



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

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Dear All,

It's hard to believe that the festive period is once again here and the longest term of the school year is coming to a close. As we approach the end of this very busy term, it's worthwhile to consider how good it is to have a life back to normality without the restrictions of Covid affecting the day to day life of the school. Just in the last few weeks alone, we have had many day trips to the theatre, to Liverpool, to local venues for additional curricular input as well as residential trips to Iceland, Auschwitz, London and Shropshire. On top of all of that our busy sporting calendar is back up and running with fixtures across a wide array of sports taking place, when not affected by the adverse weather. School really is offering a full extra-curricular package across the board. I am grateful to the staff, including our student teacher colleagues, who regularly put on these extras to support and encourage our students to get fully involved in the life of the school. One recent highlight worthy of praise was the production of Romeo and Juliet – an amazing performance using full Shakespearian language throughout. The cast of students from across year groups wowed two packed audiences. It was truly a great accolade for our Performing Arts team as well as our brilliant cast of students. As I write we have just recently enjoyed our annual Carol Service at St. Luke's in Formby and we will be enjoying our Jolly Christmas Show- both events doing a splendid job of making us all look forward to the Christmas period. Again, I am hugely grateful to our fantastic team in the Arts Department as well as our brilliant student performers and backstage team who work tirelessly over a period of months to make these events happen- well done to all of you!

You may have noticed that the DfE School tables for GCSE have been published just a few weeks ago. I am delighted to let you know that, once again, Range remains one of the top performing schools in Sef-ton- a huge accolade to the staff and students in last year's cohort. The A-Level tables will be published in January. You can find the details here: <https://www.find-school-performance-data.service.gov.uk/school/137612/range-high-school/secondary> We are all looking forward to our annual Presentation Evening at the end of term where we will celebrate with and present certificates to our amazing Y13 and Y11 cohorts from last year.

Well done to everyone in our school community who has been raising money and resources for a range of local, national and international charities. You will find lots more detail in this edition along with lots of other interesting articles and information about the extracurricular life of our school.

I would like to finish by thanking you, our families, mums, dads, carers, aunties, nans, grandads and the list goes on! As we continue to build on strong foundations and make Range a better school for everyone, your support is hugely appreciated and so necessary if we are to achieve our aim of every single student achieving their personal ability and potential. Put quite simply, we cannot achieve that aim without your support so thank you.

I would like to wish everyone in our school community, staff, trustees, students and our families a very Merry Christmas and hope that you all get a chance to relax, recharge and eat at least some festive food during the holiday period!

Mr McGarry
Headteacher

Merry Christmas
to EVERYONE



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

As we approach the end of another year, we can reflect on the school's many accomplishments. The positive outcome of the OFSTED inspection in March was particularly noteworthy, and this was followed by the excellent results achieved by Year 11 and Year 13 students in their GCSE and A-level examinations. The school's best-ever results.

This term has seen a welcome return to a full programme of extra-curricular activities with many school trips and sporting fixtures taking place. The recent Carol Service showcased the musical talents of many of our students, and they and the staff involved should be congratulated for providing a most enjoyable evening. We look forward to the presentation evening which has unfortunately fallen foul of Covid restrictions for the past couple of years.

Whilst we seem to have largely weathered the Covid storm, we have now been hit by a cost of living crisis. Inevitably this has had an impact on the school, but despite the financial uncertainty, the programme of re-decoration has continued and the school looks so much better for it.

As always, I thank Mr McGarry and the staff team for all the hard work and dedication which has enabled the school to have such a successful year. Equally, this could not have been achieved without the hard work of students and the ongoing support of parents and carers.

I thank also my fellow Trustees for their continued support throughout the year.

It remains only for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Jim Rimmer

Chair of Trustees.



Year 7

The new Year 7 have had a busy first term at Range High School. We have supported the Whitechapel Centre's 'Socktober' appeal. Mrs Gallagher delivered 6 boxes full of socks at the beginning of November. In addition to this, Year 7 have collected food for the Southport Soup Kitchen. Mrs Bridge would like to pass on her thanks to everyone who donated this year.



I would also like to say well done to everyone who has taken part in clubs this half term. The football teams have had excellent success and I hope this will continue into the next term. Well done to all the dancers who turn up every Thursday after school and also took part in this year's Jolly Christmas Show. The Arts Star competition was also well represented by Year 7 with some brilliant performances from our students. We have an excellent array of talent in Year 7 in both sports and the arts.

Accelerated reading is ongoing and some of the Year 7 students have read over one million words with one student even breaking the two million word barrier! Students received a certificate and badge for their efforts.

