

The Eagle



Culcheth High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We come to the end of the five-week first half of the summer term in a blink of the eye! A half term punctuated by bank holidays and four-day weeks means we have packed so much into such a short period of time. I would like to praise our Year 11 students who have been amazing, hardworking and diligent in their approach to the exams, with excellent attendance to a range of revision sessions and crammers over the last few months. A huge thank you to our staff, who have worked tirelessly to prepare our students for the exams. This dedication and hard work from staff and students continue throughout the half-term holiday, with revision sessions in school, and continued lessons and crammers post half-term.

Exams continue until 17th June, with the national contingency day on 24th June should there be any reason to move or change an exam date. Year 11 celebration events all take place after the break, and we are looking forward to celebrating, with our students, their time at Culcheth High School. The staff, governors and students at Culcheth High School wish the Class of 2026, all the very best for the future!

As the Year 11 students come to the end of their time with us, it is with great pleasure that we welcome the new Year 7 students to Culcheth High School in September 2026. We extend a warm welcome to the families of our new students and look forward to meeting you all in our induction events in July. The Year 6 Parent Induction Evening is on Tuesday 30th June and the Year 6 Induction Days are on Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July.

After the May half-term, we have a very busy seven weeks ahead of us taking us into the summer holidays. We also look forward to our Celebration Evening, Sports Day, College Taster Days, Year 10 Work Experience Week, Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, CHSFest, Patric Wilson Day and many more in-school events.

May I, once again, take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful staff at Culcheth High School for their amazing commitment, support and hard work during this very busy half-term. Especially their commitment in supporting the Year 11 students prepare for their exams. May I also thank parents and carers for your continued support and wish you, your family and loved ones a safe and restful half-term break. #WeAreCHS.
Mr C P Hunt, Headteacher

Remembering Tom

On 27th April, our friend Tom Reynolds would have celebrated his 15th birthday; he is still missed every day by his friends and staff here at Culcheth High School. Tom's parents wanted to mark the day by creating a place in school for his friends to come and sit, talk, and remember Tom.

We were honoured that they were able to come into school (especially as they had both completed a gruelling London Marathon the day before!) and plant an apple tree in Tom's memory. Tom's dad talked about how an apple tree is special, it changes with the seasons. In spring it will blossom, and in the autumn, it will bear fruit. Tom's tree will provide something for all of us to use and share together in the future.

The tree is already a special place in our Year 10 area. It is being well looked after by students, and it will continue to be cherished in the years to come.

Tom's parents continue to fundraise for charities that support young people's mental health. If you would like more information, or to offer support, please click on the link below.

<https://thomas-ahron-reynolds.muchloved.com/Fundraising/Events/729770872>

Miss Butler, Progress Leader Year 10



Key School Dates

11th June 2026

Year 7 Parents' Evening (A Side)

18th June 2026

Year 7 Parents' Evening (B Side)

17th June 2026

GCSE Public Exams Close

22nd-26th June 2026

Year 10 PPEs

29th June 2026

SEND Transition Day

30th June 2026

Y6 Induction Evening

1st-2nd July 2026

Y6 Induction Day

1st July 2026

Year 7-9 Reports

7th July 2026

Sports Day

9th July 2026

Celebration Evening

15th July 2026

Year 10 Reports

16th July 2026

CHS Fest

17th July 2026

Last Day of Summer Term

Monday Week 2

8th June 2026

22nd June 2026

6th July 2026

Publication Dates

10th July 2026



INTER-HOUSE EVENTS

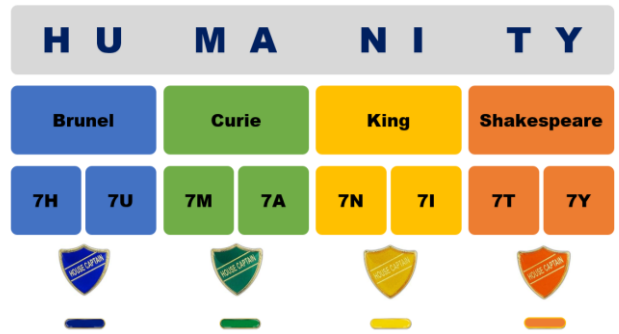


Inter-House Events at Culcheth High School

We are delighted to introduce a new regular feature in our newsletter celebrating our **Inter-House Events**. Throughout the year, students from **Brunel**, **Curie**, **King** and **Shakespeare** will compete in a wide range of activities that showcase talent, teamwork and school spirit.

