

MAGHULL HIGH NEWS

Maghull High School

23rd October 2026

As we reach the end of a busy half term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic start our students have made to the school year. We are especially proud of our new students, who have settled into their routines with confidence and enthusiasm, and of our returning students, who have continued to demonstrate a positive attitude and commitment to school life.

As students begin their half-term break, we would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. With Halloween and Bonfire Night approaching, please remember the importance of staying safe, looking out for one another, and making sensible choices while celebrating. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the second half of the term.

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EDUCATE AWARDS

We are delighted to announce we have once again been shortlisted for this year's Educate Awards not just once, but THREE times!

This year the awards are celebrating their 15th year and we are proud to be apart of the upcoming awards evening following our nominations for Outstanding Commitment to the Arts in Secondary School, the Lord Frank Field Community Partnership Award & Teacher of the Year 2026 Award.

Being shortlisted reflects the hard work and efforts of our school and we look forward to this year's ceremony in November.

Educate Awards SHORTLIST 2026

DEBATE MATE

We are pleased to share that Debate Mate has returned for 2026/2027.

It will start on Wednesday 11th November in M15 from 3:20pm until 4:20pm.

Please contact Miss. Mitchell for more details: mitchelle@maghullhigh.com

DEBATE MATE

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We have completed the final assessed expeditions over the last 3 weeks for Y10 and Y11. The kids dug deep, worked hard as a team and did a great job. We were lucky with the weather but had some rain.

The students covered about 9 miles on day 1 and another 8 miles on day 2.