Well done Year 7 for settling in so well. Have an enjoyable Christmas and see you in the New Year!

- Mr Rudd and Mrs Gallagher

Make Away

My sister Aurora and I were selected to take part in a CiTV art show. We did not know too much about what the show would be like and where it would be filmed. On the day of filming my family and I travelled to the set and waited in the green room whilst waiting to film. The green room was a pre filming space where we could get changed, relax and even play games. The show itself was hosted by Becca Hill. It was to be called "The Invite".



Becca was lovely, warm and welcoming; she made us all feel at home. She is also a comedian and children's TV presenter. Having been shown around the set we met the producer, the director and all of the brilliant camera staff. One camera man who was filming had his camera attached to his waist to help support the weight of the camera; it was extremely heavy. Filming took all afternoon, but throughout the day we were looked after with drinks and sweets.....exactly what we wanted!

All of my family took part and spoke in the show but when it aired my dad's lines had been cut! It was a great honour to take part in the show and we are all very proud. Great fun was had by all! It was funny watching ourselves back on the TV, we laughed and smiled at how the magic of TV came together. If you watched I hope you enjoyed it, I certainly did!

- Bobby AD Marshall

Year 8

Bully Buster Conference

On Wednesday 30th November, Evan Thomas (8EF) and I attended an anti-bullying conference organised by Sefton Council. This conference was held for high schools from all over Sefton to listen to the views and ideas of young people. Our views would hopefully inform Sefton Children's Services future planning and would be an opportunity to discuss the prevention of bullying in Sefton. We talked about what questions we wanted to ask beforehand and the majority of these were answered during the conference. We also talked about a 14 year old girl, who had sent a picture to a boy she liked. He had then shared that around the whole school. We thought about what we would do as a school to help her. We also considered the support we have in place to help pupils be active bystanders.

At Range we have the following things in place to support pupils with any concerns or worries they have:

- ⇒ An anonymous reporting system which is located on Range High School portal
- ⇒ Citizenship and PSHE lessons to help all students learn about issues and problems that we all face in today's society
- ⇒ The school council (tutor representatives) to express concerns on behalf of their tutor group
- ⇒ Teachers and staff who pupils can go to such as, learning mentors, Heads or Assistant Heads of Year, the safeguarding team, school council and school nurse.

We also have the support of our Sixth Form representatives from the head student council team. There are two sixth formers attached to each year group. They are:

- ◆ Year 7: Annie Lockie and Isabel Newland
- ◆ Year 8: Sophie Kilkelly and Megan Murphy
- ◆ Year 9: Tom O'Donnell and Lily Parr
- ◆ Year 10: Matthew Wagg and Tom Balshaw
- ◆ Year 11: Rosie Degeir and Alex Petrie



This has been introduced so pupils will feel comfortable talking to someone older than them but someone that is not a teacher. They are also here to help students and to pass on ideas to help make school even better.

Another recent programme (see article on page 6 for details) that has started in school for Year 8 pupils is the Year 10 'Mentors in Violence Prevention' group. 20 Year 10 pupils have recently been delivering sessions centred on preventing violence through looking at beliefs and attitudes. They will continue to work with us into the New Year and will be another layer of support for Year 8 pupils to use.

While at the conference we were introduced to a company called CELLS. They hold mentoring sessions that engage young people and help them to understand the consequences of their choices. The mentors have all experienced something traumatic that affected their lives. They hold crime awareness and bullying workshops. CELLS focus on trying to help young people make the correct choices and help them reach their full potential. It would be great for them to come into our school to help teach about choices, safety and bullying and most importantly the impact that all of those things can have on your life. Overall it was a really interesting day to consider what we already do well at Range to combat bullying and also to think about what else we could be doing to make our school even better.

Jessica Leech 8EF

Taekwondo Success for Kieran!

Kieran Owen recently took part in The Portugal Open as part of the GB Taekwondo squad. He managed to secure two medals; bronze in the individual category and gold in the team category! Kieran has also competed at Nationals in Worcester for his club where he was ranked 5th in the country in his age category! This is a massive achievement and we are incredibly proud.

These achievements have not come without hard work. Kieran trains for his club 2-3 times per week and attends training camp every month for Team GB for an intensive 5 hour session! Kieran has also been selected for the German Open in February 2023 and is now training hard with the aim of being picked for the European Championships!

Well done, Kieran – we look forward to seeing what you achieve next!



