



# Maghull High News

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Hello and welcome to our end of term newsletter. There has been so much going on at Maghull High School over the last few weeks and we look forward to sharing all of this with you in this latest edition. We have celebrated Presentation Evening, attended Educate awards, saw students having great success on and off the playing fields and enjoying all that school life has to offer. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our staff, students and families a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2026 on Monday 5 December at normal time.

## Christmas Hampers



Throughout December, students have been bringing in donations towards our Christmas Hamper Appeal. On Thursday 18 December, our student council joined together to deliver our Christmas Hampers across our local community and primary schools including St Oswald's, Aintree Davenhill, Northway and Summerhill. Thank you to John Owens and all of the team at Stagecoach for their generosity after they donated large quantities of tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes towards our hamper appeal. Thank you also to Maghull Town Council who provided hampers for families within our own school community. We are very grateful to everyone who has donated—your kindness has helped us spread joy and support families in our community at this special time of year. Being able to make a difference together is truly incredible.



## Back to School

School will be closed during the Christmas holidays and will reopen for all staff and students at 8:50am on Monday 5 January.

## 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: Lucas, Matthew, Max, Thomas, Jessica, Sonny, Ellis, Jessica, Harry, Zach, Louise, Leyton, Theodora, Matilda, Thomas, Alessio, Riley, Lucas and Corey.

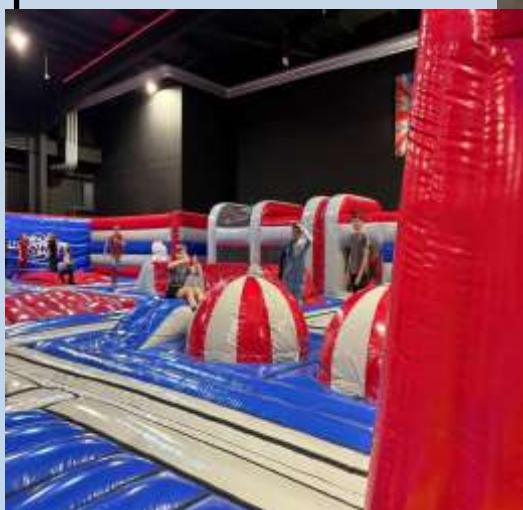
## Celebration Assemblies

Throughout the last week of term, Heads of Year have led our half termly celebration assemblies. Students within each year group and presented with Subject Prizes in recognition for their hard work and commitment to their studies. Well done to all our prize winners.



## Rewards and Recognition

At the end of term, students across all year groups who had received the most amount of achievement points, and had excellent attendance, were rewarded with an end of term trip. Students across all years visited places such as Flip Out, Ninja Warrior and Planet Ice where they could burn off some energy and have fun with their friends. As always, students' behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to the school.



## Legally Blonde Jnr. Showcase

This year's school production of *Legally Blonde Jr.* was more than just a dazzling musical—it was a powerful statement about what can be achieved when creativity meets inclusivity. From the moment the show began, audiences were treated to a high-energy performance supported by professional tech and a cast that truly represented the diverse and welcoming ethos of our school.

Alongside our student tech team, ETS transformed the stage into a vibrant world of Harvard Law and Elle Woods' iconic pink universe using state-of-the-art lighting and sound. Semi-automated lighting rigs, wireless microphones, and a rented set gave the show a professional polish that rivalled commercial productions.



Our students truly shone as incredible singers, actors and dancers, delivering performances that were both polished and heartfelt. Their talent is the result of years of nurturing within our school, where creativity and confidence are encouraged at every stage. The production brought together younger students taking their first steps on stage and older students showcasing the skills they've honed over time, creating a dynamic and supportive ensemble. This mix of experience and fresh energy gave the show a unique vibrancy and demonstrated the strength of our performing arts community.

What made this production truly special was its commitment to inclusion. Our cast and crew reflected the full spectrum of our school community, including: CLA, SEND, PP and students with long term health concerns. Every individual was given the support they needed to shine. This wasn't just about casting—it was about creating an environment where everyone felt valued and empowered.



