



WINTER 2015

STRONG GCSE RESULTS YET AGAIN

Congratulations to our 2015 GCSE students – this August we once again celebrated another excellent set of GCSE results. Overall results were up with 85% of students achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs and 66% achieving 5 A*-C including English and maths. Results in both English and maths were well above national averages with students performing strongly in a wide range of subjects across the curriculum.



Headteacher Mrs Lisa Ayling said: "I am delighted with the achievements of our girls; congratulations to all of our wonderful students, their parents and carers and the staff who have worked so hard in achieving these strong results. We are very proud of our students and wish them all well as they embark upon their post-16 studies".

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CRICKET TEAM
REACHES FINAL

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Sea, sand, culture, fun - and some sun - all included this summer!

Since the summer edition of High Life, our students have been travelling near and far.

The Humanities department took Year 7 students to Chester, where they visited the Roman amphitheatre, gardens and walls, looked around the Cathedral, and researched the human geography of the River Dee.



At the end of term Miss Robertson, Subject Leader PE, organised a trip to La Fosca, Spain, where students enjoyed a sunny week of water sports - including sailing, swimming, snorkelling, canoeing, windsurfing and banana boating.

A series of Rewards Trips Days took place in the lead-up to the summer break: one group of Years 7, 8 and 9 students visited the cinema to watch Pitch Perfect 2 and the tenpin bowling alleys at Cheshire Oaks. Another group headed to Chester Zoo, where some saw a baby donkey being born.

For their Rewards Day, Year 10s travelled either to Blackpool or London, prior to their Work Experience week. In Blackpool they visited Pleasure Beach, home to Nickelodeon Land and many head-spinning roller coasters.



Students who went on the three-day educational sightseeing trip to London certainly packed a lot in. They visited: the Victoria & Albert Museum, the London Dungeon, the London Eye, the Houses of Parliament, London Bridge, 10 Downing Street, Trafalgar Square, Planet Hollywood, Horse Guards Parade, Covent Garden, had a river trip on the Thames and saw the West End show Wicked.

Headlines



I was very proud and delighted for everyone connected to our school when our GCSE results were published this summer. Once again, we were able to celebrate a wonderful set of results, with students performing well above national averages for English and maths, and enjoying success in a wide range of subjects across the curriculum. It was so pleasing to see that the hard work of our students, staff and parents had produced so many smiling faces on results day. This term has been an important one for our current Year 11 students, ending with their trial GCSE exams which are just another important step in Year 11's journey to success in the summer.

In September, we had our largest ever intake of Year 7 students. And what an impact the enthusiasm of our Year 7s has had! Staff have been impressed by their remarkable energy; getting fully involved in school life from day one. We always encourage students to work hard at school, but also to enjoy and experience the many other opportunities that coming to our school brings. This cohort has made a wonderful start, involving themselves in the many activities at Bushcraft in Cholmondeley last July – whilst at the same time getting to know each other before the September start. By taking their own stalls at our Festival of Light Christmas Fair they raised money to fill shoeboxes of essential items for local homeless people this Christmas; they are well on target to provide a record number of boxes. Girls, keep this up, you have already made a difference and have a bright future ahead at Prenton.

Further up the school, our Student Leadership team have also been really busy this term; attending the Wirral Youth Parliament, encouraging students at Bedford Drive Primary school to enjoy reading, supporting our money raising for MacMillan Nurses – as well as organising, and fund raising for their 2016 Prom. Head Girl, Abi also confidently addressed visitors to our Open Evening and gave a vote of thanks to our guest speaker, Detective Inspector Irene Afful at our Awards Evening. I have been most impressed with the way the team have stepped up to taking on these extra responsibilities.

It just leaves me to wish all students, staff, parents, friends and neighbours, a very peaceful Christmas time and I look forward to a happy New Year for all.

Mrs Lisa Ayling

Headteacher



A BUSY START TO THE NEW TERM

It was a wonderful start to our academic year when we welcomed the largest ever intake of new Year 7 students – 167 girls started Year 7 on September 1. This followed yet another tremendous set of GCSE results in the summer for our Year 11 students, with more of our students exceeding the national standard of 5A*-C GCSEs including English and maths.

Many of our Year 7 students had already had the opportunity to meet each other on Induction Day in July. One parent kindly wrote in to say that her daughter loved it so much that when she got home she was in such a good mood she wanted to start with us there and then!

Our new intake also got to know each other at our Bushcraft residential trip to Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire, later in July. This was the second successive year new Year 7 students had the chance of team-building and getting to know each other at Cholmondeley, prior to starting in September. They joined in a series of outdoor adventures and activities organised by the Bushcraft Company, cooking over open fires, sleeping under canvas, building shelters, archery, orienteering and tree rope climbing. Cholmondeley offers a unique environment for the girls to learn new skills, get to know each other – and have lots of fun.



On their first day in school, students enjoyed special team-building sessions, run by Little Foot Education. Their specially designed exercises placed emphasis on team-building and supporting each other. Students worked against-the-clock in their year groups, their form groups and as half-year groups. As one student who had attended both events, said afterwards: "It was fun and a great chance for us to get to know each other even better!"



Next day, saw the arrival of Junior C, from FixUp Seminars, for a series of action-packed, motivational, sessions for our Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students. His enthusiastic and motivational presentation encouraged everyone to have a growth mind-set approach to their learning. With tips on learning to learn and providing students with an understanding of how aspirational attitudes can impact positively on their learning, students went away fired-up for the new year. "Junior C had some serious messages for us but put them over in a really fun way," one Year 11 student said later.

Junior C gave us a really positive start to the new academic year; have a great year everyone!

TRIAL GCSE EXAMS RESULTS DAY

Following on from their trial exams this term, our Year 11 students formally received their results in December – a rehearsal for the real thing in August.

STUDENT LEADERS SPRING INTO ACTION



Our new Student Senior Leadership team have been prominent around school in their distinctive white shirts this term. Led by Head Girl Abi, supported by her Deputies Holly and Molly, and Assistant Head Girls Luci, Amirah and Amy, they organised support for the MacMillan Cancer Support coffee morning in September, fundraising for the Alzheimer's Society to help dementia sufferers, helping Bedford Drive students with their reading and attending the Wirral Youth Voice Conference.

Longer term, they have started planning the Year 11 2016 Prom which, with its smart theme of rose gold and black, will be held at Thornton Hall Hotel, Thornton Hough. Fundraising is under way with teachers of mathematics, Mr Tang and Mr Richardson, experiencing a sponsored wet sponge event to contribute £40 for the cause.