Sefton Football

Three Year 8 students have been selected to represent Sefton Schools in football this year. Matthew Grimes, Anton Coyne and Joseph Dixon were selected following an intense selection period at the beginning of the school year. Since then the boys have represented Sefton on 6 different occasions, including fixtures in the national cup. Their most recent win was against South Ribble where they ran out 6-2 winners. The boys are doing themselves and the school extremely proud and we look forward to hearing about their future success.

- Miss Singleton & Mrs McCarthy



Year 9 – Moving on up!

As we near the end of a long, hard term and look forward to the Christmas festivities, we are pleased to be writing to say how well year 9 seems to have settled. It was a turbulent start but the majority have matured considerably over the last couple of months. Which will put them in good stead for starting to consider choosing their GCSE options in the New Year.

There will be lots of information/advice provided to the pupils before making their final options decisions. We will also be holding a parent's information evening early on in the year so that everyone is well informed and in a position to support their child with their choices. At the end of each term, we reward our pupils for their effort, and attendance and for constantly striving to be the best version of themselves.

The top 30 pupils have been chosen based on their class charts points to join Mr Wilson and myself for Domino's pizza on Thursday afternoon.

In addition to this, we have our tutor awards:

- * 9BC – Caitlin Kelly – For working hard and always having a positive 'can do' attitude.
- * 9ELI – Evie Balshaw – For always being positive and smiling.
- * 9ABO – Maddie Hulme – For being amazing and settling into school life so well.
- * 9IC – Olivia Wallace – For being a polite well-mannered and modest pupil despite her outstanding achievements in gymnastics.
- * 9JHS/SM – Raphaela Thacker – For always engaging in tutor activities and having the loveliest demeanour.
- * 9PP- Hugo Thurrell – For his positive attitude and hard work.



There will also be prizes given during our rewards assembly for attendance and effort.

Thank you all for your continued support at home as without this the pupils would not be achieving and thriving as they are.

Have a lovely peaceful Christmas time and we look forward to starting a new year in a few weeks' time.

- Ms Wilson and Mr Wilson

Year 10

It has been a real pleasure to witness Year 10 students making such a fabulous start to their GCSE subjects this year. Mrs Lawrence and I have been blown away by the effort, work-rate and determination shown by students so far. It hasn't all been easy, but they have certainly risen to the challenges put in front of them.

A group of students were involved in the MVP training course during November. They then had the task of delivering two sessions to their younger peers which they did with skill and confidence. I have been particularly pleased to receive such positive feedback from subject teachers who witnessed the delivery of these sessions. An incredible effort in a situation pushing them outside of their comfort zone. Well done



Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very merry Christmas, a restful break and a happy New Year! Kind regards

- Mr Jump and Mrs Lawrence

Year 11—Mocks, rewards and more

What a year it's been! I'm happy to say that Year 11 has risen to the challenge of mocks, their behaviour and effort were commendable. Staff are currently in the process of feeding back and exploring the targets that will help them identify their areas for improvement so that they can achieve maximum success in the summer. Remember if you can't do it YET - you will!

As part of our strategies to develop exam skills, they have also attended a workshop run by the LFC Foundation. The workshop was all about building resilience and having a positive mental attitude. They also spoke about the importance of diet, sleep and exercise and let them know where pupils can get support.

In sport, our Year 11 boys football team have been smashing it by beating St Mary's from Wallasey 4-0. Mr Owens said that they handled themselves brilliantly and it was a pleasure to take them out! Well-done boys!

In recognition of these efforts both in and out of school, we are running our Christmas rewards trip where 30 students will be taken out for an afternoon to celebrate the most positive merits of the year. Once again well done!

We look forward to seeing you achieve your potential next year and as we make our way into the festive season we wish you all the best for the coming year!

- Mrs J Plumbley & Mr K Duddridge



Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) with Merseyside Youth Association

Over the past month, myself and 20 other Y10 students have undertaken training on our pathway to becoming an MVP leader. The training took place on the 10th and 11th of November with the aim of enabling us to deliver sessions to all pupils in Year 8.

While we were in the training sessions Lucy (our MVP trainer) delivered two themes. Theme one mainly focused on breaking gender stereotypes. We completed many tasks, discussions and activities that helped us to understand society's influence on gender roles and stereotypes. We explored the idea of breaking the gender box as well as being educated on how to help the Year 8s tackle these issues. In the second session, we discussed active and passive bystanders and how they can have a positive/ negative effect on a situation. Lucy gave many examples and situations that you may encounter throughout your life and how to tackle them. This may be helpful, especially in school in situations such as being bullied or witnessing it.

