

October 2025

THE ASPIRE

Meols Cop High School Newsletter



DATES FOR
YOUR DIARY

6th Nov- Early Finish **11th Nov -**Year 11 Progress Evening **13th Nov-**Year 11 Group Photo . **16th Dec-** Year 8 Progress Evening



Brokering Aspirations

YEAR 11 PREPARE FOR POST 16 CHOICES

Over the past half term, Year 11 students have been preparing for their post 16 choices, ensuring they feel ready and prepared for when they leave school next year. Local colleges, including KGV, Southport, Runshaw and Christ The King 6th Form have presented during assemblies, highlighting all of the exciting opportunities available.

One to one career appointments are continuing - to ensure students are well educated about making their post 16 choices.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE LAUNCH

The Year 10 Work Experience has launched this term. Work Experience gives young people a 'taste' of working life and an opportunity to learn important transferable skills such as communication, working as part of a team and developing resilience & independence.

MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

Year 11 students worked hard to create their first CV, ready for Mock Interview Day which was held on 22nd October. Students participated in mock interviews with interviewers from educational, industrial based and professional backgrounds, which helped students to gain valuable experience, giving them confidence for future interviews at college, university, apprenticeships or for future jobs.



Professional Standards

JAGUAR LAND ROVER VISIT

We were proud to welcome the Jaguar Land Rover team into school for a dynamic and inclusive modern work experience event. Year 9 students attended an inspiring assembly that connected GCSE option choices to the wide range of roles at Jaguar Land Rover, including apprenticeship pathways. The session also highlighted how school values and behaviour contribute to employability and workplace success.

Year 8 students engaged in interactive skill-building sessions, learning about luxury car production and the importance of teamwork, creativity, organisation, and problem-solving. They even designed their own vehicles and worked as a production line to achieve the best cost outcomes. This visit exemplifies modern work experience bringing industry into schools in a meaningful, skills-based way and supports the CEC's equalex framework, ensuring all students can see themselves in future careers, regardless of background.



Professional Standards



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



Celebrating European Day of Languages with a SWEET twist! Our students put their skills to the test in an amazing bake-off! What a wonderful turn out! A huge thank you to our fantastic judges, Mr. Davis and Mrs. Horsfall, who had the very tough job of judging! Special congratulations to Isaak for his absolutely fantastic chocolate cake — truly a masterpiece!



Educate Awards®

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SHORTLIST 2025

Meols Cop High School has been shortlisted for the Outstanding Arts in Secondary School at this year's Educate Awards. This is a huge achievement and a testament to the incredible talent, creativity, and dedication of our students and staff. Our students continue to shine, and we couldn't be prouder!

The ceremony is in November, and we're keeping our fingers crossed for the win! But no matter the outcome, we are beyond grateful to be recognised for all the hard work and passion that goes into making our Performing Arts so special!



Values Driven

YEAR 7 TRIP TO LIVERPOOL

What a fabulous day Year 7s had in Liverpool recently! It was a pleasure to take students to museums around Liverpool and to give them the opportunity to conduct some Geography focused fieldwork too. They acted with such great professionalism throughout the day. Well done, Year 7!



Values Driven

CHEESE MAKING ON THE FARM

A visit to the Lancashire Farm Education Centre proved to be a great success for Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students. Students were able to develop their understanding of milk processing through a tour of the farm including a milking session.

There was a lot of competition, with the students working in teams to make the best cheese, with some great outcomes, along with a tasting session with their cheese and crackers. The day finished with a question and answer session with students learning about dairy foods and asking some excellent questions. A great day for everyone!



SOUP WITH A CHEF

A recent visit from Brain Wearing and Leanne Lucus gave Hospitality and Catering students the opportunity to work with a local chef and create some tasty soups. The session demonstrated great use of vegetables to make a healthy soup with seasoning for superb flavours. Students developed their knife skills using the newly purchased blunt knives to support the "Let's Be Blunt" campaign whilst demonstrating some excellent slicing and chopping skills. The session finished with students tasting and enjoying their appetising soup which they had made during the lesson. Well, done Year 11 and thank you Leanne and Brian for visiting the lesson! Thank you to Friends of Meols Cop who funded the new blunt tip knives & Tesco who donated the ingredients.