This inclusivity didn't happen by chance; it was the result of deliberate planning and care:

- **School Ethos:** Our guiding principle is that every student deserves equal access to opportunities. This ethos shaped every decision, from auditions to final performance.
- **Ambition for All:** We empower every student to dream big and believe that no goal is out of reach, we aim to offer the right support to ensure every individual can move on to their next steps.
- **Bridging the Gap Between Education and Industry:** We aim for the performance to be as professional as possible — using ETS for our tech meant students could work alongside professionals.
- **Practical Support:** We provided transport for those who needed it, ensuring no one was excluded due to logistical challenges. We also had a flexible rehearsal schedule which worked around students with long term health conditions.
- **Costume Provision:** Costumes were supplied for those who needed them, removing financial barriers and allowing everyone to fully embrace their roles. The costumes were also gender-inclusive, allowing students to choose costumes that align with their identity.
- **Emotional and Physical Support:** Staff worked closely with families to accommodate health needs and personal circumstances, ensuring participation was safe and enjoyable.

**Matching every student to their Perfect Role:** We learn each student's strengths—whether they shine as performers on stage or excel behind the scenes in technical roles—ensuring everyone finds the right place to thrive.

*Legally Blonde Jr.* wasn't just entertainment—it was a celebration of resilience, diversity, and community. It showed that when we invest in people, incredible things happen. Our students didn't just perform a musical; they demonstrated what an inclusive, forward-thinking school looks like in action.



## Educate Awards

In November, staff from Maghull High School attended the prestigious Educate Awards which celebrates all things education across the North West. As a school, we were proud to have been the only school who was shortlisted for three awards: Most Impactful Communications; Outstanding Commitment to Sport in a Secondary School; Lord Frank Field Community Partnership Award. Although we did not win, we were thrilled to have been names as runner up in two of the categories. In addition, due to being the only school nominated for three awards, Maghull High School were delighted to receive a donation of book tokens from one of the award's sponsors, Portakabin. We are grateful for their generosity.



## Presentation Evening

It was an honour to welcome back ex-student, Alex Clare, who helped to celebrate our students' successes at this year's presentation evening. The evening is hosted every year and provides us with an opportunity to celebrate all of our students' achievements both in, and out, of school. Alex secured fantastic grades at both GCSE and A Level whilst studying at Maghull High School before heading off to Nottingham University to study Veterinary Science. Since then, Alex has gone on to open up his very own veterinary practice in Maghull known as Noah's Ark. We are so proud of Alex's achievements and hope his journey has inspired some of our award winners. The evening was a great success and we had the pleasure to share our students' successes with parents and carers. Well done to all of our award winners—we are very proud of you.



## A Christmas Carol Live Performance

On Thursday 18 December, Quantum Theatre Company delivered a live performance of A Christmas Carol to our year 10 students. The performance helped to bring to life the classic novella which students are studying as part of their English Literature GCSE.