Furthermore, this course will have a significant impact on the pupil's views and understanding in difficult situations they may experience throughout their life. We believe the Year 8s will greatly benefit from the training as hopefully they will feel they have people to speak to close to their own age that may have experienced a similar situation recently throughout school life. We do understand that many pupils do not speak up due to the stigma surrounding reporting an issue or incident, yet we feel this course will really help solve this problem.

So far we have only delivered 2 of the 5 sessions planned and we are already starting to develop a relationship with our groups. Not only do we feel like it benefits them, we have also learnt a lot of new things too. This proves that we have a gap to fill by educating the younger years of our school so they can flourish into being positive role models in and outside of Range.

- Darcey Martin (10CP)

Comments from Year 8 mentees on the programme:

'I thought the event was good because the hosts were really cool and funny' - Milly Blundell 8EF

'The workshop taught us about different things including sexism, how to be safe and responsible.' - Amelia Davies 8EF

'MVP was a good experience because the hosts made it funny learning about serious subjects.' - Josh Ashcroft 8EF

Comment from Mrs McGugan – Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development:

"I have had the pleasure of supporting our Year 10 mentors to deliver sessions to Year 8 pupils. These mentors have taken this opportunity with confidence and maturity. They have all provided opportunities to discuss a range of behaviours and attitudes, to equip our young people with the skills to recognise the differences between what are appropriate and acceptable behaviours and what is not, adopting strategies that enable them to safely to Year 8 pupils too who have responded positively to the Year 10 as they have been attentive, engaged and respectful in the sessions and have enjoyed it too. I am very much looking forward to the next 3 sessions and seeing our mentors continue to flourish as young leaders."



P.E.

We've had another busy half term with fixtures and clubs thriving at Range High School. Despite having to contend with some dreadful weather conditions and postponements of fixtures, there has been plenty going on.

Football

Following a mixed start to the year, our Year 7 football team have picked themselves up and started to show their real potential. Successive victories in the Merseyside Cup has put them through to the quarter finals. The character the team has shown has been commendable and they have a realistic chance of silverware this year.

Year 8 continued to impress with their style of football. The team have been very hard to break down at times and they never give up, a commendable trait that will take them far. Some unfortunate results have led to missing out on progression through the cup competitions.

Year 10 have continued their rich vein of form and have progressed to the third round of the Merseyside Cup with a 2-1 victory over Kirkby High. It is important for the Year 10s to continue this form and silverware this year is a real possibility.

Year 11s have unfortunately not had as many games as they would have liked due to postponements down to the weather. They did face St Mary's (Wallasey) in the Merseyside Cup and a convincing 4-0 win sent them through to the next round. It has been a pleasure watching this team play some outstanding football.

Our sixth form students were victorious in a hard fought win against local rivals Formby High. Most of the team had never played together before but their hard work and determination shone through in some of the coldest conditions this year, earning themselves a 2-0 win

The Year 7/8 girls football team have been busy, with progression to the third round of the Merseyside Cup their latest achievement. A 1-1 draw in normal time led to extra time and penalties in some of the worst weather conditions experienced by Miss Seagraves. A win on penalties, with fantastic saves being made by Ella Foster secured their progression through to the next round of the cup. This, coupled with high placed finishes in the Sefton and Merseyside 5 a side tournaments, has made for a really productive start for the team this year. Overall this has been a massive achievement, with some of the girls never having played a competitive fixture prior to starting at Range.

The Year 9 team have the highest number of participants week in week out. They are a talented and enthusiastic bunch who had a narrow defeat in their first fixture of the year. In the new year the girls will play in their "World Cup" tournament. It is great to see so many of these students representing clubs outside of school.

Netball

Year 7 and 8 teams have been working hard in training each Monday with the help of our fantastic Year 10 and 11 netball leaders. Both teams are working towards the Sefton and Formby tournaments after the new year. A mixed bag of results across the two age groups but their commitment to improve and learn has been exceptional.



The Year 9s have made a solid start to the season, with the pick of results being a 22-11 win against local rivals Formby High.

The Year 11 Netball team travelled to the Sefton Schools tournament and finished in a respectable third position in early November. In the next tournament, the Year 10s and 11s travelled to the Wirral to compete against some of the top teams in the area and gave a great account of themselves, finishing 4th and 5th respectively,



Basketball

The Year 7 Basketball team competed in their first ever competitive event at Birkdale High School and had a great first outing. Winning 3 of their 4 games resulted in a fantastic 2nd place position. The team spirit and enthusiasm from all of the players involved was a pleasure to see.

The Year 8 team were able to go one step further, winning their tournament the following week. An energetic and strong performance from start to finish led them to victory against some very strong opponents.

