year with West Tisbury School. We have been going for just over thirty years. On this exchange the school takes mainly year 9 students (Grade 8) though if there are any spare places, they will be offered to the year 8. If the year 8 enjoyed their experience, they are welcome to go on the exchange the following year, though they will have a different exchange partner as their old one will have now left the school.



The incredible teachers who made this trip possible were Mr Bairstow, Mrs Davies, Mrs Shaw and the trip leader, Mr Norman.

On our first day, we started nice and early by arriving at Manchester Airport's Terminal 3 at 5:30am. After checking our bags in and everybody successfully making it through security, we caught a quick flight to Heathrow Airport which was followed by the rather longer flight to Boston!

Once we reached Boston and successfully made it past the border, we went to collect our bags. Then we hopped on one of the distinctive yellow school buses which took us to the ferry. Our exchange partners were on the other side, eagerly awaiting us!



On Day Two, we enjoyed a tour of an island and saw all of the sights it had to offer. Then it was the weekend when we were given some free time with our exchange's family. After a fun weekend, we had an early rise and headed to the ferry for Boston. Here we went on the Freedom Trail and then we were given a couple of hours of shopping before heading back to the island.

On the Tuesday, our sixth day, we wandered around a Japanese inspired garden, enjoyed a nature watch and took an open top jeep ride over the dunes to the Cape Poge lighthouse on the famous island of Chappaquiddick.

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On Wednesday, the seventh day, we had our day out with the exchanges. We visited Newport, Rhode Island, on a tour of the Vanderbilt mansion and then we went on a tour of Fort Adams.

On the Thursday, we came to school with our exchanges and went to three different lessons. The three different lessons were Design Technology, Art and Music. Once we had finished all the lessons, we had a short break before playing a game of 'soccer' against the Americans. Sadly this year, the Americans beat us, but we will beat them when they come over here! Our mood was quickly brightened after having a couple of slices of pizza and heading back to our exchange houses to pack our bags.

Finally, on the Friday, we shed a few tears as we said farewells to our exchanges and headed off the island. Once we made it into Boston, we went on a tour of Fenway Park, the Boston Red Sox baseball Stadium and then went shopping at South Shore Plaza.



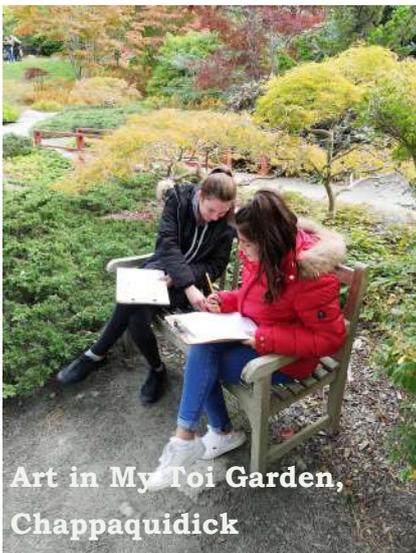
After a long day, we headed to the airport, made our way through security and began the long journey home. When we finally arrived back in Manchester, our families were waiting for us and everyone was so excited to see them again. Going to Martha's Vineyard was probably one of the best experiences of our lives and we are sure that we have made friends and had experiences that will last us a life time.

By Emma and Lauren



**Cape Poge Lighthouse on Chappaquidick, left.
Walking the Freedom Trail in Boston, right.**

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**Art in My Toi Garden,
Chappaquidick**



