

The Eagle



Culcheth High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome to the start of the 2021-22 academic year and I hope that everybody has had a wonderful summer break. I would particularly like to welcome our Year 7 students, parents and carers to the Culcheth High School community and look forward to working with you all.

Students and staff have returned from the summer holiday in great spirits, following some amazing exam results in the summer. GCSE Results Day was a fantastic event as students, parents, siblings, teachers and other family members celebrated their GCSE exam results. Congratulations to the Year 11 class of 2021! May I thank all students, staff, governors and parents/carers for all their hard work and support in helping our students gain their excellent exam results in the summer and wish our Year 11 leavers good luck in their new adventures in the year ahead.

As we start this new academic year, it has been a logistically challenging start with COVID testing and a power cut, but things are starting to feel a little more like normal. Staff are now back teaching in their own classrooms and students will now be able to experience their curriculum and learning in subject-specialist areas. We have maintained a number of the 'learning zone' routines as students and staff thought that they were much better. I would like to ask parents and carers to reinforce the messages at home regarding personal hygiene in school and regular hand sanitising for students. We will be maintaining all indoor areas with good ventilation, and hand sanitising stations are placed throughout the school.

As we move cautiously back to normality, our key messages to students and staff remains consistent, which is that we expect the highest standards in everything that we do to enable us to 'be the best that we can be.' Staff and students have been asked to reflect upon and embody our school values of respect, honesty and excellence in everything that we do at Culcheth High School and in our local community.

Good luck everyone for the very different and new academic year ahead!

Mr C P Hunt, Headteacher

Exam Success 2021

On behalf of the staff and governors of Culcheth High School, I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on their excellent GCSE exam results. There have also been some fantastic individual performances, which reflect the hard work of the students in their GCSE studies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their efforts and wish them all the very best in their next steps.

We are delighted with and very proud of our students' achievements, and I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication and hard work which have supported this level of achievement through the GCSE courses.

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported the students and school to help our young people achieve this level of success in their GCSE examinations.

Eighty one per cent of students achieved a 'Basics Standard Pass', which is Grade 4 and above, in GCSE English and Mathematics. Sixty two per cent of students achieved a 'Basics Strong Pass', which is Grade 5 and above, in GCSE English and Mathematics specifications.



Key School Dates

22nd September 2021
**Online GCSE
Information Evening**

29th September 2021
**Online PP Parents'
Evening**

30th September 2021
**Year 9 Parental
Evening**

7th October 2021
School Open Evening

8th October 2021
INSET Day

14th October 2021
**Year 7 Parents'
Information Evening**

Monday Week 2

27th September 2021

11th October 2021

15th November 2021

29th November 2021

13th December 2021

Publication Dates

5th November 2021

17th December 2021

4th February 2022

18th March 2022

6th May 2022

10th June 2022

15th July 2022

Exam Success 2021 Continued...

We have seen many excellent results across all of the GCSE subjects. Given the challenges that this year has presented us, it makes this year's results very pleasing.

9-1 Grades	%		
	9-7	9-5	9-4
Art Design	32.3	68.8	82.3
Business Studies	58.2	90.9	92.7
Computer Science	25.6	66.7	87.2
Drama	61.1	83.3	91.7
DT Product Design	23	41	65.6
English Language	34.3	74.8	92.2
English Literature	29.6	66.1	83.5
Food Prep & Nutrition	16.3	55.8	81.4
French	33.3	61.7	87.7
Further Maths	61.5	100	100
Geography	44.7	72.4	82.9

9-1 Grades	%		
	9-7	9-5	9-4
History	33.1	54.1	78.2
Maths	30.9	66.1	82.2
Media	20	70.9	92.7
Music	36.4	81.8	90.9
PE	32.3	67.7	87.1
RE	44.4	77.8	91.7
Russian	100	100	100
Science - Biology	87.3	96.8	100
Science - Chemistry	85.7	96.8	98.4
Science - Physics	87.3	96.8	100
Science - Combined Trilogy	25.4	60.2	77.2
Spanish	31.4	62.7	82.4

Individual Student Performances

We would especially like to congratulate a number of our students for their individual academic success and some outstanding personal progress. These include Will Hewson, Alex Burlinson, Charlotte Davies, Harley Johnson, Lauren Reade, Emma Grindley, Lucy Rawlinson, Katie Tanner, Gabby Unsworth, Harvey Ackerley and Grace McGarity.