A special mention to sixth former Oliver Hughes for leading both teams throughout training and the tournaments



Rugby

One of our regular extra-curricular clubs is Rugby. Those who attend show a great enthusiasm! Every pupil involved is developing well and we will be looking forward to some fixtures in the new year!

Trampolining

Sisters Annie and Evelyn Carter competed in the North West Schools Regional Qualification Trampolining competition in Wigan. Annie finished in the top 10 for her category and Evelyn came third, qualifying for the next round! A great achievement by both girls and one they should be extremely proud of.

Cross Country

Our Year 8 cross country team recently competed in the English Schools Cross Country Cup. They performed extremely well on the day with both girls and boys squads qualifying for the Regional Finals. Our first three girls and boys across the line were:

Girls; Sienna Fortune (5th), Jess Burns (6th), Olivia Johnson (9th)

Boys; Orpheas Goodfriend (10th), George Harrison (11th), Matthew Hull (13th)

A huge well done to all our athletes who took part, they did themselves proud and are a credit to the school!

- P.E Team



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL TOTALLY ROCK IN NATIONAL TIMES TABLES COMPETITION

Pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 have been taking part in England Rocks - a times tables competition run by the award-winning app and learning platform, Times Tables Rock Stars.

England Rocks required pupils to correctly answer as many multiplication and division questions as possible to give their class and school the best chance of winning.

The competition was fierce with 172,258,644 questions answered collectively by 704,979 pupils from more than 4,047 schools and 82,483 classes around the country!

Our school stats were astonishing too. On average, our top class answered 393 questions correctly per pupil, with the best performing pupil answering an amazing 7,132 questions correctly in total. Congratulations to all pupils who earned themselves certificates. Well done to our top class 7ZM2!

For more times table practice for years 7, 8 and 9, please head to <https://trockstars.com>



ENGLAND ROCKS

14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER
7:30AM GMT TO 7:30PM GMT DAILY

Winning class will have the highest number of correct answers per pupil.

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE

1-HOUR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON

Ask your teacher for full details or visit: [TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/ENGLANDROCKS22](https://trockstars.com/page/englandrocks22)

TTRS

Romeo and Juliet

When I decided to do Romeo and Juliet, I thought that tackling Shakespeare would be challenging but all the students involved in the production were an absolute joy to work with.

The dancers and fighters worked so hard to choreograph their own pieces. The cast was truly unique. They embraced Shakespeare and the drama with real talent! The way that they helped and supported each other was fantastic! (Maisie will definitely be co-director for our next production!) We had an amazing backstage crew of students. Cara, our sound technician, organised the sound, enhancing the piece's mood. Amy, our lighting technician, did a great job working out how to use our amazing new lights ably assisted by Raphaela on the spotlight (even if they did do some weird things before she fixed them!!!) Mia and Sophie, our stage managers, somehow managed to ensure that everything was in the right place at the right time, not an easy job with a set such as this one and with no lights backstage!!! No one will ever know the pressure that is put on the backstage crew to ensure that everything runs smoothly for those in front of the stage. Mrs Swift and some members of the creative council produced our lovely set in the most eco-friendly manner by recycling cardboard boxes!!!

This production was brilliant to work on, I can't wait for the next one!!!

- Mrs Grace



Jolly Christmas Show and Christmas Card Competition

In the run up to the Jolly Christmas Show some very keen KS3 students have been working hard to create their designs for the school's Christmas card which is sent out every year and represents the talent that is nurtured within the Art Department. There have been some fantastic entries this year and the school chose to print all twelve designs to send out to friends and colleagues.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



The year culminates in a Christmas production with our own students and some from local primary schools, an expressive arts extravaganza, showcasing fantastic artwork, music, singing, dancing and drama. The Jolly Christmas Show has been running for a couple of years now and is a great showcase finale for the end of the year.

Yule log decoration competition

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in the after school practical activities. The pupils modelled fondant, festive characters and then created bark textured buttercream to enhance their Yule logs. They worked independently and with creative flair; we were so impressed with the high standard of work this year.

Particular congratulations to our overall winner Iris Kirby. Also our two runners up Milly Blundell and Leah Grew

- Mrs de Belle and Mrs Holker



Range High School Carol Service held at St. Luke's Church

The Range High School Carol Service is always an exceptional event combining selections of magnificent music and readings. Months of preparation go into making the carol service a fitting start to the Christmas festivities.

Throughout the evening, the readers retold the story of the birth of Jesus, which was punctuated by performances of beautiful arrangements of well-known traditional Christmas songs, including "Away in a Manger" and "In the Bleak Midwinter" with debut solos from Year 7 students Serena Povey, Keela Maguire and Emily Scott.