It's been a great start team!

Christmas disco rewards hard work

Thanks to organiser and Year 7 Progress Leader Miss Hockenhill, a Christmas disco was held in December for Year 7 students who had had good attendance and collected IRIS rewards over the term. Helping to get everyone in the dancing mood were our Year 11 Performing Arts dancers – well done everyone!



CRAFT CREATES CHUMS



Student Services Learning Mentor Mrs Williams has been instrumental in helping Year 7 students get to know each other through a weekly lunchtime Friendship Club. This term they have been busy making Christmas cards that they hope to sell to raise money for charity - as well as making some long-term friendships.

Emma and Naima, who came to us from Woodchurch Road and St Werburgh's Catholic primary schools

Christmas Dinner is served

We are looking forward to another feat of organisation from our catering staff on the last week of term. When they serve up 550 traditional Christmas lunches with all the trimmings for students and staff in less than two hours, it takes some preparation. Look out for some photos on our website and our twitter feed.

“A GREAT OPEN DAY – WE LIKED EVERYTHING; MY DAUGHTER WANTS TO COME HERE!”

If you have missed any of our Open Days, please contact the school to arrange a visit at a time convenient to you. Don't forget to follow us on twitter, @prentonhigh, and keep up to date with our website, www.prentontonhighschool.co.uk.

WONDERFUL ROLE-MODEL LEADS UPPER SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

We enjoyed seeing our former students and their families once again when we welcomed them back to celebrate their five wonderful years of achievement.



Hannah, Lily and Lauryn with their awards



Detective Inspector Irene Afful

It was also a delight to be joined on the evening by our guest speaker, Detective Inspector Irene Afful from Merseyside Police. Irene gave us an inspirational insight into the many challenges she had faced in her career, breaking new ground to

achieve not only her current high-rank in the force but also gaining much recognition and responsibility on the way.

In her career to date, she has been appointed Chair of Merseyside's Black Police Association, a position she held for 5 years, and has received many awards such as the Black Achievers' Public Sector Award, Woman of the Year for Public Affairs 2007, and in 2014 Female Vice President of the National Black Police Association. Irene outlined details of her current 'Phoenix' project, encouraging under-represented groups to join the police force.

Irene then helped with the presentation of last year's Year 10 and 11 Achievement and Effort prizes and GCSE certificates to our former students.



Megan Condliffe with her Diana Award

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS WHO WON THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AWARDS:

Three years 100% Attendance:

Five years 100% Attendance:

The Diana Award for Champion Volunteer:

The Lyndsay Batey Award:

The Governors' Award:

The Headteacher's Award:

Freya Dennett

Hannah Christie, Megan Condliffe

Victoria Elliott

Megan Condliffe

Mollie Stobbart

Lily Clark

Lauryn Young

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE.

PARENTMAIL

Many parents, carers and staff have already taken advantage of registering for ParentMail – used, for example, to pay for dinner money, trips, revision materials, concert tickets, the Year 11 Prom and to receive letters from school. If you would like to register for ParentMail, please email our Finance department: parentmail@prentonhighschool.co.uk

Rovers are put on the spot

Over the first three weeks of this term our keen Year 9 footballers have been fortunate to have skills sessions with Tranmere Rovers Football Club women's coaches, Louise and Shirley.

In a 'Prenton Park meets Prenton High' meeting in school, our students also had the opportunity to question four Rovers' first-team players about their footballing lives: James Norwood, Ritchie Sutton, and Marlon

Jackson and one of the Youth team players, Darren Askew. The Rovers' players were put on the spot not only from our footballers but also Victoria and Jemma from Prenton TV. Our next Prenton TV instalment should not be missed!



HALLOWEEN 'DINING HALL' OF TERROR!

Our wonderful catering staff must have provided one of the scariest menus ever devised before half-term. In fact their Halloween themed food was so realistic; it was almost too scary to eat.

Students enjoyed such treats as Witches stew with 'blood' rice, hot dogs containing 'fingers', pizzas with seasonally scary faces,

ghost-buster muffins and Krispy cakes, and a special selection of cakes topped with various 'body parts' – such as bones and false teeth. Amazingly, everything was eagerly consumed!

Not only that – the team dressed the part for the day too. Thanks for making our Halloween so scary. Dining Hall Manager Mrs Davies is pictured with Year 7 student Jessica.



EVENING CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENT

Last year's Year 7, 8 and 9 students were joined by their families to mark a year of achievement in our wonderful Celebration Evening in November.

More than eighty prizes were presented that recognised students' outstanding work, their contributions to, and achievements made, across the curriculum.

Congratulations went to three special award winners – Melissa who was awarded the Governors' Award for 'Making a Difference', Megan who was presented with the Headteacher's Award for Outstanding Achievement (both pictured here) and Casey, who received the Bethany Bush Award.

Thanks also to the Junior Choir who set the scene for the evening with some marvellous singing.



Bedford Drive given a scary time

We couldn't wait to host Bedford Drive Primary School's autumn disco at the end of October. The disco was for their Years 4, 5 and 6 students and had a seasonal theme with 'disco clothing' as the dress code.

With their new school building work in full progress, we were more than happy to host their disco and a number of teams here at Prenton got together to make sure they had a wonderful time.



Picking up on the seasonal theme, our Performing Arts students created some scary costumes and contributed to a great disco atmosphere throughout the evening with their performances. Our PTA provided refreshments for the disco-dancers whilst parents were able to head for a quieter part of the school to enjoy a Halloween supper of home-made seasonal soup, crusty bread and a dessert.



The supper was provided by our Year 10 Catering students who used their monthly cookery club beforehand to prepare the food - and bake some superb Halloween cup-cakes.

We hope they aren't too scared to come back and see us again!

OPEN EVENTS PROVE POSITIVELY POPULAR

We were delighted with the response from Primary and Junior school students and their parents who came from across Wirral to our Open Events this term. The highly successful Open events this autumn saw us welcoming between 500 and 600 visitors to our Open Evening. The two Open Days were also wonderful opportunities for parents and carers to see the school in action during a typical day.

Visitors to Open Evening heard a welcoming speech from Headteacher Mrs Ayling, as well as addresses from 2014/2015 Head Girl Lily Clark and current Head Girl Abbi Cotter. Our Year 7 guides were then on hand to take visitors around school and encourage them to get involved in the different activities offered around school.