Academic Excellence

BIG BOOK QUIZ

Congratulations to our first ever Year 7 Book Quiz competition winners! Students were quizzed on extracts from books which they read during the summer, as well as answering some fun reading questions! Huge well done to all involved.



COMMUNITY BOOK SHARE CUPBOARD

We are delighted to share that the MCHS Community Book Share Cupboard has been installed at the front of school. This beautiful cupboard was made by master craftsman Mr Mawdsley and is full of books for the community to "Borrow, Return, Swap, Donate & Enjoy". Please feel free to share with your forms and the wider community.



OPEN EVENING 2025

Thank you to everyone who came to visit our school, it was a record breaking turnout with over 500 families attending. A huge thank you to not only our staff who have showcased all the wonderful opportunities available at Meols Cop, but also our incredible students. They worked tirelessly all evening, from touring visitors around the building, to helping out in departments or performing on stage. Their professional standards were exceptional and we are proud of each and every one of you!



Values Driven

DUKE OF EDINBURGH CELEBRATIONS



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award celebration event, held at Greenbank High School was a great success, with students from Southport Learning Trust schools proudly receiving their certificates from Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, Mark Blundell. It was a fantastic opportunity for our current Year 11 to recognise their hard work, resilience, and commitment to personal growth, adventure, and community involvement.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH STUDENTS GET WALKING

The Duke of Edinburgh girls' walking expedition group have been working hard during enrichment lessons to build their fitness, improve navigation skills, and learn the Highway Code in preparation for next year's expeditions. Along the way, they've even spotted some local wildlife, including swans and a very cute baby hedgehog.



Values Driven

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO LIVERPOOL

Year 10 Geography students headed to Liverpool to carry out fieldwork for their Urban Investigations topic. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to apply what they've learned in class to a real-world setting. They've been working hard to prepare; developing enquiry questions, planning their data collection methods, and making predictions.

During the trip, students collected data on a range of urban features to help them test their theories.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE

Cambridge Nationals Sport Studies students visited the Etihad Stadium, hosted by Manchester City's Education Tours group. Students met with Manchester City staff who shared knowledge of player nutrition, coaching and physiotherapy amongst other roles. This gave students vital insight into these careers that may inspire them to take these paths in the future and showing them where qualifications in sport/PE can take them.

Students also experienced a full stadium tour including the first team changing rooms, players gym and the press room as well as the 360-degree video experience of the history of the club.



TRAUMA BRONZE AWARD ACCREDITATION



Meols Cop High School has proudly been awarded the Bronze Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award, accredited by Jennifer Nock Training and Consultancy.

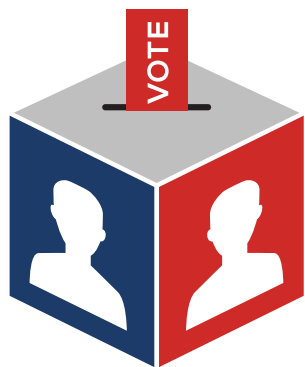
This award recognises the school's commitment to creating a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment for all students—especially those who have experienced adversity.

It reflects the hard work of staff in promoting emotional wellbeing and removing barriers to learning, helping every young person feel supported and ready to thrive. Staff have received specialist training and continue to embed trauma-informed approaches across the school.



Values Driven

STUDENT LEADER ELECTIONS



Election fever has struck Meols Cop! Students from Year 7 through to Year 10 voted for their new Student Leaders. Candidates worked hard on their campaign, they designed posters, wrote speeches and spoke to their forms as to why they should be elected.

Two students from each form were voted in and will represent their form as part of the Student Leadership Council.

Voting day mirrored the real election process. Students had to tick their nomination and vote in silence, to give them the real life experience of voting! Congratulations to the below students - Welcome to the Student Leadership team.



