

The Eagle



Culcheth High School

Issue 133 – December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

As the busy autumn term draws to a close and the festive season is just around the corner, I would like to thank all of the school community for their hard work and achievements in 2025 and wish you all the very best for the Christmas period and the New Year.

We have seen everyone at Culcheth High School strive to be 'the best they can be' over the long autumn term. It has been a great pleasure to see fantastic work in classes, student activities around school, a wide range of charity events, sporting success, community initiatives, drama performances and extra-curricular activities.

Thank you to everyone in the school community who helped raise over £600 for the Senior Citizens' Party and Christmas Hamper Appeal. We have also seen a huge amount of donations to the Christmas Toy Appeal. It is always pleasing to see how our wonderful community pulls together to support those who need it the most at this time of the year.

Our annual Christmas Musical Showcase, in school, was an amazing event that saw many amazing performances from students in every year group. It really got us into the Christmas spirit. Money raised from the ticket sales of the showcase will be donated to the homeless shelter charity in Leigh.

We saw our Year 10 GCSE Drama students perform extracts from 'Blood Brothers'. It was inspiring to see our students and staff work together to perform such fantastic songs and script from the iconic musical.

This term, we have seen, throughout school, the spirit and support that really exemplifies our school values. Staff and students have gone above and beyond 'to be the best they can be' to help others to be the best that they can be by valuing: **Respect, Honesty and Excellence #WeAreCHS.**

This has been exemplified, in the last week of term, as our school community remembered Tom Reynolds. The 15th December marked a year since his passing and, as a school community, we spent time with Tom's family and friends to plan and arrange a number of activities to remember Tom, that reflected their wishes and honoured all of our memories of Tom.

I trust that everyone will enjoy their Christmas break and that you all take care of each other. I look forward to celebrating more of the successes of our staff and students in 2026 and will see everyone back in school, for the start of a new year, on Monday 5th January 2026.

I hope you all have a happy, safe and restful break. Merry Christmas everyone.

Mr C P Hunt, Headteacher

Culcheth High School Remembers

This year, as part of Remembrance Week at Culcheth High School, we remembered the fallen soldiers in past conflicts, delivered by the History Department each morning during the school assemblies. Led by Mrs Morgan and Mr Hunt, we remembered the one million soldiers who lost their lives during WWI and WWII as well as the 632 soldiers who lost their lives during recent wars in Iraq 2003–2011 and Afghanistan 2001–2021.

We focused on the theme for 2025 which was 'Remember Yesterday, Act Today'. We learned about the role of Jutland Jack during the battle of Jutland 1916, and his courage in remaining by his command post awaiting instructions and sadly passing away from the injuries he sustained. We emphasised that his courage, respect for command and his bravery are key attributes we can all live by in school, at home and within our communities.

We also took the time to remember one of our own. Fusilier Simon Annis, a student at Culcheth High School from 1998–2005, who sadly lost his life alongside his comrades Lance Corporal James Fullarton and Fusilier Louis Carter in 2009 in Helmand province, Afghanistan. We remember them and all those who sacrificed so much.



Key School Dates

5th January 2026

Spring Term Commences

22nd January 2026

Y10 Parents' Evening (A Side)

29th January 2026

Y10 Parents' Evening (B Side)

5th February 2026

Year 9 Options Evening

Monday Week 2

5th January 2026

19th January 2026

2nd February 2026

23rd February 2026

9th March 2026

23rd March 2026

Publication Dates

6th February 2026

27th March 2026

22nd May 2026

10th July 2026

Independent Research – Phone Usage

We are supporting a piece of independent research looking at how families manage phones and screen time at home, and how this affects children's focus and wellbeing. The aim is to better understand the challenges parents face day-to-day, especially as these often differ from what schools see during the day.

We are inviting parents who are interested to take part in a short, 15-minute voluntary conversation with the research team, Limmi. These conversations will focus on:

- How phone use is managed at home?
- What you as a parent find most challenging?
- Any differences in behaviour between home and school?

Participation is optional, anonymous, and purely for research and no data will be shared with the school.

Parents who would like to take part can express interest here: alex@limmiapp.com or via their website at www.limmiapp.com



Year 9 Rewards Visit

A total of 156 students leapt into action during a well-deserved rewards trip to Velocity Trampoline Park in the closing weeks of the autumn term. The visit marked a celebration of students' hard work, dedication, and commitment to our school values throughout the term.

The atmosphere was filled with energy as students enjoyed trampolining, foam pits, and obstacle challenges - an experience that brought smiles to every face. Staff members reported that all students thoroughly enjoyed the trip, making the event not only fun but also a meaningful recognition of their efforts.

It was brilliant to see so many students embracing the reward, showcasing the positive impact of perseverance, teamwork, and consistent dedication.

CHS in the Community – Year 9

Year 9 CHS students (Noah A – Leigh Miners and Hayden H, Joshua B and Archie H – Leigh East) have celebrated recent Rugby League success as both Leigh Miners and Leigh East U13s claimed major honours.

