



NEWSLETTER

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School & 6th Form College

Date: 7th June 2024



Dear all,

The examination season has begun positively with our students showing exceptional dedication and preparation. Teachers and welfare staff have provided continued support, and the hard work of our students is already evident. Thank you for all your support at home to ensure that your child remains focused, calm and prepared.

One of the most memorable moments during this half term has been the final assembly for Year 11 led by the tutor team. This assembly is a beautiful demonstration of the strength of relationships within our school, leaving everyone with a sense of pride and belonging.

In addition, this term, our Year 10 students have successfully completed their work experience placements, gaining invaluable insights into various careers. These experiences have not only broadened their understanding of the professional world but also enhanced their skills and confidence. The positive feedback from employers reflects the students' commitment and capability; making us extremely proud of their achievements.



Another key point of celebration is the entries for the Remembering Nell literary competition. Here, our Year 9 students have excelled showcasing their creativity and writing talents. Their thoughtful and imaginative entries stood out, earning them well-deserved recognition. This success highlights the literary talents within our school and I hope it will encourage all students to continue pursuing their passions.

Our accomplishments this term are a reflection of our school values in action. As we continue through the final part of the school year, I hope we all carry forward this spirit of achievement and community.

Laura Warren
Director of Upper School

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Outlines for Half Term 6 Studies for Year 9 & 10

Here at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School we are very proud of our curriculum; our subject experts have designed a well sequenced, interesting and knowledge-rich curriculum for our students.

More details are available on our school website under the 'Curriculum and Learning' tab. You will also find links to your child's learning manager page where we are building up a bank of additional resources and information relevant to your child's stage of learning.

Year 9
[Click here](#)

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English	Examing Shakespeare and 20th Century Context Comprehension	Formative assessment of comprehension and analysis
Maths	Algebra: Number forms and FDP Evaluation Knowledge covered: Rounding to decimal places and significant figures, order and rearranging, understanding fractions, decimals and percentages as equivalent and their ratio in a number line, key connections between FDP, finding LCM and HCF, and Fractions; explore FDP above 1 and 100%.	Interim 2 Assessment Task 1 Ongoing Progress monitoring tasks end of topic tests
Science	Comparing the units on Matter, Genes and Waves.	Ongoing Progress monitoring tasks end of topic tests
WFL	Focus on the 16th century (Spain)	Ongoing formative assessment and end of topic tests
Technology	Students will understand the difference between analogue and digital signals. They will be able to explain the difference between analogue and digital signals.	Some homework tasks set in line with the topic and some practical work.
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Students will understand the difference between analogue and digital signals. They will be able to explain the difference between analogue and digital signals.	Practical work and homework tasks.
Music	Print and Notation	Composition, Performance and Listening Assessment
Art	This term is about embedding student knowledge of formal elements and composition. There is a focus on the formal elements, shape/form/space/line/colour/value. The aim is to ensure that students are confident in their knowledge of work. Students will learn about & explore color.	Ongoing formative & summative assessment

Year 10
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Celebration Assembly Year 11

The year 11 enjoyed a celebration assembly this half term to recognise the attainment, effort and values that are displayed in subject areas. The following students received an award and were treated to a complimentary breakfast in the restaurant. Well done!



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	Attainment	Effort	School Values
English	Jess A Lizzie E Naomi G Jasmine S Fin D	George P Matilda BB Emily B Harry D Lydia H	Sofia P Alfie T Ethan F Evie W
Maths	Jacob B Megan C	Alex M Chloe N	Petra H Finn M
Biology	Angelo W	Becca S	Milez L
History	Tilly B Tom E	Grace F Emily B	Petra H Harvey E
Geography	Sofia P Imogen H	Alex M Hattie W	Adam L
PE	Elizabeth S Max R	Charlotte M Joe S	Sofia P Tom G
Arts	Hannah R	Georgina C	Hannah S
MFL	Eleanor B	Charlotte H	Millie A
Technology	Tilly B	Finn M	Tabby R
Social Science	Phoebe S	Freya WR	Georgina C



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Lost Property In PE

We have an abundance of PE kit at present. If you have lost a PE kit of any kind please come down to the PE dept and check our lost property. We have many JD sports bags, trainers etc.



Calling All Coaches

If you are qualified in FB, Rugby, Trampolining, Cheerleading, or Boxing and you are able to support our extra curricular provision in September of this year, please get in touch. We are looking to expand the current provision but need coaches or contacts to help us achieve this. Payment will be in line with relevant qualifications and experience.

