

MAGHULL HIGH NEWS

Maghull High School

21st September 2026

A special warm welcome to all our new parents and carers — we're delighted to have you join our school community. Whether your child is just starting their journey with us or returning for another exciting year, we're looking forward to working together and celebrating their successes.

Our newsletter will keep you connected with everything happening across the school. You'll find updates from classrooms, student spotlights, important notices, and reminders to help you stay informed throughout the term.

We hope everyone had a restful summer and wish everyone a fantastic start to the year. We're excited for what's ahead and can't wait to share all the brilliant things our students will achieve.

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STUDENT SUMMER SPOTLIGHT

We would like to begin with highlighting the fantastic achievements of some of our students over their summer holidays!



Ava travelled to Ireland with Liverpool in August for their pre-season tour in Galway. She played in the Salthill Sisters Cup and won, scoring some fantastic goals to contribute to the teams win!

She was also invited to spend the day at Melwood Training Ground with the LFC Women's first team, having photos taken to advertise the new football kit and the new Adidas Spezial LFC range.

Abby had a fabulous summer taking part in the Wimbledon Tournament. She and her partner played fantastic, They won the group stage and the quarter final but unfortunately were beaten in the semi final. They fought right to the last point are are hoping to give it another go next year.







OPEN EVENING

On Thursday 10th October, we were delighted to welcome prospective students and their families to our annual Open Evening. The event was a fantastic success, with over 460 families signing in to explore our school, meet staff and students, and experience the opportunities we have to offer.

Visitors enjoyed touring our facilities, taking part in subject-based activities, and learning more about life at our school. We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback received, with many families commenting on the warm welcome and the enthusiasm and professionalism of both our students and staff.

Our final open morning will held be on Saturday 10th October from 10am-12pm.

3G PITCH

We are delighted to share that our new 3G football pitch, developed in partnership with the Football Foundation, was completed over the summer holidays and is now ready for both our students and the wider community to enjoy.

To help maintain the quality and safety of the playing surface, we would like to remind you that students must wear football boots when using the pitch. The use of shin pads is also strongly recommended.





CREATIVE ARTS SUCCESS

We are delighted to celebrate the success of Milner, Bobbie and Ellie Mae, who have had their artwork shortlisted for the prestigious "Life Under the Microscope" exhibition across the Liverpool City Region.

The competition invited secondary school students to create original artwork inspired by the theme Life Under the Microscope. Students were encouraged to interpret the theme in their own way, whether exploring the fascinating hidden world of cells, microorganisms and scientific discovery, or considering what it means to live "under the microscope" as an individual, member of a community, or young person in today's society.

As part of this achievement, their work will be projected across the walls of CENTRAL TECH and celebrated at a special exhibition event in November 2026. Congratulations to our talented young artists on this fantastic accomplishment. We look forward to seeing their work displayed.







LET'S TALK ASTHMA

Students in Years 7 to 11 recently attended a 'Let's Talk Asthma' assembly. The session provided valuable information about asthma, including how to recognise the signs of an asthma attack and how to support a friend, family member, or member of the community who may be experiencing one.

Students listened attentively, engaged positively throughout the session, and confidently answered questions. It was encouraging to see their enthusiasm and willingness to learn how they can help others in an emergency situation.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

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



ONLINE SAFETY

We would like to share some useful information regarding an online platform that your child may be accessing (See next page). As part of our commitment to keeping students safe online, we encourage parents and carers to familiarise themselves with the potential risks associated with digital platforms and social media.

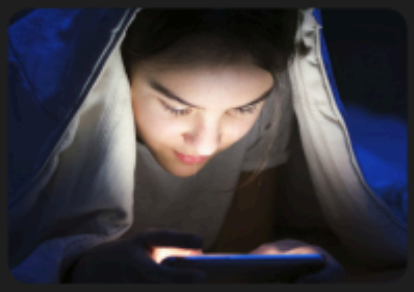
If you have any concerns regarding online safety or believe your child may be at risk online, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are always available to offer advice and support.

With over 14 million daily users, Discord is one of the most popular communication tools for gamers. It allows you to create or join what are known as 'servers', where different users can talk in groups via text message or voice call. There is also the option to send direct messages and make video calls.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+



What parents need to know about DISCORD



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Your child can access almost any chat server on Discord. This means they can easily be exposed to content and conversations that are inappropriate, upsetting or potentially harmful.