## Festive Artwork

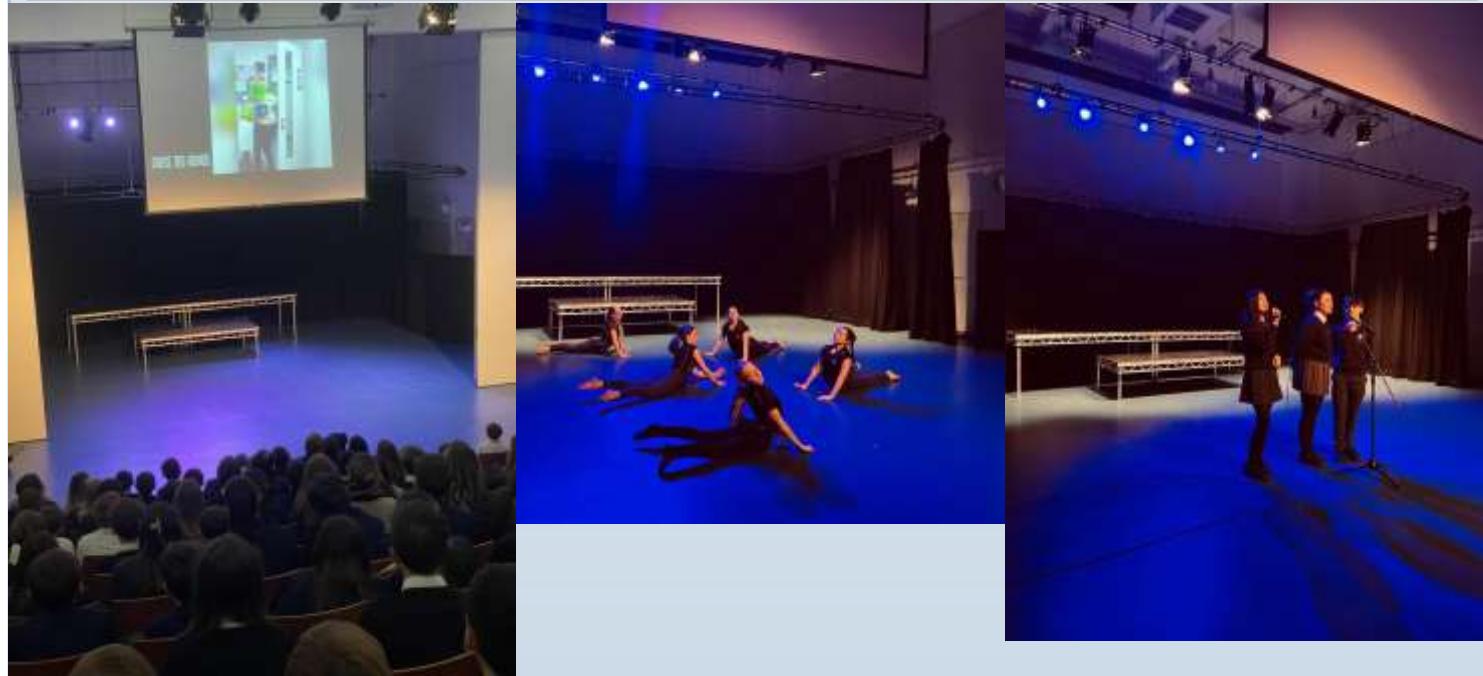
Thank you to students who attend Art Club for creating some lovely, festive artwork that has been displayed around the school to celebrate Christmas.



## Christmas Assemblies

Our annual Christmas Assemblies once again brought festive fun and school spirit to the end of term. Highlights included incredible live performances from our very talented students, hilarious Guess the Grinch, ever-popular staff childhood photos, student quiz and a competitive staff tournament. We finished with karaoke and an unforgettable staff dance.

This is a fun-filled tradition that never fails to bring our school community together.



## Religious Studies Visit to Liverpool

Year 10 GCSE Religious Education students enjoyed a highly successful educational visit to Liverpool, where they explored both the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Anglican Cathedral. Students took part in a guided tour of the Anglican cathedral, gaining valuable insight into the history, architecture, and religious significance of the building.

The visit concluded with a festive afternoon at the Liverpool Christmas markets, providing students and staff with an opportunity to relax and reflect on the day's learning in a lively setting. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.



## Year 9 LFC Foundation Winners

A group of year 9 students have been working with the LFC Foundation, taking part in their Onside+ programme for 10/12 weeks. The students looked at issues within their community and chose to raise awareness around Ketamine and the impact this is currently having on young people.

We attended a celebration event at Anfield alongside 4 other schools who raised issues around drugs, suicide, knife crime and social spaces. In the morning, students created a video around their chosen issue to raise awareness of, and presented this to the other schools and professionals in the room. In the afternoon, students took part in team building events with the LFC Foundation team and thoroughly enjoyed the games and quiz. Chris Kirkland, ex-professional footballer, then shared his story as a professional footballer and how he now enjoys giving back to the community as an ambassador for the LFC Foundation.

