



Maghull High News

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10 November—
14 November

Hello and welcome to this week's edition of our weekly newsletter. This week we welcome prospective students and families for our Sixth Form @ Maghull Open Evening. We also reflected on Remembrance Week as a school. Please find within this newsletter our updated extra-curricular timetable and key dates.

Remembrance Week

Staff and students across school marked Remembrance Week by holding a 2 minute silence on Tuesday, in memory of all those who have given their lives to serve our country. Mr Dutch led a selection of our students through the Last Post at 11am on 11 November. Sixth Form students volunteered to sell Poppies as part of the Poppy Appeal, also. Throughout the week, students engaged in assemblies and tutor time activities to learn about the history of Remembrance Day. We are very proud of our students who are part of their local Cadets and took part in Remembrance services across the city last weekend. George Potter in Year 10 was part of a group of cadets who attended Liverpool's Remembrance parade outside of St George's Hall on Sunday 9 November. George was able to stand amongst some of our country's bravest men and women to mark the occasion. Well done George and your fellow cadets.



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.

Rewards and Recognition



Congratulations to this week's Headteacher's Award Winners: Lexie, Rumer, Texas, Grace, Violet, Mollie and JJ.

MHS Hosts Annual Scholastic Book Fair

MHS hosted its annual Scholastic Book Fair recently and we would like to thank staff and students for viewing the book fair over the week. All purchases mean that we can have access to lots of new books for the school Library and for the students to benefit from. Congratulations and well done to Nathan from 7KCR who had the winning guess of 103 sweets in the Jar competition. Also to Ms O'Donnell who correctly guessed the name for the Book Fair Mascot of "Snuggles". Thanks to our Year 7 and 9 Students who assisted in the running of the Book Fair as part of a Business programme in school which involved them assisting other students with book selections, running in the competitions, taking payments and deciding on what books they would like purchased with the rewards points from Scholastic.



October's Attendance Challenge Winners

Well done to students in 7EGR who won our October Pumpkin Patch Attendance Challenge. To celebrate their fantastic attendance, students were treated to a hot chocolate breakfast. Well done, 7EGR.



BBC Bitesize Filming

This week, we welcomed the team from BBC bitesize who worked with students from years 7 and year 9 to find out their thoughts about the current content on the BBC Bitesize website whilst exploring ways it could be improved. Our students worked in small groups trying out quizzes and questionnaires and had a great morning. Their feedback and input will help shape the future of this fabulous educational resource.

The BBC Bitesize team also then met with girls in year 9-11 who were interviewed as part of a short documentary entitled, "Breaking Down the Barriers: Girls in PE". Students discussed the hurdles and struggles that they may face in PE. Students were fantastic and their responses were really engaging.



Award-Winning Debate Mate Returns

Our award-winning Debate Mate is back! Students had an excellent first debating session on Wednesday. Students loved the 'balloon debate' in which they had to justify who could keep their place in the hot air balloon. Thank you so much to our mentors, Emily and Eleanor. We can't wait for next week!



Debate Mate Winners Celebratory Meal

Following on from their fantastic win in the summer term of the National Cup at their Debate Mate Competition, our Headteacher arranged for our debating students to enjoy a well deserved reward. Students, and Miss Kirkby were taken to Nandos (students' preference) where they enjoyed a celebratory meal. We are so proud of our students' success and look forward to seeing how our debating teams do this year. A reminder that Debate Mate runs every Wednesday in M15, 3:20pm-4:20pm.



Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday, we hosted our annual Sixth Form Open Evening. We were pleased to see so many students attend, and we were proud to welcome students from other local schools. Students and parents received a talk from our Headteacher and our Director of Sixth Form in which they shared some of our exciting pathways in September 2026:

Build @ Maghull

Health @ Maghull

Sport @ Maghull

In addition, we are also excited to offer new subjects from next year including Classics and Media Studies!

Mr Kay also had a special announcement for any student joining Sixth Form @ Maghull from September 2026: All students will receive their very own Google Chrome Laptop that they can keep! This can be used to support them with their studies and Sixth Form and beyond into the world of higher education.

Following our Headteacher's talk, students and families visited our Sixth Form Centre and explored all subjects on offer, having the opportunity to speak with subject staff. Thank you Cheryl for keeping all visitors fed by offering hot drinks, cold drinks and her famous cookies!