New Staff at Culcheth High School

The start of a new school year also brings new members of staff to the school. We welcome seven new members of staff to the Culcheth High School community. I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the best for the years ahead at the school.

Miss H Bolton	Modern Foreign Languages
Miss C Gaynor	English
Mr S Hiller	Design and Technology
Mr A McCann	Business Studies
Miss J Riddell	Religious Education
Miss K Smith	Mathematics
Mr P Livesey	Science

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 do not use the primary school car park

School Uniform 2021-22

Please be reminded that, girls' socks should be of a length whereby they are unable to wear them above the knee. Knee high socks turned down are not deemed acceptable. A full version of the school uniform guidelines is on the school website.

School uniform for 2021-22 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 September 2021 is available on the school website, along with the 2021-22 uniform statement.
2. All students must wear school 'clip-on' ties.

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.

Rowing Success

Congratulations to Katie Coates, 11Y, for her success in the British Junior Rowing Championships over the summer. Katie competed in the J15 singles racing, finishing as the 6th fastest rower in her category. Her day consisted of a 1500m time trial, followed by a semi-final race where she qualified in 2nd place. She finished her exhausting day off with a phenomenal performance in the A final, earning her 6th place overall. Everyone at Culcheth High School is extremely proud of her achievement.



Useful Dates for Parents 2021-22

Please find below a calendar of key events for parents; we hope this is useful in giving you early notice of some important dates for your child's progress. All events are subject to change of date and format, due to COVID restrictions. Further details will be made available closer to the time of each event.

22 nd September 2021	Year 11 GCSE Information Evening	9 th March 2022	Annual Careers Fair (provisional)
29 th September 2021	Pupil Premium Parents' Info Evening	10 th March 2022	Year 9 Parents' Evening (B Side)
30 th September 2021	Year 9 Parental Evening	18 th March 2022	Year 11 Final Reports sent home
7 th October 2021	School Open Evening	24 th March 2022	Year 10 Parents' Evening (A Side)
14 th October 2021	Year 7 Parents' Information Evening	31 st March 2022	Year 10 Parents' Evening (B Side)
4 th November 2021	Year 11 Parents' Evening (A Side)	28 th April 2022	Year 7 Parents' Evening (A Side)
18 th November 2021	Year 11 Parents' Evening (B Side)	5 th May 2022	Year 7 Parents' Evening (B Side)
22 nd -26 th November 2021	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (1)	16 th May 2022 (prov)	Commencement of Public Exams
8 th -10 th December 2021	School Production	23 rd -30 th June 2022	Year 10 Pre-Public Exams
14 th December 2021	Christmas Carol Service	29 th June 2022 (prov)	End of Public Exams
13 th January 2022	Year 8 Parents' Evening (A Side)	6 th July 2022	Induction Evening for Year 6 Parents
20 th January 2022	Year 8 Parents' Evening (B Side)	7 th July 2022	Induction Day for Year 6 Students
10 th February 2022	Year 9 Options Evening	8 th July 2022	Year 7-10 Final Reports sent home
14 th -18 th February 2022	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (2)	12 th July 2022	Sports Day
3 rd March 2022	Year 9 Parents' Evening (A Side)	14 th July 2022	Celebration Evening

Pupil Premium Update

On Wednesday 29th September, Culcheth High School will be holding our online Pupil Premium Parents' Information Evening, with the link being shared at 6pm.

