



# Maghull High News

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**Hello** and welcome to the fifth issue of Maghull High School News. Once again, there are many things to share with you about what our students and staff have been doing since the Spring holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6 June. Enjoy the half term break.

## The Royal Marines



We were fortunate to have a visit from the Royal Marine's visibility team in March. During their visit the Royal Marines gave a talk and took a selected group of year ten and eleven students through a tough fitness session.

Students were informed of the discipline and fitness required to endure the most gruelling training of any Armed Forces in the world. Students were enthused and asked many questions during the presentation. The group of forty students then participated in a gruelling fitness session arranged by the Royal Marine Commandos and came to understand the levels of fitness that would be required should they think about a career in the Armed Forces.

The students worked tirelessly and showed great courage throughout the fitness training. As well as this, they demonstrated high levels of competence in their questioning. The Royal Marine Commando Visibility Team encouraged students to take on board what had been discussed and put these disciplines in place in normal everyday life, including school.

Paddy Welsh, a year 11 student who participated said "The day was very good and I enjoyed the physical activity session. From the visit, I have a clearer understanding of the requirements needed to be in the Royal Marines." Well done and thanks to all students who took part in this event.

## Sefton Cup Triumph



On Friday 20 May at South Sefton FC the Sixth Form 1<sup>st</sup> XI successfully won the Sefton Under 19 cup beating Sacred Heart from Crosby 2-1. The game was keenly contested and Sacred Heart took the lead in the first half. The equaliser came ten minutes later after some quick incisive passing down the left by Captain Jacob Beaumont and Jack Holden allowing Owen Mitchell to sweep the ball home. The game remained 1-1 at half time and both teams worked hard to create another opening. Maghull were awarded a penalty halfway through the second half and this was dispatched confidently by Owen Mitchell. Sacred Heart pushed hard for an equaliser and midfielders James Bowyer, Matthew Hadwin and Owen Roberts worked hard to stop their attacks. When Joe Corrie had to leave the field injured after working hard up and down the right side, Cameron Simpson replaced him involving a slight shuffling of positions. As the game wore on defenders Josh Neary, Ben Riley and Alex Davies came under pressure towards the end. Michael Hastie came on to shore up the defence and goalkeeper Sam Garnett made a good save in the final minutes.

The win capped a good season which included a Merseyside Cup quarter final and a fourth place finish in the inaugural National North West ESFA League. Well done to the team! We're very proud of you all and, of course, manager Mr Kay.

## Charity efforts

On Friday 13 May students held a cake sale in aid of refugees. Well done to all students and staff involved and thank you for supporting this good cause.

## Sports Update



Over the last six weeks our GCSE PE inspired project with championship boxer Courtney Fry has come to a spectacular conclusion with all twenty one students delivering sporting activities and workshops to our partner primaries. Courtney was able to join us at Summerhill and take part in a question and answer session at Longmoor Primary. Sessions at Melling and Aintree Davenhill were also supported by year twelve Health and Social Care students. Courtney has been very impressed with the enthusiasm, attitude and professionalism of the young leaders. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to Courtney for supporting our school.

## MADCOS Sports

At the end of March we were joined by students from five primaries for the MADCOS tag rugby tournament, hosted by Miss Nelson. The primaries in attendance were Holy Rosary, Aintree Davenhill, St Thomas's, Summerhill and Melling, accompanied by a host of parents and grandparents. Our trusty sports leaders from year ten were on hand to help staff and give out drinks on what was a very warm day. Congratulations to Summerhill who won the tournament and well done to everyone who took part.

## Duke of Edinburgh



The sun was shining over Rivington Pike as both the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups went out on the second training walk of the year. To prepare them for their expeditions, this time the students walked with their rucksacks packed as though they were camping overnight. This allowed them to have a real understanding of the weight they would be carrying on their backs and hopefully realise that 5 pairs of shoes really aren't necessary, which some of the girls found out! To keep their spirits up it wasn't just Mr O'Thy's awful jokes that made them walk faster, it was the new canine additions to the team who literally pulled them up and down the hills, sometimes in the wrong direction! Mr Bellamy's dog, Cody and Mr O'Thy's dog, Honey joined the resident DofE dog Donny (Miss Garnett's), but were sadly beaten to the finish line by the ever so competitive sixth form team, who walked 5.5 miles in under 2 hours! The students will be putting all of the skills learned on the day walks into practice on their expeditions next, with the Bronze year 9 team out in May half term, and the Silver sixth form team out at the end of June.

## Star and Accelerated Reader

Well done and thank you to all students who recently sat their third Star reading assessment. The members of the year seven and eight Millionaire's club have recently been on our annual reward outing. Students in these year groups reading in excess of 500,000 words were treated to an afternoon's bowling and lunch. The students were all fantastic ambassadors of the school and fun was had by all. We would like to thank our librarian, Mrs Christian, for organising the trip and thanks too to Mrs Wallis for accompanying the groups.

**Students across all years should be taking books out regularly in order to get their own word counts up before the year end.**



## Raising Aspiration Week

Week commencing 4 July – lots of interesting experiences to look forward to. Watch this space.