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
7ST <i>Derry M & Bethany A</i>	8HT <i>Dylan C & Dylan W</i>	9RJ <i>Oliver G & Melissa B</i>	10JS <i>CJ C & Alfie OB</i>
7CT <i>Matthew B & Ivy M</i>	8HS <i>Harlee S & Reggie S</i>	9LB <i>Dylan L & Freya C</i>	10MW <i>Owen S & Maria SB</i>
7TR <i>Daniel L & Varun R</i>	8NR <i>India N & Edward A</i>	9AN <i>Jessica G & Isla T</i>	10BD <i>Ava C, James N & Alex G</i>
7AL <i>Isabella F & Lilly May</i>	8RB <i>Abe F & George T</i>	9JL <i>India D & Alfie LC</i>	10DP <i>Islay AK & Ellie P</i>
7IA <i>Bobby R & Ella G</i>	8EW <i>Kane E & Frankie J</i>	9EB <i>Joel R & Phoebe B</i>	10JM <i>Amy B & Tabitha Mc</i>
7KG <i>Izaak H & John T</i>	8ER <i>Nic N & Millie C</i>	9SP <i>Isla S & Edward FL</i>	10CD <i>Anda F & David T</i>
7KR <i>Daisy L & Reuben R</i>	8PJ <i>Dexter C & Paige FJ</i>	9ZE <i>Saphia L & Alba PB</i>	10LF <i>Jasmine LM & Sebastian Z</i>
7CC <i>Avin AM & Sofia D</i>	8LM <i>Isla M & George T</i>	9GP <i>James B & Olivers B</i>	10CW <i>George P & Dinah S</i>



Values Driven

Meols Cop High School Presents

Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION

4th - 6th March 2026

**Southport Little Theatre, Hoghton Street,
PR9 0PA**

**TICKET INFORMATION
COMING SOON!!**

A musical by ALAIN BOUBLIL and CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBER

School Edition special adaptation licensed by
MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL and CAMERON MACKINTOSH (OVERSEAS) LIMITED

MANCHESTER CITY TRIP

Students enjoyed a trip to Manchester City's Etihad Stadium to see City play Napoli in the Champions League. The game finished 2-0 - It was a fantastic night with incredible football. Students had a great time!



NATIONAL POETRY DAY



Students have been writing their own poetry to celebrate National Poetry day. Young Writers are running a competition titled 'I have a Dream'. Students can enter this and possibly win some amazing prizes and the chance to be published!



Skills & Experience

SCHOLARS TRIP TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY



Scholar students enjoyed a trip to St Peters College at Oxford University. As part of their visit, they had an introductory talk on Oxford University, a student led Q&A, a tour of the campus, lunch in the College dining hall and an interactive subject workshop.



SCHOLAR MASTERCLASSES



It's been a busy term for Scholars Masterclasses. Scholars enjoyed a variety of different talks, opening up fantastic discussions and focus points! Well done to everyone who came along.

Meols Cop Scholars
Masterclasses

Walking to the End of the World:
The Story of the Camino

Delivered by
Miss Harrison

The talk will take place in L1 on
Friday 10th October 13:40-14:10
Refreshments provided!

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

Meols Cop Scholars
Masterclasses

Films Vs Books: Which are better?

Delivered by
Tom + Logan
(Y10) (Y8)

The talk will take place in L1 on
Friday 26th September 13:40-14:10
Refreshments provided!

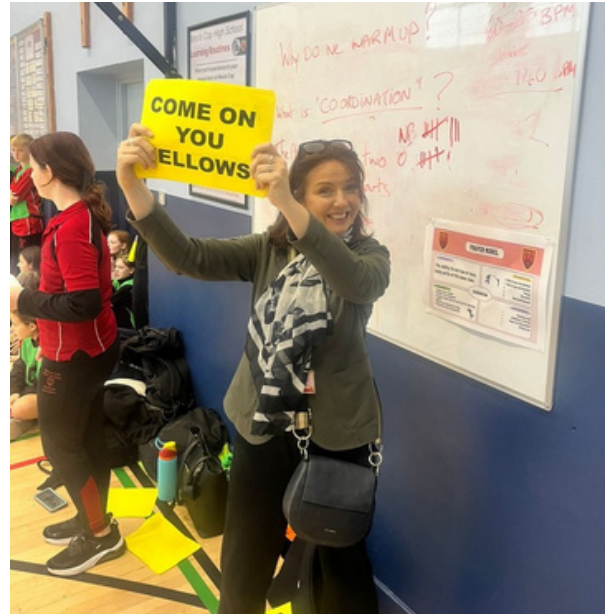
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Skills & Experience

YEAR 7 INTERFORM

Well done to Year 7 took part in their first Interform competition. Over 100 students took part in dodge ball and uni-hockey, working together to win points for their forms! More Interform competitions to follow throughout the year. Congratulations to everyone who took part.