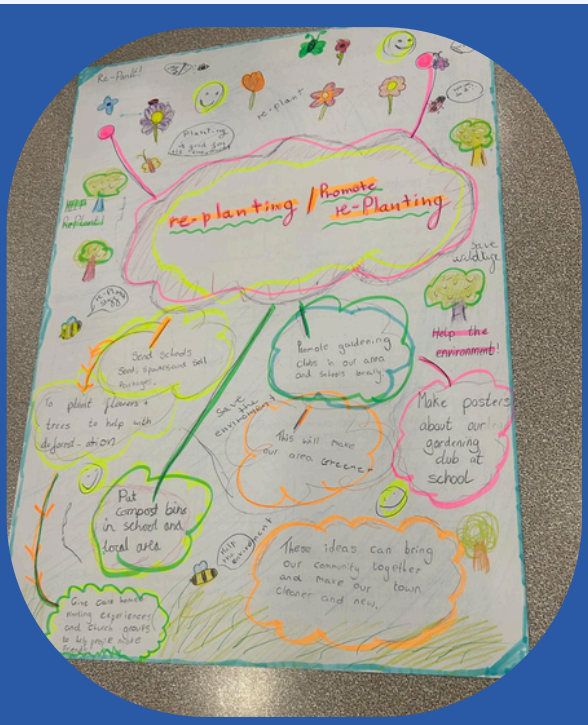


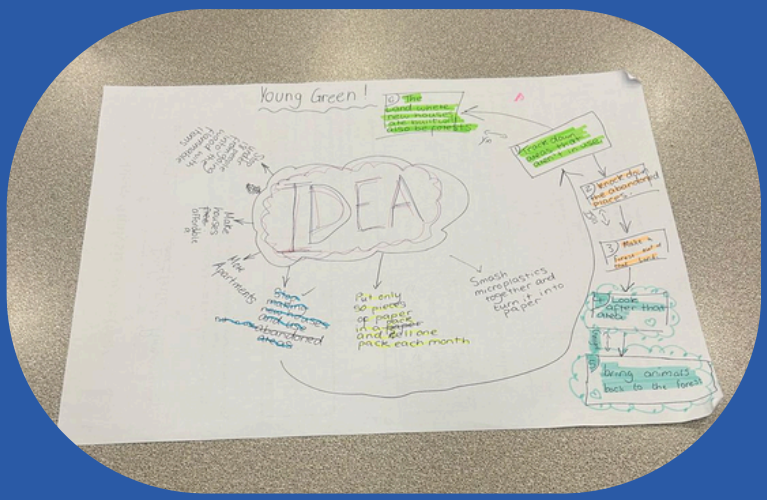
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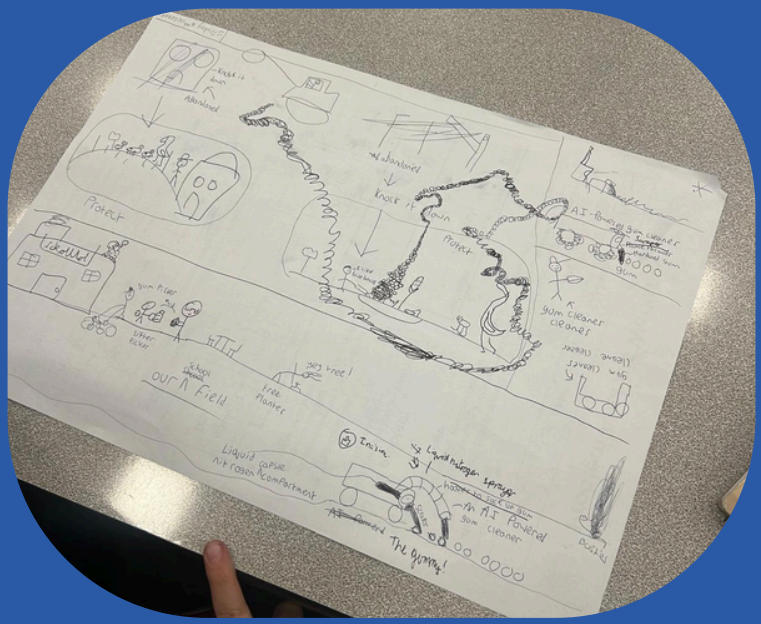
Last Friday, Year 7 students took part in the first part of the Young Green Briton Challenge.

Throughout the day, Year 7 worked in teams to design sustainable projects that could make a real difference.

The top 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 in the hope of progressing to the National final and potentially winning prize money to go towards their idea.









YEAR 11 REVISION HUB

SUPPORT • GUIDANCE • SUCCESS

Aspire - Achieve - Enjoy

STARTING
3RD NOVEMBER

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
3:30pm – 4:30pm

SIXTH FORM STUDY AREA

The Revision Hub is a dedicated space for Year 11 students to get the support they need, build confidence and prepare for their next steps.

REVISION RESOURCES

A bank of revision resources, past papers and examination materials will be available for students to access.

STAFF SUPPORT

Staff from a variety of subject areas to be on hand to provide support, guidance and subject-specific expertise during the sessions.

SIXTH FORM AMBASSADORS

Sixth Form ambassadors will also be present to represent their subject areas and provide additional support to Year 11 students.

REFRESHMENTS AND BISCUITS

Juice and biscuits will be available free of charge for students attending.

Your future starts here...

Build connections with our Sixth Form

ASPIRE - ACHIEVE - ENJOY

YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE

Small steps... big results!

LUNCHTIME & AFTER-SCHOOL SUPPORT

LUNCHTIME

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 11 Revision Zone in Room M16	Art and Photography in Room 59	Art and Photography in Room 59		Year 11 Revision Zone in Room M16
Art and Photography in Room 59				

AFTER SCHOOL (3:20 – 4:20 PM)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Science in Room 51 and 54	**Year 11 Revision Hub** in the Sixth Form Centre	**Geography** in Room 45	**Year 11 Revision Hub** in the Sixth Form Centre	
Business in Room M25	**Further Maths** in Room M20	**History** in Room M2	**Foundation Maths** in Room M20	
Engineering and Construction in the DT Block	**Religious Studies** in Room M26		**Higher Maths** in Room M6	
Hospitality and Catering in the DT Block	**Spanish** in Room 68		**Computer Science** in Room M27	

Revise Prepare Succeed

ASPIRE - ACHIEVE - ENJOY

MAGHULL HIGH PRESENTS

The Creative and Expressive Arts Faculty are proud to announce that tickets for our next production are now on sale.