Leigh Miners U13s clinched the top division title, capping off a season defined by grit, teamwork, and consistently high-level performances. Their campaign saw a blend of strong defence and dynamic attacking play. Noah also participated in a recent friendly match against a touring Australian Wanders, coming out victorious 28-22 against their rivals from down under.

Meanwhile, Leigh East U13s delivered an extraordinary achievement of their own, completing a flawless league season with 15 wins from 15 games. Their perfect record not only earned them the league title but also secured a well-deserved promotion to the top division next season.



Parking Around School

A note for parents who drive students to school and use the school car park, Withington Avenue and Culcheth Hall Drive. If you drop your child off or collect them from school, please use the drop-off bay in the school car park or, if using Withington Avenue or Culcheth Hall Drive:

- Please drive slowly – children are crossing to and from the ginnel
- Please park considerably so that driveways are not blocked and grass verges are not damaged
- Please do not use residents' driveways to turn

Please also be reminded not to use the primary school car park

School Uniform 2025-26

School uniform for 2025-26 has not changed, however there are a number of points that parents/carers need to be aware of:

1. The 'School Shoe Guidance' that remains applicable for 2025-26 is available on the school website, along with the 2025-26 uniform statement and the **3G Pitch Footwear and Guidance**.
2. Hairstyles must be suitable for school. (Extreme hairstyles including patterns, lines or indentations shaved or sculptured onto the hair are not acceptable. Other examples include 'Mohicans', 'Skinheads' and inappropriate use of natural coloured dye to create clashing and/or extreme hair colour patterns. Non-natural colours are not acceptable.)
3. Excessive make-up is unnecessary and inappropriate and must not be worn; this includes false eyelashes and fake tan

School Gates

A reminder to all parents/carers that the school gates open at 8.15am. Students arriving on site before 8.15am will be unable to enter the school site until this time.

Parent Code of Conduct

Unfortunately, Culcheth High School has had to adopt a 'Parent Code of Conduct' following an increase in incidents of inappropriate behaviour, from parents, towards members of staff in school. It is a simple code that outlines the school's expectations of parental conduct when communicating with school, examples of behaviour that will not be tolerated and the steps the school will take if inappropriate behaviour, from parents, takes place. The 'Parent Code of Conduct' can be found on the home page of the school website and also in the school policies section.

Student Possessions and Belongings

Students' possessions and belongings that they bring into school are their own responsibility and, as such, students must take care of them. We provide every student with a locker where they can store their belongings and possessions throughout the school day.

Given the expense of some of the items that students now bring into school, they do so at their own risk. The school can accept no responsibility or liability for loss, damage or theft of personal items. Often students bring expensive items into school that are not required for school; we discourage this, but we also encourage students to look after their personal possessions such as coats, phones, watches etc. ensuring that they don't misplace them or leave them unattended. It is not the responsibility of school staff to search for missing items, due to the impact this would have on missed learning time.

Please be aware that, from September 2025, CHS is a 'phone-free school' and mobile technology should be placed in the students' Yondr pouches all day.

Silver Readers Update

We are delighted to introduce Iris as our newest Silver Reader and she has made a wonderful start! Iris has been reading a book called 'Scarlet and Ivy' for her first read to her listener Dave, who was most impressed with her fluency and maturity. In her spare time, Iris enjoys books by author Scott Cawthon, and she is interested in graphic novels and diversity. All our regular listeners are full of compliments for the students, and this is lovely to hear every week.

The Silver Stories group are kindly volunteering to take part in the Christmas Showcase this year, putting their skills to the test by reading to a large audience. We are also proud of Tia, Year 10, who is the youngest volunteer in her local village shop and has been helping owner Julie every Thursday after school. They are all a credit to us!



FOCUS ON PUPIL PREMIUM

Pupil Premium Update

We offer our sincerest congratulations to the entire Pupil Premium cohort for yet another highly successful term! A huge well done to all students who dedicated themselves to completing their English or Maths Booster sessions. This commitment to improving core skills lays a powerful foundation for their continued academic success.

Well done to our Year 11 students who navigated their challenging first round of PPEs for this academic year. Their hard work during this crucial preparation phase is vital and we are incredibly proud of their focus and resilience.

Year 7 Christmas Event

As we approach the Christmas break, our Year 7 Pupil Premium students have been fully immersed in a special pre-learning project focused on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. This festive session provided a robust platform for students to engage with key literacy and English-based activities.

Students deepened their understanding of crucial themes within the novella while applying core English skills, ranging from complex inferencing to creative writing. To conclude the successful session, students enjoyed a period of friendly competition with a Christmas quiz and well-deserved treats. Congratulations to all the focused and enthusiastic Year 7 students involved!