Our House system plays a vital role in strengthening our school community, giving students a sense of belonging and pride while encouraging healthy competition. Through participation, leadership and collaboration, Inter-House Events actively promote our core ethos of **Respect, Honesty and Excellence**- respecting teammates and opponents, demonstrating integrity in competition, and striving to achieve their very best.

Mr Cushing, Assistant Headteacher



Inter-House Tug of War Competition

As part of our *Progressive Masculinity* mentoring programme, students have recently taken part in a series of workshops focusing on key personal and social development themes. These have included effective communication, building positive male friendships, anger management and self-regulation, attitudes towards education, and understanding masculinity in the digital world, including the influence of social media. Students have also explored gender allyship, as well as their own aspirations and role models.

As part of their role as ambassadors, students have begun to demonstrate their leadership skills in a practical context. Most recently, they organised and led an inter-house tug of war competition. Alongside promoting teamwork and healthy competition, the event provided an opportunity to reinforce important messages around positive masculinity and challenging misogyny within our school community.

It was fantastic to see such high levels of engagement, with students demonstrating excellent teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship throughout.

Competition Results:

1st – Brunel; 2nd – Shakespeare; 3rd – Curie; 4th – King



Inter-House Netball Competition

The Year 8 inter-form netball competition was another exciting and successful event, with all forms competing enthusiastically for the winning place. The competition showcased amazing teamwork, effort, and fairplay from all students involved. Every team played with determination, and encouraged one another throughout the tournament, creating a fantastic atmosphere.

Congratulations to the Players of the Match: Oliver Holden, Evie Webster, Olivia Booth-Simonsen and Kelsey Bundall for their excellent performances.

Results: 1st – 8Y, 2nd – 8N, 3rd – 8A&U, and 4th – 8I. Well done to everyone who took part.





INTER-HOUSE EVENTS



Inter-House Football Competition

The Year 8 inter-house football tournament was a fantastic event, with students showing great teamwork and determination throughout the competition. After a series of closely contested matches, Shakespeare were crowned champions, with King finishing as runners-up. Brunel secured third place, while Curie finished fourth. Well done to all students who took part and represented their houses so positively.



Year 7 Inter-House Rounders Competition

The school fields were buzzing as our Year 7 students battled it out in the inter-house rounders competition. The energy was high from the first whistle, with students from all houses showing off their batting and fantastic fielding skills. After a series of tense innings and some very close calls at fourth base, King House were the clear winners after scoring several full and half rounders.

While the competition was fierce, it was wonderful to see so many students cheering each other on. Of course, it wouldn't be a school sports event without a memorable highlight. Mrs Lucy provided the entertainment of the evening with a spectacular - if slightly ungraceful - tumble, after her first attempt at batting. Well done to all the Year 7s who took part, and a huge congratulations to King House!





INTER-HOUSE EVENTS



Year 8 Inter-House Easter Egg Competition

Year 8 students have recently proved that when it comes to competing with each other to donate the most Easter eggs, they are an absolute class act! Year 8 were set a challenge – to bring in Easter eggs which would be donated to the children's ward at Warrington Hospital – and they set to the challenge with grit, determination, and a very competitive streak.

Eggs were brought in on a daily basis, and soon filled up Mr Dugdale's office, where we decided to safely store them. The four houses were competing against each other, with Form Tutors also taking part.

Once the deadline had passed, it took an hour to count up all the eggs – as a year group, we had collected in 277 Easter eggs! The next job was to move them all from school to the hospital, and the staff on the children's ward were absolutely thrilled with our hefty chocolate donation.