I would like to invite all parents/carers of Pupil Premium students to click the link and watch the presentation as it will detail any changes to Pupil Premium for this academic year. The presentation will highlight how the Pupil Premium team will work with your child to maximise success. After watching, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mrs West directly on cfl@culchethhigh.org.uk to ask questions about Pupil Premium practice at Culcheth High School. This information presentation will be most useful for New Year 7 PP parents and those in Years 8 to 11 who are new to Pupil Premium.

Duke of Edinburgh Taster Session

The Pupil Premium team organised a Duke of Edinburgh taster session in the last week of the summer term. The taster session aimed to develop understanding of what the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award entailed, hopefully encouraging more of our students to get out and enjoy the great outdoors through signing up to the award when they move into Year 10.

The selected Year 9s were given small challenges and tasks in groups. The tasks varied from orienteering, tent building and learning basic survival skills, one being to cook some campfire treats. The tasks were a small insight into what the award offers, allowing students to gain an interest in the award.



Research Lead Update

Evidence-informed practice is at the heart of what we do here at Culcheth High School; I am delighted to be taking over the role of Research Lead to support and guide my colleagues on how to ensure the outcomes of every student at Culcheth High School are further improved.

One of my first initiatives in this new role was to undertake an audit of staff views and attitudes towards research and evidence in a school setting. This audit was last undertaken in 2018, and is allowing me to assess the impact of changes that have occurred in the school since then, such as the effect of the Week 2 Monday 2pm finish on allowing staff to access and participate in research ideas. I am pleased that the updated audit has shown that there have been advances across the board, with more staff feeling like engaging with research is helping them to improve their practice, and more staff feeling that they have an evidence informed mind-set. This clearly shows that staff here at Culcheth are conscious about the need to engage with research. Further to this, 100% of staff stated that they know what high quality evidence is and how to access it. This is testament to the hard work and determination of my predecessor, Jodie Lomax, and I can't wait to get started on continuing her efforts, so that the research culture that Culcheth High School is already so proud of, can permeate even more deeply.

Mrs C Parkinson, Research Lead

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Personal Development Focus

The past few years have been testing in many ways, and here at CHS we recognise how our childhood experiences help shape the adults we will become. We know the importance of the emotional health and wellbeing of our entire CHS community, the challenges our young people have faced and the impact that this will have had on their thoughts and feelings remains our utmost priority.

Experiencing mental health concerns is not unusual. At least one in four of the population experience problems at some point in their lives. Over half of mental health problems in adult life start by the age of 14 and seventy-five per cent by age 18. Although mental health issues are relatively common, it is often the case that children and young people don't get the help they need as quickly as they should. As a result, mental health difficulties such as anxiety, low mood, depression, conduct disorders and eating disorders can stop some young people achieving what they want in life and making a full contribution to society.

With this in mind, we have mapped out a programme of 'awareness events' for the year ahead (in conjunction with our Personal Development curriculum) designed to build resilience and signpost for support, to run alongside the resources provided in the **Care, Support and Guidance** section on the CHS website.

