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THE ASPIRE

Meols Cop High School Newsletter



RUNSHAW COLLEGE INTERVIEWS

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who had their Runshaw College Interview recently. Students showed great professionalism and we are proud of you all!



CONSTRUCTION CAREERS DAY

Year 10 students with an interest in construction had an amazing opportunity to attend the Southport Learning Trust Construction Careers Day. Students met top contractors working on projects within the Sefton Borough. They explored pathways into various construction roles including civil engineering, project management and construction management alongside gaining valuable insights into how these landmark projects are shaping the future of Southport



Professional Standards

SIGNATURE SANDWICH COMPETITION

Year 10 students from across Southport Learning Trust put their culinary skills to the test to create **‘The best sandwich in Southport!’** Students were given a briefing from Tracy Holgate from Sefton Council’s Tourism team to come up with a Southport Signature Sandwich for potential sale at Southport Food and Drink Festival which takes place at Victoria Park this summer. Students from schools worked with their Food & Nutrition or Catering and Hospitality teachers to design and make their sandwiches in school, with the final two winners chosen to represent their school in the grand final!

Huge congratulations to Meols Cop’s Dominic, who won the competition, with his creation of the Asian Chicken Wrap. Congraulations also goes to Emma who was a finalist with her creation of the Brioche Whippy!



Southport Learning Trust CEO, Ian Raikes said, *“I was so privileged to be a judge at the final of the Trust Social Signature Sandwich Event! The food was exceptional and all judges from the catering industry found it incredibly difficult to judge. We were indebted to the support of the team at The Grand for providing chef mentors and allowing the pupils to use their amazing facilities. This was a great example of business and education working in tandem and hopefully inspiring our chefs of the future for the growing industry in Southport.”*

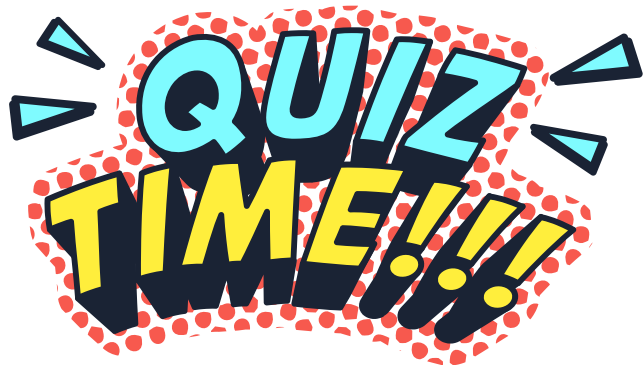


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YEAR 7 QUIZ



On a lively evening in the school library, Year 7 students gathered for an exciting Quiz Night. The event was a hit, with eager participants putting their knowledge to the test in a series of fun and challenging rounds. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to bond, show off their trivia skills, and have a great time with friends.



RUNSHAW DANCE WORKSHOP

Year 10 GCSE Dancers recently took part in the Runshaw dance workshop, led by our ex student Zoe Oliver. The theme of the workshop was British Values, and this was a great opportunity for students to work with KS5 students and experience a taste of what is on offer at Runshaw.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

On Thursday 27th January the school came together to remember the millions of people who were murdered during the Holocaust under Nazi persecution and the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. During Aspire time, students listened to survival stories, learnt about events that took place during the Nazi regime, and the importance of why we should all remember and reflect.

In the hall Students from Year 8 watched 'The Island on Bird Street' - a story based on the true story of the life of a young Jewish boy during the Holocaust.



