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# THE ASPIRE

## Meols Cop High School Newsletter





# BUILD YOUR FUTURE CAREERS AT MCHS



## BUILD YOUR FUTURES DAY

What an incredible week celebrating National Careers Week, with the Build Your Futures Day. Employers, colleges and local businesses joined us for the careers fair and Meet the Professionals networking event, as well as guest speakers leading incredible workshops. They shared their insight and guidance which will have a lasting impact on our students' career journeys.

Year 7 Students had a wonderful day at Knowsley Safari Park, Year 8 visited Southport College, for a discovery day - learning all about life as a college student & Year 9 students enjoyed their GCSE taster lessons.



# Professional Standards



## CAREERS FAIR



## MEET THE PROFESSIONALS NETWORKING EVENT



## GUEST SPEAKERS



## KNOWSLEY SAFARI PARK ASPIRATIONS DAY



## SOUTHPORT COLLEGE DISCOVERY DAY



## APPRENTICESHIP ASSEMBLY





# BUILD YOUR FUTURE CAREERS AT MCHS



## CYBER SECURITY CHALLENGE

Year 10 Computer Science students qualified for the recent Cyber Security competition set by Merseyside Police. The students competed against 9 other schools. They spent the day completing various challenges set by BAE and IBM - they had to build a computer Install operation system, cracking codes and problems.

## LIVERPOOL SCIENCE PARK

Year 10 students enjoyed a tour of the UK's healthiest workplace - The Spine - the best medical training facilities for doctors around the globe.



## UNILEVER EXPERIENCE

An unforgettable experience for our Year 8 students as they visited Unilever for the CSL Technology workshop. Students developed new products - which were produced and marketed by a trainer, and learnt how to work in a lab and how important engineering is for developing vital vaccines.



# Professional Standards



# YEAR 7 CAKE OFF & BAKE SALE

Year 7 have been busy with their baking skills as they took part in the Cake Off! All cakes were then sold at break and lunch!

It has to be mentioned that all cakes were absolutely incredible, everyone is a shining star and all deserve the Hollywood handshake!



## CARERS TRUST

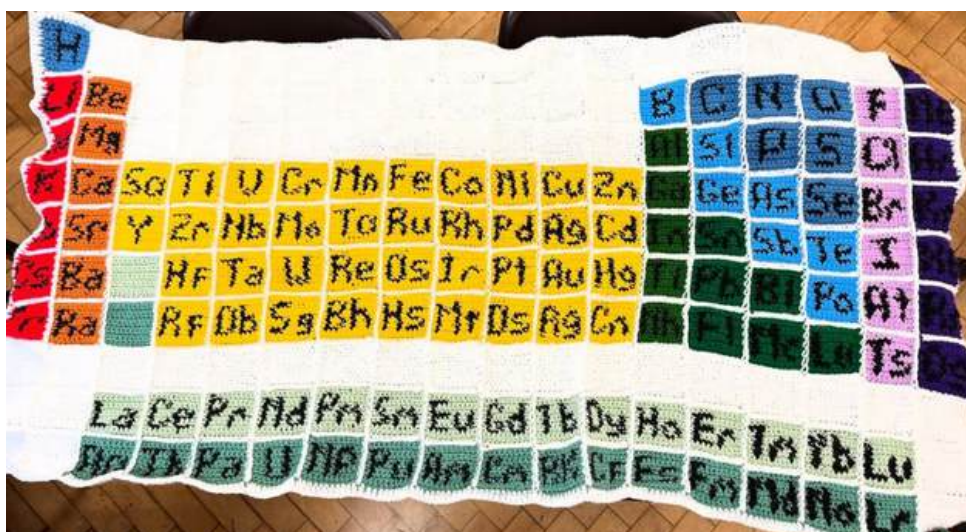
Sefton Carers Centre

## CROCHET GOES PERIODIC

A very talented Year 8 student made this beautifully crocheted periodic table for Miss Duggan as a surprise gift! It was the size of a school table (double desk). Their dedication to their hobby is awe-inspiring.