The winning house was Shakespeare (8T and 8Y) and students from these forms enjoyed an afternoon of quizzing and sweet treats, before the end of term.

We will be hosting our next interhouse event during the summer term, starting with an interhouse rounders tournament. Thank you to all the Year 8 students, parents, and carers who supported our competition.



Year 9 Inter-House Football Competition

The Year 9 inter-house football tournament came to a dramatic conclusion last week, with Brunel House emerging victorious after a tense penalty shootout against King House in the final.

Both teams battled hard throughout the match, showing determination, teamwork, and excellent sportsmanship. King House star performer, James in goal position, managed to keep the King team in the game with several great saves throughout the match and tournament. After a tightly contested game ended level at full time, the championship was decided by penalties. Brunel kept their composure to edge past King House and secure the trophy.

Congratulations to all students who took part in the tournament for their enthusiasm, and a special well done to Brunel House — the new Year 9 inter-house football champions!



Year 10 Inter-House General Knowledge Quiz

What is the largest island in The Philippines? What name is given to a triangle with two sides of equal length? In what year did Rosa Parks refuse to give up her seat on the bus in Montgomery, Alabama?

Every Friday, our Year 10 students tackle a range of fiendish general knowledge questions like these in form time, in an attempt to see who is the quizziest form! The quiz is eagerly anticipated by everyone, and the disappointment is real when it's postponed.

Periodically, the quiz goes to another level when we go 'inter-house'. Forms are paired up as houses with each tutor group getting different sets of questions. Answers began with the letters spelling out 'humanity' to follow our form initials. The marking is strict, and scores are always very close. The winners in our first two rounds are Brunel House, made up of 10H and 10U ably assisted by Miss Smith and Miss Pilling. Both forms scored a maximum of 16 points on their sets of questions in the first quiz and won narrowly from Shakespeare House on a tiebreaker in the second quiz.

The inter-house quiz will be back later in the year. Can anyone beat Brunel? Watch this space to find out! (ps its Luzon, isosceles, and 1955 for those joining in!)



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 considerately 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.

CHS in the Community - Alby

My name is Alby and I have cerebral palsy. I'm a goalkeeper for Manchester City disability team and I'm also on the England talent pathway for para football. Alongside football, I train in athletics and my dream is to become a Paralympian one day. I recently competed in the Mini London Para Championships with British Athletics, which was an amazing experience. Despite injuring my knee before the competition, I gave it my best and finished in 5th place. I'm really proud to have competed again (this was my 3rd time) at such a big para-athletics event alongside so many amazing athletes. It was a great experience and has motivated me to keep training and improving.

I also use social media to help raise awareness about disability, inclusion and cerebral palsy. I want to help educate other students and society on how to treat disabled people with kindness, respect and understanding and to show that having a disability should never stop anyone from achieving their goals. I hope by sharing my journey I can inspire others to believe in themselves and help change the way people see disability.



FOCUS ON PUPIL PREMIUM

Year 11 – Aiming for Success

As our Year 11 students begin their GCSE examinations, we would like to recognise the tremendous hard work, commitment, and determination they have shown throughout the year. From attending booster sessions, revision sessions and completing coursework, to balancing all that with their extra-curricular commitments, it's been a journey. The PP team is incredibly proud of the Year 11 PP cohort and the effort they have put into their preparation during this important time. The PP team would like to wish our Year 11 students the very best of luck in their exams and every success for the future — believe in yourselves and give it your all!

"Believe in yourself, stay calm, do your best, that is all anyone can ask." Mrs West

"Beware; for I am fearless, and therefore powerful" – Mary Shelley, Frankenstein - Miss McFadden

"You have got this, believe in yourself and all that you have studied. Good Luck" - Mrs Lacey

Term 3 Booster

As we are entering into our final term, we have started the concluding round of form time boosters for Maths and English. Booster sessions are an excellent opportunity for the PP team to offer additional support to our PP students, with a specific focus on students moving to the next grade level. The booster sessions this term are focused on preparing students for their next year at Culcheth, with Year 9 now looking at 'pre-learning' GCSE content. Our focus is to give our PP students a head-start on the components they need to be successful in their next academic year.

