



# Maghull High News

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30 June—4 July

Hello and welcome to this week's edition of our school newsletter. This week, our students have been out and about across the country with visits to London, the Lake District, and across the local community. Staff took part in a two hour professional development session this week, focusing on the launch of Voice 21 ahead of our Oracy drive for September. We rounded off the week by celebrating our year 11 prom. With two more weeks to go, students can look forward to completing their curriculum areas, sports day and our annual Blackpool Pleasure Beach trip.

## MADCOS Community Litter Pick



Over 100 pupils from primary and secondary schools across Maghull, Lydiate, Melling and Aintree came together on Thursday 3rd July for a huge community litter pick—an inspiring show of unity and pride in their local area. Dreamt up by the children themselves and led by the Student Councils at MADCOS, the event was their response to the anti-social behaviour at Maghull Cricket Club earlier this year—and part of the children's ongoing efforts to leave a positive "Social Signature" on the community. Students litter-picked their way to Maghull Cricket Club, cleaning up areas along the Leeds–Liverpool Canal. Their efforts were warmly supported by Cllr Chloe Parker, Maghull Town Council, and fellow councillors who joined the litter pick. "We're so proud of our young people," said Mr. Kay, Head of Maghull High. "Today was about action—not just words. Our students came together to support their town and demonstrate their deep sense of community. Our School Councils illustrate what an impact young people can have on their school and wider community. We're teaching our young people about Social Signatures—the mark one leaves on the lives of others, the community, and the world. And they've definitely left a positive impact on our local environment this afternoon." Leader of Maghull Town Council, Cllr Chloe Parker, thanked the children for their efforts and told them of her desire to create a Maghull Youth Council. With strong participation, positive energy, and a shared commitment to making a difference, MADCOS is already looking ahead to more community events in the next academic year.

### Parking Near School

Please can all parents and carers who drop-off and pick-up students on Ormonde Drive, please be mindful of our neighbours. Please do not park across driveways, double park or sound your horns in respect for our neighbours—some of whom are shift workers. Where possible, we encourage students to use buses, cycle or walk to school.

### Nut Free School

A polite reminder that Maghull High School is a Nut Free School. Most school classrooms will have at least one allergic pupil. To protect our school community Maghull High School is ensuring we are a Nut Free School.

## Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher's Award winners: Indy, Dominic, Tegan, James and George.



## Go Green Go Team

Two teams – Nature's Bloom and Go Great Go Green – were selected to represent Maghull High in the North West regional finals at the Museum of Liverpool. The ideas and presentations was exceptional. Go Great Go Green was then chosen to progress to the national finals in London, where they stood out among 45 schools across the UK. Their project – a school clothes exchange programme working in partnership with local food banks and charities – tackled textile waste while also supporting families in need.



At the finals, held in London, the Go Great Go Green team demonstrated outstanding oracy and presentation skills, impressing over 60 industry professionals. They articulated their ideas clearly and confidently, taking part in meaningful discussions about sustainability with business leaders and environmental advocates – including renowned environmentalist Chris Packham CBE. While they did not win the national prize, their performance was widely praised, and the feedback they received highlighted the real-world innovation and potential impact of their project.



# Year 11 and Year 13 Proms

It was a pleasure to be able to celebrate our year 11 and year 13 students at their proms this year. Year 11 prom was held at Aintree Racecourse, and year 13 prom was held at Bootle Football Club. Our students were exemplary on both nights and staff enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate with them all.



## Year 11 and Year 13 Proms



## She Inspires



12 girls enjoyed the She Inspires celebration event at Liverpool Football Club.

Girls from schools across Merseyside took part in a variety of activities and sporting events with both Liverpool Football Club Foundation and Everton in the Community. Thank you to Merseyside Police for their support in this event—our students had a fantastic day.



# Arts Mark

Pupils and staff at Maghull High School are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Gold Artsmark Award. Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It transforms teaching through creativity, empowering teachers with the skills they need to embed arts, culture and creativity across the whole curriculum, and is proven to support pupil outcomes and wellbeing.

To achieve their Artsmark Award, Maghull High School had to develop their arts and cultural provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

Over 2 years Maghull High School received professional support through an immersive learning programme from Artsmark's delivery partner, Goldsmiths, University of London, who are world-renowned leaders in creative pedagogy and cultural placemaking.

The Artsmark Assessor commented, Maghull High School has made significant and sustained progress during its Artsmark journey, embedding the arts as a valued and visible part of school life. A particular strength is the school's work around Leadership. Senior leaders, supported by a dedicated governor and trust-wide structures, have ensured that the arts feature prominently in strategic planning, curriculum development, and staff development. Opportunities for internal and Trust-wide CPD have helped to raise the profile of the arts, and the school's contribution to national conversations through moderation and professional learning activities reflects a commitment to ongoing growth.