The evening also included a number of instrumental pieces, such as 'The Little Drummer Boy' and 'Troika', which Mrs Davies and the Junior Orchestra ably performed. The evening would not have been complete without the incredible Year 13 student, Dan Hibbert, on French horn. Dan gave an exceptional rendition of 'Infant Holy, Infant Lowly', in what was his last carol service at Range High School. We will miss you Dan!

The performances of Gaudete, The Winter Song, and Carol of the Bells by Vocal Range, Harmonix, and Bella Voce were nothing short of outstanding. We would also like to give a special mention to our fantastic bassoonist, Anna Gregory, who was extremely busy throughout the evening, performing as part of the Junior Orchestra and in a number of the Choir pieces.

One particular highlight of the evening was a moving rendition of "Silent Night" performed by the fabulous Molly Large, which included a beautiful flute instrumental section by Joni Falconer. The evening was made even better with the congregation joining in with the hymns!

The evening concluded with an incredible performance of 'The Hour before Christmas', including solos from Maisie Waring and Belle Sloane.

Special thanks to Reverend Dr. Matt Davis for his prayers and blessings. We look forward to welcoming him into our school in the New Year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our friends at St. Luke's Church for the ongoing support offered to Range High School throughout the year. We are extremely honoured and grateful to feel part of their warm and welcoming community.

At the end of the service a collection was held with proceeds going to the Shyira Trust and Southport Soup Kitchen. St Luke's Church is linked to the parish of Shyira, in north-west Rwanda and has taken on various tasks of funding the restoration of school buildings and rebuilding a maternity hospital. Southport Soup Kitchen provides hot meals, drinks, food parcels, and resources, including toiletries and other daily essentials (more details on the following page).

Mrs Davies and Mr Povey are exceptionally proud of all the students involved for their hard work and commitment over the past few months. Over the next week, the choir will be performing at Woodlands Lodge residential home, The Jolly Christmas Show and the Year 11 & 13 Presentation evening – the students will have definitely earned a rest!

- Mr. Povey, Curriculum Area Leader for Music & Mrs. Bridge, Curriculum Area Leader for RE



Collection for Southport Soup Kitchen and Foodbank

In the run up to Christmas, pupils in all year groups, including Sixth Form have been donating food and toiletries to Southport Soup Kitchen and Foodbank. Based in central Southport, The Soup Kitchen provides a welcoming place for those in need within Southport and surrounding areas. Having been established for over 19 years and run entirely by a team of dedicated volunteers, they offer support to the local community by providing hot meals and drinks as well as food parcels and resources including toiletries and other daily essentials. So far, two car loads of donations have been delivered to the Soup Kitchen, with more donations still to take.

As well as donating food and toiletries, money was also donated from proceeds collected at the Range carol service, which was held at St Luke's Church on Thursday 8th December.

Currently, this charity is in crisis and desperate for donations, which can be made at any time of the year.

If people would like to donate, The Soup Kitchen is in desperate need of:

- ⇒ Tinned food, such a vegetables, meat, stew, soup, potatoes, pies, fruit and puddings
- ⇒ Dried pasta or rice and sauces
- ⇒ Cereals, long-life fruit juices, long-life milk, powdered milk, individual juices and small bottles of water
- ⇒ Teabags, coffee, sugar, salt
- ⇒ Cakes, biscuits, puddings, fruit pies, ready-made custard
- ⇒ Toiletries including toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, hand gel, masks, shaving items, brush, comb, deodorant, feminine products, baby wipes and nappies
- ⇒ Thermal gloves, scarves, socks

Donations can be dropped off at The Soup Kitchen, which is situated at 75 London Street, Southport, PR9 0TX on Wednesdays, Saturdays & Sundays from 1pm to 2pm

- Mrs. Bridge, Curriculum Area Leader for RE





Bronze Award

Certificate of Achievement

Tess Clare

Congratulations to who have completed their full Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this half term.

Andrei Perju

Tess Clare

Oliver Scarrott

TO ACHIEVE YOUR AWARD

Get help to complete eDofE, your online account by going to room 2 on Tuesday lunchtimes

We would like the pupils to now add evidence and record on eDofE what they are doing or have completed for the other 3 sections - the Physical Activity, Skill Activity, and the Volunteering Activity.