Year 7 Swimming

Twelve of our Year 7 students have successfully completed a four-week block of swimming lessons at Leigh Sports Village. During the programme, students took part in lane swimming, survival flotation skills, stroke development, and overall water safety. Swimming is an important life skill that promotes fitness, confidence, resilience, and personal safety around water.

The swimmers thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and demonstrated excellent effort, enthusiasm, and progress throughout the course. Many students commented on how much fun they had in the pool and looked forward to the lessons each week. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow as they encouraged one another and celebrated their achievements together.

Pupil Premium Uniform Orders

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'. **The deadline for summer uniform order is Friday 3rd July.** The deadline must be adhered to ensure orders requested can be distributed before school closes for summer.

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 KS4 Academic Support, Miss McFadden)
 - ALA@culchethhigh.org.uk (PP KS3 Academic Mentor & CIC)
 - CWE@culchethhigh.org.uk (PP Progress Leader, Mrs West)
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Uniform Support 'Pre-Loved'

If you do not receive PP support for your child's uniform or you have already spent your Educational Voucher for this academic year 2025-26, please don't hesitate to contact the PP team directly to source 'Pre-Loved' uniform items for the next academic year.

We have a large stock of good quality items in a wide range of sizes; we will endeavour to match the requests for any badged item. You can request up to a maximum quantity of two for any badged uniform item. If we have it in stock, we will have them ready for collection before we break up for summer, so long as requests are in by **Friday 3rd July**.

If you seek further support and would like to request items please contact the PP team directly via our email on PPTeam@culchethhigh.org.uk clearly stating the quantity of the item (x2 max) and size.

Music Through the Decades – A Retro Music Showcase

In April, we hosted our annual "Music Through the Decades" showcase, featuring a vibrant lineup of talent from every year group. The evening was a resounding success, with a packed house enjoying everything from soulful vocal duets to high-energy rock bands and polished instrumental solos.

The dedication of our performers was evident in every note, but the music didn't stop there. The following day, we held a special matinee for our local primary schools, which was met with fantastic enthusiasm.

A massive thank you goes out to our performers and tech crew for their hard work. We want to extend a special note of gratitude to our Year 11 students; your commitment to music showcases over the past five years has been truly inspiring.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fighting the Fake: Protecting our Wellbeing

As part of **Mental Health Awareness Week** (May 11th -18th 2026) and our engagement with the **Smoke-Free Schools Award**, our school held an important assembly focusing on the hidden dangers of illegal tobacco and nicotine products. The theme for Mental Health Awareness Week this year was '**EVERY ACTION COUNTS**' and, while we often discuss the physical risks of smoking and vaping, it is equally important to understand how the illegal trade of these items impacts our safety, our community, and our collective peace of mind.

What are Illegal Nicotine Products?

Illegal products are any nicotine-based items sold unlawfully in the UK. These include:

- **Smuggled goods:** Genuine vapes or cigarettes brought in from other countries without duty being paid.
- **Counterfeit items:** Fake versions of well-known brands, including cigarettes, vapes, and nicotine pouches.
- **Unregulated brands:** Products that look like established brands but do not meet UK safety standards.

Why This Matters for Our Safety

Choosing "cheap" alternatives carries a heavy price for our health and safety. Illegal products are not subject to the strict quality controls we have in the UK, leading to significant risks:

- **Toxic Ingredients:** Illegal vapes may contain dangerous metals or chemicals like **formaldehyde**. Illegal tobacco often contains much higher levels of **tar and carbon monoxide**.
- **Fire Hazards:** Standard UK cigarettes are designed to self-extinguish. Illegal versions lack this "rip strip," posing a major fire risk. Similarly, counterfeit vapes and incompatible chargers have been known to cause serious fires.
- **Funding Crime:** Purchasing these items funnels money into **organised crime**, supporting activities such as human trafficking, drug smuggling, and child exploitation.