SEXUAL IMAGERY

Despite there being guidelines in place to prevent it, users are able to circulate adult content. This can include sexualised images, pornographic videos and provocative discussions. It's important to stay alert and know the risks that your child could be exposed to.



RISK OF CYBERBULLYING

Interactions on the platform are largely unregulated. This means other users can easily say and show things to your child that might be offensive and upsetting. The competitive nature of gaming can lead users to make abusive and harmful remarks about your child.



HIDDEN CHARGES

Though the basic platform is free, your child will be encouraged to sign up to premium subscriptions, which give extra perks, such as animated emojis and free games. The two options are known as 'Nitro Classic' (which costs $4.99 a month) and Nitro (which costs $9.99 a month). Prices are only converted to pound sterling during the payment process.



RISK OF CYBERCRIME

Cybercriminal groups have been linked to the platform due to reports of hackers sharing stolen data. It's also possible that your child may be encouraged to share the data of their friends, either through peer pressure, or 'for fun', without realising the consequences.



STRANGER DANGER

To create an account, you only need to display a username and profile image. This makes it easy for someone to hide his or her real identity. Predators from anywhere in the world can join a chat server, message your child and quickly leave to avoid detection. Forbes reports groomers have been targeting children susceptible to online coercion on the platform.



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Top Tips to Protect Your Child



1 BE WARY OF WHAT'S SHARED

Whatever your child says or shares on the platform can be seen, heard and shared with a much larger audience. Be careful to make sure your child understands this and does not say or share anything that could be deemed offensive, harmful or put themselves or others at risk.

You can find Discord's own guide for parents here: https://blog.discordapp.com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c



2 IMPROVE SECURITY SETTINGS

To help protect your child, make sure they set strong passwords. You should consider using the 'two-factor authentication' function for extra protection. It's also important to remind your child to never to share their personal information, or the details of another user.



3 CHECK THEIR FRIEND LIST

You can restrict who is able to make 'friend requests' to your child in the 'Friends' tab. It's a good idea to deselect the default option that allows anyone to connect. Of course, you should also talk to your child about why it's a risk to allow strangers to connect with them through such platforms.



4 REPORT & BLOCK SUSPICIOUS USERS

Make sure your child knows how to report and block abusive or suspicious users. If you do find your child suffering repeated abuse, contact the platform directly using the email: abuse@discordapp.com. It's a good idea to teach your child how to screenshot any negative interactions too.



5 BE WARY OF NSFW CONTENT

Public forums on the platform are a potential venue for inappropriate content that you should be wary of. There is a Discord mascot known as 'Wumpus', which is supposed to represent anyone under 18. Anyone who posts content unsuitable for under-18s, should mark it NSFW (Not Suitable For Wumpus).



6 SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

It's important you actively teach your child to treat other users with respect and behave online the same way as they would offline.

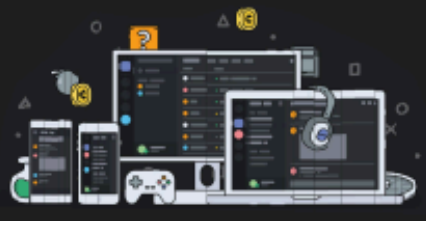
Take the time to read through Discord's Community Guidelines with your child. Find them at: www.discordapp.com/guidelines

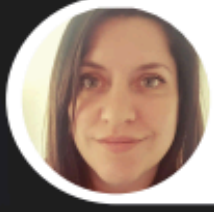


7 TURN ON SAFE MESSAGING

You should encourage your child to activate the 'Safe Direct Messaging' option. This will scan and delete any direct messages sent to your child containing explicit content.