We warmly invite all family and friends to join us on **2nd and 3rd December at 6:30pm** for 'The Art of Being Alive', a spectacular celebration of music, drama and dance.



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2

Please check when you need to attend rehearsals. From 23rd November any costume you are supplying needs to be in school.

Week Beginning	Tuesday 3:20-4:20pm	Thursday 3:20-4:20pm	Friday 3:20-4:20pm
2nd November	Shrek (all cast members) Vocals - M4 ADU/CTI 3 Protagonists Acting - HT LMI	Shrek (all cast member) Vocals - M4 ADU/GSM	Shrek (all cast members) Movement - HT FFE/CTI 3 Protagonists Acting - HT LMI
9th November	Shrek (all cast members) Movement - HT FFE/CTI 3 Protagonists Acting - HT LMI	Anastasia & Billy Elliot (Only AMc/GF/RC/E-RC/ZB/ZF/EMRL/AH/FC) Vocals - M4 ADU/GSM	NO REHEARSALS - EDUCATE AWARDS
16th November	Greatest Showman (all cast members) ADU/CTI 3 Protagonists Acting - HT LMI	Addam's Family (Yr10-13 only) Vocals - M4 ADU/GSM	Grease Movement (Grease cast only) HT - FFE/CTI 3 Protagonists Acting - HT LMI
23rd November	(All Cast Members) 3 Protagonists - The Greatest Showman - Moulin Rouge - Addam's Family - Anastasia Run through - HT FFE/LMI/CTI	(All Cast Members) 3 Protagonists - Matilda - Billy Elliot - Grease Run through - HT ADU/LMI/GSM/CTI	(All Cast Members) Full run through - HT FFE/LMI/ADU/CTI
Show Week	Monday 30th Nov - dress rehearsal (9am-3:20pm) Tuesday 1st Dec - dress and tech run rehearsals for primary schools (9am-3:20pm)	Wed 2nd Dec - matinee performance (primary schools) (9am-3:20pm) 6:30pm performance Thurs 3rd Dec - 6:30pm performance	

‘WORKING AT WEDNESDAYS’



‘Working At Wednesday’ continues after half term.

These assessments are an important part of our Year 11 Success Commitment, helping students identify strengths, address gaps in learning, and build confidence with GCSE-style questions and exam technique.

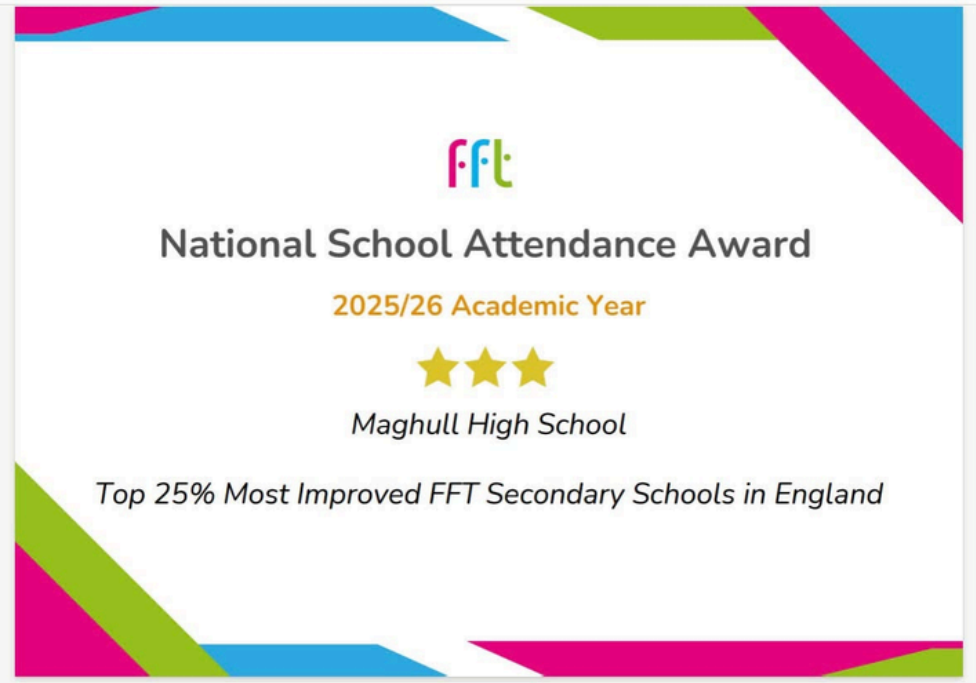
Remember, this is a practice assessment designed to support your progress and help you prepare for future success.