FOCUS ON PUPIL PREMIUM

Support Over the Holiday Period

HAF Warrington Holiday Fund

If your child receives Free School Meals and attends Culcheth High School, there are a range of funded activities that they will be eligible to attend across four days from 22nd December 2025 to 6th January 2026. HAF also host family evenings, and events especially for teens. There is a session at Gravity Trampoline Park and Cineworld vouchers, which teens can use at any point during the winter holiday. Bookings are now live. Please visit the website or click the QR code if you wish to browse the events and book:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/find-and-book-haf-sessions-your-area>

Find a Warrington foodbank in your area: <https://warrington.foodbank.org.uk>

Affordable Community Spaces in Warrington

In Warrington, there are a range of affordable community food spaces that can help you save money on your food bills and stretch budgets further. These projects help tackle food waste, often using surplus food that would have gone into landfill. They are all welcoming, friendly spaces, offered by local communities. If you require further information, please click to see the [leaflet](#). Here is brief outline of some of the services available:

The Bread and Butter Thing - A food club open to anyone. Members can access three bags of food for £8.50, including one bag of chilled items, one bag of cupboard items and one bag of fruit and vegetables.

The Community Shop - Local supermarket where you can access deeply discounted food, as well as their community kitchen, activities and support.

Community Grocery - A food pantry where anyone can become a member, buying a range of items in large quantities for discounted prices.

The Little Shop - Based at Fearnhead, a food pantry where you can save at least £15.00 per shop.

Pupil Premium Educational Voucher and Uniform

Pupil Premium students have access to a £75 Education Voucher to use for the academic year. Should you wish to use your child's Educational Voucher to purchase any uniform, you need to visit the school website. You will find the order form under 'Curriculum - SEND and Pastoral - Pupil Premium Uniform Order'. If you have any questions regarding the use of the Educational Voucher, or wish to use the balance against educational items other than uniform, you can contact the PP team here:

- PPteam@culchethhigh.org.uk (the PP team as a whole)
- KMC@culchethhigh.org.uk - (PP Progress Leader – Miss K McFadden)

The PP team would like to wish all of our families a restful and joyous Christmas break.



Careers Update

It's been a busy and exciting term in the world of careers and future pathways!

Our Year 11 college assemblies are now complete, and students have had the chance to hear from a wide range of local colleges about courses, facilities, enrichment options and next steps. By now, all Year 11 students should have at least one college application submitted; if students need assistance with this please contact Mrs Haworth. Remember, there's no limit to college applications—students are encouraged to apply for as many courses or colleges as they wish to keep their options open. Colleges are now beginning to invite students for interviews, so please keep an eye on emails and letters. These interviews are a great chance to shine and ask questions—not something to be nervous about! If a student can't attend the scheduled time, it's absolutely fine to contact the college to rearrange. They're very understanding and happy to help.

Meanwhile, our Year 10s are getting their first taste of college life, with several colleges visiting school to deliver lively and informative assemblies. Students have learned about the huge variety of courses on offer, from academic pathways to exciting vocational options, plus all the brilliant extracurricular activities available. Year 10 have also jumped into the world of business with the Young Enterprise programme. We're thrilled to have four fantastic teams who are already brainstorming ideas, designing products and setting the foundations of their own mini businesses. We can't wait to see what innovative creations they come up with! In addition, a large group of Year 10 students will be taking part in the ROAR project with Priestley College starting in the new year. This is a brilliant opportunity where students work with specialist tutors to build confidence, develop new skills, and explore future possibilities.

It's been a wonderful term full of motivation and ambition—well done to all our students for taking such enthusiastic steps towards their futures. More exciting careers news to follow in the spring!



FOCUS ON SPORT



Football

Our inter-school league football programme is now reaching its culmination, with most of our teams doing fantastically well.

The Year 7s still have a final round of fixtures to play in the top division and they are still in with a chance of topping the league. We do need to win both our final fixtures, and hope for one other result to go our way but, as they say, "you've got to be in it to win it", and we're still in with a chance of doing just that so, either way, it's been a really good first season for the team.

Year 8 have had a season to forget, with a series of losses seeing us relegated back down to Division 3 for next season. There's definitely the potential within the year group to be a much stronger side, but inconsistent attendance to training, coupled with a lack of commitment from some players, has proved to be a real thorn in the side this season and, at the end of the day, you do tend to get what you deserve in sport.

The Year 9s have had a busy fixture schedule this half term due to being involved in both league and Cheshire Cup competitions, and so a bit of squad rotation has been necessary. As a result, top place in the league is now beyond us but, if we win our final two matches, we can still finish runner-up, which will maintain our Division 1 status and put us in a good position to challenge for the title in Year 10. Following on from their excellent win in the first round of the Cheshire Cup against Whitby High School, the boys faced a second-round tie against Upton High from Chester. Despite a spirited performance, the Upton team, with a number of players on the books of Wrexham and Chester Football Clubs, turned out to be just too good for us, and we experienced a pretty tough lesson in how to play powerful attacking football. I'll be surprised if that Upton team don't go a long way in the competition, but now we know the standard we will need to achieve if we are going to challenge in the competition next season.

Our Year 10s have been our most successful team this season, avenging the two losses they suffered to Great Sankey in the first half of the season, and remaining unbeaten against Birchwood and Cardinal Newman. Four wins and two draws have seen them take the league title by a clear six points and finish their Culcheth High School league football careers as Warrington Champions! They have also made good progress in the Cheshire Cup, beating Ellesmere Port Catholic High 6-4 in the first round, and defeating the always strong Kings School Chester 3-1 in the second round to earn themselves a third-round tie against Blacon High School. Hopefully we'll have more positive news to report about in the next edition!