Skills & Experience

SPORTING ROUNDUP

FOOTBALL CRAZY!

It has been a busy start to term for our football crazed teams! There have been some brilliant wins, with Year 11 beating St Michaels 8-0 in the North Sefton football tournament, along with some other fantastic wins from other teams, a few loses but most importantly - a lot of fun, determination, resilience and building up that team spirit. Well done to all our teams, you all show incredible passion, professional standards and represent our school to the highest standard!

YEAR 7 GOING STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

After three weeks of tough trials, our Year 7 squad played their first match against a strong CTK side. Despite a narrow 1-0 loss, the team showed incredible spirit, skill, and teamwork—a hugely promising start to their journey.

Year 7 made an impressive debut at the North Sefton Schools Tournament. After a tough loss to Birkdale, they bounced back with a 1-0 win over Stanley. A goalless draw in the semi-final led to penalties, narrowly losing out. A strong performance overall—plenty to be proud of!



YEAR 10 NORTH SEFTON TOURNAMENT

Despite a depleted squad, Year 10 put on a strong showing at the North Sefton Tournament. After drawing with Range and Stanley, they secured a 1-0 win over Christ the King in the playoff. Unbeaten all evening, the team finished a well-deserved third—fantastic effort from all involved!

GIRLS SHINE AT TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

U13 girls' tag rugby team competed in their first tournament at Waterloo RFC, hosted by Sale Sharks — and what a debut it was! The girls played six fantastic matches, winning five and narrowly losing one. Star performer Abbie scored an incredible 9 tries, with the rest of the team contributing evenly in a real team effort. The highlight of the day? Holding a real Rugby Union World Cup medal—an unforgettable experience for the squad. Well done, girls!



Academic Excellence

SPORTING ROUNDUP

SPORTS LEADERS TAKING THE LEAD

Year 9 Sports Leaders have been busy planning and delivering their own PE lessons to the rest of their group. Each student has done a fantastic job leading their sessions, showing confidence, teamwork, and creativity.

They've also responded maturely to feedback, using it to reflect on and improve their leadership skills.

NETBALL TRAINING IN FULL FLOW

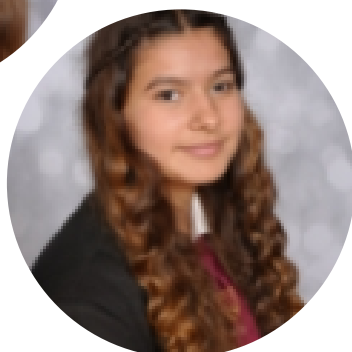
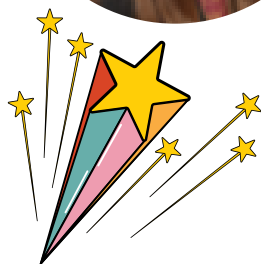
A massive well done to all of our netball girls who have been attending netball training sessions. Your dedication and commitment to netball has been wonderful we are so proud of your progress and attitude as well. Games will begin after half term with other schools, preparing us for the tournaments in 2026.



YEAR 7 FOOTBALL WIN



Meols Cop beat Savio 3-2 in a thrilling Sefton Cup clash. Despite early injuries, the team showed resilience and skill. Goals from Nathan Davies and two from Derry Maguire sealed the win. Every player shone, but Derry's tireless performance and brace earned him Man of the Match. Superb effort!



A massive thank you to Luna and Freya who have started coaching and helping out in netball this year, whilst still playing themselves. Their help and support is much appreciated and it's been amazing to watch them grow their leadership skills. Mrs Pearce-Swift and Mrs Barnett are incredibly proud of you both. Keep up the hard work!

Mrs Pearce Swift
PE Teacher



Academic Excellence