When later asked what they liked best about our school, these were some of the very positive comments:

"I was impressed with the curriculum"

"The friendly and welcoming atmosphere was wonderful"

"Prenton's great GCSE results are impressive"

"The students were happy and confident"

"Our friendly and knowledgeable student guides were fantastic"

"We liked the size of the school, the school's facilities and the fact that it is an all-girls' school"

"Thank you so much for the opportunity to visit during school hours. We were impressed by the teaching"

"All my questions were answered"

"Teaching in classes was engaging"

"The girls were polite and informative"

"The feeling of safety is wonderful"

"You should be incredibly proud of your school"

"A great Open Day – we liked everything; my daughter wants to come here!"

Pathways plan for successful future

We held two events specifically aimed at supporting parents and daughters through the challenges of taking GCSEs and their choices for the future.

In a hugely successful evening for our Year 11 students and their families, we welcomed consultant Andrew Newton from Leading Matters Ltd into school.

Focussing on succeeding in exams, his workshop gave practical advice about effective examination preparation, based on his wide experience and knowledge of education throughout the region. Andrew covered practical revision techniques, how to manage examination stress and the best ways that parents and carers can support their daughters during their GCSE year.



Next in the Year 11 calendar was the Pathways to Post-16. This one-day event in school was designed to help students consider their choices at the end of their GCSE courses.

There were a series of useful, interactive, workshops, supported by Career Connect and other external providers. There was the opportunity to discuss future options and get a broader understanding of further education, higher education, and apprenticeships, as well as other forms of training available. Beforehand, students had gone to great efforts in perfecting their CVs for a 'mock' interview conducted by local business providers and employers, giving them practical interview experience. The interviewers later commented on just how well our students performed at their interviews, one, a Secondary Headteacher from Cheshire, saying: "The girls were so confident and articulate; great ambassadors for the school and really impressive."

Many thanks to representatives from the following local businesses who so kindly gave their time in helping our students: Professional Liverpool, Royal Liverpool Hospital, Cammell Laird Shipbuilders, Southport Pleasureland, Mploy Solutions, Arrowe Park Hospital, Sir William Stanier School, Crewe, West Cheshire College, Russell Taylor Group, ASV, U-Explore, University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University, North West Regional Employer Engagement and Tesco.

DOVE HELPS OUR SELF-ESTEEM

Thanks to Miss Eastwood, Assistant Headteacher and Designated Lead for Safeguarding, the team from Dove's Personal Care brand visited school.

Presenting their Self Esteem project to our Year 9 students, the team covered how the media, social media and advertising can

promote appearance ideals with negative consequences. Their presentations were specifically designed to develop students' skills, encouraging respect for individuality and diversity. The sessions also inspired students to have the confidence to be the best version of themselves, providing strategies to promote and protect their body confidence.

The Dove project was set up more than 10 years ago and has so far reached over 1.3 million young people in the UK.

TO SHOW OUR RESPECTS

School fell silent for two minutes on Wednesday November 11 to remember those who gave their lives in two World Wars and more recent conflicts. Thank you to form 8H1 who sold poppies around school this year. Sadly, we had a further reflective minute's silence on Monday November 16 following the attacks in Paris.



BAKING - AND EATING - FOR MACMILLAN

Congratulations to all the staff and students who baked to raise over £240 for MacMillan Cancer Support's biggest coffee morning event.

First to the 'plate' was the Senior Leadership Team, who baked for staff prior to our Open Evening. A few days later we held a further festival of baking excellence, with the Student Senior Leadership Team organising cakes sales in the school reception area, and our Year 11 catering students baking a wonderful selection of 'cake-aways' in their DT Food lesson.

Year 11 Progress Leader Mrs Jones thanked our many



bakers for their support with this, the first, money-raising event of the year. We also thank all the bakers – for such a wonderful selection of cakes on offer!

TWEET SUCCESS!

There are two great ways to keep in touch with news from our school - in addition to our popular website we now have a record number of followers on twitter. Thank you to everyone who is now receiving news of us on: **@prentonhigh** – our following has more than doubled in the past twelve months and is one of the most popular school feeds!

MORE FOR MACMILLAN

When Teacher of Mathematics Mrs Johns heard that Bebington Library had teamed up with Macmillan North West Breast Cancer Buddies to invite donations to their 'Art Your Bra' show, she encouraged her female colleagues to contribute.

'Their finished work was delivered to Bebington Library for display.'

The event coincided with Breast Cancer Awareness month which ran throughout October - and demonstrates our colleagues' wonderful creativity!

EMILY HELPS US REMEMBER

November is the time of year when we remember and commemorate those who served their country in times of war and for those who gave their lives.

Year 7 student Emily helped us to understand what one person, her Great Grandfather Mr George William, did in World War II by bringing in his campaign medals to school for us to see.

In addition to the 1935-45 Star and his 1935-45 War Medal, he was awarded the Africa Star and the Italy Star for his wartime service. Emily is rightly very proud of her Great Grandfather.



BRINGING THE BENEFITS OF BOOKS TO BEDFORD



In an initiative designed to encourage reading, our Student Senior Leadership team have been heading to Bedford Drive Primary School each week.

By regularly reading with a group of their students, our team aim to help increase their vocabulary and, in turn, hope their story telling and creative writing will get even better.

CHICKS ARE A HIT AT CHRISTMAS FAIR



It wasn't just Father Christmas who starred at our Festival of Light Christmas Fair – we had a clutch of newly hatched chicks as well!

Organiser and Year 7 Progress Leader and teacher of Science, Miss Hockenhill, arranged for our chick eggs to arrive one week before the fair. Placed in an incubator with a live internet feed via our website, the world was able to watch them hatch – just in time for Christmas Fair visitors to see and hold them.



Three of our helpful elves, Marni, Gina and Bethany

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the fair such a success – from Father Christmas and his band of elves, the school choir for putting us in the festive mood, the science department staff in the planetarium, and to our hard-working PTA who provided a bumper Christmas hamper raffle and, with Mrs Lyn Clarke, provided superb refreshments.

Adding to the wide variety of gift stalls were some taken by students who were raising money for our shoebox appeal. Students across school have been filling shoeboxes with essential items for homeless people in the area, to help them to survive over the Christmas period: 7B1 sold cakes, 7B2 packets of sweets, 7R2 gingerbread houses and cakes, 8H1 jam jars filled with sweets, Christmas cards and bracelets, 7H2 held a colouring in pictures competition, and 8H2 had a bric-a-brac stall. 8H1 student Libby made a gingerbread house that she raffled for the homeless appeal.