Rugby League

As with last season, the Warrington rugby competitions are starting after the February half term, to coincide with the start of the Super League season. After-school rugby sessions will therefore begin after the Christmas holidays, in preparation for these fixtures commencing, so there's not too much longer now to wait for all you rugby players out there!

Other Activities

Remember, we also have Badminton Club on Tuesdays after school, gymnastics on Wednesdays after school, and there will be inter-house football competitions on Thursdays after the Christmas holidays, so if you're not already involved in some of these activities then come along and join in.

Space Science at Culcheth High School

In October, our Year 9s started studying space, learning about all its intricacies and wonders. In the first week of half term 2, the Science Department hosted its annual Year 9 planetarium visit and moon experience event, partnered with the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) and immersive experiences. This was a spectacular extravaganza of all things to do with space for Year 9, with a visit to the planetarium and then handling of real lunar and meteorite samples (from STFC).

Feedback from Year 9 has been great with comments from the following students:

"On Monday 3/11, we were loaned some meteorite samples from NASA and we were all able to hold and look at them. I found it very interesting and also very enlightening since I couldn't even begin to imagine that the objects we were holding come from space. I found it especially fascinating that one of the rocks was 14.6 million years old! That pre-dates Homo sapiens (us)!" *Adam De Sousa*

"On Wednesday 5/11 we visited the planetarium in school. This was also interesting as we saw the scale of earth compared to other planets and galaxies, different constellations and stars, conditions in space and many other intriguing facts. This experience made me eager to learn more about space and do my own research." *Laura Cox*

"I liked seeing it moving around me and it really felt like I was there, it was so immersive and felt like I was watching a movie. Seeing how big those planets were and how small we are really opened my eyes to the endless possibilities out there and there very well may be more life in the universe." *Isabella Charnock*

We look forward to visiting the planetarium again next year.

Year 11's Liam Wins Championship Title at Aintree

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievement of Year 11 student, **Liam Wrobel**, who recently clinched the Champion of Champions title in the Working Hunter Class 2 competition at the prestigious Aintree International Equestrian Centre.

Liam delivered a stunning performance on 20th November, taking home the top honour in this demanding equestrian discipline. This victory is particularly inspiring as it showcases Liam's dedication and resilience in overcoming obstacles, whilst juggling the demands of Year 11 studies. Liam started the year with high hopes for his black Fell Pony, Jack, after the pair secured a coveted Horse of the Year (HOY) qualifying ticket last year. Unfortunately, Jack fell lame (and is now thankfully recovering well), leaving Liam unable to compete with him this season.

Refusing to let the setback halt his progress, Liam was offered an incredible opportunity by top equestrian coach, Caroline Rios. Liam took on the training and riding of a different pony—one that Caroline had planned for her daughter but proved to be slightly too large for her.

Through a dedicated summer of training with Caroline, Liam successfully qualified for his local riding club. This hard work culminated in the Champion of Champions final at Aintree, where Liam and his new pony partnership took the incredible win! This is a testament to Liam's talent, determination, and ability to form strong bonds with his equine partners, even under pressure. We are immensely proud of his commitment and his incredible success on the national stage.

You can read more about Liam's triumph in the local press [Link to Warrington Guardian Article](#). Congratulations, Liam, on this truly amazing achievement!



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

CHS Achieves Vape and Smoke Free School Award

We are delighted to announce that Culcheth High School has officially achieved the Warrington Vape and Smokefree School Award!

This award recognises our comprehensive commitment to providing a healthy, safe, and smoke/vape-free environment for all our students, staff, and visitors. Here are the key points of our achievement and commitment:

- **Ratified Policy:** We hold a ratified, combined Vape and Smoke Free Schools Policy, which has been reviewed and ratified by the Governing Body. This policy is available as a stand-alone document on the school website.
- **Clear Expectations & Consequences:** Our policy applies to everyone on school grounds, including employees, parents, visitors, and contractors. The policy is clearly advertised, and visitors are informed of it. Consequences for pupils caught smoking or vaping include a letter/email/app notification home, providing support links for cessation.
- **Mandatory Signage:** Mandatory 'no-smoking' signage is displayed in all school-owned/hired/leased vehicles and the 'Vape & Smoke Free' status applies to all parts of the school premises, including car parks, playing fields, and entrance areas.
- **Health Education & Support:**
 - The school delivers health education on drugs, alcohol, and tobacco as part of our statutory duty. Vaping is linked into the PSHE curriculum within Personal Development.
 - We promote local services, including Livewire Smoke Free, for staff and students.
 - We are committed to providing resources and training for staff regarding smoking and vaping education.
- **Parental Involvement:** The policy confirms our commitment to working with parents and governors to communicate the benefits of a vape and smoke-free school environment for pupils and staff.

This award reflects our dedication to safeguarding the health and well-being of our entire school community. We thank you for your ongoing support in upholding these vital standards.



