



Sixth Form Newsletter

Information for Students and Parents, July 2013

As we come to the end of a busy year, our Year 12 students have been working hard following their AS exams. As well as beginning their A2 courses, they have been looking at their options for when they finish school next year. For most of our students this involves applying to university. Details of some of this term's events are listed below; many thanks to Emma Farnworth for helping to put this edition of the newsletter together.

Citizenship Week

We had a very productive week; it began with Year 12 students starting the UCAS process. Various guest speakers came in and provided talks which gave our students an insight into some of the options they have after Sixth Form. The students were given an introduction to higher education by the university of Chester as well as how to write an effective personal statement by the university of Nottingham. They also spent a day visiting the university of Liverpool to gain an insight into the application process as well as the life of a university student. 'Project Trust' delivered a presentation on gap years, foundation degrees were explained to them and an overview of the world of industry was delivered by representatives from Vauxhall. The first part of the UCAS application has now been completed and students have begun to draft their personal statements, something they should continue to work on over the summer holidays. The week ended with a fantastic trip to Alton Towers to reward students for all the hard work on their UCAS applications and AS exams.



Oxford Trip

A group of nine Year 12 students, along with nine Year 11s, were lucky enough to participate in a residential visit to Oxford University where they stayed at Balliol College and had a taste of life as an Oxford undergraduate; they met current students and received a presentation from Balliol's admissions tutor. The students



also explored the city and were given tours of some of the other colleges, such as Christ Church, University College, Hertford and Magdalen, talking to current students and receiving more information on courses. The sunshine encouraged the fearless Year 12s to don boaters and attempt a gentle punt through the grounds of St Hilda's College and the trip included an intriguing evening in Blackwell's Bookshop watching the highly-acclaimed one man adaption of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. Thanks to Mrs Eaton for organising this trip.

STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Several students anticipating studying STEM subjects at university visited Lancaster University's Faculty of Science & Technology, where they enjoyed a taster day in the form of workshops in Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Engineering, Environmental Science, Physics, Geography & Psychology, as well as a campus tour and presentation from undergraduates on student life at Lancaster. Congratulations also go to our 12 students who passed their Advanced STEM Leaders Award; many of our students stood out in this national award which gives an insight into the world of industry. Kathryn Murie and Hayley Blamphin were particularly recognised for the reports they wrote following a meeting with Tom Crotty of INEOS and received first prize with Tomorrow's Engineer and the School Science prize respectively.

Year 13 Leavers

Whilst the focal point of the summer term is exams, we have also had to say goodbye to the Year 13s who had their final day in



Sixth Form on May 24th. The day itself was filled with laughter, tears and celebrations as the year group were let out into the world to fend for themselves, whether that be at university, apprenticeships or work. The day was designed to celebrate the last two years, reminiscing over old memories and creating new ones. However, the students couldn't let this happen without their own input, this included filling Mrs Everton's office with balloons and hanging some conspicuous 'Team J-Lowe' banners around school. The leavers assembly was the most important part of the day; this

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included personal messages from the Sixth Form tutors and teachers, which brought many students to tears. Whilst tears were a prominent part of the assembly, Mr Lowe also made sure there were many opportunities for laughter, doing this in the best way he knows how ... through embarrassment; getting so carried away that the assembly lasted for three hours! The Year 13s' final school day came to an end with a BBQ and cake, giving the year group one final chance to spend time together before all reuniting at the fantastic leavers prom held at Peckforton Castle on 24th June. **Beth Gray**

Sixth Form Charity

Following the success of charity week, Sixth Form students added to their fund by offering their services to lower school students as 'Valets for a Day'. Jobs included carrying bags at lesson changeover and being on hand at lunch and break to procure delicacies from various shops and cafes in the local area!

The Sixth Form charity fund has raised close to £2,000 this year and the trustees on the Sixth Form Council have agreed to donate the money between the following Year 13 students, who are undertaking voluntary work this summer, as well as a number of other charities nominated by the Council. Zak Dunstone will be working with the Stand by Me charity, involving teaching in a Nepalese school and orphanage. Isla McClellan plans to work with Personal Overseas Development, where she will be teaching English to 8-12 year old children in Thailand. Matthew Magee is helping to build a school in a rural community in Uganda as well as supporting conservation efforts with the endangered White Rhino with Camps International.



Additionally, money was allocated to the following charities: SANDS (Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Society), Tarporley War Memorial Hospital and Chester & District Committee for the Deaf. Many thanks to everyone who supported our events and to the Sixth Formers who organised and participated in them.

Barcelona 2013

Recently Spanish students in both Sixth Form and Year 11 visited the city of Barcelona. It was a great experience for all and included visits to Park Güell and Camp Nou both of which were fantastic to see and walk around. We also visited Las Ramblas an iconic market street of Barcelona and saw many strange customs, such as quite peculiar pet shops selling turtles and chipmunks along with other unusual animals. As well as this we shopped in the world-renowned indoor market of La Boqueria. Food was a huge part of the trip to Barcelona as we sampled many varying delights of Spanish cuisine from tapas to fried calamari to ice cream and, for the more adventurous, rabbit with white haricot beans and chips. We also met up with Spanish school students who gave us a tour around their city of Barcelona which finished in Barcelona Park Zoo. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went on it. **Ryan Gaskell.**

Tarporley Crowned National Handball Champions

On Saturday 8th June Tarporley Handball Club Under 18 boys were crowned the National Under 18 Handball Champions. They defeated Warrington Wolves 21-15 at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre to conclude a memorable season. Formed in 2007, by head coach Gary Kelsall and PE Teacher Mr Morphet, the club originally joined the North West Junior



Handball League. Following increased interest, a decision was made to develop the school club into a community handball club which now boasts over 70 members, including an under 9's and under 11's section. The club currently has 5 international players with Callum Ridley, Morgan Gillett and Oliver Tyler representing England Under 16's, and Ben Tyler and Jack Oliphant representing Great Britain Under 19's.

The successful team for the final were: Alex Sinclair, Ben Tyler, Zak Dunstone, Callum Ridley, Oliver Tyler, Jack Oliphant, Morgan Gillett, Luke Jennings, and James Melia.

Sports Leaders

Our Sixth Form Sports Leaders have done a fantastic job again this year supporting a range of clubs and extra-curricular events both here and at our partner primary schools. Special mention must go to James Ryder who, in addition to this has excelled as a school Sports Ambassador. James was recognised for his professionalism and hard work and selected as a District Ambassador for the School's Winter Games in March. Following his success, James has since been promoted to County Ambassador and awarded the honour of taking the oath for all ambassadors in front of 2,000 competitors and spectators at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Cheshire and Warrington School Summer Games in July. (James also very kindly nominated Mr Morphet to take the oath on behalf of all teachers at the games).

Results Day

Results day is on **15th August from 8.00am for Year 13 students and 9.00am for Year 12 students.** In order to progress with their subjects, Year 12 students must pass at grade E or higher. Most students continue with three subjects in Year 13 (as well as General Studies). If a student only passes two subjects at AS level and wishes to continue to study in Sixth Form, they will need to pick up a further AS subject in addition to the two subjects studied to A2 level. Mrs Everton and I will be there on results day to guide and advise where necessary. Students will need to register for Year 13 on the day; registration can also take place on 22nd August (10.00am-12.00pm). The autumn term for students begins on **Tuesday 3rd September at 8.50am.**

Thank you for your continued support of our Sixth Form this year. I wish you all an enjoyable summer.

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