



# Maghull High News

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23 February—27  
February

Hello and welcome back to the new half term. During the half term break, students and staff enjoyed the first of two ski trips planned for the year. This week, we hosted our second year 11 Parents Evening which provided essential progress updates following recent mock examinations. Year 9 students who have performed well on their SPARX Reading enjoyed a visit to Waterstones whilst some of our students attended a Technology Tournament hosted at fellow Trust school, Birkdale High School. In Sixth Form, our A Level Biology group enjoyed a visit to Chester Zoo before our Sixth Form and year 7 football teams took themselves through to the next round of the Merseyside Cup following their victory over Chesterfield High School and Holy Family High School.

## Creation of Maghull Youth Council



Following our continued collaborative work with our local council and fellow MADCOS schools, we are delighted to have supported in forming the first ever Maghull Youth Council. Last summer, following a wave of anti-social behaviour across our local community, Maghull High School brought together all our local primary and secondary schools' student councils, as well as leaders of Maghull Town Council, and representatives from Merseyside Police and local organisations such as Maghull Football Club, to look into ways we could best support our local community. It was agreed that all student councils would support in completing a community litter pick along the Liverpool to Leeds canal— an essential part of our community that joins all schools together. Over 100 students took part and following its success, Maghull Town Council recognised the importance of how our

young people can lead change. Keen to ensure they understand what our young people want and need within our local community, the town council have set about creating the first every Maghull Youth Council. Students from our schools' student councils visited Bootle Town Hall in November to meet representatives from the town council, as well as the Mayor of Sefton, to hear the council's vision for this initiative. Students learnt how councils are organised and how meetings are ran. Students were given the opportunity to apply to become the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Youth Council, as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. We are delighted to announce that two of our students were awarded prominent roles within the newly formed Youth Council: Congratulations to George Kenworthy who has been appointed as Leader of the Youth Council and Daniel Johnson-Kenny who has been appointed as Deputy Leader. We are very proud of both boys and we look forward to watching them lead their first official Youth Council meeting on Thursday 5 March. Thank you to Cllr. Chloe Parker who visited school to inform both boys of their success.

## Parking Around School

Please can we remind all parents and carers that you are **not permitted to drive onto school site to drop off students in the morning, or to collect students at 3:20pm** unless you have a pre-arranged appointment with a member of staff, or a student has accessibility needs. Over 1000 students leave our site at 3:20pm via various exits and need to be able to walk across the site safely.

We encourage students to walk, cycle or use public transport to and from school. However, for those collecting students from school, please park considerately around

## 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: Harriet, Elliott, Phoebe and Sadie.



## MAGHULL HIGH WAY



### SCHOOL STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS

- **ATTEND EVERY DAY**
- **ARRIVE ON TIME TO SCHOOL AND ALL LESSONS**
- **HAVE YOUR BAGS PACKED WITH ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED FOR EACH DAY**
- **WEAR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH PRIDE**
- **MOBILE PHONES & EAR PODS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE USED ON SITE**
- **FALSE NAILS & NAIL POLISH MUST BE REMOVED**
- **TRAINERS ARE NOT TO BE WORN IN SCHOOL EXCEPT DURING LUNCHTIME.**
- **FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FIRST TIME EVERY TIME**



# Boi Taull Ski Trip: February 2026

During half term, students and staff embarked on the first of our ski visits this year with a trip to Boi Taull in Spain. Students travelled by coach and ferry and spent a week at the resort where they made great progress with their skiing. Students worked in groups each day as they attended Ski School where they gradually learnt how to ski from different heights, completing varied turns. In the evening, if they weren't too tired, students took part in evening entertainment including a disco and quizzes. Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed their time and made some lifelong memories. We look forward to our next ski trip which will take place during the Easter holidays.





## Year 9 SPARX Rewards

Congratulations to our Year 9 Sparx Readers who successfully qualified for this terms reward trip visiting Waterstones Book Store in Ormskirk. Students got A VIP tour of the store by the manager with careers insight into running the book store, behind the scenes tour and then got the opportunity to purchase the latest books Teen book releases. Students used their World Book Day tokens to save on their purchases. We then got a hot snack at McDonalds 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. Especially credit needs to go to Chloe C with over 20,000 SRP followed by Georgina W and Zaira D with a total of over 11,500 SRP points



## Tuck Shop Friday

**TUCK SHOP**  
**FRIDAY**  
**#kNOW**  
**KnifeCrime**

Tuck shop Friday will take place on 27th February, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March and 27th March. Chocolate and sweets will be available to purchase from £1, with all proceeds going directly towards our [#kNOwKnifeCrime](#) fundraising efforts

## Merseyside Cup Success: Year 7

Well done to our year 7 boys who are now through to the quarter finals of the Merseyside Cup after a 5-3 victory over Holy Family on Friday. The game was tight and the boys played exceptionally well with some great goals from Zac, Joe, Blake, Oliver and AJ. Well done, boys—we are excited to watch you perform in the quarter finals.