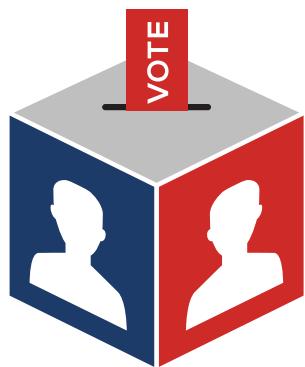
To celebrate our incredible Young Carers, we hosted a celebration breakfast. It gave them some time to relax and enjoy a delicious pastry and goodies. Some of our keen Year 11's used the time to chat and revise with peers. It was very well attended and something our young carers would like to do again.

If you have any questions or enquires in regard to Young Carers at Meols Cop. Please contact Mrs Stephenson on [stephenson-j@meolscop.co.uk](mailto:stephenson-j@meolscop.co.uk)



# Values Driven

# YEAR 7 STUDENT ELECTIONS



Election fever has struck Meols Cop! Students from Year 7 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 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



7EW	Charlie C	Sam G
7ER	Nic N	Millie C
7PJ	Alfie F	Paige FJ
7LM	Drake J	Daniella S
7RB	Allie H	Jake H
7HS	Harlee S	Felix SM
7NR	Leah P	Edward A
7HT	Dylan C	Josh P

## SOUTHPORT STUDENT VOICE

Student Leaders recently took part in the Southport Learning Trust Student Voice workshop. Students shared their thoughts on what makes Southport unique and how it can improve for the future, through their Social Signature.

The workshop focused on shaping youth strategy for Southport, ensuring the voices of our future leaders are heard and valued. The students' ideas and passion were truly inspiring, and we can't wait to see how their contributions shape a brighter future for Southport!



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# RISING STARS SHOW

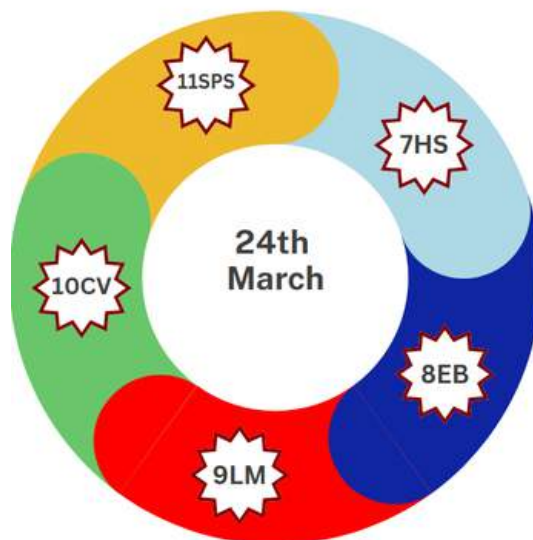
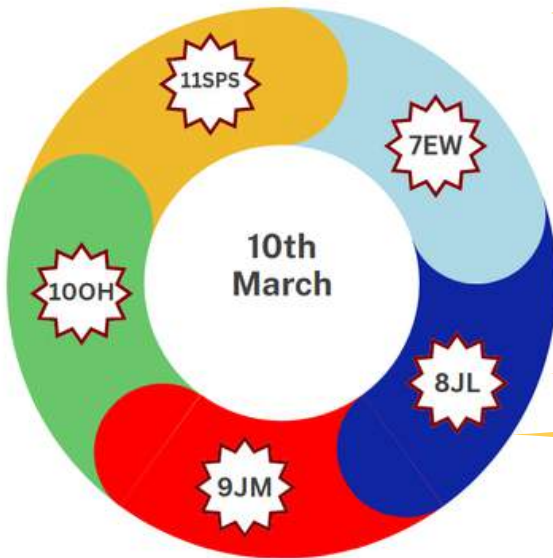
What a fantastic night at the Rising Stars Show! The talent on display from our incredible students was absolutely breathtaking! From stunning music performances to jaw-dropping dance routines, it was clear just how hard everyone has been working to bring their best to the stage. Huge congratulations to all the students who performed – your passion, dedication, and hard work truly shone through. A big thank you to everyone who supported and cheered on our rising stars. You made this night even more special!