Standing Up to Violence with the White Ribbon Campaign

Culcheth High recently hosted the Warrington Youth Service for an important and insightful session as part of their White Ribbon Campaign. This campaign ran from Monday 24th November until Friday 5th December and supported Key Stage 4 Culcheth High School students on Wednesday 26th November.

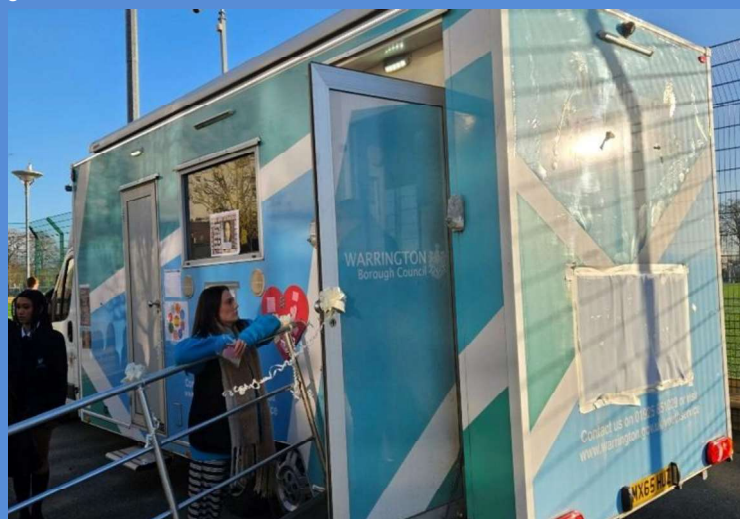
The session, entitled Domestic Abuse and Violence Awareness, focused on raising awareness of the language and actions that inform gender-based violence, and exploring the impact of coercive and controlling behaviours. Our students participated in a range of engaging and informal educational activities designed to help them:

- Identify and recognise signs of "gender-based" violence.
- Explore acceptable and unacceptable behaviours, such as name-calling and misogyny.
- Discuss current facts around domestic violence.
- Explore terminology and sayings often associated with the "Manosphere" (like "Incel" and "Doxing") to understand negative or positive connotations.

A key part of the session involved students making pledges to "Stand up to Domestic Violence". Students were encouraged to write pledges or actions they might take on "speech bubbles" to be added to a large White Ribbon display.

We extend a huge thank you to the Warrington Youth Service for bringing this vital awareness session to our school. The activities encouraged open peer discussion and helped our young people explore their feelings and attitudes towards situations of control and negative statements.

We hope this session will encourage students to continue the conversation around keeping safe and recognising behaviours that inform gender-based violence.



New Staff – January 2026

We welcome Ms Bardolia (Geography) and Mr Lambert (History) to Culcheth High School in January 2026. They are both covering maternity leaves in the History and Geography Departments, respectively. We wish them both all the very best as they join our school community.

Focus on 7M

I am delighted to report that 7M have settled into high school life exceptionally well! I am so proud that our students are already embodying our core school values of Respect, Honesty, and Excellence in their daily interactions and commitment to learning.

A massive congratulations goes out to Lili Fox for an outstanding achievement this term! Lili secured the most Grade 1 scores for 7M for the first term, demonstrating true Excellence. Well done, Lili!

We also want to celebrate excellent conduct across the school. Congratulations to the following students for achieving a perfect 100% Behaviour Score for the term: Anna De Sousa, Lili Fox, Holly France, Hannah Lever, Harriet Mees-Menga, Elizabeth Stead, Joel Walsh, Hayden Watts, Beatrice Williams. This level of consistent, positive behaviour is crucial to a successful learning environment, and we commend these students for being exemplary members of our school community.

Finally, a huge well done to all the students who have presented their "All About Me" presentations so far. These presentations are a wonderful way for the students to demonstrate their confidence and allow their classmates and myself to learn more about their unique interests and talents. We look forward to seeing the rest!

Mr Jezierski, Form Tutor 7M



Focus on 7A

In September, 28 Year 7 students from 10 different primary schools joined together to form 7A. Since then, the form has been phenomenal in settling in, producing excellent work and supporting one another in, what can be, a challenging transition to life at high school.

Between the students, they have amassed an incredible 575 excellent lessons with Phoebe and Harriet having over 25 each. That's a whole week's worth of excellent lessons!

We've also heard some wonderful 'Good to Talk' presentations from Poppy and Emily and Nicole and Sienna. It was fantastic to hear about Poppy and Emily's gymnastics achievements and see Nicole and Sienna's love of dogs. We are very much looking forward to the presentations we'll hear in the new year, as Dominik and Owen start us off. Thursday mornings provide a great opportunity for the group to get to know one another more and share their likes and interests. In addition, 7A students have seized every opportunity given to them with many being involved in PE extra-curricular activities: attending clubs, representing Curie House in inter-form tournaments, or representing the school. Others have attended art and craft clubs or board games at lunch. Whatever the activity offered, 7A are relishing the chance to get involved.

Finally, it would be remiss of us to not note how proud we are of two students from 7A: Melissa and Dylan. Their brilliant Christmas Carol designs have made them winners in the Art Department's competition.