Raising money for their 2016 Prom, 11R1 supported 11R2, who had a table to raise money for the prom selling cakes, sweets and biscuits - Oreos decorated to look like penguins that shot off the shelves.

A great effort everyone, well done!

We were very grateful to Tony Pugh, who has regularly had a stall over a number of years selling pop art canvasses. He could not be with us this year but his granddaughter, 8B1 student Amy, ran the stall instead with all money taken kindly donated to the school fund.

PRENTON ALUMNI

At our recent pathways event for Year 11 students, we were delighted to welcome back to Prenton former student, Lucy Brown.

Lucy left Prenton in 2011 with 12 GCSEs and joined Birkenhead Sixth Form College to study her A Levels. With A grades for both Media and DT and a B in English, Lucy applied to the University of Liverpool where she is currently in her third year, studying for an English BA Hons Degree.

Commenting on her visit to Prenton, Lucy said 'It was great to return to Prenton and to talk to students about their ambitions and aspirations. Prenton gave me a great starting point to my education and a solid basis on which to build my future.'
'The teachers are so supportive and it was good to see that the current students share the same passion and enthusiasm that Prenton instilled in me. I wish them all every success.'

TWO PAST MASTERS DROP BY

We were able to catch up with former students Michelle Fletcher and Lucy San when they called in to spend some money with us at our Festival of Light Christmas Fair. Since leaving Prenton in 2009, both have excelled in their chosen subjects; Michelle has gained a Masters degree in Statistical Methods and Biology at the University of Aberystwyth and Lucy a Masters in Mathematics at the University of Liverpool.



JESS HELPS PROMOTE HIGHER EDUCATION

As part of the Pathways programme run for our students, former Prenton High School student Jess Billington, told an assembly

how deciding to go on to sixth form had been such a good decision for her. Jess is certainly flying – she is studying Graphic Design, Fine Art, Law and English Literature at the college and is on track to take up Graphic Design at the University of Leeds. Good luck, Jess!

BECKY CALLS IN TO SEE US

It was good to have a visit from former student Becky Haslam early this term. Becky left us in 2009 for Reaseheath College where she has since qualified in Animal Management.

After taking a two-year foundation course in Horse Care, Becky gained her Level 2 Equine qualification, following that by studying 'small' animals – a group that included guinea pigs, goats - and cows!

MADELEINE WEAVING HERSELF A GREAT FUTURE

Former student Madeleine Wright left us in 2011 and is currently studying for her degree in Textile Design at the University of Huddersfield.

Madeleine has clearly been working hard – she has had her work accepted into the 2014 Bradford Textile Society Design Competition, awarded 'Commendation' in the Holland and Sherry Award to design a woven fabric in any fibre or blend, and has been to New York. She is pictured here when she met Kaffe Fassett, a well-known American textile designer, when he gave a talk to the Huddersfield textile society and she was chosen to show him the work she had produced in knit. Well done, Madeleine!



Prenton People

Au revoir and good luck to the following staff who left us this term:

Miss Milne, teacher of PE and Performing Arts
Mrs Stewart, Receptionist

Congratulations to:

Ms Kelly, appointed with responsibility for Ms Kelly, appointed with responsibility for Student Leadership. Ms Kelly will remain teacher of Design and Technology and Graphics
Mrs English, acting Subject Leader for Design Technology
Miss Churton who is acting Subject Leader of Art
Mrs Phillips-Jones, appointed as the new Student Services administrator
Mr Morrish, teacher of Science, on the birth of his baby daughter, Lily
Mr Taylor, Assistant Headteacher, on his wedding during the summer

Mr Richardson, teacher of mathematics, on his wedding during the summer
Mr Kaminski, IT Technician, on his wedding over the summer
Mrs Roberts, Year 10 Progress Leader and teacher of English, on her recent wedding
Miss McLachlan appointed Teaching Assistant
Miss Williams appointed English & Literacy Intervention Support
Mrs James, appointed Curriculum Cover Supervisor
Mr Taylor, Assistant Headteacher, on gaining his NPQSL qualification
Miss Eastwood, Assistant Headteacher, on gaining her Masters in Advanced Educational Practice

Welcome to:

Mrs Michelle Higgins, appointed Health Mentor
Miss Anastasija Zukova, appointed Receptionist

PINK WORN WITH PRIDE

Wear it Pink Day is an opportunity for students and staff to wear something pink in return for a donation to Breast Cancer Research. Thanks to everyone's generosity we raised almost £190 and a staff pre-half-term holiday Bake-Off!, organised by teacher

of mathematics Mrs Winter, contributed a further £43.

Pictured in pink and helping to raise money for this wonderful charity are Mia, Sophie, Kelsey and Megan. Thanks everybody!



Art



OUR SKY-HIGH OWL CREATIONS

When a number of our current Year 10 students heard about a nationwide competition to design and make the most creative model owls, our team of Lydia, Georgia, Emily and Lauren got glue-gun s-hooting!

Although we did not win the competition, organisers Glue-Guns Direct were so

impressed by our students' creations, that they were given TEC305 Crafters kits as runners-up prizes.

The company said that our creations were among those that had stunned both themselves and fellow judges, the Turbary Owl Sanctuary, based in Preston.



Carol helps us grow together

Thanks to course tutor Carol Seery from the Wirral Environmental network, our Year 7 students have been developing 'green fingers' - along with children from Bedford Drive Primary School and families from both schools, including grandparents and aunts.

Carol, who is a gardening specialist, started the course in the classroom with the theory of pruning shrubs, bulb-planting, seed sowing and what to grow in the autumn and winter. They soon progressed to our garden plot and got their hands dirty in the practical sessions – which included seeing how to weave our home grown willow.

Participants kept a weekly diary with photographs and notes of what they had observed and achieved.

The “Growing Together” programme started in mid-September and was funded by the Local Authority Family Learning Department. This course was designed by Learning Mentor Miss Dunbar to help both students and families with the journey from primary to secondary school – as well as learning some super gardening skills together and meeting new friends along the way.

THANK YOU, ASDA CUSTOMERS!

We were fortunate earlier in the year to be a chosen charity selected for the ASDA Green Token scheme; one of the many community projects they support.