HOLOCAUST
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DAY TRUST



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COMMUNITY DANCE FESTIVAL

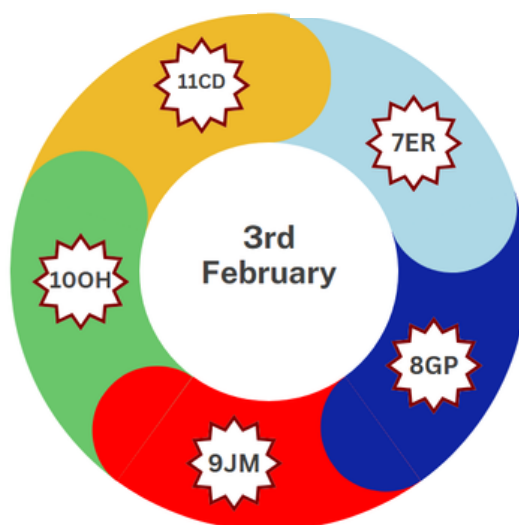
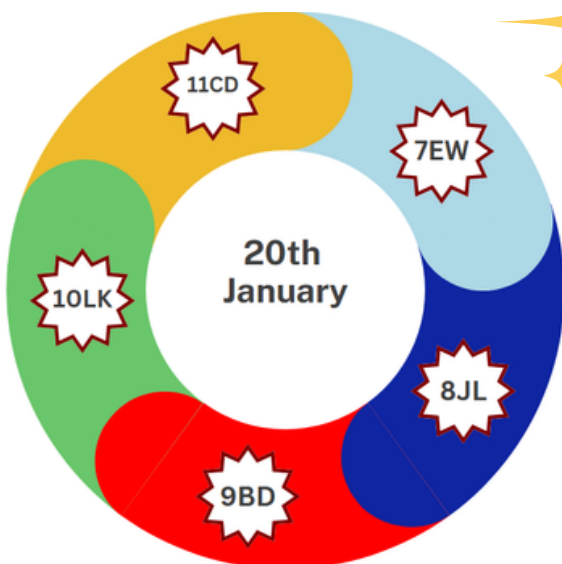
The Meols Cop Dance festival is one of the highlights in our calendar. It was delightful to welcome pupils from Linaker Primary, Kew Woods, Churchtown and BDS, and as ever, all students put on an incredible show. The dance festival provided the opportunity for students to showcase their skills, hard work and determination for both performance and choreography. Since October, each primary school has been working closely with our incredible Dance Leaders to prepare a piece for the show. Our dance Leaders aim has been to engage, prepare and motivate younger students to enjoy and explore dance.



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ATTENDANCE WINNERS

We are excited to announce the MCHS Attendance Winners for this half term. Regular attendance not only enhances academic performance but also helps students build social skills and develop routines that benefit them in all areas of life. We encourage all students to continue their great efforts in attending school every day.



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LEGALLY BLONDE PRODUCTION

Our incredible Performing Arts students shone bright recently with the production of Legally Blonde at The Little Theatre. Students had been rehearsing since the summer, so it was clear to see that all their hard work paid off. Students performed over two nights, selling out on the Friday night! A special well done to our Year 7 dancers who performed in the interval, along with Kew Woods and Linaker Primary Schools. A big thank you goes to all involved from students, staff and the amazing lights and sound team - it really was a team effort!



Values Driven

ASDAN MEET ASDA

A great opportunity for Asdan students recently to develop their making skills through a hands-on experience with a representative from Asda. Students made some excellent pizzas which were topped with a range of different vegetables to build their healthy eating knowledge. Some great hands on experience was gained and superb team work. Well done Year 10.

ASDA



HEALTHY MEALS WITH SLIMMING WORLD



A great learning experience for Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students recently who received a visit from two Slimming World representatives. There was plenty of discussion about healthy eating and excellent ways to adapt meals to increase their health content. Students viewed a range of recipes which generated some great discussions.

TIME FOR SANDWICHES

It was all sandwiches recently for Year 10 Food students who took part in a Southport Learning Trust internal competition to design and make a new sandwich.

Judging proved to be quite a challenge with so many appetising sandwiches but the final winners were Dominic with his sandwich made with a brioche bun filled with chicken strips, sweet and sour, sauce, red lettuce and carrots and Emma with her cream cheese, raspberry, pickle and lettuce filling. Well done Year 10, some amazing ideas!



Academic Excellence



Years 7 and 8 took part in the 2025 NSPCC number day. Timetable Rockstars have joined together with NSPCC to hold a nationwide timetable class challenge. Students answered as many multiplication and division questions correctly and the winning school and class was based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

Congratulations to all who took part, as MCHS finished in 10th place, out of 146 schools! A special congratulations to Omar in Year 8 for being the 2nd secondary student in the North West Division!