Small steps lead to big results. Good luck!

ATTENDANCE

We are delighted to share that Maghull High School has been recognised for our improved attendance by the FFT as part of the National Attendance Awards. We are proud to be within the top 25% of schools across the country with the most improved attendance.

Attendance matters and we are proud of the commitment of our staff, students and families in making this improvement. We look forward to continuing our attendance drive in ensuring all students attend school, getting the most out of their time at Maghull High School: every day counts!



Y11 AND Y12 CAREERS

The year 11 1:1 careers interviews have recently all taken place. An important conversation for our Y11's with Mrs Wallis, our Transition coordinator and Careers Advisor, to help them make informed choices as to their next best step after finishing their GSCEs.

Year 12 will also be having their interviews this term to help them with their decisions for after they finish their sixth form studies.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Well done to our year 9 boys who beat The Mosslands High School 7-2 in the ESFA Cup.

The boys pulled one back before half time to make it 2-2 going into the second half, where they showed great teamwork and quality football.

Goals from Nick S, Jake S, two from Rowan S and a hat trick from Sonny L Well done, boys - onto the next round!

Well done to our Year 8 boys who beat Christ the King High School 7-2 in this afternoon's Sefton Cup.

Goals coming from Dan, Mason and 5 from Joe. Well done, boys - we look forward to watching you progress through the competition

Great football session for the girls recently lead by Mollie & Lexi Year 11.

How lucky are we that we get such fantastic facilities to use for our sessions with our investment in our new 3G pitch! We are excited for our upcoming Merseyside Cup Games



Well done to our year 7 girls who are through to the next round of the Merseyside Cup following a 6-2 win against De La Salle Secondary School.
A fantastic effort was put in by all the girls, with Girl of the Game being awarded to Ivy.

We can't wait to watch the girls progress through the competition.



We have been really impressed with the commitment, positive attitudes and resilience from all of our netball teams for the first two games of the season.

We have played against strong teams including St Mary's & secured a year 8 win against Sacred Heart. We are looking forward to the rest of the season with our girls.

DARESBURY LABORATORIES

We took 10 Y9 students on a trip to Daresbury Laboratories for a STEM experience to celebrate Ada Lovelace day on Tuesday 13th October. The students got hands-on experience adding components to and programming Arduinos to solve a problem with the help of mentors from the Scientific Computing department.

As well as this they also had the opportunity to have a tour of the facilities in the Warrington site, a virtual tour of the Didcot laboratories and careers talks.

The students did a fantastic job coming up with solutions to their challenge and then presented it to the group, one group had a communication challenge and created a morse code device using LEDs and included messages on pre-programmed buttons, the other group came up with an idea to detect collisions as a satellite tried to land with the use of sensors and LEDs as a warning.



CHEF VISITS STUDENTS

A huge Thank you to Mercy Chisango, Senior Sous Chef from Novotel Liverpool Paddington Village for visiting us last week and talking to our year 11 Catering students about menu planning and her work at the hotel



THE RUNAWAY CLUB

What an incredible experience! The Runaway Club blew us all away last week. They brought their wealth of performance knowledge to the stage, from touring Europe to Maghull High School.

Their stories, experiences and the advice they shared with our students was truly inspirational. The engaging and approachable talk reminded us all of the importance of kindness, including online, and the dangers of judging others. They spoke about making sure we are responsible for our own actions, and the value of staying true to ourselves.