## Student Spotlight: Ava H Year 7

Congratulations to Ava in year 7 who has been asked to sign for Liverpool Football Club U14s Academy. At just 11 years old this is a fantastic achievement. Ava has played for Liverpool FC for the last 2 seasons. Last season she played for Liverpool's Emerging Talent Centre (ETC) and this season has been playing for Liverpool FC's U12 Academy before getting the news on Tuesday that she will play for the U14s Academy next season. Ava is really dedicated to her football, training and playing 7 days a week as she also plays for Sefton District Schoolgirls and Wigan Athletic. Well done on such a fantastic achievement, Ava. Your hard work and commitment has paid off and we are excited to watch you progress.



# A Level Biology Trip

This week, our A Level Biology group visited Chester Zoo as part of their field work.



# Merseyside Cup Success: Sixth Form

This week, our Sixth Form football team were in action against Chesterfield High School in the Merseyside Cup. The boys played really well and secured a 3-2 victory with goals from James, Lewis and Farley. Well done, boys. We are looking forward to seeing how you progress in the next round.



# SIXTH FORM @ MAGHULL

*Where independence begins the moment you arrive.*

## NOW ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

A Level @  
Maghull

Build @  
Maghull

Sport @  
Maghull

Health @  
Maghull



Follow the QR Code to watch our Sixth Form video. Your journey to Aspire, Achieve, Enjoy starts here!



# Understanding New Ofsted Grading System: For Parents/Carers

You may be aware that as of December 2025, a new Ofsted Framework and Reporting Process came into practice. We believe it is important that all parents and carers are aware of these changes and have a good understanding as to what this means for schools. As opposed to the previous report style of writing where schools were awarded a single grade, Ofsted will now measure a school's success against several different categories and produce a report card to indicate their progress. Report cards will look similar to the one used as an example below.



Ofsted have kindly put together a helpful video to help parents and carers understand the new reporting and inspection process. This video can be accessed here and via the QR Code below:



Additionally, Ofsted have also produced some of their latest reports so parents and carers can take a look at the new reporting format. A link to these reports can be found here:





# AI GUIDE

## FOR SIXTH FORM



**DO**



**DON'T**



### **Use AI to support your learning**

Use it to explain topics, summarise notes or check your understanding

### **Use AI to create revision resources**

Ask it to make flashcards, quizzes or summaries to help you study

### **Check your work against criteria**

Use AI to compare your draft against success criteria or mark schemes to see what you've met or missed

### **Get feedback on clarity and structure**

AI can help improve your writing organisation and clarity, while the ideas stay yours

### **Use AI to plan UCAS statements or CVs**

AI can help generate ideas and structure, but the final writing must be genuinely your own

### **Be transparent about AI use**

Declare AI support if your teacher or school asks for it

### **Follow school and exam rules**

Always use AI in line with academic expectations and integrity policies



### **Don't submit AI-written work as your own**

Using AI to generate whole answers is plagiarism

### **Don't rely on AI to write coursework or homework**

AI should never replace your independent thinking or original work

### **Don't share personal or sensitive information**

Avoid giving AI any personal details or confidential school content

### **Don't upload restricted materials**

Never upload full coursework, assessments, or exam content into AI tools

### **Don't assume AI is always correct**

AI can produce incorrect, biased or outdated information

### **Don't use AI to hide AI-generated content**

Editing AI-written text to avoid detection is academic misconduct

### **Don't use AI to write UCAS statements or CVs**

Submitting or disguising AI-written applications goes against UCAS and school guidelines

### **Don't let AI replace your judgement**

Your own ideas, understanding and critical thinking should always come first

# Maghull High School & #kNOwKnifeCrime

**KNOW  
KNIFE  
CRIME**  
#kNOwKnifeCrime



Since July 2023, schools in the Southport Learning Trust have been coming together to raise funds for #kNOwKnifeCrime – a youth campaign dedicated to educating and empowering young people with essential life skills. We're passionate about creating safer communities and equipping our pupils with the knowledge and confidence to make positive choices

## Why Your Support Matters...

From 2023–2025, our schools have raised over £45,000, funding bleed control kits, community cabinets, and Mini Medics first aid training. This year, we're determined to go further – expanding Mini Medics training to even more schools. This essential training equips pupils with practical first aid skills and the confidence to act in emergencies, empowering them to step up when it matters most.



## Making a Difference...

**£455**

FUNDS A BLEED  
CONTROL CABINET

**£55**

COVERS A BLEED  
CONTROL KIT

**£299**

PROVIDES A MINI-MEDIC EMERGENCY  
FIRST AID SESSION FOR 30 CHILDREN

## Supporting Our Upcoming Events...

We've got an exciting lineup of fundraising events coming up, within Maghull High School and across the Trust, and we'd love your support!

**NO Excuse. NO Knife. NO Crime.**



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#kNOwKnifeCrime



**TUCK SHOP**  
**FRIDAY**  
**#kNOw**  
**KnifeCrime**

## Upcoming Events & Activities...

Join us for [Tuck Shop Friday](#) in the Activity Studio - 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> March. [Chocolate and sweets](#) will be available to purchase from [£1](#), with all proceeds going directly towards our #kNOwKnifeCrime fundraising efforts.