Spotting the Signs

Protecting yourself means knowing how to identify a "fake" or illegal product. Look out for these red flags:

- **Packaging Errors:** Spelling mistakes, non-brown tobacco packaging, or a lack of clear English health warnings.
- **Suspicious Pricing:** Anything sold at an unusually low cost, such as £3 for a pack of cigarettes.
- **Missing Marks:** UK products should have a "**UK Duty Paid**" mark and a **Track and Trace ID**.
- **Illegal Claims:** Vapes should not be marketed with words like "healthy" or "energy," nor should they look like toys.

Take Action

If you encounter illegal nicotine products, you can help keep our community safe by reporting it anonymously.

Report It: Call **0300 999 6 999** or visit stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk.

We encourage all students to reflect on how this knowledge can help them make safer choices for their physical and mental wellbeing. If you or someone you know needs help to stop smoking, please visit nhs.uk/quit.



CHS in the Community – Year 11

At the start of the season, I trialed for four Netball Performance League under 17s franchises (the age group above) and was offered a place in three of them. I chose to play for Birmingham Panthers under 17s where I started as wing defense and vice-captain. We went on to come second in the league and had the highest goal difference out of all the teams in the league.

Birmingham Panthers training has stopped, to accommodate for recovery and exams, but will start again in a few weeks for the NPL tournament, which we hope to win. During this season, I was asked to attend an U17s England Netball Roses trial, alongside 24 of the top players in the country; sadly I did not get into the short squad but I am still waiting for the long squad announcement.

During this time, I also attended the trial for the Republic of Ireland under 19s/21s squad, for which I gained success, and am training with for the up and coming international tournaments.

Darcy, Y11



CHS in the Community – Year 11

Over the past few weeks, Emily has competed in numerous swimming competitions, facing some of the best swimmers in the country. In March, at the Manchester International Meeting, Emily competed in four events, with three personal bests and one season's best. On the Saturday, she competed in the 50m butterfly and 200m backstroke. She achieved a small pb in the 50m fly, but unfortunately missed out on the junior final. She then swam a strong heat and qualified for the junior final (17/u) for 200m backstroke in 3rd place, and when the final came, she swam an even stronger race and claimed the gold, narrowly missing her personal best. On the Sunday, she competed in the 100m backstroke and 100m butterfly, swimming small pbs in both events, which led to her qualifying in second place for the 100m backstroke senior final next to a world bronze medallist, European champion, and British record holder - Lauren Cox. Despite the pressure of being the youngest in the final by two years, she delivered a strong performance with a 1.1 second pb and finished 4th overall - fastest junior. This race on its own gave her great experience, racing older and faster swimmers; even getting complimented on her underwater skills by one of the best in the world. Shortly after came the 100m butterfly junior final, where she qualified in 4th place from the heats, but with all the adrenaline from the 100m backstroke still with her, she was ready to push herself and ended up winning the junior gold with a 1.4 second pb. Overall, this meet was an incredible experience, swimming multiple personal bests and competing against some of the best athletes.

A few weeks later, she competed in the Welsh National Championships in Swansea, this was a 4-day meet where she competed in a total of eight events. The first day definitely stood out to her (and some of the members of the Swim Wales directors / coaches). Emily raced in the 200m backstroke and 100m freestyle and qualified for both finals in the 16/17 age group. 200m backstroke came first, Emily qualified in 4th place, and put together a strong performance with a 3-second pb to finish 2nd overall while being the fastest in the 16-year-old age group. 100m freestyle was next, she was close to pb in the heats and qualified in 5th place. In the final, Emily swam a 1.1 second pb with a time of 59.35 (her first time going sub-minute) and finished 3rd overall and 1st in her age group. This particular performance caught the attention of the Head of Swim Wales, who discussed her potential for the Youth Commonwealth Games next year.

These early season competitions have given her the opportunity to overcome some difficult setbacks, due to injury last year, and learn to trust the process. Emily's performances have given her the confidence to continue progressing this season, and with five events secured at the Aquatics GB Next Gen Championships (top 24 swimmers per event) Emily is aiming to qualify for more events and she looks forward to what is yet to come.