Thanks to the many ASDA customers who used their tokens to support our Prenton Daisies gardeners, our 'Daisies' had money to spend on new plants and seeds for this year's growing season. We welcomed Ian Grant from ASDA who presented a generous cheque for £50 to students Molly and Jaymi-Lea – thanks again, ASDA!



GARDEN PRODUCE GOES ON SALE

We are not yet in a position to rival the big supermarkets but our Prenton Daisies have certainly raised a bumper crop of vegetables this year! Our green-fingered gardeners hope that the proceeds from a couple of lunchtime sales of parsnips, carrots, onions and radishes will help to buy more seeds for next year. Great growing, girls!





National Clothes Show trip for fashionistas

A group of our Year 9 and Year 10 students headed for the NEC Birmingham 2015 Clothes Show in early December where they caught up with all the latest trends in this annual festival of fashion

The Performing Arts and Design Technology students appreciated the opportunity to see a wide line-up of brands under one roof, see inspirational stage presentations, receive expert fashion advice and listen to fashion experts giving inside trend reports from both on and off the high street.

CHRISTMAS CARE - IN A BOX

As part of Global Enterprise Week, our students have once again decided on a social enterprise activity – producing Christmas Care boxes for the homeless people in our local community.

All year groups have been collecting and decorating shoe-boxes using environmentally friendly materials and filling them with items suitable for their choice of a homeless man, woman or their dog.

Organiser Ms Kelly was delighted to announce that over 120 boxes will be distributed to local charities in time for Christmas.



WHO'S THE BOSS TODAY?

Everyone has a boss in their lives - and now the same applies to our Design and Technology students!

When they arrive for their Food Technology or Product Design lessons, one student is nominated as 'Boss of the Bench'. The Boss of each bench or table can proudly wear a specially designed badge showing they are

supporting the teacher to reinforce students' safety and checking that instructions are followed correctly for that lesson.

This new initiative, introduced this term by Ms Kelly, responsible for Student Leadership and teacher of Design and Technology and Graphics, and Mrs English acting Subject Leader for Design Technology, has been enthusiastically embraced by our DT students. The added benefit is that student leadership roles are developed and, in time, students able to become a 'DT Expert'.

English, Drama, LRB & Performing Arts



A short trek to see Shrek

It was a short journey over to the Liverpool Empire for twenty-two Year 11 Performing Arts students in November. They went to see Shrek the Musical, which had come to Liverpool direct from London's West End. Promoted as biggest, brightest musical comedy around, our students were there to appreciate just what is entailed in a fully professional production – studying the set designs, costumes and the dance routines. They also thoroughly enjoyed the show!





CLUB COOKS UP SOME TREATS

Our Cooking Club members have been very active this autumn baking Halloween cupcakes and apple and rhubarb pies. Raising money for the Enterprise Club, they made toffee, gingerbread houses (with help from the Art Club), reindeer candy canes and reindeer hot chocolate drinks – and their chocolate orange truffles and mint chocolate truffles, made especially to sell at the Festival of Light Christmas Fair, were sensational – a professional chocolatier would have been proud of them; well done everyone!

Zoe's a world beater!

Winner of the 7R1 chocolate log competition was Zoe; her creative depiction of Santa Claus, having 'dived' into the chocolate log and just his legs visible, really impressed the judges.

Zoe is certainly 'baking' a name for herself at the moment. She travelled to the NEC Cake International Show in Birmingham at the beginning of November, having decided to enter their cake competition – the largest one in the world. She is pictured here at the show, having been awarded 'Silver' in the 'Juniors aged 10-12' category. A marvellous achievement, well done Zoe!



AND TALKING OF CHOCOLATE...

What can be more comforting than tucking into a chocolate log at this time of year? Step forward our Year 7 catering students who have designed and baked their own individual chocolate logs at the end of term. Members of staff were invited to come along at the end of each lesson to judge the best three logs in each form – it's a wonderful life for some!



Child Development



JASMINE SHOWS TRUE DEDICATION

When Year 11 student Jasmine needed experience in looking after a two-year old child as part of her GCSE Child Development course, she immediately knew who she wanted to work with. The only problem was that this particular two-year old lived 65 miles away; a ninety-minute drive from Birkenhead.

This is when Dad stepped in – and because the two-year old was the daughter of a family friend, the pressure was seriously on him to help out! As well as clocking up almost 400 miles in order to complete her

course, Jasmine spent six hour-long sessions studying and helping the child develop her fine motor skills (such as colouring) and her gross motor skills (e.g. playing with a ball).

Truly a dedicated student, well done Jasmine – and Dad!





THEME DAY THAT MADE US THINK

Our Year 7 students put their usual timetable to one side for an information-packed Personal, Social and Health Education theme day. Students were treated to sessions from a range of providers who used their specialist knowledge to examine topics such as: Self Esteem, Friendships and Bullying, Drugs Awareness, and Road Safety.

Organiser and Subject Leader of PSRE Mrs Close thanks all the representatives from the Brook, the DARA project and Wirral Road Safety who helped to make this a really useful day.



Faye composing her anti-bullying poster

SHRINES AND MEMORIALS

This term Year 9 PSRE students explored some of the ultimate questions that confront humanity, and were invited to respond imaginatively and thoughtfully to them. Topics included life after death, the scientific and religious explanations of the origins of the universe and evil and suffering. Students were introduced to the Holocaust and investigated how acts of genocide or persecution cannot, like humanity itself, be simplified into acts of 'good' or 'bad' people.

Students then created a piece of work to represent memorialisation of the Holocaust as well as asking the question, 'Where was God during the Holocaust?'



Year 8 student Olivia with her personal shrine to musicals

Meanwhile our Year 8 PSRE students looked at Hinduism, the world's third most popular religion, with around 750 million followers. They were able to explore this colourful religion, the Hindu gods, festivals, key Hindu beliefs such as karma and reincarnation, Hindu worship and the importance of shrines in worship. Students then created their own shrines dedicated to someone or something special to them.

NATIONAL SYMBOLS IDENTIFY WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT US

The Humanities faculty have started a national symbols project with a school in the Punjab, India. A Humanities International Group has been formed, with 9R2 students Erin (Chairperson) and Freya (Secretary), and with Ellie (9R1) elected Deputy Chair.

Those joining the project will learn about the national symbols that are unique to our European countries and produce artwork depicting the symbols and read reference books to further their understanding. Also, Prenton TV students will be directing a special video presentation for the students in India. The film will demonstrate how we in the UK use symbols to describe and assert our varying identities.