The school's Range of Offer is another area of strength, with a rich and varied programme that includes performance opportunities, exhibitions, external trips, competition entry and collaboration with local cultural venues. Pupils access experiences across visual arts, dance, drama and music, with strong participation rates and a clear focus on accessibility for all learners.

In terms of Curriculum Design and Delivery, the school has a balanced approach. Subject leaders have reviewed and refreshed schemes of learning across key stages, developing clear progression models for art, drama, dance, and music. Planning demonstrates a strong understanding of skill development, sequencing, and cross-curricular links - for example, the integration of oracy skills through drama. These design elements are reinforced through consistent classroom delivery, supported by departmental collaboration and CPD.

On receiving the award, Mrs Eborall, Head of Creative and Expressive Arts said: "We're extremely proud of achieving our Artsmark Gold Award. We are committed to delivering a high-quality arts and cultural education. Our Artsmark journey has transformed our school. At the heart of our ethos and values lies aspiration in the Arts. We have created a culture of aspiration with an environment that goes beyond the curriculum to empower our young people to find their pathway in life. We are more than a curriculum, we are improving the life chances of all, no matter a students' start in life. All pupils engage in as many art forms as we can provide, experimenting, exploring, and developing until they find their passion. We have seen how a high-quality Arts education can change the lives of our young people, so our aim is to continue leading an ambitious arts offer, to change the lives of even more young people, both in our school and local community".

Dr Darren Henley OBE, Chief Executive of Arts Council England, said:

"I would like to congratulate Maghull High School on their Artsmark Award. Creative activities and cultural experiences enrich our lives, open our minds to new possibilities and help us make sense of the world around us. As an awarded Artsmark school, you're demonstrating that by offering a broad, ambitious and creative curriculum, your young people will develop character and resilience, increasing their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them through to adult life."



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**CREATIVE & EXPRESSIVE ARTS**

Leading with Vision. Teaching with Heart.

# Women in STEM

On Wednesday 2nd July, a group of students attended the University of Liverpool Maths School's event, *Experience in the Workplace: Women in STEM*. Throughout the day, students had the unique opportunity to hear from inspiring women working in exciting roles at PlayStation, including a Test Services Manager and a Senior Build Engineer. They also listened to an aerospace engineer from BAE Systems, who shared her experiences and insights into the industry.

A key message from all the speakers was the importance of discovering your "native genius", the unique talent that sets you apart, and learning to develop and amplify this strength throughout your career. The speakers also encouraged young women to be confident and ambitious, and to aim high in their chosen fields.

In addition to the talks, students took part in an exciting game design competition, where they were challenged to create a game concept featuring a walrus. Working collaboratively, the group came up with an imaginative idea: pirates aboard a ship being attacked by a walrus. They confidently presented their concept to students from other schools, demonstrating excellent teamwork and public speaking skills. Their creative idea earned them first place in their room! Students also embraced an engineering challenge: attempting to keep a helium balloon hovering steadily in the air — a task that required problem-solving and inventive thinking.



## Sports Leaders

A huge well done to our fantastic Year 9 Sports Leaders who did an outstanding job supporting Lydiate Primary School's Key Stage 2 Sports Day.

Our students helped run a range of carousel activities, offering encouragement and guidance to all the young participants. They also played a key role in supervising and assisting with the track events, ensuring everything ran smoothly and safely.

Their professionalism, enthusiasm, and positive attitude were a credit to the school, and it was brilliant to see them engaging so confidently with the younger pupils. We've also been delighted to receive some lovely feedback from parents who attended the event, praising the maturity and kindness shown by our students.

Well done to everyone involved—you represented our school brilliantly and made a real difference to the success of the day,



# Sixth Form Charity Carnival



**Maghull High  
School**



4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Sixth Form Charity Summer Fair 2025 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

We are delighted to inform you that our Sixth Form students will be hosting a Charity Summer Carnival for students in the lower school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Our Sixth Form students have chosen to raise money for two charities close to their hearts: Prostate Cancer UK and Breast Cancer UK. Each year group from the lower school will have a time slot during the school day in which they will attend the Sixth Form site with their timetabled teacher to participate in carnival activities. To ensure the smooth running of the day, we kindly ask students to bring in some change if they would like to participate in the below activities. All proceeds will go to the charities mentioned above.