Please contact Mr Thomas in the PE dept.
michael.thomas@hccs.info

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

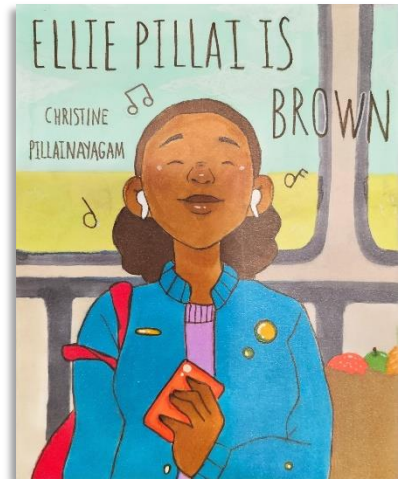
Cheshire Schools' Book Awards Art Competition 2024

Each year, the Cheshire Education Library Service runs an Art Competition as part of their Cheshire Schools' Book Award. Students throughout the 25 participating Secondary Schools are invited to create an alternate front cover for one of their shortlisted titles.

We had fantastic news this year, as one of our students was announced at the final event on Wednesday 15th May 2024.

Congratulations to our Year 9 student, Lilly A, for her fantastic alternative cover for Christine Pillainayagam's, Ellie Pillai is Brown.

I think you will agree that this is an incredible piece of artwork - Well done Lilly!



CHESHIRE SCHOOLS' BOOK AWARD 2024



Cheshire Schools' Book Award 2024

On Wednesday evening, we were lucky enough to take a number of students for our annual trip to the Cheshire Schools' Book Award Final. This year pupils were treated to not 1, not 2 but 6 attending authors! SF Said, Josh Silver, A Connors, Sarah Hagger-Holt, T.A Fisher and S.J.Willis presented to students, talking about their writing journeys, shortlisted titles and took part in a Q and A session for pupils.

Younger Age Category

Older Age Category



Winner

Runner Up

Winner

Runner Up



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Remembering Nell Foundation Creative Writing Competition

Every year we run a creative writing competition in honour of one of our pupils, Nell Jones, who sadly lost her life in the Manchester Arena attack. The standard of writing was incredibly high and a huge congratulations to all those who were shortlisted.

The winners were announced last Friday and all received a bag of bookish goodies and vouchers.

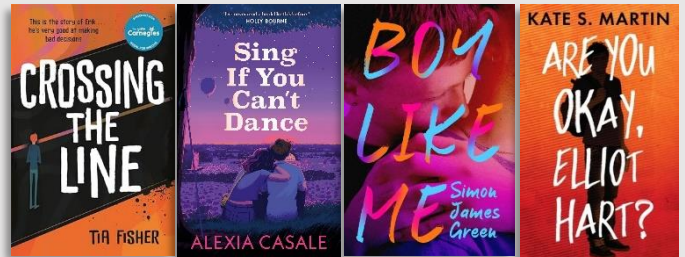
- 1st Place - Sarah G
- 2nd Place - Keaton H
- 3rd Place - Immy R



Empathy Day Book Recommendations

Thursday 6th June was Empathy Day, a day when children are encouraged to learn about empathy through books and stories.

Empathy Day inspires students to learn more about empathy, have transformational experiences through stories, and to put empathy into action!



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HCCS Jambo Kenya Expedition – Summer 2025

40 Students will be packing their bags and heading to Kenya for a life changing expedition in summer 2025.

Fundraising for their trip is well under way with thousands of pounds having been raised already!

Students have been working really hard to fund their expedition in a variety of ways, from securing sponsorships from local businesses, bag packing at Morrisons and selling items on eBay. Students have made sweetie cones and beautiful baby blankets to sell, or have run car boot sales, raffles and tombolas. Some are working for their plane ticket through Saturday jobs, gardening, babysitting, and you may have spotted car washes in the local area.

With the Holmes Chapel village fair on the horizon, keep a look out for further fundraising stalls, including homemade dog biscuit stands and sweetie stalls.

YouTube Stars, Chris MD and Ollie, will also be taking part in a fundraising event on 21st July on HCCS's 3G pitch, more info to follow.

Well done to all those students taking part – keep up the hard work!





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Join us in celebrating National School Sports Week!

We have some exciting activities planned for the week. England Netballers Laura Malcolm and Taylor McKeivitt will be delivering assemblies and workshops. In PE lessons we will be basing our lessons on the Euro 2024 and Paris Olympics.

Staff have been invited to play rounders and netball. We look forward to a week of celebrating the joys of Sport.