We are very proud of everyone in 7A. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we can't wait to see what you achieve next term!

Mrs Pilling and Mr Cowan, Form Tutors 7A



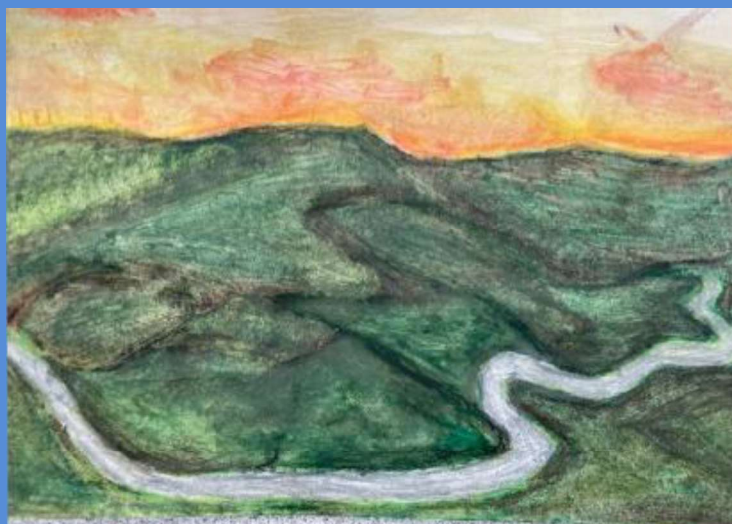
Art Club

During this first term, numerous students across KS3 have attended the Monday lunchtime Art Club. They have been creating a mixed-media concertina seasonal landscape booklet.

Before beginning their final piece, students received tutorials where they could trial and test different techniques in the style of artists who predominantly use those methods. This gave them the opportunity to learn new skills that they could apply to their final work, building upon their existing skillset and interest in the subject.

The tutorials included drawing, watercolour, oil pastel mono-printing, ink mark-making with collated natural forms, and various collaging techniques. Students will be finishing these pieces over the coming weeks, and they will be displayed in the near future.

In the last two weeks of term, students have been given the opportunity to produce a Christmas decoration. This activity has been well attended and allowed them to participate in a festive creative project.



Year 7 Christmas Card Competition

The annual Year 7 Christmas card competition saw yet another bumper year of entries. Designs included snow globes, toy soldiers, Christmas trees and snowmen all of which were decorated with a CHS theme.

Students demonstrated a real confidence in colour and tone, making the decision exceptionally difficult. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who took part. In first place was Melissa Horsta in 7A. The runner up was Dylan Balfe 7A; in third place was Chloe Wallace in 7N, and in fourth place was Romillie Edwards 7U. Well done to all our Year 7 entrants.



CHS in the Community – Year 10

I recently had the opportunity to travel to Riga, Latvia, to compete in the European Karate Championships. The event brought together more than 30 competitors in my individual category, and after several tough rounds I was proud to finish in fifth place.

One of the highlights of the trip was taking part in the team fighting event. Our team worked incredibly well together, supporting each other through every match, and we were thrilled to win the gold medal. Competing against strong teams from across Europe made the victory even more special.

Overall, the championships were an amazing experience that taught me a lot and made me even more motivated for future competitions. I'm grateful for all the support from my coaches, teammates, and school.