Aboard the Island Home Ferry



Sunset over Martha's



On the ferry to Chappaquidick

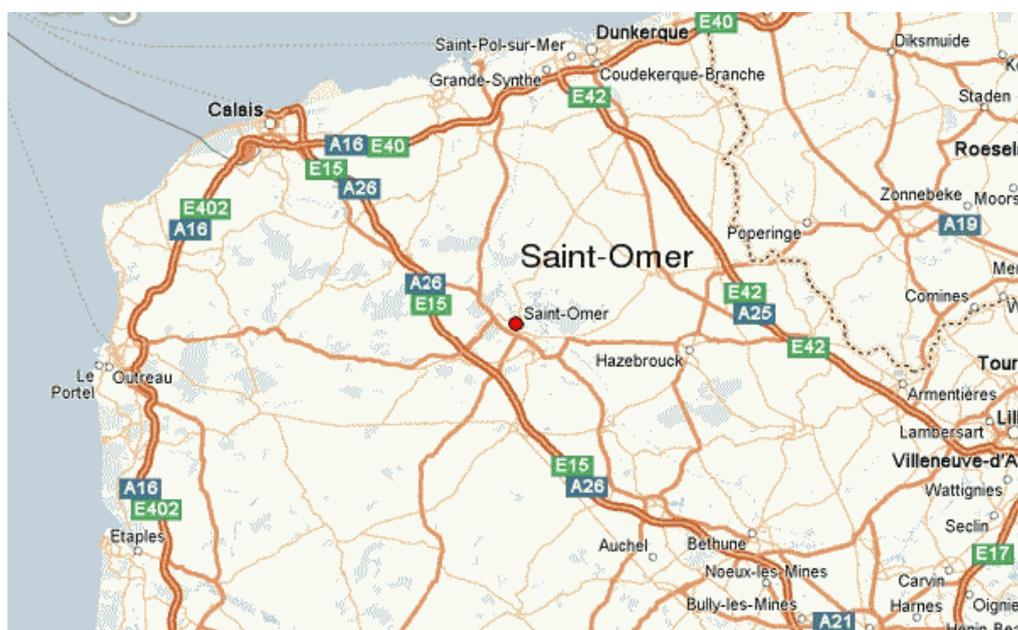
Great numbers for St Omer visit



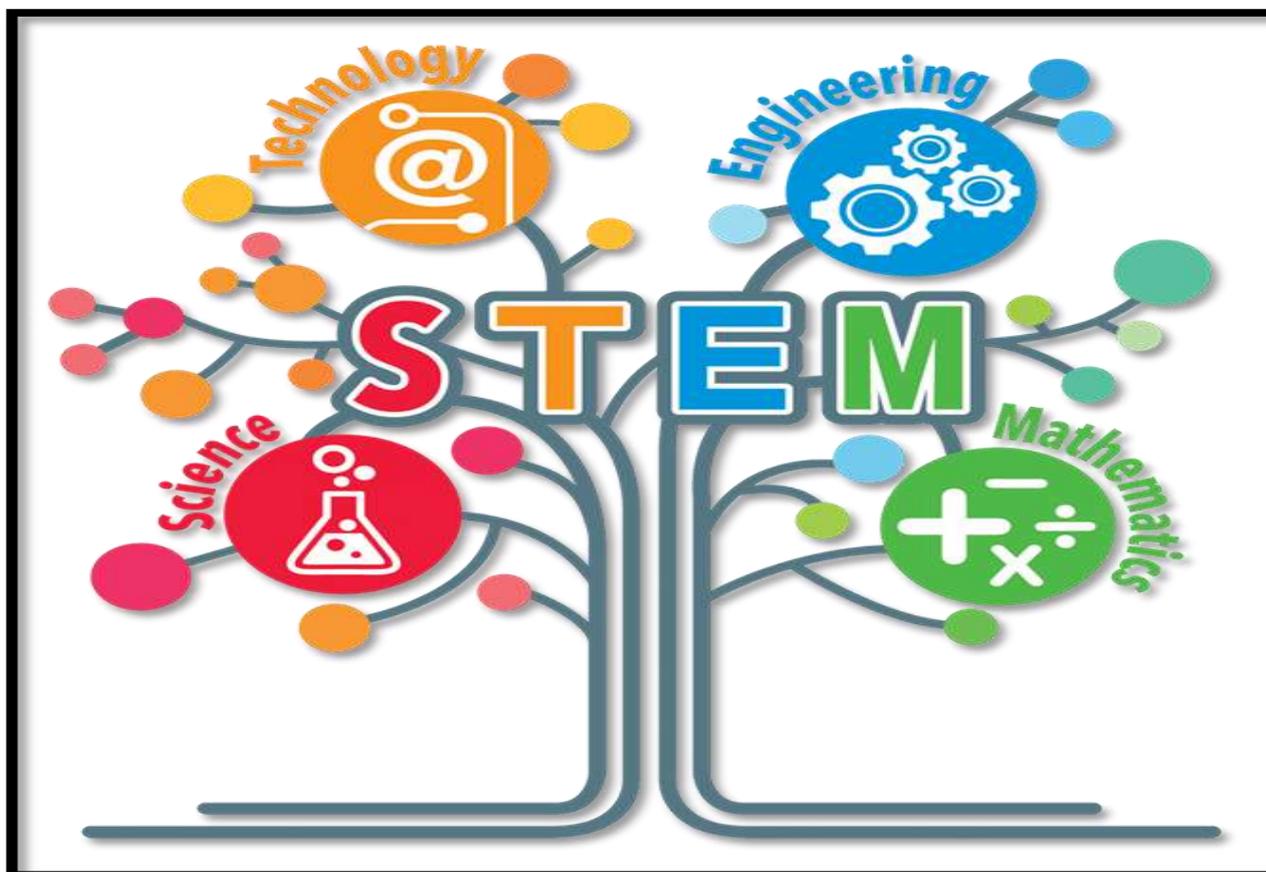
The Languages Faculty has had an incredible amount of interest from pupils for the visit to St Omer next March, staying at the Château d'Eblinghem (pictured).