Meet our expert

Claire Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1998 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, home computing and digital devices). As a Mum of two young children - aged 8 and 6 - Claire is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Week beginning	Cast Needed	Rehearsals
14th September	Everyone (All cast members are in the Greatest Showman)	Wed/Fri Lunch. Tue/Thurs/Fri 3:20-4:20pm
21st September	Everyone (All cast members are in the Greatest Showman)	Wed/Fri Lunch. Tue/Thurs/Fri 3:20-4:20pm
28th September	Addam's Family cast and Year 9-13 ensemble only	Wed/Fri Lunch. Tue/Thurs/Fri 3:20-4:20pm
5th October	Addam's Family cast and Year 9-13 ensemble only	Wed/Fri Lunch. Tue/Thurs/Fri 3:20-4:20pm
12th October	Matilda cast and Year 7-8 ensemble only	Wed/Fri Lunch. Tue/Thurs/Fri 3:20-4:20pm
19th October	Matilda cast and Year 7-8 ensemble only	Wed/Fri Lunch. Tue/Thurs/Fri 3:20-4:20pm
Half Term		
2nd November	Everyone (All cast members)	Wed/Fri Lunch. Tue/Thurs/Fri 3:20-4:20pm
9th November	Grease cast only	Wed/Fri Lunch. Tue/Thurs/Fri 3:20-4:20pm
16th November	Everyone (All cast members)	Wed/Fri Lunch. Tue/Thurs/Fri 3:20-4:20pm
23rd November	Everyone (All cast members)	Wed/Fri Lunch. Tue/Thurs/Fri 3:20-4:20pm
Show Week	Everyone (All cast members)	Mon/Tues - 9:15am-3:20pm - dress rehearsal/tech run. Wed - Matinee and 6:30pm performance Thurs - 6:30pm performance

If you are not sure, or have any questions, please ask any member of the Creative and Expressive Arts Staff:

Mrs Eborall – Room 59
Mr Dutch – M4
Mrs Smith – M3
Mrs Middleman – Howe Theatre
Mrs Fenlon – Dance Studio

Maghull High Extra-Curricular Opportunities
Sept-Oct 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 12:35 – 13:20	LRC Y7-11 – All Welcome TVE	LRC Y7-11 – All Welcome SHO	LRC Y7-11 – All Welcome VCH	LRC Y7-11 – All Welcome VCH	LRC Y7-11 – All Welcome TVE
	Y11 Revision Zone Y11 Only M16 BL	Art Club Y7-13 – All Welcome 58 HEB / PRI / CTI	Art Club Y7-13 – All Welcome 58 HEB / PRI / CTI	Drama Club Y7-13 - Showcase Cast Drama Studio LMI	Y11 Revision Zone Y11 Only M16 BL
		Photography Club Y7-13 – All Welcome 59 HEB / PRI / CTI	Photography Club Y7-13 – All Welcome 59 HEB / PRI / CTI	STEM Club Y7-11 – All Welcome 50 TVE	
	Art Club Y7-13 – All Welcome 58 HEB / PRI / CTI	Colouring &Friendship Bracelets Y7-11 – All Welcome 65 LST	Drama Club Y7-13 - Showcase Cast Drama Studio LMI		Music Club Y7-13 – Showcase Cast M4 ADU / GSM
	Photography Club Y7-13 – All Welcome 59 HEB / PRI / CTI	Gardening Club Y7-11 – All Welcome W10 VCH	Music Club Y7-13 – Showcase Cast M4 ADU / GSM	Dungeons & Dragons Y7-11 Speak to Mr Moran for Information M6 KMO	
			Sparx Science Club Y7-11 55 TVE		Dance Club Y7-13 – Showcase Cast Dance Studio FFE
Afterschool 3:20 – 4:20	Girls Netball Training Y7-11 – All Welcome Sports Hall JFO / BL / ACO	Girls Netball Fixtures Y7-11 – Invite Only Home/Away JFO / BL / AFO	Debate Mate Y7-11 - All Welcome M13 & M14	Girls Football Y7-11 – All Welcome PE Department JFO / ACO	Drama Club Y7-13 - Showcase Cast Drama Studio LMI
		Y11 Revision Hub Y11 Only – All Welcome (Starting Nov)		Y11 Revision Hub Y11 Only – All Welcome (Starting Nov)	
	Cross Stitch Y7-11 – All Welcome 40 SSM	Dance Club Y7-13 – Showcase Cast Dance Studio FFE (Fortnightly)		Music Club Y7-13 – Showcase Cast M4 ADU / GSM	
	Boys Football Y7-8 – All Welcome PE Department	Boys Football Y9-11 – All Welcome PE Department		Dodgeball Y7-11 – All Welcome PE Department	
				Badminton Y7-11 – All Welcome PE Department	

No cost. Just turn up.