How to log into eDofE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jNfHskqZ-E>

Once you have done this on a laptop or desk top computer you can use the eDofE App which is simpler.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvgHrdRMD4>

How to fill in a section

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvgHrrdRMD4>

Activities and Sections

You do not have to attend specific classes for your sections. You can improve your cycling and fitness, monitor via an app or stop watch and ask a family member to sign it off.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=edofe

<https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>

If you have lost or forgotten your username or password, please email me jr@range.sefton.sch.uk

The school website has a Duke of Edinburgh Section containing all the information and forms you need to complete your award find it here <http://www.range.sefton.sch.uk/school-life/duke-of-edinburgh-award/>

Looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Enjoy the holidays!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



The East Meru Community School - FROM COW SHED TO SCHOOL

Have you ever wondered how we got started?



Above, a photo of the original building before renovation.

During this time, Ian met Mary, who was later to become his wife. Mary's family introduced him to their home village of Maruvango, nestled in the foothills of Mt Meru, Tanzania's second highest mountain. It was decided that what was really needed was a good quality school where local children from the most impoverished families could attend without cost.

Mary's brother Elibariki and his family very generously donated a piece of land which has become the site of the school that we know today and they also gave them the loan of a building and a derelict cowshed.

Back in 2005 Ian Horne, from Wigan in the UK decided to climb Mt Kilimanjaro as a fundraising venture for a home for street children in Moshi, a town at the foot of this beautiful mountain. Whilst working at this project, Ian witnessed the poverty that families in these rural parts of Tanzania were experiencing and vowed to do what he could to help. He began talking to Tanzanian contacts and friends about the best way to do this.

Below, a photo of Ian and Elibariki planning on the plain field where the school now sits.



For the next few years, Ian continued to live and work in Tanzania gradually raising sufficient funds through his own earnings and contacts in the UK. This enabled him to renovate the cowshed and convert it into the first classroom, whilst the other building became the office, staff room, accommodation and store.

Photo of the original building after renovation.

The East Meru Community School

East Meru Community School Today!

We have 8 classrooms, an administration block, dining hall, staff and students toilets, a shoemaker's workshop and a tailor's workshop. All of this has been achieved through funds raised by our donors and sponsors as we receive no funding from any other source. We are so very grateful to everyone for helping to get this far.

THANK YOU!



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Electricity Project Well Successful!

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Once again we thank you so much for supporting our electricity appeal, through you we managed to raise enough funds to cover the cost and this week we are lucky to announce that we officially now have power lighting our school, the library and a few neighbours who are close by school. We are proud to be able, through your donations to support others. We as school and our Community don't have enough words to thank you all enough!

ASANTE SANA / THANK YOU SO MUCH.



East Meru Community School is an English Medium Primary School located in Maruvango, a remote rural village in Northern Tanzania. Children of all abilities are recruited from the most needy families in the local community and all their needs are provided for through our sponsorship programme.

Monthly sponsorship payments are used to provide:

- Full uniform including shoes, two shirts or dresses, two pairs of trousers and one sweater
- The teacher's salary, teaching materials, classroom stationery, daily tea and a healthy lunch
- We have small classes, a maximum of 30, and we aim to provide a conducive environment for learning with good teaching resources and well qualified teachers who share the caring, nurturing ethos of the school.
- If you would like to become part of our East Meru Community School family and sponsor one of our children, please contact Ian and Mary Horne at emcsschool@gmail.com. We would be so happy to hear from you!

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/eastmerucommunityschool or visit our website www.eastmerucommunityschool.org



Accelerated Reader Christmas Party Winners



We are pleased to announce that the top year 7 English class with a humongous score of 935.7 points and the well deserved recipients of a Christmas Party is 7JGW/E! Whilst over in year 8 the top English class, with a more than respectable 738.9 points so another well deserved reward is 8KW/E! It was a closely fought competition with the leader board changing weekly. Whether you won the party or not, you should all be extremely proud of your achievements - the English Department are extremely proud of you! We hope you have a fabulous time at the parties and watch this space for next term's competition!



Alice In Wonderland Tea Party

If you weren't one of the fortunate classes to win the party this time - don't dismay - next term the top 15 students will be rewarded with their very own Alice In Wonderland themed tea party. All you have to do is keep exploring the wonderful world of books, get quizzing on Accelerated Reader, then sit back and reap the rewards - you'll gain knowledge and have fun!



Millionaire Success Stories...

... We've had a lot! Six to be precise. It is so lovely to see reading paying off for our students - this term we have had 3 students in year 7 and 3 in year 8 achieve millionaire status and were awarded their certificates at their assemblies on the 17th and 18th November 2022.

Huge congratulations go to:

Frances Liew 7AO
Henry Renton 7DEC
Belle Sloane 7AES
Lilly Craig 8NM
Jani Falconer 8EC
Harry Morrison 8JSG



Well done to you all!