Class winners:

- 1st** - 8C3 - Mr Owers
- 2nd** - 8M1 - Mr Biggs
- 3rd** - 7C2B - Miss White

Top student per Class:

- 7M1** - Zygimantas B
- 7M2A** - Josh W
- 7M2B** - Jenson B
- 7M2C** - Kaan C
- 7C1** - Jenson E
- 7C2A** - Sophie M
- 7C2B** - Kane R
- 7C3** - Emelia K
- 8C1** - Olivers B
- 8C2A** - Reuben P
- 8C2B** - Cameron W
- 8C3** - Luke T
- 8M1** - Omer S
- 8M2A** - Blake M
- 8M2B** - Aaron P
- 8M2C** - Joel R

WELL DONE!

SECONDARY SCHOOL LEADERBOARD

Ranked by school total score

Fullscreen

CSV

Certificates

Top 50 results out of 146 schools

School Total Score

1	Furness Academy Cumbria	324,410
2	Homewood School Kent	305,791
3	Outwood Grange Academy West Yorkshire	200,101
4	Overdale Junior School Leicestershire	193,873
5	Two Mile Ash School Buckinghamshire	177,567
6	Ysgol Bro Idris North Wales	155,961
7	Co-op Academy Grove Staffordshire	155,301
8	St Thomas's CEP School, Bury Lancashire	141,327
9	George Pindar School North Yorkshire	137,613
10	Meols Cop High School Merseyside	131,470



Academic Excellence



SCHOLARS MASTERCLASS

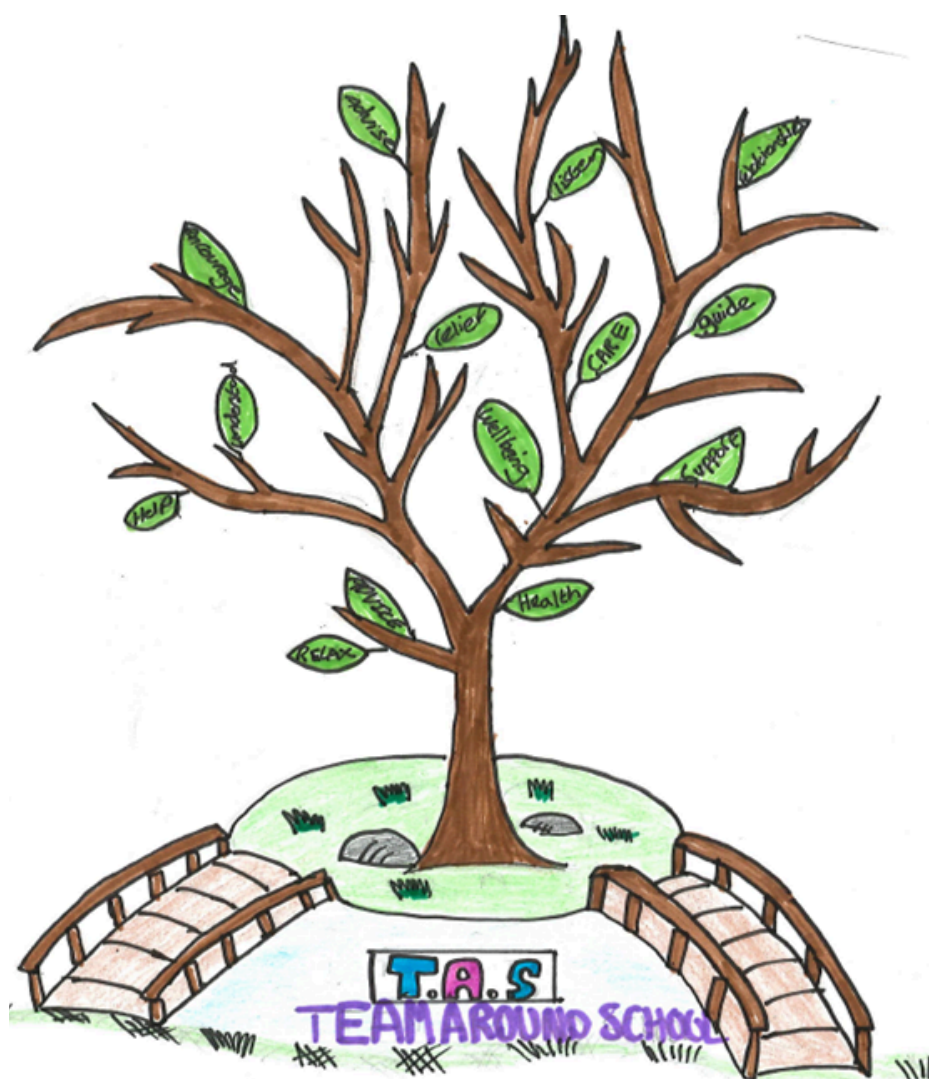


Thank you to Mr Eley for the latest scholars Masterclass. The session was based on the famous Van Gogh portrait, and his bandaged ear!