## Values Driven

# 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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# WORLD BOOK DAY

It was a very happy World Book Day! The halls were filled with creativity and literary magic as students and staff came together to celebrate their favourite book characters! From Year 11 rocking the iconic 101 Dalmatians, Mr Davis as the 'Demon Headmaster' and staff & students dressing up as beloved characters, the energy was infectious! It was an amazing day celebrating the love of reading and literacy.



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# BRAND COMPARISON FOR ASDAN

As part of the Year 10 Asdan course students undertake a brand comparison. A visit to Asda was a great way of supporting this as students were given a tour by Sharon the Asda Community Champion to analyse prices across a range of products.

Students looked at the differences between major brands and basic alternatives to look at which products were the best value for money. A great visit for Asdan!



## ANIMAL AID VISIT MEOLS COP



A visit from Animal Aid was a great opportunity for Year 10 to develop their awareness of different types of vegetarians and alternative foods linking in with supporting the environment. A tasting session was a key part of the visit with students sampling both vegan sweet and savoury products including sausage rolls and brownies.

Keith from Animal Aid gave a demonstration of a vegan chilli and students were given the opportunity to make the same dish with some brilliant outcomes. Well done Year 10!

## A MILKSHAKE TIME AT BATES DAIRY

Hospitality and Catering students were given the opportunity to visit Bates recently and have a tour of the dairy. This was a great opportunity to understanding pasteurisation and the processes involved to make different types of milk.



A talk was given as part of the visit with students gaining an understanding of the varieties of milk and cream along with products that can be made from these dairy foods. Lots of questions were asked with students showing great enthusiasm during the tour. Well done Year 10!



# Academic Excellence



# SONNETS ALOUD

A huge well done to Nelson in Year 8 who took part in the Southport Learning Trust Sonnets Aloud performance at Shakespeare North Playhouse. Working with poet and facilitator Ali Harwood, these young writers have honed their skills and found their voices, creating original pieces. The event brought together 16 talented young poets from across the Trust, providing them with a platform to perform their poems and share their creative journeys with friends, family, and the local community.



## GUESS THE EASTER EGGS WINNER!



Congratulations to Ryan in Year 8, who guessed the number of mini eggs in the jar! There were 317 eggs in total, and Ryan had the closest guess with 321. In total, £90 was raised, with all proceeds going towards Friends of Meols Cop.

A special mention also goes to Eloise in Year 8, who made over £100 for her handmade crochet items. Thank you to everyone who donated!

*Congratulations!*

**DE FIB THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to Lee Bibby Services for donating and installing the defibrillator box, located outside of school. Another thank you to Friends of Meols Cop who have purchased the Life Vac Kit.