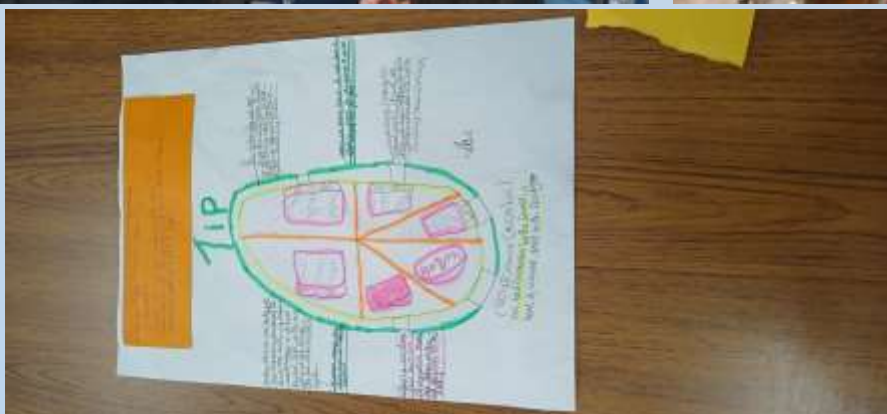
Year 7 Go Green Challenge

Last Friday, our Year 7 students stepped off their usual timetable and into the world of innovation and sustainability as part of the **Young Green Briton Challenge**. We were thrilled to welcome Martin, who introduced the challenge and inspired our students to think big about creating a greener future.

Throughout the day, Year 7 worked in teams to design sustainable projects that could make a real difference. The creativity and enthusiasm on display were incredible! From tackling climate change to reducing waste, the ideas were both ambitious and practical.

The top **seven groups** will now move forward to the next stage: a **Dragon's Den-style event**, where industry experts will evaluate their projects and decide who progresses to the **North West Final**. The ultimate goal? The **National Final at the House of Lords in London**, where the winning team will receive **£1,000 to bring their idea to life**.

Last year, we proudly had a team reach the national final—although they didn't take home the prize, their achievement set the bar high for this year's competitors. We can't wait to see what our talented students accomplish next!



SPARX Reader Reward



[Congratulations](#) to our Year 7 Sparx Readers who successfully qualified for this terms reward trip visiting Waterstones Book Store in Ormskirk. Students got to browse, ask the store manager about running the book store, purchase books and get some freebies as well. 3 lucky students names were pulled out and they got to receive a book paid for by school.

Students then got a hot snack on the way back to the mini bus and school.

Well done to all of our students for their extra hard work and commitment to reading at home and in school. Special credit needs to go to Isla R with a total of nearly 8,000 SRP points on Sparx Reader. She is currently top of the leader board for the whole of Year 7.

Slide 2 of 4 - Carousel

Art Gallery Visit

Our A Level Art students enjoyed a visit to The Atkinson in Southport on Thursday where they explored the art of curation—seeing how every frame, light and layout tells its own story. Students were inspired by the way galleries turn creativity into experience.



Slide 2 of 4 - Carousel

Student Spotlight

Ethan Morris

Ethan recently joined St Johns Ambulance Cadets at Liverpool Central Unit. In his short time with the unit he has impressed the management so much that he has now been selected to represent Liverpool for the Cadet of the Year competition. We would like to wish Ethan lots of luck in this event and look forward to hearing of his success.



Art Club

This week in Art Club, students transformed old guitars into vibrant works of art! We love the creativity and colour in every piece.



KNIFE CRIME

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Merseyside Police Safer Schools Officers and school staff will deliver assemblies and classroom sessions focused on knife crime. These sessions aim to help pupils understand what knife crime is, how it affects individuals and communities, and what they can do if they experience or witness it.



UNDERSTANDING THE LAW

- It is illegal to carry most knives in public without a "good reason".
- Banned weapons include zombie knives, disguised knives (hidden in everyday objects), flick knives, butterfly knives and curved swords such as "ninja-style" blades.
- It is illegal to sell most knives to anyone under 18.