CHS in the Community – Year 10

Ava is one of a number of incredibly talented sportspeople at Culcheth High School, excelling in both Rugby League and Rugby Union. She writes:

"In Rugby Union so far this year, I have completed my Lancashire season where we have gone undefeated against Cheshire, Cumbria, Durham, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire. I have played winger and centre during my time at Lancashire and am looking forward to trials in September where I hope to be selected for the team again. In addition, I have played well on my local union club team. We won the Lancashire cup, and we went the entire season undefeated! Although I am sad that union is over, I am excited for this year's league season. Culcheth Eagles, my team, are currently second in the premier league after battling through tough games. Rugby is such a joy to play, and I still have so much more to achieve, so in order to achieve I have to try my absolute hardest in every aspect of the game.

Signing on the Warrington Wolves Elite Pathway to Performance (P2P) programme has been such an honour and a privilege. Training with a professional team with two of my club teammates has been a dream come true and I must work hard so that I could potentially be a part of the Warrington Academy someday."



CHS in the Community – Year 9

Cheshire is celebrating a major sporting milestone this week as the 14U boys' tennis team secured the Division 1 title at the regional County Cup. Among the elite line-up was Sennan, whose stellar performance in both singles and doubles matches was instrumental in the team's triumphant weekend.

The victory in Corby was a masterclass in teamwork and tenacity. By finishing as Division 1 winners, the Cheshire squad has officially qualified for the prestigious National County Cup Finals in Nottingham, held from 15th to 17th May.

To ensure they are match-ready for the Nottingham courts, Sennan will join his teammates for an intensive training session on Thursday 14th May. The squad will travel immediately after practice to prepare for the opening serves on Friday morning.

Congratulations to Sennan and the entire Cheshire team! We wish them the best of luck as they represent the region on the national stage.



Ski Visit to Italy

The first week of the Easter holiday saw us skiing in the Italian resort of Madesimo, in the Lombardy region of North Italy, and it certainly didn't disappoint! Seventy students were joined by last year's ski team of Mr Welsford, Mr Dugdale, Mr Bolton, Miss Crane, Miss Gilmore, and also the returning Mr Hamer, for a week of fabulous skiing, apres-ski activities and plenty of pasta & pizza!

Winter 2026 was a bumper ski season, with record snowfalls throughout the Alps so, when we arrived to find clear blue skies, very pleasant temperatures, and loads of snow on the pistes, it really was a case of "what more could we ask for?" Well, the answer to that question is "fresh snow", and we had that too, as about 50cms had fallen in the previous two days, so we really did arrive to absolutely perfect conditions!

The fantastic weather continued throughout the week, so we lathered on the sun cream and even got rid of the ski jackets on occasions, to make the most of the tip-top conditions. Under the watchful eyes of our maestro di sci's (as the Italian instructors like to be called) the students developed their skills at a fantastic rate, with some of the progress really needing to be seen to be believed. By the end of the week, students who had never skied on real snow before, were able to handle much of what the mountain had to offer, even managing to negotiate a black run or two (the hardest slopes available on the mountain).

Our evenings were also jam-packed, with ice skating, a night out at a traditional Italian Pizzeria for food "just like Nonna's", a good old quiz night, and even an impromptu basketball match against some of the local residents. And it was all topped off with one of the best karaoke sessions ever witnessed on a school trip, complete with James' impression of Bez from the Happy Mondays that simply had to be seen to be appreciated.

We had already booked to return to Andorra in 2027 before we had departed for Madesimo, but we were so impressed with it as a destination we will definitely return here in the future, hopefully in 2028!



Flags for Antarctica

Year 8 geography students took part in an exciting project to design a new flag for Antarctica back in December, learning about one of the world's most important and fragile environments. The project encouraged students to think carefully about what Antarctica represents, including peace, science, teamwork, and the protection of nature. After many imaginative entries were submitted, two winning designs were chosen to represent Culcheth High School.