There were 68 pupils who applied to go on the visit, and we thought we would only have space in the accommodation for 40 of them. We have been very lucky to find that the accommodation didn't have another school group in it at the time we are booked in for, and so they have been able to extend our group booking to enable every pupil who applied for the visit to go. We know that this will not always be a possibility, and so naturally we are very pleased that this is the case and are looking forward to the visit enormously, without having to disappoint any pupils.

Mr. Glew



The TCAT and United Utilities Masterclass Competition



A group of our dedicated, talented and aspiring year 9 and 10 Bridgewater scientists are working this year on the masterclass competition in conjunction with TCAT and United utilities. This is a pioneering partnership to make Warrington a hotbed for new engineering talent, which last year achieved a top NW education award.

The Masterclass initiative was named as Educate's top school Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) project after interest in engineering among participants soared.

The project – which pits STEM teams from across TCAT against each other to solve a real-life engineering problem – is now being repeated with an emphasis on attracting girls into science.

United Utilities social impact manager Lynn Johnson said eight teams of Year 9 and 10 pupils from Beamont Collegiate Academy, Bridgewater, Sir Thomas Boteler and Penketh High schools will work weekly with the company's graduate engineers.

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The challenge this year is to design a community hub using environmentally sourced materials and using environmentally sound engineering and architecture. The imagined community hub is to be based near to Coniston Water in the Lake District.

Masterclass was the brainchild of TCAT Leaders Keiron Powell and Chris Hillidge. They approached United Utilities and Engineering lead, Jimmy Ingman, who was invited to spend a week at the company's HQ at Lingley Mere, touring engineering disciplines and talking to experts.

It was put together on behalf of The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT) which incorporates the Beamont Collegiate Academy, the UK's first STEM-Assured High School.

United Utilities' Engineering Delivery Director, Richard Ratcliff, said: "It's vital to stay connected with young people, keeping them informed about the range of science and engineering opportunities available to them. Over 45% of students said they were more interested in a STEM related career as a result of being involved. That, for me, is a real result."

Our Pupils have worked very hard this term, getting the information and resources together. They have shone whilst using their initiative and imagination to come up with fantastic designs that they will build in miniature using the 3D printer available within TCAT. I am very impressed with their tenacity in working after school, week after week, showing our visiting Graduate Engineer, Miss Pauline Morris, that they have the right attitude to succeed.

Well done to Max, Charlie, Rachel, Ethan, Isabel, Aiden, Raph, Will, Joe, Ben, Louise, Olivia, Ben, Danny, Charley and Laura.

Mr S Langton

Teacher of Science.



Year 7 French Spelling Bee Competition



In the Autumn term, all pupils in Year 7 took part in the first ever Bridgewater French Spelling Bee Competition. After three challenging rounds, there were eight remaining pupils to face the final. All eight performed to an amazing standard and it was really tough to decide the overall winner. They faced four rounds in the final, an audience of about 150 pupils and four formidable judges, who gave them words to repeat, spell and translate. There was a great atmosphere and the overall winner scored a perfect score out of fifty.

Congratulations to all participants in the competition.

Well done to Tomi in Year 7, who came first in the competition, winning a £25 Amazon voucher!

Miss Barclay has been hard at work collecting Dog, Cat and Rabbit food and other pet supplies for the Warrington Animal Welfare charity. We have already received many items which she will drop off at WAW. All donations to WAW will be gratefully received in school, where there will be a box in lower site reception in the new year. See <http://www.warringtonanimalwelfare.org.uk/> for further information. Thank you for your generosity.