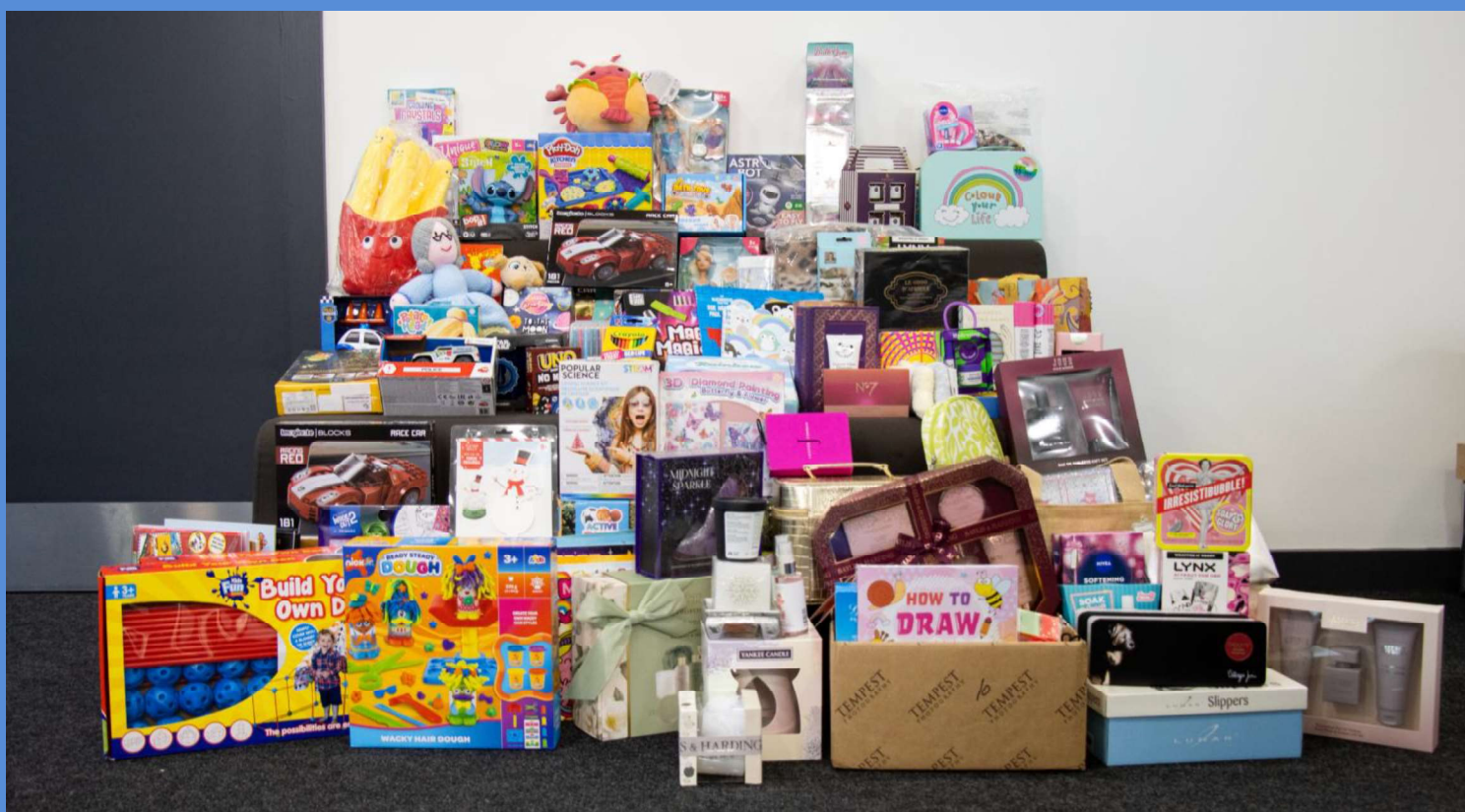
Alicia, 10H



Christmas Fundraiser

Merry Christmas! A huge thank you to all of the students, parents, carers, staff and associates of Culcheth High School who have given so generously to the Toy Appeal this year. We are delighted to be able to pass on a huge number of wonderful presents to the Warrington Food Bank Christmas Toy Appeal. Thank you so much for your generosity. Merry Christmas!

Also, a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the St Joseph's Family Centre Christmas Hamper Appeal and to our very own Senior Citizens' Christmas Party – once again we have raised hundreds of pounds for both. More thanks again to everyone who made generous donations of bingo prizes for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. Merry Christmas, everyone!



Travel guide to Culcheth High



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Your journey to school

We are encouraging everyone at our school to think about the way they travel. By **walking** or **cycling** our school community can help reduce the number of vehicles on the road. Plus, this will reduce the congestion outside our school and surrounding areas especially during the school start and finish times. It will make travelling in our local area safer and healthier for all of us.



Public Transport

Travelling by **bus** or **train** is a great way to get to school independently. It is also good for the environment as a full bus can take up to 40 cars off the road, meaning there is less pollution and congestion. To see the range of tickets available to you, plan your journey and view live public transport information, visit warrington.gov.uk/buses or Warrington's Own Buses warringtonownbuses.co.uk. For train information, visit nationalrail.co.uk

Check out your daily
travel options and enjoy
your journey
to school!

Walking and cycling



Walking and cycling to school are the simplest and best ways to travel and reduce time spent stuck in the car. It also gives you your independence and is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Please pay attention to what is happening around you and don't get distracted by friends, phones or headphones.

Walking

Walking is a great way to exercise and if you have had a hard busy day at school, walking home can help you relax. Walking to and from school with friends also gives you time to chat and socialise.