Maghull High School
Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday 1 September	Professional Development Day (Staff only)
Wednesday 2 September	Term starts for all students
Friday 23 October	End of term
Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October Half Term Holiday	
Monday 2 November	Term starts for all
Friday 27 November	Professional Development Day (Staff only)
Friday 18 December	End of term
Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4 January	Term starts for all
Friday 12 February	End of term
Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February Half Term Holiday	
Monday 22 February	Professional Development Day (Staff only)
Tuesday 23 February	Term starts for all students
Thursday 25 March	End of term
Friday 26 March	Good Friday Bank holiday
Monday 29 March	Easter Monday Bank holiday
Tuesday 30 March - Friday 9 April	Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 12 April	Term starts for all
Monday 3 May	Bank holiday
Friday 28 May	End of term
Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June Half Term Holiday	
Monday 7 June	Term starts for all
Monday 28 June	Professional Development Day (Staff only)
Friday 16 July	End of term
Monday 19 - Wednesday 21 July	Professional Development Days (Staff only)

E-SCOOTERS, E-BIKES AND OTHER ELECTRIC VEHICLES

A guide for parents, carers and professionals

Where can you use an e-scooter and non road legal e-bike

Only on private land with the landowner's permission

Not on roads, pavements, cycle lanes, car parks, or any public space.

Only e-bikes that conform to EAPC regulations can be used on a road.

Did you know?

Thousands of illegal two-wheeled vehicles have been seized through Operation Gears, helping to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour, including drug supply, theft and violence.

The law and consequences

- E-scooters and e-bikes that don't follow EAPC regulations, are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988.
- They require a valid driving licence and insurance to be used legally on public roads.
- No licence or insurance? Your e-scooter/e-bike can be seized under Section 165a of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
- Allowing a child to use an e-scooter or illegal e-bike in public could result in penalty points or disqualification for parents and carers.

If you are prosecuted

- Riding with no licence? You'll receive 3 penalty points and a minimum of a £100 fine.
- Riding with no insurance? You'll receive 6 penalty points and a minimum of a £300 fine.
- If you ride an e-scooter/e-bike while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you could face prosecution for driving offences, including drug-driving or drink-driving.
- If you don't hold a driver record, penalty points will be held on a 'Ghost Licence' by the DVLA. These points will carry over to your future licence.
- Your insurance costs may significantly increase for years and you may be sent to court.

TYPES OF E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS



E-SCOOTER

Personal Light Electric Vehicle (PLEV)

MOT INS TAX 16+ CBT

Includes powered unicycles and skateboards, go peds, segways and hoverboards – these cannot legally be used on roads, pavements or other public spaces.

There are two types:

- Privately owned
- Rented through an authorised scheme

Privately owned e-scooters cannot be used on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes.

An e-scooter is legal for use on the roads only if rented through a government trial scheme in a designated area. Riders must be 16+, hold a provisional GB licence and not carry passengers.



EAPC

Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC)

14+

No insurance, tax, MOT or driving licence is required if you comply with the legal framework for the EAPCs. An EAPC can be ridden anywhere a standard bicycle can legally be used.

Some EAPCs have a 'Twist and Go' throttle, known as 'walk assist', which can propel the bike without pedalling at speeds of up to 3.7mph. This feature is legal if the EAPC meets the required regulations.

Only legal for use on the roads if:

- Propelled by pedals
- Doesn't exceed max output of 250w
- Cuts off electric assistance over 15.5mph
- The rider is at least over 14 years old.

The bike must also display the manufacturer's details and power output on the motor.



OFF ROAD ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES

MOT INS TAX 16+ CBT

You may hear these motorcycles also referred to as 'scrambler bikes'

Not legal on roads unless:

- Registered with the DVLA and displaying a number plate
- Fitted with indicators, mirrors, lights, speedometer and other features required by law
- Tax, insured and MOT'd
- The rider has a full motorcycle licence or has completed CBT (Compulsory Basic Training) and rides on a provisional licence with L plates displayed.
- The rider must be wearing a motorcycle helmet.

The lack of pedals, a large motor and battery, and the absence of indicators or a speedometer are strong signs that a vehicle is an electric motorcycle.

Know the rules before you ride

A road is classed as a:

- Highway
- Footpath
- Cycle lane
- Bridleway
- Grass verge
- Car park

KEEPING MERSEYSIDE SAFE

OPERATION GEARS