Food Technology

This term in Food Technology year 9 students have been baking and decorating their own cupcakes as part of their project on raising agents. Students were given the opportunity to be creative with their decorating skills and have produced some fantastic designs, some even Christmas themed!

Miss Barclay



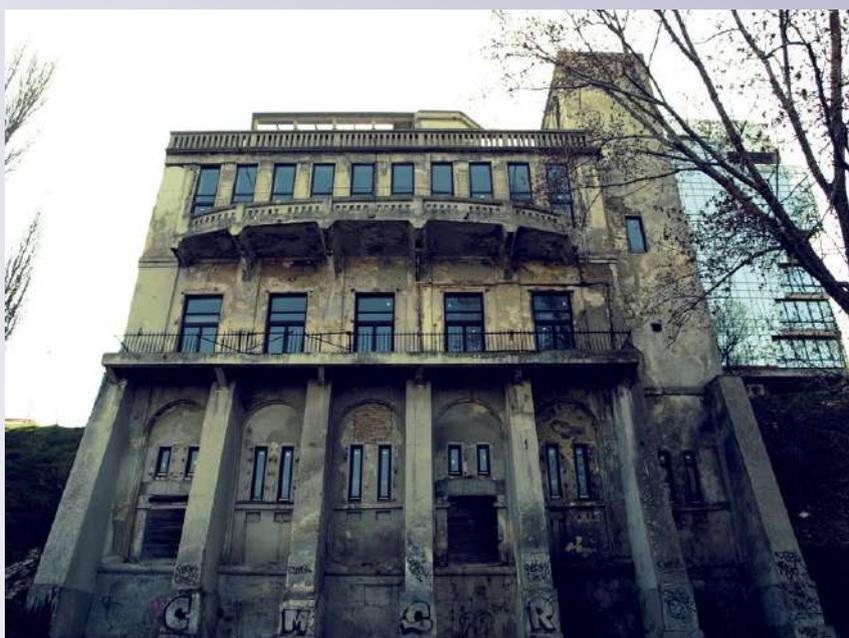
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Story Starter...

We were very impressed by Ryan's story (Year 7) so we have reproduced the start of it here. You'll need to ask Ryan how it ends... (Be warned – it's not a happy ending!!)

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. I'm David. People say that I'm an ordinary boy but that's not true. I am a boy with a 'problem'. Well at least that's what my parents thought it was. I live in a small town called Templeton with my two brothers, Michael and Cameron. Michael is the eldest and is aged thirteen. He has control over us youngsters and never lets us forget it. His temper is never controlled and he always blames me for his mistakes. Last but not least is Cameron, the youngest. He is three years old. He is hyperactive and always gets his own way. My mum says it because he's the youngest so he doesn't know what's right from wrong, but I strongly disagree. My brothers torment me sometimes but isn't that what brothers do? Well, that's what I think anyway. My parents say that one day they will be my best friends but I don't think so...

I guess you're all wondering why I'm here, writing this to you. I can tell that you're wondering how and why I got here, aren't you? I used to have this wonderful life, living with my family. Now I'm trapped in this small, enclosed place where nothing seems to happen. They tried to help me get better and relieve me of this horrendous 'problem' but nothing seemed to click. Doctor after doctor came but nothing would work. Yes, now you know I, David Tollerton, was stuck in this dark, dull, dreadful abyss called the 'The Asylum for Young Dysfunctional Boys'...



Changes to Admission Arrangements

Schools in Warrington are proposing to make changes to their admission arrangements for pupils joining from September 2020. Please see below and / or visit the Council's website for more information.

Proposed arrangements for admissions to our school are available to view or download from our website. For a paper copy, please speak to the school office.

The consultation period runs from 6 December 2018 until 31 January 2019.

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

The law states that all schools must have admission arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including the criteria that will apply if there are more applications received than there are places available at the school (oversubscription criteria).

Admission authorities are required to consult when they intend to make changes to their admission arrangements. The law states that consultations to make changes must take place for a minimum of six weeks between 1 October and 31 January.