TEAM AROUND THE SCHOOL COMPETITION WINNER


Huge congratulations to Year 11 student Brandon who won the 'Team Around the School' official logo competition. Brandon was judged along with many other entrants from other educational settings.

His logo design will be used on all Team Around the School materials across Sefton. He will also be invited in to work on his design with two Graphic Designers from Sefton. Well done Brandon!



Meols Cop Scholars
Masterclasses

**Van Gogh portrait:
bandaged ear decoded**



Delivered by
Mr Eley

The talk will take place in L1 at 1:40- 2:10pm
Friday 24th January

Refreshments provided!

Although this is an exclusive talk for scholars, if you are interested in attending please talk to Miss Harrison/Miss Riley for more information.

VALENTINES CHOCOLATE BOUQUET WINNER!

Congratulations to Lewis in Year 11 who won the Valentines Chocolate Bouquet raffle, raising money to add items to our Prom Shop!



Skills & Experience



SCHOLARS TRIP TO OLD TRAFFORD

The Scholars had a great day visiting Manchester United's Old Trafford ground to take part in an 'Unlocking your potential' workshop. Students learnt about future careers, employability and personal branding which taught them how to really stand out from the crowd. Whilst there, they enjoyed a tour of the stadium, a visit to the museum to learn about the history of the club and, of course, a visit to the gift shop! A great day was had by all!



Skills & Experience

YEAR 7 REWARDS BREAKFAST

Congratulations to Year 7 students who were awarded with a very special breakfast as a reward for their academic performance during this term. This was based on their diligence, determination and most recent assessment scores when compared with their baseline tests. Each pupil has shown self-motivation, commitment to their learning and really embraced the Meols Cop Proud ethos.



Edward A	K Rimmer	Tilly L	Leo G	David V	Daniel N	Ava S
Jenson B	Laura R	Layla P	Emilia J	Jessica WH	Nic N	Rares S
Logan H	Thomas B	Izzy A	Kate M	Isabelle W	India N	Ollie S
Artem K	Allie H	Abe F	Isla M	Maria G	Logan R	Carter S
Issac S	Maddison T	Zach V	Charlie W	Phoebe W	Kerem A	Aurora A
Jason H	Zygimantas B	Shae L	Oliver M	Hayley M	Lucy G	Hannah C

PROGRESSIVE MASCULINITY WORKSHOP

A group of Year 10 boys participated in a two-session course based around mental health and positive role models. The sessions, run by Progressive Masculinity support young men to make positive choices and learn techniques to support their own well-being.

Each workshop focused on a different topic, including the importance of communication and emotional literacy through to attitudes towards women and work ethic/aspirations. The group had the chance to become

masculinity ambassadors in school and will be able to support other students. More information about the workshop program can be found here: www.progressivemasculinity.co.uk



PROGRESSIVE
MASCULINITY



Skills & Experience

SPORTING ROUNDUP

GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 7 and 8 girls football team recently played in the Sefton Girls football tournament at LCFA. All 3 teams finished 3rd in their groups. We scored a lot of goals including amazing ones from Abbie B, Maya, Charlotte and Macy. Girls football training will still be on every Monday after school after half term, new players are always welcome!



YEAR 7 & 8 VISIT LFC ACADEMY

Year 7 and 8 inclusive football teams enjoyed a wonderful morning at LFC Academy recently. All students played amazing, and had lots of fun! A special thank you to ex LFC player Stephen Wright and Peter Owens for hosting us!



Academic Excellence

SPORTING ROUNDUP

INCLUSION FESTIVAL

We recently took a group of students to an Inclusion Festival at Formby High School. Our Year 7 and 8 students took part in a range of different activities including boccia, curling, an obstacle course, ball games and target throwing. Students had a fabulous morning trying out different activities, great fun was had by all!



Academic Excellence