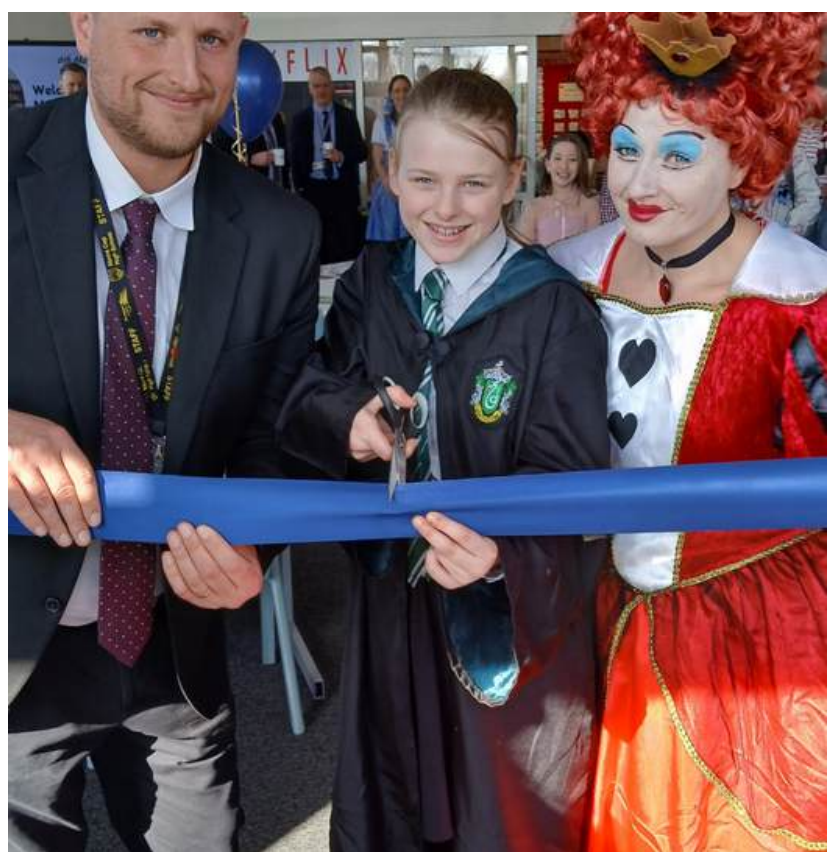


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# LIBRARY GETS A REVAMP

We're thrilled to unveil our newly revamped library, and what better day to celebrate than on World Book Day! A massive THANK YOU to Mrs Horsfall, Ms Newell and all the literacy team who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to create this tranquil and happy space for our students to enjoy. Our library isn't just about books—it's a peaceful environment where creativity and the love of reading can flourish. We can't wait for our students to make the most of this amazing space!





# HOLDERNESS TRIP

Our Geographers enjoyed a fantastic weekend exploring the Holderness coast. The trip included a visit to Flamborough Head to investigate and observe the formation of a wave cut platform, beach, cave, arch and stack formations. Students had the opportunity to observe longshore drift in action and see how various methods of coastal management are used at different sites. Students also visited Hornsea to look at coastal management and erosion, and also Ravenscar for a fossil hunt.





# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

What an unforgettable day at the Southport Learning Trust International Women's Day Conference! With the theme Accelerate Action, we were thrilled to welcome 6 incredible guest speakers who shared their wisdom, passion, and experiences with over 500 Year 10 girls from our 5 high schools. The room was filled with energy, curiosity, and a commitment to creating change. We're excited to see how these brilliant young women will accelerate action in their own lives and beyond!

**Emily Spurell:** Merseyside Crime Commissioner

**Fran Slater:** Deputy Operations Supervisor - NATS AERO

**Angela Spencer:** Life Coach - Virago Wellness

**Hannah Dowd:** Employment Lawyer - Aaron & Partners Solicitors

**Laurence Crouzet:** Unilever Beauty & Wellbeing

**Lucy Easthope:** Disaster Response Emergency Specialist & published author







Thank you to Mr Wearden for the latest scholars Masterclass. The session was based on Wizz Bang Experiments! Miss Riley also led a Masterclass session on The Hillsborough Disaster.



## SCHOLARS TRIP

A group of Year 10 Scholars visited KGV to take part in a Social Sciences session focusing on Psychology, Philosophy and Sociology. As a group, we looked at some very interesting moral dilemmas and debated our different opinions. It was a great opportunity to experience learning different subjects at college.



## FARADAY SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Six of our Year 8 students had the opportunity to represent the school in the Faraday Challenge at Birkdale High School. Students had to make something containing a circuit that would benefit children, those with disabilities or help with timekeeping. Our students made a multi-faceted product that could help stimulate the processing of sound, light and touch for children, which was the sole product of our students – no teacher input allowed! Well done everyone!



## SWAN LAKE TRIP

GCSE Dance students go to experience a live production of Mathew Bourne's 'Swan Lake' at The Liverpool Empire. The trip offered students a chance to experience professional dance in a live setting, to see how choreography, lighting, costume and music come together to create a powerful and cohesive performance.



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A big thank you from Compassion Acts - in 2024 Meols Cop donated **233.6kg** of food items, making a significant difference in the community.