When considering oversubscription criteria, state funded schools (Community, Faith, Academy and Free Schools) must give highest priority to looked after children and previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

The Minister of State for School Standards has recently confirmed that the law relating to looked after children will soon be changing and there will be an additional requirement for all state funded schools to prioritise looked after children previously in state care outside of England.

In light of this, most schools in Warrington have decided to make changes to their arrangements for admissions to their school starting from September 2020.

In order to accommodate the change and prioritise looked after children previously in state care outside of England, schools will be amending their first criterion to read as follows:

Looked after children and previously looked after children including those previously in state care outside of England*

We are not proposing to make any other changes to our admission arrangements.

Our school's full arrangements are available to view or download via the link below. For a paper copy, please speak to the school office.

<https://bridgewaterhigh.org/how-to-apply/>

Continued overleaf

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The consultation period runs from 6 December 2018 until 31 January 2019.

To comment on any of the proposed changes, please email

admissionconsultation@warrington.gov.uk or you can post your comments to the following address:

Admission Consultation
School Admissions Team
2nd Floor New Town House
Buttermarket Street
Warrington
WA1 2NH

You will receive an acknowledgement to let you know we have received your comments. All responses to the consultation will be considered by the relevant schools before admission

*A child in care is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their Social Services functions under section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 at the time of making the application to the school.

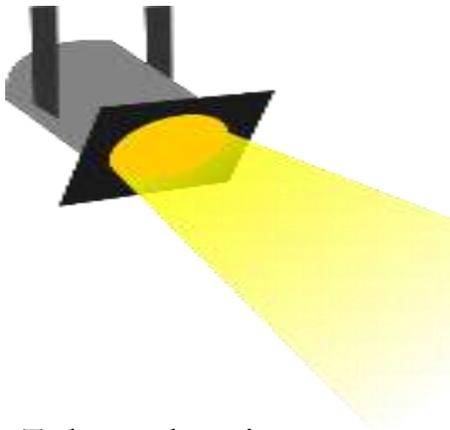
The term previously looked after children is defined as children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted, (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

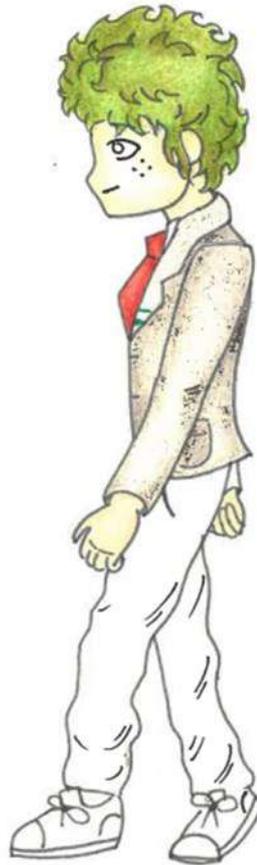
Awards Evening 2018

The 18th annual Upper School Awards Evening took place on Thursday 15th November. The hall was transformed to reflect the status of the event as parents, carers, staff and governors gathered to celebrate the success of over 100 students across years 11 and 13. The evening opened with guest speaker James Lloyd from United Utilities. James is a mentor to students from across TCAT. He gave an inspirational speech charting his involvement in STEM projects with TCAT schools and focusing on the importance of being resilient and grasping opportunity. Awardees were nominated by faculty and pastoral staff for their achievements both in and outside the classroom. A special mention goes to those award winners who so eloquently introduced each set of awards and talked about their passion for their subjects. There was a musical interlude by Troy and Matthew who went on to win the River Reeves Performing Arts Award. The Governors' Award was awarded to Macy (currently at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts) for her commitment to the performing arts throughout her time at Bridge-water. The Principal's Award was awarded to Fatimah in Year 11 for her contribution to wider school life and for her work as the first chair of the TCAT Parliament. Chair of Governors Steve Whatmore brought the evening to a close, thanking in particular the Year 10 students for making the canapés and the Year 11 students who crafted bespoke trophies for each faculty's special award winner.

Spotlight on...