Please don't be afraid to reach out for help or support. #WeAreCHS

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS EVENTS 2021 -2022		AREA OF FOCUS
Term 1		
Sept (13th-19th)	Sexual Health Week	Yr 10/11 focus - For Sexual Health Week 2021, Brook is examining the secret to healthy relationships and happy sex lives: consent! Throughout the week students will be looking at everything from consent in digital relationships, how to tackle sexual harassment in schools, as well ways to make consent more inclusive. We'll also be providing young people with a range of tools and resources to make sure everyone gets consent. https://www.brook.org.uk/shw/
Oct 10th	World Mental Health Day (Assemblies wk of 5-9th Oct)	World Mental Health Day takes place on 10 October, and for 2021 we will be highlighting "mental health in an unequal world". This will include a whole School event in the assembly hall, assemblies, Tutor Time activities.
Nov (17th-23rd)	Road Safety Awareness Day	The theme of Road Safety Week 2021 is ROAD SAFETY HEROES, celebrating the heroic work of road safety professionals, and explaining how we can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone. This will be a whole school event, with a Yr 11 focus on driving theory test.
Term 2		
Jan (16th)	World Religion Day (Assemblies wk of 11-15 Jan)	World Religion Day's aim is to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. Faith assemblies to be delivered.
Jan (24th - 28th)	Future In Mind	Future in Mind is a government initiative aiming to transform the way child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) are delivered nationally. This event focuses on raising awareness of promoting, protecting and improving our children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.
Feb (8th)	Safer Internet Day	Safer Internet Day is an event, organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre, which aims to promote safe, responsible and positive use of internet technology. It involves lots of local and national organisations coming together to raise awareness of correct internet practices. They look at lots of topics including consent, ownership and data privacy, and it runs with the slogan, "Together for a better internet". They also raise issues about cyberbullying, digital identity and social networks. This will be a whole school event as per usual calendar - assemblies, Tutor Time activities
March (7th - 12th)	National Careers Week (Assemblies wk of 1-5 March)	National Careers Week celebrates career guidance for young people, helping them to explore different career paths that may make sense for their interests. Whole School event - assemblies, Tutor Time activities, Careers Fair, interviews.
Term 3		
Apr (7th)	World Health Day	Whole School event focusing on obesity, stress/MH, diabetes, cancer, viruses, basic hygiene, self-care, exercise – school nurse, stands, Youth Service minibus, assemblies and tutor time activities.
May (9th-13th)	Mental Health Awareness Week	Mental Health Awareness Week raises awareness of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities. Whole School focus – assemblies, Tutor Time activities.
June (22nd- 26th)	Diversity Week (Assemblies wk of 21-55 June)	Whole School focus on LGBTQ+, discrimination, prejudice, bullying HBT bullying – assemblies, Tutor Time activities.

Focus on Year 7

A warm welcome to our new Year 7 students. This has certainly been a slightly stuttering start to the year with the COVID testing and the power cut, but our new students have coped admirably and are definitely finding their feet. We spent some time during the first week doing induction activities that would have been done in July during our traditional Induction Day. I know that this has helped students to settle and get to know their classmates a little better.

I have been really impressed by how quickly Year 7 have got involved with all aspects of school life; we've had huge numbers trying out for sports teams, and lots of students taking advantage of the ILC resources already. I hope that this will continue as we get back to a more normal school life.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their support in preparing students for the move to High School. Please keep reading the newsletter for continued information about what Year 7 students are getting up to.

Miss Butler, Progress Leader Year 7

Attendance at Culcheth High School

To report an absence, please ring the absence line on 01925 768577. If you receive a text message from school, regarding an absence, please ring back to inform us of the reason for absence so that we can ensure it is coded correctly on our registers.

If you need any help or support, you can contact your child's Progress Leader (PL) or the relevant Pastoral Student Support Officer (PSSO) for the year group:

Year Group	Progress Leader/PSSO	Email Address
Year 7	Miss Butler (PL) Miss Taylor (PSSO)	kb@culchethhigh.org.uk mta@culchethhigh.org.uk
Year 8	Mr Maunder (PL) Miss Taylor (PSSO)	wma@culchethhigh.org.uk mta@culchethhigh.org.uk
Year 9	Miss Hilton (PL) Miss Davison (PSSO))	sa@culchethhigh.org.uk ada@culchethhigh.org.uk
Year 10	Mr Owens (PL) Miss Davison (PSSO)	aow@culchethhigh.org.uk ada@culchethhigh.org.uk
Year 11	Mr Cushing (PL) Mrs Saffery (PSSO)	mc@culchethhigh.org.uk sbm@culchethhigh.org.uk

Safeguarding at CHS

Safeguarding Team:

Designated Senior Lead-	Mrs Brearley
Safeguarding Team -	Mr Groves
-	Mrs Davison
-	Mrs Saffery
-	Mr Hunt

On the school website, in the pastoral section, there is a link to 'Care, Support and Guidance' where there are many educational resources, advice and tips for both parents and students across a range of safeguarding issues.