## Art Updates



Year 8 pupils have entered a local Art competition to commemorate the Leeds/Liverpool canal bicentenary. Winning artwork will be displayed at the Mersey Motor Boat Club. All pupils worked hard to create artwork inspired by Marine Life.

The Art Department are also supporting World Day of Cultural Diversity with a display of Year 8-10 artwork in reception. The department work hard to ensure we promote a variety of diverse cultures. The artwork on display includes Moroccan babouche slippers, Polynesian tiki masks and African masks.



We are very proud to share with you the work of Heather Sullivan Marshall from year nine who has won first place for Maghull High School for the Dot Art Liverpool Competition. Heather's work will now go on display in the coming weeks in St George's Hall and will go head to head against other Liverpool schools to be in with a chance of winning the overall competition. I am sure you will all join us in wishing Heather good luck and if you get the chance over the half term holiday, it would be great if you could pop down to admire her work on public display. Well done Heather!

## Badminton



Eleven members of the school council community action group took part in a recent trip to the All England Badminton Championships as part of the 'get set for community action' British Olympic Association and British Paralympic Association's youth engagement programme. Accompanied by Miss Bowler and Mr McGregor, the students had a fantastic day, with seats very close to the courts and a great view of all the day's action, watching a variety of doubles and singles matches. The standard was extremely high and students could see first-hand the effort and energy each player put into their performance. Students also enjoyed live music, competitions, merchandise and mini badminton courts where they could have a go themselves. Thanks to Miss Bowler for organising this wonderful trip.

## Student Council event

Andrew Lennon and Katie Lynch recently attended a School Youth Voice Event. The feedback we got from the conference was that they helped to generate some interesting conversations and insights into youth voice and participation in Sefton. There will be a follow up event in July which will include information and discussion on youth parliament opportunities for schools and students. In the meantime members of the Youth Engagement and Participation team are planning a visit to speak to other members of our school council. Thank you to Katie and Andrew for representing our school so well.

## Policy updates

Parents please be aware that we have recently reviewed and updated a number of our policies, including our Safeguarding Policy. You can access this on our school website or please feel free to request a paper copy.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms D Aspinall [aspinalld@maghullhigh.com](mailto:aspinalld@maghullhigh.com)

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## Engineering Update

On Friday 22 April thirty eight year twelve engineering students visited John Moore's University with Mr Nagi and Mr Abraham. They had a tour of the department to look at the recent multi million pound developments in marine engineering and the Formula Student racing car entry for this year. As well as this, the group had the opportunity to do some practical materials testing. As usual it was an informative and interesting day and hopefully has inspired our year twelve cohort to consider engineering as a future career.

Thank you to Mr Abraham and Mr Nagi for organising this brilliant trip.

## SMSC Policy

At Maghull High School we see the social, moral, spiritual and cultural education of our students as vitally important in terms of preparing them for life in modern Britain. It was agreed after a recent review of our policy that our Student Council should be more involved in promoting the importance of the ethos and aims of this policy to the rest of the school. Staff are currently working with students who will prepare and present an assembly, the purpose of which is to give other students a better understanding of how our SMSC policy supports and reinforces the ethos of our school. We look forward to seeing the assembly in the near future.

## Music Transition Event



We would like to say a big thank you and well done to the year five pupils who joined us recently from Aintree Davenhill Primary school. After a visit from our Head of Music, Mr Dutch, to their school, the whole of year five spent a morning with us in rehearsal and then many of them came back the following evening to sing for parents and staff. They performed as part of a concert involving Maghull High pupils, peripatetic music teachers and our own staff. After singing two beautiful numbers of their own, they then took part in the finale rendition of One Direction's 'That's what makes you beautiful', singing alongside our own pupils. Thank you to all of the staff, students and parents who supported the event, particularly to Ben Delaney and Ross Carrigan in Year 13, who organised and ran the sound and lighting. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended and we look forward to our next joint venture.

## Firefly

In January we were pleased to announce that we can now provide access for parents to the Firefly parent portal. This allows all parents who provide school with an email address to log in to see their son/daughter's homework and timetable. You will also be able to receive messages and notifications directly from your son/daughter's teachers. Over the coming months we will also be adding the facility to access your son/daughter's behaviour and rewards information, a parent calendar, and in the summer Firefly hope to launch a parental app for iPhone. The portal will also allow us to keep you informed of, and to celebrate, upcoming events by sharing photographs and video footage. You will be able to notify school of any changes to your contact details easily and efficiently. To access the parent portal all you need to do is follow the instructions attached to this email showing how to log in for the first time. Please let us know if you have any problems with Firefly.

## DT transition event – 3D printer

Last week fourteen students from Green Park primary school iTechno Club joined Mr Abraham in our DT department for an hour's workshop learning about the 3D printer. They had fun designing their products and will be joining us again soon to complete their designs and print them. Special thanks to two of our Sixth Form students, John Lennon and Adam McLeod who stayed behind to support the event.