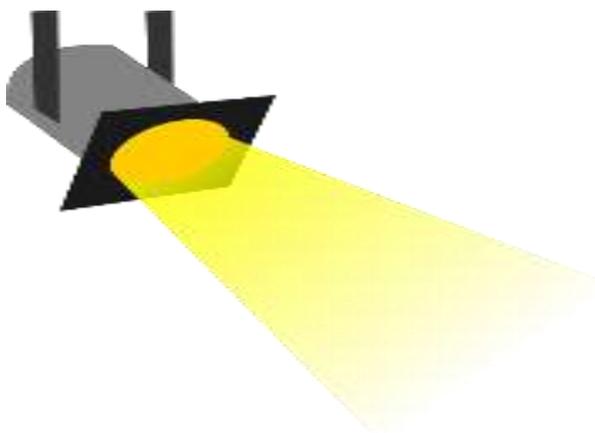
Talented artist,
Olivia, Year 9.



This is the Anime-style art work of talented Year 9 artist, Olivia. Look out for her work in and around school as well as in future editions of The Bridge. She's sure to go far!



Spotlight on...



Martha (Year 10)

Amongst the many talented students we have at Bridgewater is Year 10 swimmer, Martha. As well as all of her school work, Martha has to fit in twenty-one hours of training per week into eight training sessions. Three of these are very early in the morning, when Martha needs to get up at the eye-watering time of 4.00am!

Martha swims at Stockport Metro under Head Coach Richard Blackshaw, in the International Squad. She began this season racing at Nottingham, where she took part in the 100m Freestyle and went under a minute for the first time. She then raced at Stockport Metro Open Gala in nine races, achieving nine personal bests and winning gold in the 100IM (Individual Medley).

She has been selected by British Swimming for their talent pathway and has completed all three of their training days. To cap it all, she has just qualified for Swim England's Winter Nationals which at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. Here, she participated in four events: 100IM, 200IM, 400IM and 200 Backstroke.

Martha, who started swimming when she was six, competes in galas all over the country. We look forward to reading more exciting news from this talented (and very busy!) young woman.

Jess (Year 10)

After a series of Swim, Bike and Run tests Jess in Year 10 has been selected to be part of the North West Regional Academy Triathlon Squad. This organisation supports the development of young and talented athletes within the North West of England and prepares them for the British Triathlon squad.

Jess will now undertake regular training weekends with the academy, focusing across all the three disciplines of swimming, cycling and running. She will be attending a residential training camp in Portugal in February in 2019. Next year, Jess will undertake performance assessments at Loughborough University. This will determine which elite open water youth triathlon events she will participate in across the UK.

Jess is currently a member of Warrington Triathlon Club, training with Warriors of Warrington for her swimming and with Warrington Athletics club for her running. She also spends a lot of time on her turbo trainer riding her bike. Well done Jess!



Hannah (Year 9)

Despite having an injury our very own Hannah in Year 9 was selected this year to represent the Cheshire U14 team against West Midlands on 10/12/2018 for the ESFA Inter County Trophy Match – Round Two. Unfortunately, the team lost 1-0 with both teams displaying a fantastic game of football. Hannah also had a great weekend at the National Performance Camp. Well done Hannah!

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!



Well done also to Aleesha in Year 9 for also being selected to represent the U14 Cheshire team. Only 16 players were selected for the team so well done to you both. Fantastic work girls!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL AT THE CATERING ACADEMY



Our new look dining area



BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

Christmas Carol Concert 2018



THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER

7PM • ST THOMAS' CHURCH, STOCKTON HEATH

**FREE ENTRY AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO
ATTEND. LET US CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS
TOGETHER.**

SPORTS NEWS

Badminton

The boys and girls competed in the Warrington Schools badminton tournament. The boys A team have made it to the Warrington semi -final to be played early in the New Year

Boys Squad

Nicholas
Max
Fin
Nathaniel
Matthew
Adam
Thomas
Oliver
Owain
Ben

Girls

Imogen
Caitlin
Natasha
Thea
Niamh
Erin
Isabel

KS4

Thomas
Quinn
Jude
Freddy

The year 10 girls came runners up at the tournament.

Lizzie
Lucy
Emily
Katie
Maddison
Millie
Lori
Ellie

YEAR 9 SPORTS LEADERS

The following Year 9 sports leaders led the Primary School Cluster Sports festival at Bridgewater back in October. Year 5 pupils from Broomfields, St Matthews, St Monica's, Stockton Heath, and Appleton Thorn participated in the multi-sport event. The Year 9 sports leaders during the 2 days developed their skills of leadership and enabled the event to run smoothly. Well done all!