CONSEQUENCES OF CARRYING A KNIFE

- Possession: Carrying a knife illegally can result in up to 4 years in prison, an unlimited fine, or both.
- Repeat offences: Courts take repeat offences very seriously, and prison sentences are likely.
- Threatening behaviour: Using a knife to threaten someone is a criminal offence, even if no one is injured or the knife itself is not banned.
- Joint Enterprise: If someone is present when a knife crime is committed, they may also be prosecuted, even if they didn't physically use the weapon.

WHAT PUPILS WILL LEARN

- The definition of knife crime – what it means in law.
- What counts as a weapon – including made/ adapted/intended weapons.
- The consequences of carrying weapons – covering the legal, social and personal impact.
- Myth-busting – exploring common myths such as carrying for protection and why these beliefs are dangerous and untrue.
- Recently banned weapons – outlining the current laws around weapons such as zombie knives and Ninja swords.
- Stop and Search – explaining what powers the police have to search someone.
- Joint Enterprise – highlighting that being present when a crime is committed, even if not directly involved, can still result in prosecution.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT A YOUNG PERSON

We understand that talking about knife crime can be difficult, but your support is essential. You can help by:

- Having open conversations about why carrying weapons is dangerous and unacceptable.
- Encouraging a young person to speak up if they're worried about someone else.
- Helping them find safe, positive activities.
- Reminding them that carrying a knife puts them at greater risk, not less.

Most young people who carry a knife end up seriously injured – often by their own weapon.

KNIFE CRIME

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Some knives are disguised to look like everyday items, such as marker pens, screwdrivers, or highlighters – making them harder to detect and more dangerous.

These adapted weapons are illegal and often used to avoid suspicion. Parents should look out for unusual or modified objects in their child's belongings, changes in behaviour, or signs of secrecy.

Talking openly about the risks and encouraging safe choices can help prevent harm and keep young people protected.



STOP & SEARCH

Police can stop and search someone if they have "reasonable grounds" to suspect they are carrying a knife or other illegal item.

KNIFE SURRENDER

Merseyside Police regularly conduct knife surrenders as part of its ongoing policing activity.

The next surrender takes place

17-23 November 2025

Every knife surrendered is one less potentially dangerous weapon on the streets of Merseyside.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit www.merseyside.police.uk/knife-surrender.

**SURRENDER
A KNIFE
SAVE A LIFE**



REPORTING OPTIONS

If you or a young person have concerns about knife crime, there are safe and confidential ways to report:

- In an emergency: Always call 999
- Non-emergency: Call 101 to speak to Merseyside Police.
- Crimestoppers: Report anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org
- Fearless: Young people can report crime 100% anonymously through www.fearless.org, a service designed specifically for them.

Together, we can ensure that our young people understand the risks, stay safe, and feel supported.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the sessions or would like more information about knife crime, please speak to your school's designated safeguarding lead or contact your Safer Schools Officer for support.



prevention

**Debate Mate is back for
2025/2026!**

Where?

M15 (English corridor)

When?

**3:20pm until 4:20pm each
Wednesday**





Year 9

DRONE CODING

WORKSHOP

Monday 12th January

Led by Hyett Education

Your child can:

- ★ Code flight patterns
- ★ Make drones flip, roll & navigate a course



Just £5 via Parent Pay

Limited spaces – sign up now!

Let your child take flight with tech!

#DroneWorkshop #STEMLearning

#Year9Experience #HyettEducation

#TechInSchools #FutureCoders #ParentPay

Let your child take flight with tech!

YEAR 9

THEATRE TRIP



EXPERIENCE THEATRE LIVE!

Date: Wednesday 10th December

Time: 9:10am departure from the canteen

Venue: The Atkinson, Southport

Price: £19.50 (via ParentPay)

More information can be found on the letter provided by form tutors and sent home via email.



MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS...



LEGALLY BLONDE JR.