Please feel free to discuss any safeguarding concerns with a member of the team.



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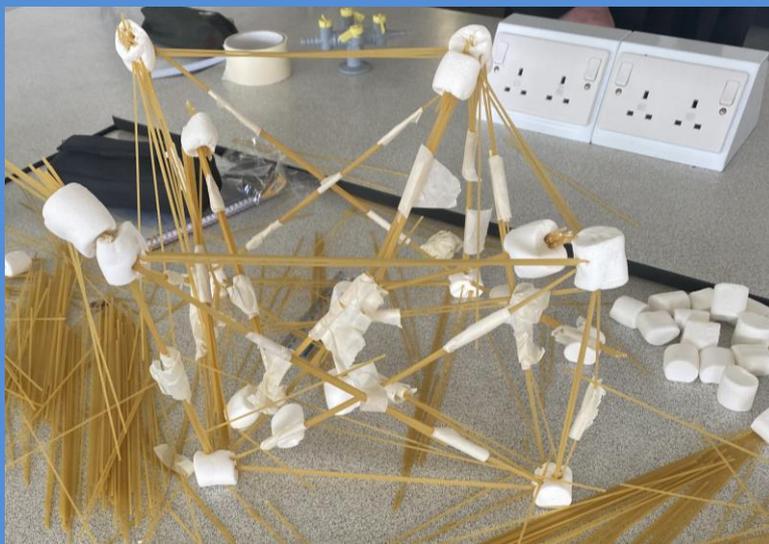
Focus on Year 8 – What Did We Do in Our First Week?

When school started back up again without all of the COVID restrictions (but still some to keep us safe), Year 7 and Year 8 began their journey exploring and touring the school. Our new Form Tutors were welcoming and kind, introducing the school rules and regulations, whilst giving out our new planners and timetables. Then we headed to the School Hall and took a COVID test and then enjoyed the rest of school from periods three to five, where it was nice to meet new teachers and new classmates.

The next day, we started on a new team building exercise with nothing but masking tape, uncooked spaghetti and a bag of marshmallows. As the activity came to a close, some groups became too adventurous and the once massive, magnificent masterpieces came slowly tumbling down. In addition to this team building exercise, we worked on our communication skills by problem solving the 'sinking ship' quandary.

Overall, the first few days back at school were really positive where we were able to get a more normal experience of high school.

Chloe Smith, 8I



ITV Drama

This summer, Culcheth High School was used by RED Productions to film small parts of an exciting drama coming to ITV early in 2022. Whilst details must remain limited at this time, we would like to share the following information from the press release statement.

"ITV and Red Production Company today announce that BAFTA award winning actress Sheridan Smith OBE has begun filming the gripping and complex four part event drama, *No Return*, written by RTS award winning screenwriter, Danny Brocklehurst (*Brassic*, *Harlan Coben's The Stranger*, *Come Home*).

With themes of parental love, guilt, grievances, and the issues around consent for teenagers, *No Return* will be produced by Manchester based executive producer, Nicola Shindler (*It's A Sin*, *Ridley Road*), Richard Fee (*The Stranger*, *Safe*) and series creator and writer Danny Brocklehurst.

Directed by John Alexander (*Grace*, *Belgravia*) and produced by Farah Abushwasha (*The Singapore Grip*, *The ABC Murders*), the contemporary and emotional story depicts an unassuming family who are caught up in a living nightmare whilst on holiday in Turkey.

Looking forward to an idyllic all-inclusive luxury break in Turkey to enjoy the sun and sea with extended family members, Kathy (Sheridan Smith) and Martin (Michael Jibson), their son Noah (Louis Ashbourne Serkis) and younger daughter Jessica (Lily Sutcliffe) are blissfully unaware of the horrific ordeal about to unfold.

Suddenly Kathy and Martin's world spectacularly falls apart when they are left desperately fighting for their son's freedom against extremely challenging circumstances.

No Return has been commissioned for ITV by Head of Drama Polly Hill and is expected to air in 2022. The drama will be internationally distributed by STUDIOCANAL."