Girls

Sienna
Lucy
Millie
Mae
Helena
Laura
Emma
William
Isabel
Elizabeth

Boys

Ethan
Eddie
Daniel
Finn
Ewan
Danny
William



Girls Football

The girls have been busy this term with lots of football fixtures.

U14s Cheshire Cup



On the 02/10/2018 our U14s squad travelled to Fallibroome as part of the Cheshire Cup fixture. The squad selected to represent Bridgewater High School was: Lea, Aleesha, Helena, Mae, Hannah, Charlotte, Olivia, Fay, Emma, Emily, Claudia, Molly and Laura Buckley. The girls put on a display of phenomenal football taking the lead within the first five minutes, with Claudia and her fantastic 20 yard screamer. After the first goal the girls really upped their confidence and played some lovely football, working out from the back. By the end of the first half, the girls were 7-0 up with a Hannah hat-trick, Aleesha scoring a brace and Emma claiming her first goal for the team. After a half time team talk, the girls knew they would need to work hard to maintain their lead and they did. Within the first ten minutes of the second half, Aleesha received a lovely through-ball from Hannah and secured a hat-trick.

The game finished 13-0 to Bridgewater with Aleesha scoring her fourth of the game, Mae scoring her first, Hannah with another cross/shot, Leah scored her first with her left foot and Hannah sealed the game with her fifth goal. The football on display and attitudes from all girls were fantastic.

They truly represented Bridgewater High School and put on a superb performance both individually and as a team.

Well done to all!

U13s Cheshire Cup



On the 16/10/2018 our U13s squad travelled to Congleton High School as part of the Cheshire Cup fixtures. The squad consisted of: Emma, Emily, Charlotte, Olivia, Molly, Claudia, Caitlyn, Erin, Hannah, Amelia, Hannah, Jasmine M, Lucy and Jasmine A. This was the first game in which all of the girls have played together. The first half was nail-biting to watch with really good chances falling to both schools, but sadly we saw the second half end 0-0. After a confidence-building team talk delivered by Mr. Heaward, the girls started the second half all fired up and pushing to get that first goal. Equally determined was Congleton. After ten minutes into the second half, it was Congleton who took the lead. Two minutes later, Emily responded with a superb half-volley off a Charlotte corner. Again, Congleton responded within minutes and took the lead with a fantastic through-ball and unstoppable shot. However, Bridgewater didn't switch off. Moments after realising Congleton had taken the lead, it was Erin's burst of pace which proved to be a problem as she ran through the defence and scored her very first goal.

The game ended 2-2 which meant penalties. After some fantastic saves by Olivia and penalties from the girls, it was Congleton who managed to score the extra goal and won 6-5 on penalties. All agreed that it was a fantastic game to watch, a credit to both teams and schools.

Congratulations to Congleton and good luck in the next round!

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U14s Cheshire Cup



On the 11/10/2018, our U14s squad travelled to Wilmslow as part of the Cheshire Cup fixture. The squad selected to represent Bridgewater High School was: Leah, Aleesha, Helena, Hannah, Charlotte Olivia, Fay, Emma, Emily, Claudia, Molly, Bethany, Ellie and Elizabeth. Everyone knew we had to pull together as a team to try and get through to the next round. Olivia was tested within the first minute of the game with the ball hitting the woodwork. The girls put on a display of phenomenal football, taking the lead within the first five minutes. A beautiful team goal was worked out from the back with Fay making a pass to Hannah. Then the ball found its way to Leah who played in Aleesha for the 1-0 lead. On the tenth minute, Aleesha became the assistant by playing in Hannah who scored her first for the game. After five minutes, Hannah had her hat trick after following in on a defensive error for the second and firing a screamer into the back of the net to secure her three goals.

Helena proved her worth down the wing with her pace and was unfortunate not to score. Central midfielder, Leah, contributed her first goal within the twentieth minute by following in on a defensive error. Twenty minutes later, Leah also secure her hat trick of the game scoring her second on the fortieth minute and a hat trick by the fiftieth.

It was Claudia who finished off the game with a beautifully placed goal in the fifty-third minute, meaning Bridgewater finished winners with a score of 8-0. Wilmslow tried to break down the defence but solid performances from Olivia, Ellie, Fay, Molly and Emily meant that we kept a clean sheet within the game. Every single player worked hard when needed and throughout the match, the girls showed fantastic attitudes, worthy of the score.