In setting up this International Group, Subject Leader of Humanities Mr Major says: "This project will broaden our ties with schools abroad. It will be a great way for them to extend their knowledge of the world and to involve themselves in a Citizenship activity that will hopefully lead to other exciting projects."

SENIOR STUDENTS HAVE THEIR SAY

Our Senior Student Leadership team travelled to Wallasey Town Hall where they met up with ninety students from other Wirral Secondary schools and Wirral's Youth Support Service for the 13th Wirral Youth Voice Conference.

The conference was opened by the Mayor, Cllr Les Rowlands, and this year's theme was 'Keeping Safe'. They then attended workshops in which the topics of keeping safe, exploitation, being streetwise, media pressure, mate crime, bullying, peer pressure, gang culture and internet safety were discussed. Throughout the day drama and dance pieces were presented on keeping safe, homophobic bullying, radicalisation, and the risks of exploitation through social media.

At the end of a busy day Julia Hassall, Director of Children's Services said: "It says a lot that this year young people chose keeping safe as the key theme for the conference. There was a lot



of discussion about what makes young people feel unsafe, which included issues such as bullying and peer pressure."

Springtime in Italy

Forty Year 10 and Year 11 Humanities students will be jetting to the Bay of Naples to study Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii and the tourist island of Capri in the New Year. As one student who travelled there last time said: "It was brilliant to see a live volcano - and to see them making pizzas was good, too!"

ICT & Computing



PRENTON TV – OUR VIDEO STARS



Congratulations to the Prenton TV team of: Ashleigh, Aimee, Victoria, Niah, Lauryn, Lucy, Jessica, Katie, Jemma, Eva, Emily, Hannah, Ellie, Jaymi-Lea, Lois, Mollie, Erin, Melissa. Prenton TV's Episode 6, a visual record of life in Prenton over the term, was unveiled to assemblies at the end of term. Prenton TV tutor Nathan Bartlett was delighted with their film and commented on how amazingly they have done, virtually making the entire episode by themselves.

With more students wishing to join the team, the future looks bright for our video stars!

The next episode of Prenton TV will be on our website very soon. In the meantime, catch up with our previous episodes on our website to have a real flavour of life at Prenton.

AN ICT PERSPECTIVE ON ANTI-BULLYING

It was National Anti-bullying Week during November, and for Mr Simon, Subject Leader ICT, it was an opportunity to encourage students to use their ICT skills in a number of ways.

For Year 7 and Year 8 students, anti-bullying was the lesson theme throughout the week, using Publisher software to design a poster with a £10 voucher prize – congratulations to winner Sophie from 8H1 and to runner-up Fahmina, 8B2. Year 9 students worked on film with sound, with the best one entered into a national short film competition.

IN THE PICTURE AT MEDIACITY

Thanks to Prenton TV tutor Nathan Bartley from The School TV Academy, our team travelled to Salford Quays this term – and watching TV will never be quite the same for them again!

Home to the BBC and ITV, MediaCityUK is now a centre for digital creativity, and aims to become a leading international hub for the creative and digital sectors.



Our team spent an afternoon looking around the BBC's office and studio facilities, where they got a deeper understanding of the attention to detail and planning that goes into making our radio and TV programmes.

The tour started with a visit to the radio room, where they learned about the many everyday objects that go into making studio sound effects and the different floor surfaces the production teams use to create the right atmosphere in radio plays. Off the main studio, our team entered the 'dead' room, with its walls covered with pieces of shaped foam. The effect was to deaden sound, used when wanting to create an outdoor

scene – and the room's 'L' shape dimension also meant that producers could give the impression of movement whilst actors spoke their lines.

Next stop was Gary Lineker's Match of the Day studio. Producers arrange subtle changes to the set and the lighting of his studio as it also 'doubles' as the Match of the Day 2 and Football Focus studios. Going through the MOTD studio's Green Room they then headed to the North West Tonight and Breakfast TV studio, with its autocues and automatically operated cameras. Finally, in the original BBC Breakfast studio, students had the opportunity to present the news and the weather. Because weather is treated as a 'filler' between news items, it is time-sensitive and therefore trickier for presenters to get right without over-running – or running out of things to say. Nonetheless, Victoria, Emily and Melissa made a very professional job of it.



NEW SCHOOL VIDEO ON WEBSITE

Thanks to Nathan Bartley and Jess Shaughnessy from The School TV Academy who came into school early this term to work on our new promotional video. We were able to post it on our website in time for our autumn Open Events so that those keen to learn more about our school could get a glimpse of the many great things we do at Prenton!





MATHS IS FUN FOR MELISSA



Year 9 student Melissa has been attending Maths Master Classes with other students from the North Wales and Merseyside areas at the University of Liverpool this term.

Melissa says they have been investigating the mathematics behind everything in everyday life - and some that are more obscure, it appears. So far they have looked at the influence maths has in music, art and computer programming, and tried Egyptian maths using hieroglyphic symbols. Her next session will be on the maths connected to juggling!

MRS GREEN 'SWIMS THE CHANNEL'

There are two charities that have reason to thank Mrs Green, teacher of mathematics.

First is Cancer Research UK, whose September Dryathon she completed, raising over £300.

Mrs Green's next challenge was completing the Aspire Channel Swim to raise money for those who have suffered spinal cord injury. Fortunately, she did not need to don a wetsuit or ply herself with grease to combat the cold of the English Channel waters. Instead, Mrs Green has been able to swim the equivalent of the 22 mile crossing in her local swimming pool over a period of 12 weeks. Having started in September, Mrs Green achieved her goal of 1416 lengths the day before the deadline of December 7!



OUR LOVE FOR LANGUAGES

The European Day of Languages has been celebrated every year since 2001 on 26 September. It is an opportunity to celebrate the 6,000 and more languages spoken around the world, promote the learning of languages and to participate in some multilingual events.

Thanks to MFL Subject Leader Madame Rochet and teacher of MFL Miss Serrano-Moreno, we completed a week of language fun.



Form times throughout the week were dedicated to promoting a love for languages with an inter-form quiz that challenged our knowledge of language facts and a special poster competition for our Year 7 students. The week also highlighted the value and potentially significant benefits that come with a good knowledge of another language.

Congratulations to the following quiz winners, pictured above with Mme Rochet:
7H2 : Macy, 8B1: Alex 9H2: Paige 10R2: Chloe, Anoushka and Melanie 11R2: Leila
Poster competition winners were:
Michaila and Abbie 7R2, and Hafiza in 7B2

FOCUS ON FESTIVE FACTS

Did you know that in Italy, Brazil and Spain, people eat 12 grapes for good luck on New Year's Day?