ILC Update

It has been wonderful to welcome students from all years back into the ILC and we are again open to all year groups at break and lunch. As well as coming into the ILC to borrow books, our click and deliver service is still running, allowing students to borrow from our extensive range of resources via email if they prefer- email the ILC on ILC@culchethhigh.net with book requests and they will be delivered via form tutors. The latest ILC new books newsletter which highlights our new arrivals can be accessed here: <https://culchethhigh.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/New-Books-newsletter-4-Sept-21.pdf>

Calling all STEM Professionals Past and Present

STEM Returners Programme for returning or transferring Software Engineers and Software Testers with Waters in Wilmslow!

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so, this could be the opportunity for you!

After the unprecedented success of the previous programme where 97% of returners were offered permanent roles, we are currently sourcing candidates for the Waters 'STEM Returners' programme. All candidates not only get to take a different route to finding a new role, they will also have the opportunity to obtain free advice from a career coach and/or mentor to support them right from application through to navigating the transition to work. No career break is too long; register to return to STEM today! For more information, please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com.

More information on this opportunity is also available here: https://www.stemreturners.com/returner-opportunities/?company_spec=waters

Sports Day – July 2021

Following last year's school closures forcing us to host the 2020 Sports Day virtually, it was absolutely fantastic to be able to return to an actual Sports Day event this year! As you will see from the photos below, the weather was also fantastic, although the wall-to-wall sunshine and fairly high temperatures did make it hard work for the competitors, particularly in the running events!!

The day got off to a great start, with Gabby Taylor breaking the Year 7 girls' 800m record, with a time of 2 minutes 41.37 secs, bettering the previous best from Melissa Ince in 2017, by over 2.5 seconds. Melissa is one of the best athletes to have attended Culcheth High School, so this was a truly excellent performance. Unfortunately, and quite possibly as a result of all the disruption we have had to endure to sport over the past couple of years, Gabby's performance was the end of the record-breaking for the day, but there were still a number of very closely contested track and field events throughout the rest of the day.

As the final 4x100m relay race brought the meeting to a close, the final results were being collated and a fantastic day's competition had led to Headingley house taking the title of Culcheth High School Sports Day Champions 2021 with 3069 points. The runners-up with 2974 points were Twickenham. In third place were Wimbledon with 2951 points and in fourth place were Ascot with 2752 points.



Parent Surveys

After each Parents' Evening during the course of the year, we ask parents to complete a school survey. Please see below the results from parents who completed this survey in 2020-21. We will ask similar questions of parents this year and will report the results in our newsletter towards the end of 2021-22.

	Strongly Agree/ Agree	Strongly Disagree/Disagree
My child is happy at this school	93.13%	6.87%
My child feels safe at this school	92.78%	7.22%
The school makes sure its students are well behaved	89.84%	10.16%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	87.54%	12.46%
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly	88.52%	11.48%
The school has high expectations for my child	92.13%	7.87%
My child does well at this school	94.42%	5.58%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	92.46%	7.54%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	93.77%	6.23%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	74.1%	25.9%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	86.23%	13.77%

Year 11 Rugby Champions

On Thursday 16th September, Culcheth's Year 11 Rugby Team played in the Warrington Town Rugby League Final at the Halliwell Jones Stadium. They faced daunting opposition in the form of reigning Town Champions, Bridgewater High School, who have been undefeated in Warrington for the past four seasons, and are previous winners of the National Champion Schools competition. It therefore goes without saying that Bridgewater were strong favourites going into the match.

Nevertheless, the Culcheth side richly deserved their place in the final, beating all teams other than Bridgewater in the qualifying competition.

Culcheth kicked off, and Bridgewater were soon on the attack, moving the ball the full width of the pitch with some fantastic handling moves. But Culcheth's defence stood strong, with some ferocious tackling, and we soon completed our first defensive tackle set to win back possession. Culcheth fought back valiantly, and began to match Bridgewater blow for blow, with some incisive running and big tackles. Culcheth certainly weren't there just to make up the numbers!