For [£1 per entry](#), pupils can guess the total number of sweets, and the closest guess wins the jar. Details on when and where to enter will be shared in school. The competition will run next half term, [starting Monday 23rd February](#).

## GUESS HOW MANY SWEETS?



**MAGHULL**  
**STAFF**  
**TEAM**  
**MARATHON**  
**CHALLENGE**



Maghull staff are gearing up for the [Maghull Team Relay Marathon Challenge](#). Teams of staff will join forces to cover a collective [26.2 miles](#) within the challenge window. Each team member contributes to the total distance. The [quickest overall team time](#) will take home the prize.

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# Maghull High School & #kNOwKnifeCrime

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#kNOwKnifeCrime



## Upcoming Events & Activities...

On [Thursday 16th April](#), Y8 and Y9 students will attend an [assembly](#) led by Laura Hughes from the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign. Laura has extensive experience working with young people and delivers an assembly that is both informative and impactful.

## MINI-MARATHON KS3 RUNNING EVENT



Pupils across the Southport Learning Trust will be taking part in Mini Marathon events to support the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign. At Maghull High School, [KS3 students](#) will run a [two-mile course](#) during their [PE lessons](#). We are asking pupils to [donate £2](#), which will go directly to the Mini Medics programme. Donations will be collected by PE teachers during their lesson.

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Period 3	Year 9BC
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Period 1	Year 8RS
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Period 2	Year 9RS
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Period 1	Year 7RS
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Period 2	Year 7BC
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Period 3	Year 8BC

On Wednesday 22nd April, over 180 pupils will take on a [30-mile Relay Run](#) across our Trust, travelling from Bootle to Maghull to Formby to Southport - symbolically connecting our communities.

**NO** Excuse. **NO** Knife. **NO** Crime.

## ASSEMBLY FOR Y8 AND Y9 #kNOw KnifeCrime

## SOUTHPORT LEARNING TRUST

# RELAY

# Maghull High School & #kNOwKnifeCrime

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KNIFE  
CRIME  
#kNOwKnifeCrime



## Upcoming Events & Activities...

# LONDON



# MINI MARATHON

A group of 60 pupils from across the Trust will be heading to London to take part in the School Mile Race, finishing at the iconic TCS London Marathon finish line and earning their Mini Marathon medals.

## Know the Risks. Know the Signs



Miss Low will be joining four colleagues from across the Trust to represent the Southport Learning Trust in running the 2026 London Marathon, in support of #kNOwKnifeCrime. Please join us in cheering them on as they prepare for this incredible challenge!

# LONDON MARATHON # kNOw KnifeCrime

## SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

We welcome support from local businesses to help raise funds for #kNOwKnifeCrime. Sponsorship, matched funding, prize donations, or one-off contributions all make a real difference. Donating businesses will be acknowledged on our school social media pages. If you or your workplace can help, we'd love to hear from you!

## NO Excuse. NO Knife. NO Crime.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 12:35 - 13:20	Art / Photography Club All Years - Room 58/59	Art / Photography Club All Years - Room 58/59	Art / Photography Club All Years - Room 58/59	Art / Photography Club All Years - Room 58/59	Y9 & Y10 & Y11 Lego, K'Nex & Meccano - Room 46
	Further Maths (Y11 Invite Only) - Room M22	Eco / Gardening Club - Sixth Form	GCSE Music / Drama / Art/ Photography Catch-up	Puzzle Club All Years - Room M20	Library Homework Club -LRC & M27
Afterschool 3:20 - 4:20	Library Homework Club -LRC & M27	L2 Further Maths Tutorial Drop In - Room M22	Library Homework Club -LRC & M27	Chess Club - Room 54	Model Making Club - Room 42
	Y7 & Y8 Lego, K'Nex & Meccano - Room 46	Y7-9 Geography Club - Room M2	KS3 Drama Club - Drama Studio	STEM Club - Room 50	Y11 Dungeons & Dragons Room 43-44
	Y7 & Y8 Girls Netball	Y7-10 Netball Fixtures	GCSE Dance Revision - Dance Studio	Y9 & Y10 Girls Netball	Spotlight Drama Club - Drama Studio
	Y7 & Y8 Boys Football	Y7-10 Dungeons & Dragons - Room 43/44	Y9 & Y10 & 11 Boys Football	Y7-Y10 Girls Football	
	Cross-Stitch - Room 40	Higher GCSE & L2 Further Maths Revision - Room M22	Debate Mate - Room M15	Dodgeball All Years	
	KS3 Dance (Y7/8/9) - Dance Studio	Spotlight Dance - Dance Studio	Other Clubs	Badminton All Years	
			Sport & Exercise	Y11 Revision Hub - Sixth Form Centre	
				Academic Support	

No cost. Just turn up.

# Debate Mate is back for 2025/2026!

## Where?

**M15 (English corridor)**

## When?

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



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## Education Business Awards

We are delighted to have been shortlisted for the STEM in Education Award as part of this year's Education Business Awards. The awards are open to all schools and colleges across the country so it is an honour to have made it through to the final. The awards evening takes place in London on 26 March and we will look forward to updating our school community on our progress.

### Dates for the diary

**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