With Christmas around the corner our Year 7 and Year 8 MFL students were encouraged to learn some interesting facts about how the festive season is celebrated around the world. Research completed, they then put their findings onto a slide presentation. A 'grape' way to end 2015, ladies!

ZOE'S HEARTFELT TRIBUTE TO PARIS

Our Year 7 MFL students were recently shown an original French poem which imagines a new world – one in which the colours of everything around us are different to normal. Students were then asked to re-create their own version of the poem in their exercise books, using the French vocabulary they had learned in their lessons and researched using a dictionary.



As part of their home-learning, students were then tasked with designing posters using their prepared work. It was at this time that student Zoe saw the tragic events in Paris on the news. She was so moved by what she saw that she decided to make her design a personal tribute to the Paris victims. When she handed her work in, Mme Rochet, Subject Leader MFL, and Miss Serrano-Moreno, teacher of MFL, noticed that Zoe was the only one in her class to pick out this theme in her work. We were most touched by Zoe's thoughtful gesture at this sad time.

Music & Performing Arts



IN GOOD VOICE

The Junior Choir sang at our Celebration Evening and the Senior Choir at our Awards' Evening, each providing a wonderful atmosphere at the start of each event. Our Junior Choir was there to welcome visitors to the Festival of Light Christmas Fair, putting us in seasonal mood. They were supported by the excellent guitar playing and singing of Year 11 students Erin and Luci (pictured) who 'busked' to raise £40 for the 2016 Prom.



JUNIOR CHOIR – THE 'CHRISTMAS TOUR'

There is a busy schedule planned in the lead up to the Christmas break for the Junior Choir. They are heading to Liverpool One with some of our Performing Arts students to entertain and bring some Christmas cheer to the shoppers. They are also booked to sing at Asda and the Dunoran Nursing Home during December - Keep an eye on our website, www.prentonhighschool.co.uk, and twitter, @prentonhigh.

CHRISTMAS ADVENT

Our Christmas Concert at the end of term will be one with a twist - and promises to be very different from previous concerts. 'Christmas Advent' will be a cornucopia of live music, drama and dance set to a background of our favourite Christmas advertisements. Thanks, too, to our supportive PTA for supplying the refreshments.

MUSIC CLUBS The sounds coming from the Music department this term have certainly been varied - with Guitar Club on Tuesday lunchtimes, Samba Band on Tuesdays after school, and Ukulele Club after school on Thursdays.

SCHOOL COUNCIL WELCOMES GOVERNOR

School Governor Mr Sandman joined the November meeting of the School Council to get an understanding of the work they do.

The Council discussed a wide variety of matters that included: International schools, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, non-uniform days, chewing gum, homophobic bullying and recycling – all within a half-hour time frame. Mr Sandman is pictured here with the Council's committee of Charlotte, Eleanor and Anya.





DR LETTS' CUTTING EDGE

There was a 'first' for our Science department this term when Dr Letts bravely stepped forward and had her hair cut. Nothing unusual there you may think - apart from the fact that Wirral hairdresser Michele Lindsay came into school to cut Dr Letts' hair live on stage before a packed Main Hall!

Dr Letts had been moved by the work of the Little Princess Trust who use donated hair to make wigs for cancer patients. There will also be a donation of money for the Trust, as staff and students paid to see this 'tonorial' event!

Well done everybody – and in particular, Dr Letts, for raising over £50 for a very special cause.



North West Gifted and Talented meet at Prenton

Thanks to Ms Craven, Year 8 Progress Leader and teacher of science, we hosted the North West Gifted and Talented meeting in November. Forty primary children from around the region came into school to complete a series of stimulating art and performing arts with science exercises.

Student Services

IN THE FOREFRONT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH AND RESILIENCE

There has been much coverage in the national media recently about mental health and well-being, particularly with regard to our young people. It is an issue that is raising itself everywhere: 10 years ago the statistics said that 1 in 10 is affected with poor mental health before the age of 16. The latest estimate is that this has risen to 3 in 10.

Emotional well-being is just as important as physical health; good mental health allows young people to develop resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them, allows bodies and minds to develop and help deal with the many other pressures modern life presents – peer relationships, school work and social media. A time of mental health difficulty can happen to anyone: the important thing is to ask for help early on. For some students it might be easier to talk to someone in school.

The appointment this term of Mrs Michelle Higgins as our Health Mentor

is a most welcome one, and places us well in the forefront of student well-being for the future. Michelle is a qualified Counsellor registered with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy, with many years of experience of working with children, young people and families. To achieve a high standard of health care here in school, she will make counselling available to students, and raise awareness about mental health and well-being to our young people and our staff. An ambassador team is also in the planning, with representatives from staff and students receiving training that they, in turn, can pass on.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Thanks to Health Mentor Michelle, form tutors received three short You Tube clips to show students, coinciding with World Mental Health Day on October 10. Students were encouraged to ask questions and raise any issues afterwards.

DROP IN SERVICE FOR PARENTS

Our Learning Mentors are available each morning between 8.30am and 9am for parents and carers who wish to discuss any issues or concerns. This drop-in service is available each day. Just call in to our Reception Area; no appointment needed.

HEADSPACE - HERE TO HELP

Modern lifestyles can place untold pressures on our young people and this is where a new lunchtime group, 'Headspace' comes in.

The initiative has started as a mixed group of Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 students and is going well; helping them to think about and discuss the issues surrounding emotional and mental health. In order to gain an understanding of why it is important to look after our emotional and mental health, students are encouraged to look at what causes problems and learn some practical skills in managing emotions, worries and fears.

The group discusses and shares important issues, so Health Mentor Michelle says the ability to listen and have respect for each other is vital. However, the sessions are not all serious – they have some fun along the way.

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE – ON A CHRISTMAS TREE



Christmas is a joyful time of year for most but it can also be a time of sadness and reflection for some, especially for those who have lost loved ones.

Last year the Student Services team had a Christmas tree that staff and students decorated with tags containing their personal messages to people who they had lost. This year, the Christmas tree has been similarly decorated but with the dedications placed in small glass bottles to provide confidentiality. They can then be taken home, by students, before the holiday.

Student Services

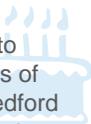
SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Congratulations to our House Champions, who raised money by selling bags of sweets for BBC Children in Need. Their hard work meant that we were able to send a cheque off for £79.