### **Carnival Activities and Prices:**

Sweet Treats – (approximately) £1  
Sack Race – 50p  
Beat the Goalie – 3 balls for £1  
Hoopla – 3 hoops £1  
Tin Can Toss – 50p  
Sponge Throwing (at teachers) – 3 sponges £1  
Raffle – 20p a ticket  
Bracelets - £2

In addition, if any parents or carers can assist in donating raffle prizes or work for a bank who match charity donations, please contact [kirbyk@maghullhigh.com](mailto:kirbyk@maghullhigh.com)

We appreciate your support in making this an enjoyable event for our students as well as a fantastic opportunity to raise money for charity.

Kind regards,

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## Student Spotlight: Abby McDermott



Abby McDermott has been taking part in the road to Wimbledon tournaments over the last few weeks. Abby has won the Aughton TC Tournament and has also won the Lancashire Regional final on Sunday 29 June and is now in the National Final at Wimbledon in August. Both parents and staff are very proud and very excited, to say the least. Abby is very proud of herself after narrowly missing out last year.

## Student Spotlight: James and Harry Evans

Both James and Harry Evans are part of the Friends of Allonby Canoe Club, Liverpool where they regularly take part in canoe polo and kayak tournaments. In June, the boys took part in the International Deutschland Cup where their team placed 2nd out of 15 teams in the U14 division. The boys were part of the only U14 team representing Great Britain and competed against teams from across Europe, including France, Germany and the Netherlands. Both Harry and James are committed to their extra-curricular clubs and activities and we are so proud of both boys for their achievements on the water.



# **POETRY COMPETITION**

## **IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI**

The events of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 marked a pivotal moment in world history. On August 6, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later, on August 9, a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. In total over 200,000 people were killed as a result of the blast. These bombings led to Japan's unconditional surrender on August 15, effectively ending World War II. The devastating impact of these nuclear attacks highlighted the catastrophic potential of atomic warfare and initiated global discussions on nuclear disarmament.

This poetry competition focuses on remembering the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, providing a meaningful chance for young poets to explore this important moment in history. If you're between 11 and 18, you can submit a poem that's exactly 25 lines long, choosing any style that shows your thoughts and feelings.

Winning entries will be published alongside works by well-known poets, giving you a great opportunity to share your voice.

Plus, winners will be celebrated at an awards ceremony in London, where you can meet others who love poetry and share in the experience of using words to reflect on history.

This competition is a way to remember the past and express yourself creatively about these significant events.

**DEADLINE FRIDAY  
11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025  
ENTRIES TO BE GIVEN OR  
EMAILED TO MISS DARBYSHIRE**



# 10 DAYS IN SCHOOL FOR £10

We are running an Attendance Competition for all students in attendance, on time for the last 10 days of school to be entered in a draw to win £10.

100% ATTENDANCE  
FOR 10 DAYS!

8:50AM-3:20PM

DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY

— ATTENDANCE MATTERS, ALL DAY, EVERY DAY! —

# KEY STAFF TO CONTACT

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## Pastoral team

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## Maghull High School Open Evening

Thursday 11 September  
6:00pm – 8:30pm

An opportunity to hear from our Headteacher, tour the school and meet our staff and students.

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b>	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form 8am onwards
<b>Break</b>		Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	Careers Drop In - Sixth Form	
<b>Lunch</b>	Library/Homework Club - LRC Art Club - Room 59 Journalism Club Football on the Field	KS3 German Club Eco Gardening Club-meet by O'Kane Football on the Field	Acro Club - Activity Studio Library/Homework Club - LRC Art Club - Room 59 Journalism Club Football on the Field	STEM Club KS3 Puzzle Club - M20 Football on the Field	KS3 Sparx Reading Club - M27 Football on the Field
<b>After School</b>	KS3 Dance Club KS3 Netball Training Year 7 Boys Football Training	Spotlight Auditions Grease Rehearsals Netball Fixtures Years 8 & 9 Football Training Art Ambassadors - Years 7-9		Grease Rehearsals Years 7-10 Girls Football Training Basketball Club - Sports hall Duke of Edinburgh - Years 9 & 10	

### Dates for the diary

Monday, 2 June: Staff and students return to school.

Monday, 9 June: Year 10 work experience

Friday, 20 June: Year 13 Prom

Thursday, 26 June: Y6 Transition Day (students) and evening (parents)/Y7-12 Tutor Parents Evening

Thursday, 3 July: Year 11 Prom

Saturday, 5 July: Open morning (10am-12pm)

Monday, 7 July: Year 12 work experience

Tuesday, 8 July and Wednesday, 9 July: Sixth Form transition for year 11 students

Friday, 18 July: End of term