Football Success



Congratulations to the year 11 FB team. They played some excellent football enroute to the south Cheshire final. The game itself was a very competitive affair, two balanced teams, both trying to get the ball down and play. Alsager led at half time 2-0 but a spirited second half ensured the game finished 2-1, where a draw would probably have been a fair result. Well done gents on a great team effort.

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South Cheshire Trials - Tuesday 14th May

On Tuesday 14th May a group of budding athletes competed in the South Cheshire Championships for the chance to be selected to compete as South Cheshire in the Athletics finals. It was a fantastic evening with our students who had a great experience competing against the best across the borough. We saw some great races with outstanding results. Well done to the whole squad, one very proud PE Team. Mrs Mee

Alfie D - 2nd 100m, Ciaran T - 2nd 1500m, Charlotte T - 1st Shot, Emily H - 1st 200m & 2nd 100m, Daniel M - 2nd place 200m





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PE News

Our students in PE lessons this week learning about how 'Movement has a positive impact on Mental Health'!



Thank you to our amazing cricket officials - Monty B, Archie F, George B and Harry S and our Sports leaders for supporting the primary cricket festival - as always they are a credit to the school.



PE News

On Thursday Capesthorne and Moreton houses competed in a highly competitive match of inter-house/tutor rounders. After the first innings there was one rounder between the houses but after the second innings the score was tied with 81/2 rounders to both Moreton and Capesthorne. The final score resulted in looking at the number of outs with Capesthorne taking the win!

It was great to see such a fantastic display of teamwork, determination and positivity from our upper school students! We look forward to seeing them representing HCCS in the upcoming inter-school rounders tournaments.

Thank you,
The PE Team



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Join us as we mark our 10 year anniversary at the official opening of our new premises, helping us to serve more people in crisis

THE DETAILS

DATE
Thursday 6th June

VENUE
Middlewich & District Foodbank
Unit 7 Holly House Estate,
Middlewich Road,
Middlewich
CW10 9LT

RSVP
Nicky Harris:
info@middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk



THE AGENDA

- 12pm: Guests arrival
- 12.30pm: Welcome address
- 12.45pm: Screening of our video: Discover our journey and ways to extend support
- 1pm: Lunch & refreshments
- Our Tombola features an array of donated prizes. Don't miss out on your chance to win!

SANDBACH HOCKEY CLUB

SENIOR HOCKEY

Senior Training Time:
Ladies - Tues 7:00-8:30 pm
Mens - Thur 7:30-9:00 pm

REGISTER NOW!

Sandbach has four senior teams that are always looking for more players (Ages 14 & over). Our training is mixed ability, so if you've never played before or are looking to get back into the sport, try our 3 free sessions available to new players.

TRAINING STARTS ON JUNE 6TH @ SANDBACH SCHOOL
FIND US ON THE BLUE ALL WEATHER PITCH

Contact us below to register:

- Instagram: Sandbach Hockey Club
- Facebook: Sandbach Hockey Club
- www.sandbachhockeyclub.com



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Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

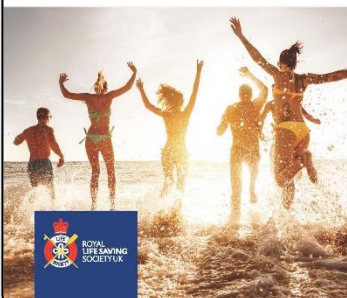
- Enter slowly and carefully
Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water, 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- Stay within reach
Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- Always be supervised
Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

- Call 999
Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help
Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



CALL 999



FLOAT





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Keep Your Child Safe *Online*

A Guide for Parents

1 Check Parental Controls

Check that your parental controls are up-to-date and use them to restrict access to inappropriate content and monitor online activity.

2 Set Clear Expectations & Boundaries

Establish rules for online activities. Define time limits, appropriate content, and allowed websites or apps.

3 Supervise Online Activities

Keep an eye on your child's online behaviour. This can involve periodic checks, co-viewing, or sitting with or near them during their screen time.

4 Be a Good Role Model

Set a positive example with your own online behaviour. Demonstrate responsible use of technology, respecting others' privacy and maintaining a healthy digital life.

5 Encourage Open Communication

Create an environment where your child feels comfortable discussing their online experiences. Especially if they have any worries or concerns.

6 Ensure a Healthy Balance

Ensure that your child has a balanced routine with enough time away from a screen for physical activity, hobbies and family interactions.

7 Educate About Online Dangers

Talk to your child about the risks of being online, such as cyberbullying, predators and inappropriate content. Explain how to recognise and report these dangers.

8 Know the Platforms

Familiarise yourself with the apps, games and websites your child uses. Understand their features, privacy settings and potential risks.



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