DESIGN A COLOURFUL CAKE COMPETITION

This term's competition has been to design a cake in the House colours of Riviera Red, Hesketh Yellow or Bedford Green. Entrants needed to specify the ingredients, the flavour and the topping required. The winning cake from each house will be made by staff volunteers and then be raffled off at the end of term.



WHO'S THE BRAINIEST OF US ALL?

In the last week of term there is to be a Staff v Students quiz for each house. This will take place during lunchtime and is guaranteed to be a lively event. Don't forget – the LRB is a great place to come and do your research beforehand!

Sport



Leah gains her Black Belt

Many congratulations to Year 8 student Leah, who has gained her Black Belt in Taekwondo – the sport that encourages courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit.

Leah, who has gained this recognition in just four years, comes from a keen Taekwondo family – her parents and brother are also followers of the sport. Training mainly in Bromborough, Leah has travelled as far as Birmingham and Bristol in order to gain the necessary experience for her Black Belt award.



Leah is now aiming to add Aikido to her sporting repertoire – in which she learns how to throw someone over her shoulder!

KNOWING THE ROPES AT AWESOME WALLS

Awesome Walls has Liverpool's finest climbing walls, offering over 1,000 square metres of safe climbing with hundreds of routes and varying from small pitches to the awesome 17.5 metre lead wall, with an overhang of 8 metres!

From January, a group of eleven Year 11 GCSE PE students will be heading there each week for eight sessions ahead of their examination in March. Good climbing everybody!

NETBALL

Congratulations to inter-form competition winners 8R2 – each received a £5 Boots token in recognition of their success.

BASKETBALL



The inter-form basketball tournament is being held during the last two weeks of the term – there will be news of the winners posted on twitter, @prentonhigh and our website, www.prentonhighschool.co.uk.

LOOKING FORWARD TO TRAMPOLINING – AND INSANITY!

We have a trampoline coach booked to come into school every Thursday in January for 10 weeks.

Our Year 11 girls will also have the opportunity to take part in Insanity workouts, helping them get fit and healthy for exam time later in the year.

VOLLEYBALL

November was an action-packed month for our volleyballers. Year 9 students, Maddie, Sam, Leigha and Alisha, played in the Tameside Tournament in Manchester, where they played exceptionally well, placed third out of the seven competing teams. A great achievement!

The A team also played in the Wirral Tournament winning every match with the exception of Wirral Grammar School for Girls. This game went to a third decider to 11 points – again this was a draw so they played until one team had gone ahead by two clear points – a real cliff-hanger!

Our Year 9 B team which included Mollie and Georgia also played in the tournament and were placed a very creditable third in their section.

In their tournament – against Wirral Grammar School for Girls and teams from the Manchester area – our senior team of Georgia, Amelia, Lucy, Chloe, Sam and Maddie played ten games, gaining silver medals by losing only to Salford. Captain Georgia served 25 aces in a row, a wonderful achievement that has led to her being recommended for an England trial. Well done team, and well done, Georgia!

In a Liverpool FC sponsored tournament at Wirral Grammar School for Girls in December, our U14 volleyballers were runners up.



Congratulations to Leigha (seen here with her medal), Maddie, Sam and Alisha. There were 12 teams competing – including our A and B teams who came up against each other in the semi-finals. Our B team of Georgia, Mollie, Madaleine and Jessica lost that match by just one point, showing real the strength in depth of our squad. The A team won five matches and lost to Wirral A by just 4 points in the final. Also getting tournament experience were two more of our teams: Tylah, Daisy, Megan and Chloe plus Jess, Hannah, Freya and Jo.

As we are a satellite school for volleyball, there are many more competitions for our teams – good luck everyone!

CRICKETERS SHOW THEIR CLASS

Congratulations to our Under 13 and Under 15 cricketers, who travelled to Warrington Cricket Club at the end of last term for the North West Finals. Both teams were runners-up in their groups – well played to all players; it was a really good achievement, showing the cricketing strength we have across our school!

Our U15 cricket squad also travelled to York in the summer, where they came third in the National U15 cricket finals. Yet another impressive result, ladies!



CRICKETERS HIT THEIR WAY INTO NEXT ROUND

Congratulations to our U15 Cricket team – Jodie (Captain), Chloe, Alisha, Madison, Lucy, Amelia, Georgia, Lucy and Sam - who won their indoor tournament in November.

By beating Wirral Grammar School for Girls by 21 runs and Ridgeway High School by 52 runs, they now play Upton Hall School in the final.

Well done to Year 10 Amelia who was our top run scorer and to Year 9 Alisha, our top wicket-taker.

Good luck in the final everyone!



NO EXCUSES FOR NOT KEEPING FIT!

Thanks to Deputy Headteacher Mrs Fraser, staff have been 'preparing' for Christmas with a series of fitness sessions in the gym after school each Wednesday.

FOOTBALLERS KICK- OFF NEW SEASON

We welcomed St Mary's Catholic College Year 9 and Year 10 team to our ground last week. It was our first game and, although we lost the game 1-5, there were some very promising performances.



Later in the week, our Year 7 and Year 8 teams played Liverpool College in two indoor matches – both teams drew their games: the A team 0-0 and the B team 2-2.

Tournament thriller for 5-a-siders



Well done to our U14 5-a-side team who reached the semi-finals of the Wirral Safer Schools Partnership competition, run by Merseyside Police.

As defending 2014 champions they won their first two games against Upton Hall and Ridgeway, drew their third and fourth games against Wirral Grammar School for Girls and Birkenhead Park School, losing only to South Wirral in the semi-final.

Congratulations to goal-scorers Georgia, Leonie, Jessica – not forgetting Beth, pictured here, who netted seven goals over the tournament!

In the English Schools' Cup, our U13 team lost on penalties to Neston High School and our U15s, having drawn with Woodchurch High School after normal time, lost 7-5 on penalties.



2016 Diary



Spring term 2016

School open

Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February

Half term

Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February

Staff Inset day

Monday 22 February

School open

Tuesday 23 February – Friday 1 April

Easter bank holidays

Friday 25 March & Monday 28 March

Spring break

Monday 4 April – Friday 15 April

Summer term 2016

School open

Monday 18 April – Friday 27 May

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 2 May

Half term

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

School open

Monday 6 June – Friday 15 July

Staff Inset day

Monday 18 July

Staff Inset day

Tuesday 19 July

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