A huge thank you to The Runaway Club for giving our students a memorable and meaningful experience. These are the moments that stay with our young people long after the day itself — sparking conversations, inspiring confidence and making a genuine, lasting impact.





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.



BOOKBUZZ 2026

230 Year 7 students at Maghull High School have each chosen and kept a new book of their own as part of a scheme that aims to boost reading.

Bookbuzz Secondary, run by the UK's largest children's reading charity BookTrust, was developed to help young people discover the transformative power of reading for pleasure. Since launching the programme over a decade ago, BookTrust has delivered Bookbuzz books to 2 million Year 7 and 8 students.

With BookTrust research showing that children's enjoyment of reading declines through the school years, Bookbuzz Secondary aims to tackle this by giving Year 7 and 8 students the chance to choose and keep a book they'll love. There are 16 diverse and inclusive titles to choose from, handpicked by BookTrust's expert panel of teachers and librarians. Every year, the books include fiction and non-fiction titles across a range of genres and reading levels.

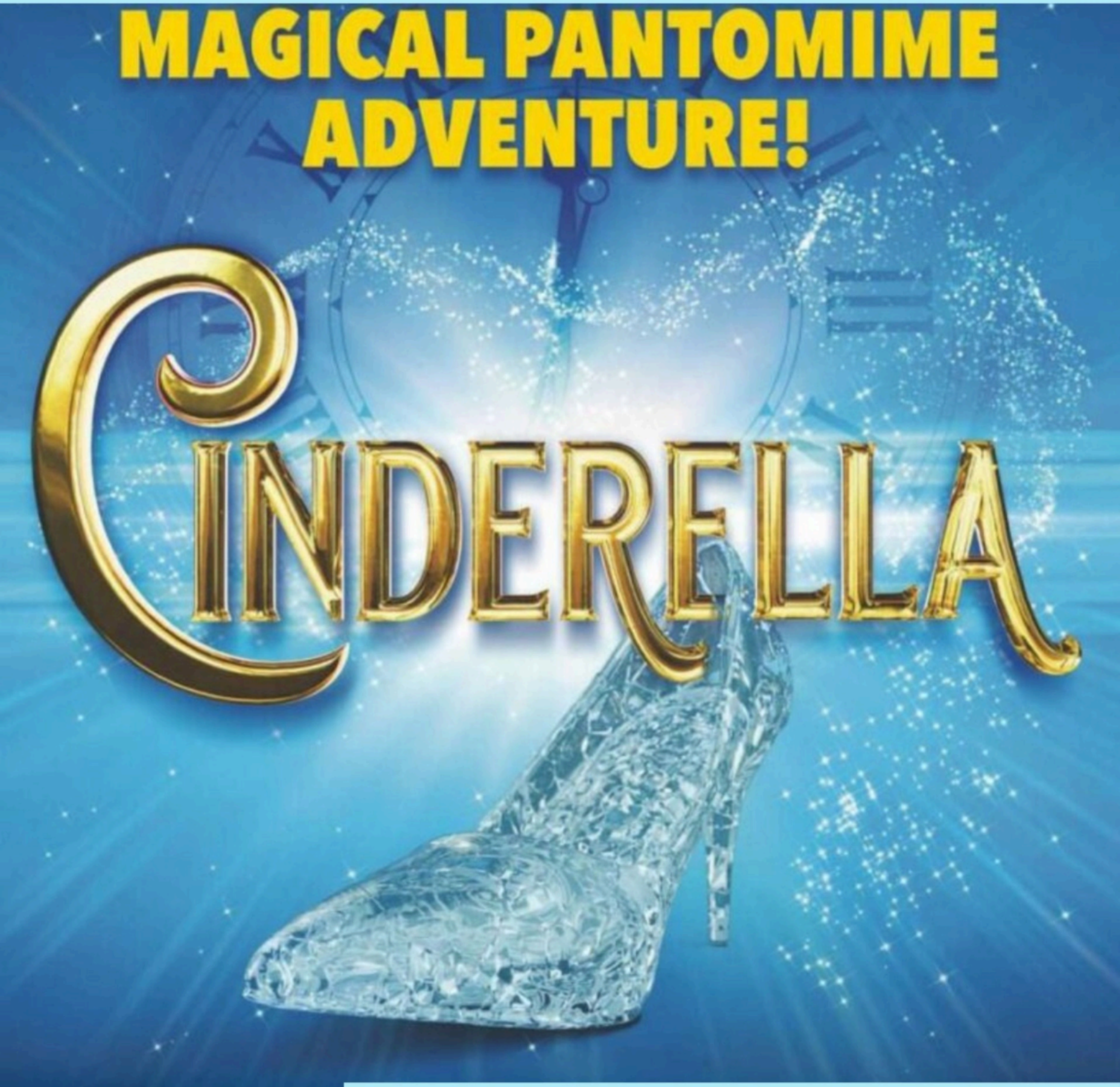
Staff at Maghull High School have used the books in a variety of ways, including book swap, book discussions, reading groups, assemblies, creative writing sessions, library events reading week as part of World Book Day. Mrs Christian, Librarian said:

"Bookbuzz Secondary has been a fantastic way to get our pupils excited about reading. Seeing them talk about books, recommend titles to one another and discover new authors has been wonderful. Every child deserves the chance to experience the joy of reading, and Bookbuzz has helped make that happen at our school."

OPEN EVENTS

Our next **Sixth Form** open evening is being held on 12th November from 5:30-7:30pm.

Year 9, join us on the Theatre Pledge Trip to see...



THE ATKINSON

Sefton Council

Wednesday 9th December

£20.50

Payment and permission need to be on ParentPay by 16th November.

This is a whole year group trip, all students are expected to attend.

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.

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Dear Parent or Carer,

As Halloween and Bonfire Night approach, we are asking for your support in helping young people across Merseyside stay safe and make informed choices during the celebrations.

For many families, this is an exciting time of year. While the vast majority of young people celebrate responsibly, we typically see an increase in incidents involving fireworks, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. Such incidents can affect local communities and place additional demand on police, fire and ambulance services.

As part of our seasonal safety campaign, this information is currently being shared with secondary school pupils across Merseyside. Your child may therefore already be familiar with some of these messages. However, we wanted to share the information with parents and carers too, as conversations at home can play an important role in helping young people make positive choices and stay safe.

How you can help

There are a number of simple ways parents and carers can help young people enjoy Halloween and Bonfire Night safely while reducing the risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour.

- Know where your child plans to be, who they will be with and when they are expected home.
- Encourage them to attend organised events where possible and to avoid situations that could place them or others at risk.
- Remind them of the importance of respecting local communities, emergency workers and public spaces.
- Take time to talk about the information below and the potential consequences of unsafe or anti-social behaviour.
- Encourage them to stay with friends they trust, keep their phone charged and contact you if their plans change.
- Avoid buying fireworks, eggs, flour, paint or similar items that could be used irresponsibly.

Understanding the risks

- Throwing eggs, flour, fireworks or other items at vehicles, homes, shops or public transport can cause injury, distress and damage. Even a momentary distraction to a driver could lead to a serious collision.
- Anti-social behaviour can have a significant impact on local communities, causing fear, upset and inconvenience to residents, particularly older or vulnerable people.

Merseyside Police Headquarters – Rose Hill
15Cazneau Street, Liverpool L33AN
Tel: 0151 709 6010

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- Fireworks can cause serious burns and life-changing injuries if used irresponsibly. They can also cause distress to pets, livestock and wildlife.
- Trespassing, criminal damage, fire-setting or misuse of fireworks may result in police action and could affect future education, employment and travel opportunities.
- Being part of a group involved in anti-social or dangerous behaviour can have serious consequences, even if they did not personally carry out the act.
- Deliberately targeting police officers, firefighters, ambulance crews or other emergency workers is a criminal offence and can prevent those services from helping people in genuine need.

Legal information

To help avoid unnecessary involvement with the police, it is important that parents and carers are aware of the laws relating to fireworks and anti-social behaviour.

- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess an adult firework in a public place.
- It is against the law to set off or throw fireworks in the street or other public places.
- Throwing eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property can cause injury, distress and damage, and may result in offences such as criminal damage, assault or anti-social behaviour being investigated by the police.
- Where offences are committed, young people may be dealt with through the youth justice system and, in some circumstances, parents or carers may also be required to take responsibility for penalties imposed by the courts.

Thank you for taking the time to discuss these issues with your child and for your continued support in helping to keep our communities safe. By working together, we can help ensure Halloween and Bonfire Night are enjoyable experiences for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Merseyside Police

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FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

DOs

- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm



WHEELIE BIN? TAKE IT IN!

STOP YOUR BINS BEING SET ON FIRE

DID YOU KNOW? Wheelie bins can become easy targets over the bonfire period. Keep your bins safe, secure and, if possible, away from windows, doors and fences.

Only put your bin out on collection day and bring it back in IMMEDIATELY.

DON'T LET THE FUN BACKFIRE THIS HALLOWEEN & BONFIRE

You can help to reduce the number of incidents by NEVER giving combustible materials to anyone, especially young people. Make sure your wheelie bin is not accessible to others & ensure any flammable material is kept out of sight.

Remember, Halloween costumes can easily catch fire from naked flames such as candles, fires, lighters & matches. Keep children wearing costumes away from naked flames & other heat sources.

Check your local authority's website for organised firework displays in your area.



BONFIRES are only allowed on private land with the owner's permission and MUST be supervised by an adult at ALL TIMES.

TOP TIP Keep water handy and ensure the fire is completely out before leaving.

REMEMBER: If a fire engine is called out to a deliberate bonfire, wheelie bin fire or rubbish fire, this may delay our response to other incidents.

IN AN EMERGENCY, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS DIAL 999.

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Follow these spooky safety tips to have a happy and safe Halloween!

- **Set Clear Expectations** - talk to children about appropriate behaviour before heading out and remind them that damaging property, throwing eggs or flour, or causing a nuisance is not part of Halloween fun.
- **Be Polite** - encourage children to say "please" and "thank you" and be understanding if someone doesn't answer the door or doesn't have treats available.
- **Respect people's choices** - only visit homes that appear to be taking part in Halloween. If a property displays a "No Trick or Treat" sign or has no lights on, encourage children to move on without knocking.
- **Respect boundaries** - remind children to knock or ring the bell once and wait patiently. They should never look through windows or try to force an answer.
- **Stay together** - young children should always remain with a responsible adult. Older children should stay with friends, follow agreed boundaries and know how to contact you if needed.
- **Plan ahead** - stick to familiar, well-lit streets and agree a route and return time before setting out.
- **Be considerate** - encourage children to keep noise levels down, especially later in the evening, and to be mindful of neighbours, babies and pets.
- **Respect property** - remind children to stay on paths and avoid walking across gardens, flower beds or touching vehicles and decorations.
- **Check treats** - check all sweets and treats when you return home before allowing children to eat them.

Making Sense of My World



Sefton Family Hubs

BEST START IN LIFE | FAMILY HUBS

A Workshop for parents and carers of Neurodiverse children & young people (Ages 5-19)

Have you ever wondered what your child might be communicating through their behaviour?

Join us for a supportive and informative workshop designed for parents and carers of children and young people who are neurodiverse or currently on an assessment pathway.

This workshop will help you to;

- **Understand the behaviour you are seeing at home, school and in the community.**
- **Explore behaviour as a form of communication and what your child may be trying to tell you.**
- **Understand the importance of self-care and wellbeing for the whole family.**

📍 Where & When

Talbot Family Hub
Tuesday 12th October 2026
12.30- 2.30pm

Netherton Family Hub
Tueday 3rd November 2026
12.30 - 2.30pm

Seaforth Family Hub
Tuesday 1st December 2026
12.30 - 2.30pm

Sefton Council

E-Mail. Thornton.FWC@sefton.gov.uk

Sefton Family Hubs

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)