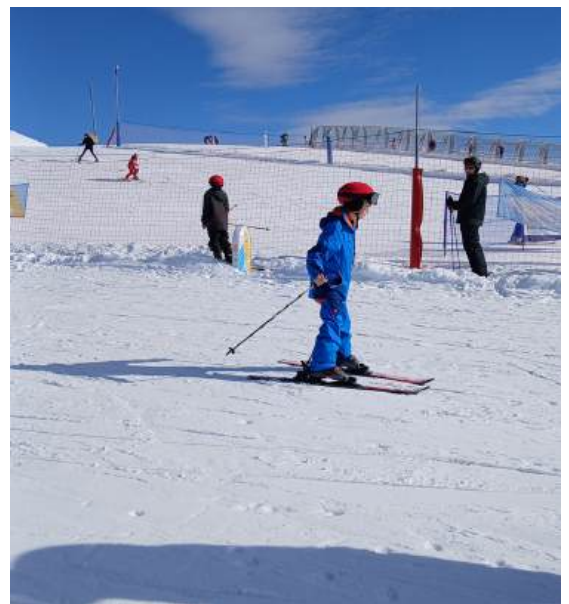


# Skills & Experience



# SKI TRIP TO ITALY

Students enjoyed the MCHS Ski Trip to Monte Pora resort in Italy! Following a ferry crossing to Calais and a 29 hour coach trip in total, the students had the time of their lives! Wonderful ski conditions, great resilience, determination and teamwork enabled the students to progress from ski school to the slopes. With five hours of ski per day, students quickly advanced to blue and red runs - they showed resilience, grit and mental toughness. Great fun was had by all and we are so proud of our students and their incredible determination!



## ***Skills & Experience***



# ENGLISH STARS OF THE WEEK!



Congratulations to the below students, who have all been awarded the English Stars of the Week this term!

<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Cameron H</b>	Mrs Sloan says you are a credit to your class. Your anthology work has been fantastic and you have made so much progress!
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Ryan GH</b>	Miss King says well done for consistency, making the right decisions and engaging in every lesson.
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Harlee</b>	Miss Stewart says well done for an excellent start with their study of A Midsummer's Night Dream. Harlee has shown great enthusiasm and knowledge in each and every lesson.
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Lewis G</b>	Mrs Lopez says you have fantastic thoughtful responses. Thinking outside the box and joining up your learning.
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Max P</b>	Mrs Bentley says you have consistent effort in lessons and you are working hard at developing writing skills.
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Oliver C</b>	Mrs Lopez says well done for amazing focus and quality of extended writing.
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>India R</b>	Mrs Lopez says well done for super use of rhetorical devices and persuasive writing
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Tia M</b>	Miss Cliffe is impressed with her wonderful use of vocabulary and determination to do her best.
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Sara SB</b>	Miss Cliffe says you have had an excellent start to our Shakespeare unit and is producing some excellent responses.
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Anthoine</b>	For his excellent attitude to learning in English and his determination to apply sophisticated vocabulary in all of his responses.
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Archie</b>	Shows a wonderful understanding of Shakespeares A Midsummer's Night Dream and his plot recall is wonderful.
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Lilly</b>	Has an excellent attitude to learning in English and always strives to achieve excellence in all that she does.
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Alfie</b>	Has written a wonderful speech on why he thinks Malala deserved to be awarded for the Nobel Peace Prize. He read his speech to the class and it was exceptional.
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Martha</b>	For working incredibly hard for Miss Slater and together they produced a wonderful speech.
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Lydia M</b>	For consistently working hard in every lesson.



## Skills & Experience





# SPORTING ROUNDUP

## GIRLS FOOTBALL SUCCESS



Our talented girls took part in the Sefton School Sports Partnership Football Tournament at the iconic Liverpool FC Academy! They absolutely smashed it, winning 3 games and drawing 1! A massive shoutout to all the players for their hard work, teamwork, and dedication on the pitch!

As if that wasn't enough, they also got a chance to take a photo with the Champions League Trophy — what a way to cap off an incredible day! This was such a fantastic opportunity for our girls, and we're so proud of them.



A huge well done to our girls football teams, who have had a great run of success. 7A won a recent tournament, 7B were awarded the fair play award, and 8A finished second! We are so proud of how well the girls are playing, their teamwork, dedication and perseverance is really starting to pay off! Well done girls!



Huge congratulations to Year 9 student Elizabeth for being selected for England Schools FA! This is an incredible achievement, and we're so proud of everything you've already accomplished. Your hard work, dedication, and talent is truly inspiring.



# Academic Excellence