A special mention should go to Olivia who received Wilmslow's player of the match. Well done!

U16s Cheshire Cup



On the 11/12/2018, our U16s squad travelled to Wilmslow High School as part of the Cheshire Cup fixtures. The squad consisted of: Daisy, Sophia, Erica, Emily S, Faith, Katie, Maddie R, Millie, Sophie, Maddie C, Louise, Lori and Emily O. This is the first time these girls had played together and what a performance they put on! As soon as the whistle blew to start the game, there was end-to-end action. By full time, the score was 4-4 with goals from Daisy, Sophia (x2) and Faith (who scored the equaliser). After a hard fought battle in extra time, it was unfortunate that the girls lost out on the next round of the Cheshire Cup but everyone put on a solid performance, well done girls.

Congratulations to Wilmslow's U16 team to win 5-4 (ET) and advance to the next round!

Thank you

A huge thank you to Miss. Parker and Mr. Heaward who have been helping with the girls football training afterschool with Miss. Price.

Netball 2018-2019

It has been a busy first term for our super netball teams with some great results and lots to build on! Our girls have been training hard and have enjoyed several fixtures this term.

Year 7

Our new year 7 are showing great enthusiasm and around forty girls are training every week. Our A and B teams are building in strength and have had several wins and only two losses so far this term. Lots of girls have started netball since joining Bridgewater, having never played the game before. However, they are showing great potential! Well done girls, and we look forward to more netball in the New Year! A special well done goes to Kitty who has been successful in achieving County representation, a superb job, Kitty!

The highlight of the season so far, for our A and B teams, has been in the Warrington Schools Tournament when both teams won all matches convincingly and were crowned Warrington champions. Superb achievement year 7, well done!

Year 8

Year 8 have continued their hard work this year and have enjoyed several wins including playing a year up against Culcheth with a massive 23-5 victory! Year 8 have been the first Bridgewater team to enter the Sisters in Sport Cup. Unfortunately we were drawn in the first round to a very strong Fallibroome side and lost 23-17 so were put out of the cup.....Better luck next year ladies! A special well done to Jocelyn and Lily for achieving County status; superb result, girls! Our wonderful year 8 B-Team are on the tails of the A-Team through their own hard work and commitment at training.

Year 9

Year 9 have also grown in strength this year and have an established A-Team. Some great wins have been achieved against Lymm, Culcheth and Helsby, together with some losses that did not reflect the game. The year 9 girls played in the English Schools competition on Saturday 17th November. We were in the toughest group, beating Helsby and only losing to Kings Macclesfield by two goals with losses to Fallibroome and Sandbach, who went on to win the tournament. Our girls played some super netball in this very high level tournament. Well done girls! Our highlight so far this season has been our success in the Warrington Schools Tournament, winning every game to achieve Warrington champions. Another superb effort, ladies! Special congratulations go to Lucy who has achieved County representation this year; well done!

Year 10

Our year 10 girls are a talented group of netballers who share their talents in lots of other sporting areas. I am so proud that we can turn out several strong teams at this higher age group. Our A-Team has played several fixtures, winning them all so far. We entered the Cheshire County tournament in October and the girls played some amazing netball. We won two games and narrowly lost two, just missing out on the semi finals! The girls worked so hard and were a pleasure to give up a Saturday morning for. A massive thank you goes to the following girls who have helped to coach and umpire the year 7 girls every week this term: Lucy, Libby, Hazel and Priya have been such a help and shown super leadership and officiating skills; well done and thank you!

WALTON HALL GARDENS CROSS COUNTRY

Bridgewater students have braved the elements, not once but three times! Students from Year 7 through to Year 10 have shown high levels of resilience and perseverance as they ran round a very muddy cross country course. Below are the overall results. A fantastic effort, Bridgewater, you should be very proud of yourselves!

Year 7 Girls Team

Harriet Keira Sophie Lexi Megan Mischa Charlotte Lois Charlotte Ruby Habbibah Poppy Daisy 1

2nd Team : Harriet was second overall

Year 7 Boys Team

Alex Dan Tom James George Ben

2nd Team : Ben was second overall

Year 8/9 Girls Team

Emily Ruby Grace Lois Talia

2nd Team : Emily 3rd Girl Overall

Year 8/9 Boys Team

Marcus River Oliver Alex Elijah

Year 10 Girl : Jess





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



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