Mid-way through the first half, a huge defensive effort forced a Bridgewater turnover in their own half, and we had our first really promising attacking platform. After gaining some hard metres through the forwards, a wonderful handling move across the width of the pitch put Jacob Heenan into the corner to score the first try of the game. A tough conversion from the side-line was narrowly missed, so the score stayed at 4-0 Culcheth.

The first half continued in a similar vein, with both sides attacking relentlessly and bravely defending. However, shortly before the break Bridgewater put together an excellent attacking move of their own, to pull the scores level at 4-4. Their conversion kick was also missed, so the teams headed into half time with a level score board.

Into the second half the strong running and ferocious tackling continued from both teams, but little by little Culcheth began to exert greater defensive pressure on Bridgewater and started to force mistakes from the opposition. This gave us possession in better areas of the pitch, and the chance to mount more of our own attacks. This bore fruit early in the second half, when a great line break from Alex Leavitt saw him run away from the Bridgewater defence to score directly under the posts. Frank Sergent converted, to put Culcheth into a 10-4 lead. Shortly after this, another tremendous line break, this time from Charlie Evans, resulted in a clever sniping run from Nathan Bond, which saw him scoring in the corner to give us a 14-4 lead. With 20 minutes to play could we dare to dream?

The match continued to be very competitive, with some fantastic tackling from Culcheth keeping the lead at 10 points, but Bridgewater were looking increasingly dangerous, and soon scored their second try, taking the score to 14-8. Another missed conversion from Bridgewater kept our lead at 6 points, but Bridgewater were now really pushing for another score to possibly bring the game level. The inevitable happened, to bring the score to 14-12, but some excellent tackling had pushed Bridgewater right out to the side line before they scored their try, which made it too hard for their kicker to successfully convert. So heading into the final 5 minutes of the game we still had the narrowest of leads.

Bridgewater threw the proverbial kitchen sink at us during the final 5 minutes, but the boys, despite being absolutely exhausted, found reserves of strength they didn't even know they had to repel everything Bridgewater threw at them and hold on for the sweetest of victories!!!

Finally, I would like to thank the staff, parents and friends who came to the Halliwell Jones to support the team in their big game. I hope you enjoyed the match, and that you are as proud of the boys as I am.

Mr Welsford, Head of Physical Education



We Will Rock You New Vision 2021

One of the most exciting things about being back in school after the summer break is being able to start rehearsals for our annual school production. The staff and students involved desperately missed having a show in 2020, so the buzz in the Drama Studio when the first rehearsals started was amazing. The next 11 weeks are packed with preparations and the cast and crew are working tirelessly behind the scenes to be ready for show week.

Miss Longden and the cast are rehearsing every lunchtime, four nights a week and even some Saturdays are scheduled in to be ready in time for opening night. Mr Morris and his tech crew are also meeting regularly to work on the lighting, sound, graphics and pyrotechnics. This year's production will be bigger and better than anything we have produced before and we are all so excited to be back on our school stage and performing to an audience. There will be an open rehearsal at our School Open Evening, so prospective students will get an early preview of some of our song and dance numbers and costumes.



CAST MEMBER UPDATE – Taylor Bielinski 'Killer Queen'

Especially after missing out on a production in 2020, I am really looking forward to performing, in the role of Killer Queen, in this year's production.. In particular I can't wait to sing, dance, act and get to perform with the rest of the amazing cast. The school's productions are so much fun, despite the hard work involved, and I am really looking forward to this experience as my final show at CHS. This is my first lead role in a CHS production; I'm both extremely excited and a little nervous to be performing, as the physical and vocal challenges of the Queen songs I'll be performing will no doubt prove to be demanding however, I can't wait for show week. The hard work and commitment to the production will definitely be worth it and I have no doubt that the audiences will be 'rocked' by what they see on stage.