TICKETS
ARE ON
PARENTPAY

3RD AND 4TH DEC
6:30PM
HOWE THEATRE

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
LAURENCE O'KEEFE AND NELL BENJAMIN


BOOK BY
HEATHER HACH

**LEGALLY
BLONDE**
The Musical JR.

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY AMANDA BROWN
AND THE METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER MOTION PICTURE

ORIGINAL PRODUCTION BY HAL LUFTIG, FOX THEATRICALS, DORI BERINSTEIN, JAMES L. NEDERLANDER, INDEPENDENT PRESENTERS NETWORK, ROY FURMAN, AMANDA LIPITZ, BROADWAY ASIA, BARBARA WHITMAN, FWPM GROUP, RUTH HENDEL, CHERYL WIESENFELD, HAL GOLDBERG, DAVID BINDER, JAMES D. STERN, DOUGLAS L. MEYER, STEWART F. LANE, BONNIE COMLEY, ROBERT G. BARTNER, MICHAEL A. JENKINS, ALBERT NOCCIOLINO AND WARREN TREPP; PRODUCED IN ASSOCIATION WITH MGM ONSTAGE, DARCIE DENKERT AND DEAN STOLBER

Maghull High School Extra-Curricular Opportunities – Autumn 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 After-school 3:20 – 4:20	Art / Photography Club All Years - Room 58/59	Art / Photography Club All Years - Room 58/59	Art / Photography Club All Years - Room 58/59	Puzzle Club All Years - Room M20	Y9 & Y10 & Y11 Lego, K'Nex & Meccano - Room 46
	Y7 & Y8 Lego, K'Nex & Meccano - Room 46 Further Maths (Y11 Invite Only) - Room M22	Further Maths (Y11 Invite Only) - Room M22	GCSE Music / Drama / Art/ Photography Catch-up	Spanish Homework Club - Room M25	Language Ambassadors - Room 68 Sparx Maths Homework Club - M27
Lunchtime 12:35 – 13:20	Library Homework Club -LRC	Eco / Gardening Club - Sixth Form	Library Homework Club -LRC	Chess Club - Room 54 STEM Club - Room 50	Library Homework Club -LRC
	Y7 & Y8 German Club - Room 69 Y7 & Y8 Girls Netball Y7 & Y8 Boys Football	Y7-9 Geography Club - Room M2 Y7-10 Netball Fixtures Y7-10 Dungeons & Dragons - Room 43/44	Y7-9 Nail Art - Room 53 Y7 & Y8 Dance - Dance Studio	Y9 & Y10 Girls Netball Y7-Y10 Girls Football Dodgeball All Years Badminton All Years	Model Making Club - Room 42 Y11 Dungeons & Dragons Room 43-44
	Legally Blonde Rehearsals (Acting) - HT / M4 Spotlight Art Club - Room 58/59 Spotlight Dance - Dance Studio	Y9 & 10 & 11 Boys Football Legally Blonde Rehearsals (Dance) - HT / M4	Debate Mate - M15	Legally Blonde Rehearsals (Vocals) - HT / M4 Y11 Revision Hub	
	Creative Arts	Sport & Exercise	Other Clubs	Academic Support	

Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day: Thursday 11 December



It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas! We would like to give advanced notice that on Thursday 11 December, we will be hosting our annual Christmas Jumper Day where we will endeavour to raise money to support Save the Children charity. Last year, we saw lots of staff and students proudly wearing their Christmas jumpers and we hope to see even more this year! Students are allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers over their school uniform on this day, bringing in a voluntary donation of £1 towards charity. In addition, we will be serving Christmas dinner to all students on this day. Tables will be decorated and Christmas songs will fill the canteen as students get into the Christmas spirit. We look forward to seeing as many of our staff and students wearing their Christmas jumpers as possible.

Dates for the diary

Thursday, 20 November: Presentation Evening

Thursday, 27 November: Year 12 Parents Evening

Friday, 5 December: Inset Day

Wednesday, 3 & Thursday, 4 December: School Production—Legally Blonde

Monday, 8 December: GCSE and A Level Mock Exams begin

Thursday, 11 December: Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday, 11 December: Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday, 19 December: End of term—students finish at 3:20pm

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22 December—Friday 2 January

Monday, 5 January: Return to school.

Thursday, 22 January: Year 7 Parents Evening

Monday, 26 January: Inset Day

Thursday, 29 January: Year 13 Parents Evening

Thursday, 5 February: Year 9 Parents Evening

Friday, 13 February : End of half term

Thursday, 26 February: Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday, 19 March: Year 8 Parents Evening

Friday, 27 March: End of term

Monday, 13 April: Return to school

Monday, 27 April: Year 10 and Year 12 Mock Exams begin

Monday, 4 May: Bank Holiday

Tuesday, 5 May: GCSE and A Level Exams begin

Friday, 22 May: End of term