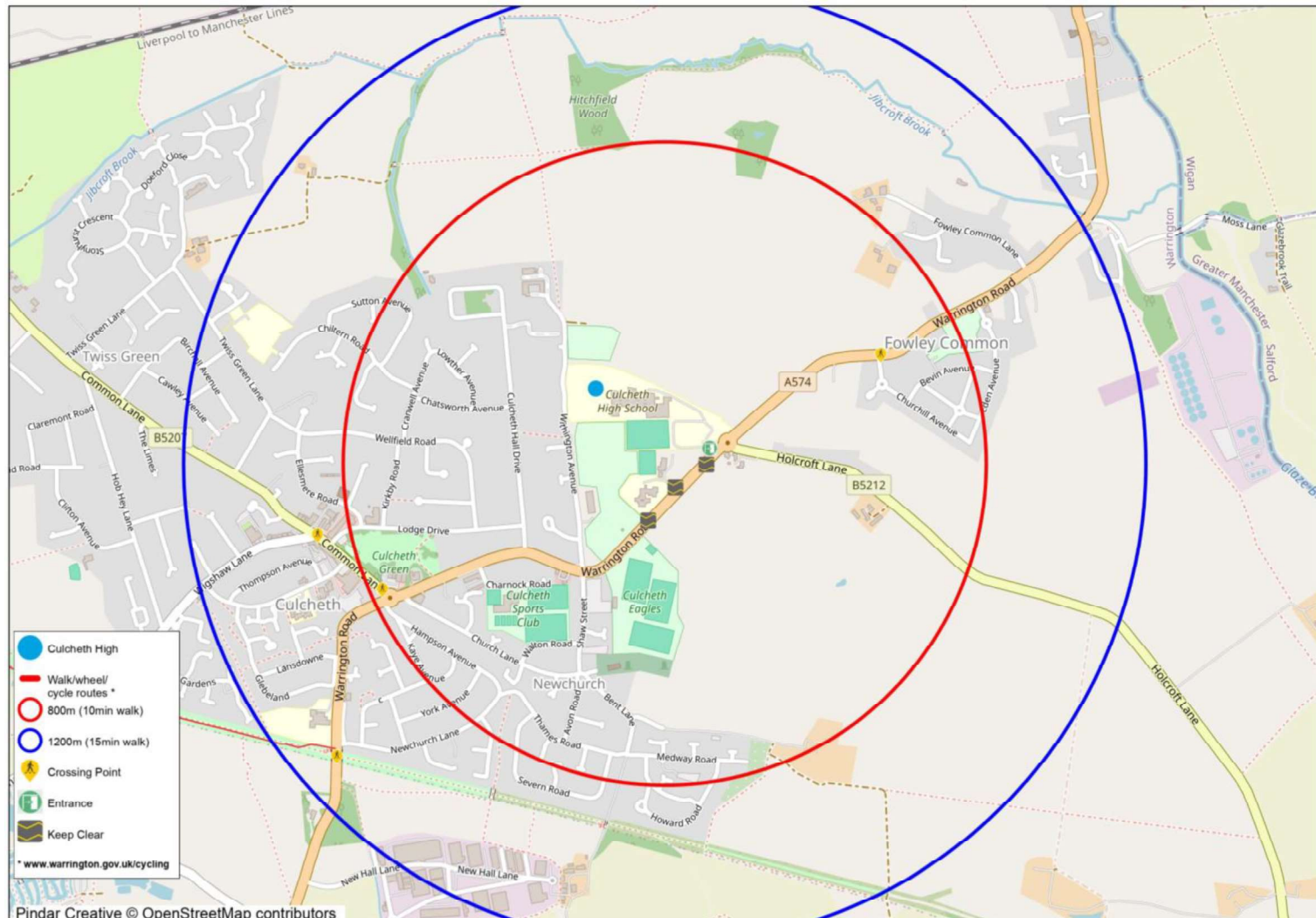
Cycling

Cycling is a fun and quick way to get to school. Ride independently or with a friend to make the journey even more enjoyable. Make sure you have a lock with you. Always wear a helmet, and use bike lights when it's dark, to help keep yourself safe and visible.

Warrington Borough Council in partnership with Bikeright offer Bikeability cycle training to all year 7 & 8 students. Use the map to see what low and traffic-free routes are available on your route to school, or visit warrington.gov.uk/cycling. Here you can also find more information about the cycle training we offer or ask your school for further details.

Park and Stride

Many students live within the 10 and 15 minute walking zones as highlighted on this map. If you live outside these zones, then consider being dropped off and picked up at a Park and Stride area or a friend's house who lives within the zones and walk in from there.





Dear Parents, Guardians and Father Christmas/Santa,

Has your little elf asked for an e-scooter or e-bike for Christmas?

The following is basic information on where e-bikes and e-scooters can be used within the law.

We want to make sure your Christmas presents end up in a pile like this...



...and
not this



	E-Scooter *	E-Bike (pedals)	E-motorbike (no pedals)
What is it?	Any scooter powered by a battery.	A bicycle powered by a 250w max battery with pedals to propel (15.5mph)	A battery powered motorbike, moped or bike with no pedals to propel.
Under 16 in public	No *	14+ only	No
In a public area	No *	Yes, if compliant	Yes if taxed and insured
On private land - with the landowners permission	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can I use it on cycle paths?	No	Yes	No
Can I use it on the pavement?	No *	No	No
Can I use it on the road?	No	Yes	Yes
Is there a safety risk?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is there a fire risk?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Would it be seized?	Yes *	Yes, if not compliant	Yes if not taxed and insured
What can I get instead that is legal for public use?	Commuter or stunt scooter. These can be used in public areas such as parks, skate parks and pump tracks. Always wear safety equipment.	Consider a mountain bike. A great way to commute, offering independence and exercise, use in forests and on pump tracks. Always wear safety equipment and use a bike lock.	Age dependent, if over 14 then look at an e-bike, following our guidance and doing your own research. Head to a local private track for more information
Where can I use the legal scooter or bike?	Search for pump tracks to test your skill levels and look at skills training.	Local councils offer information online for the area and clubs for mountain biking and BMX.	Motorcross Clubs.

*This does not include rental scheme e-scooters which are insured to be used by riders over 16 with a license. Refer to scheme

No one wants to seize anyone's presents!



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