Karate Success

Sophie, Year 10, and Jack, Year 9, recently qualified as first Dan, and second Dan black belt (respectively) in karate. Jack had been doing karate since the age of five, and Sophie then joined him a year later.

Sophie and Jack are currently members of the SSKA (Southern Shotokan Karate Association) England team and they compete at the highest level all over the country, and the world, when travel regulations allow this. Jack should have been in Poland last year and Romania this year, for the World Championships but, due to COVID, the England team were unable to compete.

They have both won competitions nationally and really enjoy all aspects of karate. Jack dreams of being world champion one day, and we wish him every success and look forward to seeing him progress even further towards his goal.



Moonwatch at Culcheth High School



Moon Observations – outside in the quad (weather permitting!!)

You can use CHS telescopes and the ipads. The ipads have a night sky app allowing you to see the constellations that would be visible on a clear night

Learn about how Rocket boosters work using some home chemistry

Learn more about the solar system & Rosetta in the computer room.

Make your own Mod rock moon model

Build a straw rocket and see who can fly the furthest

See how different meteorites can cause different crater impacts.

Enter the marvellous moon Competitions

- **How eggcellent are your observations skills?**
 - **Moon True False Quiz**
 - **Space Quiz**
 - **Space wordsearch**

CHS Hire - Class Timetable



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Class Timetable

Day	Class	Time	Instructor	Booking contact
Monday	Pilates	18:15-19:15	Julie Nickisson	julienick@me.com
Monday	Yoga	19:30-20:30	Julie Nickisson	julienick@me.com
Tuesday	Bounce Fit	18:00-18:45	Donna Cully	Donnacully85@outlook.com
Wednesday	HIIT/Conditioning	18:15-19:00	Julie Nickisson	julienick@me.com
Wednesday	Yoga	19:15-20:15	Julie Nickisson	julienick@me.com
Thursday (Starting 23/09)	Total Body Tone	17:15-18.00	Leigh Jones	leighamberjones@outlook.com
Friday	Kettlebells	18:00-18:45	Paul Redmond	step4ward1@outlook.com
Friday	Multifunctional Training	19:00-19:30	Paul Redmond	step4ward1@outlook.com

Term Dates 2021-22



HOLIDAY DATES 2021-22

Terms	Date of Opening	Date of Closing
Autumn first half-term	Monday 6 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
Autumn second half-term	Tuesday 2 November 2021	Tuesday 21 December 2021
Spring first half-term	Thursday 6 th January 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
Spring second half-term	Monday 28 February 2022	Friday 1 April 2022
Summer first half-term	Tuesday 19 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Summer second half-term	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022

INSET DAYS (Provisional)

Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Friday 8th October 2021
Friday 1st July 2022

One other INSET Day will be 'twilight' sessions.

SCHOOL CLOSED

Easter Weekend: Falls within the Easter holidays
May Day Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022
Spring Bank Holiday Weekend: Falls within the May Half Term Holiday

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➤ HONESTY
➤ EXCELLENCE

Monday Week 2 Dates 2021-22



Mondays Week 2 – 2021-22

Please see below the list of Monday Week 2 dates:

Monday 13th September 2021
Monday 27th September 2021
Monday 11th October 2021
Half Term Break
Monday 15th November 2021
Monday 29th November 2021
Monday 13th December 2021
Christmas Break
Monday 10th January 2022
Monday 24th January 2022
Monday 7th February 2022
Half Term Break
Monday 28th February 2022
Monday 14th March 2022
Monday 28th March 2022
Easter Break
Monday 25th April 2022
Monday 9th May 2022
Monday 23rd May 2022
Half Term Break
Monday 13th June 2022
Monday 27th June 2022
Monday 11th July 2022

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Open Evening

Thursday 7th October
2021 at 6pm

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Keep an eye on our website for
updates on the format of the
event.

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81% of students achieved a standard pass grade 4-9 in GCSE English and Mathematics
62% of students achieved a strong pass grade 5-9 in GCSE English and Mathematics
37% of all GCSE grades were grades 7-9