Towards the end of the afternoon, students sat and watched Merseyside Police deliver the Operation Prospect presentation that we, as a school, had the privilege of watching in school last year. Once again, we were thanked and complimented by the staff who ran the event for our students' conduct.

We are delighted to have been informed that Maghull High School won the overall vote on the day out of all the schools who were in attendance. We are so proud of what our students achieved and for raising awareness of issues to impact generations to come.



## Year 7 Visit to LFC Academy



On Wednesday 17 December, year 7 students visited LFC Academy to help their Under-18s who are working towards their UEFA C coaching course. Thank you to LFC and former student, Ted Smith, for a great morning.

## #kNOwknifecrime



Students from our school and across the Southport Learning Trust completed their run which led to a bleed control kit being passed over to members of Wigan Rugby Club who had cycled 21 miles to meet them. This was a symbolic act of the shared responsibility we have to keep our communities safe.

## Sporting Success



Well done to our Sixth Form team who beat Manchester Grammar School on penalties in the National Cup. With a goal from Isaac and 3 saves from Connor helped to win us the game. Men of the Match were Rhys C and James C. Well done, boys—onto the next round.



Well done to our year 8 football team who are through to the next round of the Merseyside cup. The boys won their game 4-3 against Co-Op Bebington school with goals from Sonny, Jude and Jacob.



Our girls are also seeing great success on the pitch. Both our Y7/8 team, and our Y9/10 team secured victories over Sacred Heart taking both teams through to the next round of the Merseyside Cup.



Congratulations to our year 11 team who beat Sacred Heart 3-0 to advance onto the semi-final of the Sefton Cup. Can the team follow in last year's Y11's footsteps and bring home the cup again? We wish them lots of luck!



Well done to our year 7 boys who beat Montgomery High School 7-1 in the fifth round of the ESFA cup yesterday. There was some brilliant football on show with goals coming from Theo, Aj, Ethan, Zac and a hattrick from Joe.

## Student Spotlight

### Oliver Gibbons

Well done to Oliver Gibbons in year 7 who has been selected for Liverpool & District U12s Cricket team ahead of Winter Nets. This is a fantastic achievement and we can't wait to see what Oliver will go onto achieve. Well done, Oliver.



### Felicity, Ena-Mae & Anaiah



### Year 7 Boys: Muniflex Juniors



Earlier this year, year 7 pupils Felicity, Ena-Mae and Anaiah successfully auditioned for this year's pantomime at the M&S Arena, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. We are delighted to share that not only are they part of the ensemble cast, but they have also secured featured roles as dwarfs Blusher, Windy and Cheeky, with Anaiah additionally cast as Young Snow White.

Congratulations to some of our year 7 boys who play for Muniflex Juniors outside of school. The team have won their league playing 9 games and winning all 9 of them, going the whole season unbeaten. Well done, boys—we are so proud of you.

### Louisa Brooks

Well done to Louisa who saved up her pocket money and birthday money to cover the cost of selection boxes for children at Alder Hey hospital. Louisa visited the hospital to donate all of her treats. Well done, Louisa—what a kind and thoughtful gesture.



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**M15 (English corridor)**

**When?**

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





# Year 9

## DRONE CODING

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Congratulations to all the winners of our December Attendance Challenge. Over 500 students had 100% attendance throughout December and were entered into our prize draw to win hampers and football shirts. Well done to all of our winners throughout December.

## Dates for the diary

**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

**Monday, 1 June:** Return to school

**w/c Monday, 8 June:** Year 10 Work Experience

**w/c Monday, 22 June:** Year 10 & 12 mock exams

**Thursday, 25 June:** Y6 Transition Day

**Friday, 26 June:** Enhanced Transition Day

**Saturday, 27 June:** Open Morning

**w/c Monday 29, June:** Year 12 Work Experience

**Tuesday, 30 June & Wednesday, 1 July:** Sixth Form Transition Days

**Thursday, 2 July:** Year 11 Prom

**Friday, 17 July:** End of term