The winning flags have now officially made the incredible journey to Antarctica, where they were photographed against the breathtaking landscape aboard a research vessel. The flag will now be displayed at the British research facility in Antarctica, allowing scientists and visitors to see the students' work. The image will serve as a lasting reminder of the students' hard work and their connection to this unique continent. Pupils were thrilled to hear that their design had travelled thousands of miles to one of the most remote places on Earth.

The project also helped raise awareness of Antarctica Day, celebrated each year on 1st December. Antarctica Day marks the signing of the Antarctic Treaty in 1959, an international agreement promoting peace and scientific cooperation. It reminds people around the world of the importance of protecting Antarctica's fragile environment for future generations.





FOCUS ON SPORT



Netball

This year has been an incredibly successful one for the Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams at Culcheth High School. The Year 7 team achieved an outstanding record, winning every match throughout the season and demonstrating exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork in every game. The Year 8 team were also extremely successful, consistently performing to a very high standard and showing great commitment to improving their performances.

Across both teams, the girls worked brilliantly together and demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication, dedication, and talent within PE and competitive sport. Their positive attitude and support for one another have been fantastic, and they should be very proud of their achievements.

Football

Our football teams are progressing very well in the Warrington Cup Competitions. Year 10 won 2-0 in a closely fought quarter final match against Penketh, to set up a semi-final tie against either Sir Thomas Boteler or Great Sankey. The boys should probably have won this one by a wider margin, but when the goals just aren't going in, it's always nice to record a clean sheet to see you through to the next round!

Scoring goals certainly isn't a problem for the Year 9 team, who destroyed Kings Leadership Academy 10 – 0 in their quarter-final tie, before going on to record an even more impressive 12-2 victory in their semi-final against Sir Thomas Boteler. This result included a double hatrick for Sid Davies in his first appearance as a centre forward, so I think I might just be selecting him in that position again!

The boys now face Bridgewater in the final, in what is almost certainly going to be a much tougher fixture, so we are just hoping they haven't used up all their goals in the last two rounds.



Uniform Raffle - #WeAreCHS



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- › RESPECT
- › HONESTY
- › EXCELLENCE

#WeAreCHS Uniform Raffle



Uniform Raffle – Donate to Support Our School Community!

We are launching a Uniform Raffle and are asking for donations of school badged uniform items. These items will help support families who may not currently be in a position to afford compulsory pieces of school uniform. Your support can make a real difference to members of our school community.

As a thank you, students will receive one raffle ticket for each donated badged item, giving them the chance to win one of several £25 Amazon vouchers!

Students can drop off donated items with the Student Leadership Group in the canteen at break times. We will accept any school badged uniform items in good condition.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important initiative and helping ensure all students have access to the uniform they need.

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Parenting Drop In

No need to book, just turn up at the days/times below



3rd Mon of the Month	4th Tue of the Month	2nd Wed of the Month	1st Thurs of the Month
Barnes Close Family Hub WA5 1SB	Youth Hub WA2 0JF	Admirals Road Family Hub WA3 6QG	Tinsley Street Family Hub WA4 1RE
9.30am-11.30am	1.30-2.30pm	2-3pm	10am-11.30am
On the Following Dates:	On the Following Dates:	On the Following Dates:	On the Following Dates:
12 th Jan 16 th Feb 16 th Mar 20 th Apr 18 th May 15 th Jun	27 th Jan 24 th Feb 24 th Mar 28 th Apr 26 th May 23 rd Jun	11 th Feb 11 th Mar 13 th May 10 th Jun 8 th Jul	8 th Jan 5 th Feb 5 th Mar 7 th May 4 th Jun 2 nd Jul

ABANDONED BUILDINGS

Vulnerable children and young people are repeatedly accessing derelict buildings in Warrington.

Please talk to them about the dangers of doing this!

Their lives and safety may be at risk.

If you have any details of buildings that need securing, please contact communitysafetywbc@warrington.gov.uk