Sefton Super Reads

Shortlisting of the 6 books for next year's round of Sefton Super Reads has begun, the list will be announced next term. If you would like to join the group and eventually meet some of the winning authors, remember, everyone is welcome, the group meets every Friday lunchtime in the Library.



The English Department's Reading Department of the Term

...goes to IT & Business Studies...

for their amazing displays and innovative ways
of introducing reading into their subject area.
They really have created an immersive reading
environment



Reading boards with key
vocabulary, banned words and
recommended reading books adorn
their classroom walls.



Winding their way around the
classroom are lesson plans with
reading and book review lessons
playing an integral part of future
successes



Access to literature materials from the
departmental reading trolley or, for
those who prefer an e-book,
Chromebooks are always available.



Creative Writing Group

Led by our 2 amazing student English teachers, Miss McErlan and Miss Wafer, some of our students have been developing their creative writing skills. The group has met every Thursday lunchtime in room 22 and the students have thoroughly enjoyed every minute.



Christmas Book Draw

As part of Range High's school reading programme every student from year 7, 8, and 9 was entered into a Christmas draw for a free book. Congratulations if you were one of the lucky recipients.

Once you've completed your book we would love you to complete a short review which can be displayed in the library then pass the book to another person in your tutor so they too can share the enjoyment reading brings.



Year 9 Gothic Literature Competition

As part of their Gothic Literature homework year 9 students produced a piece of work, written and/or artistic, to compete for an overall prize. It was an extremely difficult topic to judge as every piece was exceptional in its own right however, a decision was finally made - congratulations go to...

Matthew Harding for his wonderful artistic and written costume design piece
Maddie Swinden for her thoroughly compelling short story, and
Stephen Fearnehaugh for his macabre menu



Winners and competitors work are proudly displayed in the library for everyone to see



Top of the Bench competition in Liverpool

I have taken part in the top of the bench competition twice over the last two years when it was held online in school and finally this year it was in person. I was part of the team that consisted of Year 9 students *Summer Greene, Lara Kearon, Jack Mangan and Caitlin Kelly*. We travelled to Liverpool University where we were able to use the chemistry labs to complete an experiment. Summer said it was great to see all the technology they use and how big the labs were. After lunch each of us in the team did a test and we also had to bring a poster. I was in charge of the poster and I did it on how houses can be built so they can be sustainable. It was a great experience, which showed us the next step in chemistry.

- Lara Kearon

Lara and I have absolutely loved the competition at Liverpool as it was an amazing opportunity and helped me learn so much more about chemistry and how it works in today's world. It really inspired me to do the little things that can help make our society and world much more sustainable! It was also really cool to go the university labs and perform the experiments in a proper lab with all the advanced equipment!!! It really was an incredible experience and one I'll definitely never forget! Also a huge thank you to my brilliant team, Miss Williams and the lovely people running the competition; none of this would have been possible without them!!

- Summer Greene



Unilever Bright Future launch at Hulme Hall, Port Sunlight

Cillian Dwyer, Sarah Coles, George Riley and Peter James, all from Year 9, spent the day learning about the different processes that go into designing a new product. The event was delivered by Unilever staff from the Port Sunlight site's Research and Development team. This is part of a project to develop a new personal care or beauty product with social and environment purpose. The final presentation at Hulme Hall to Unilever R and D staff will be at Easter and the students will spend next term working on this project.

- Science team

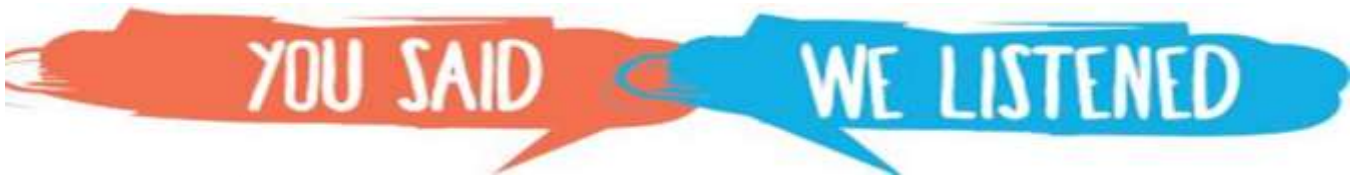


New School Council has been announced

During this term all tutor groups across Years 7 to 11 had the opportunity to vote for at least two tutor representatives; some tutor groups were so keen they wanted three reps! The successful pupils are listed below and now represent the student voice at Range. Well done to all of them. They have all been given an enamel badge that we hope they will wear. If you want to share your views and ideas and make Range even better, talk to your tutor rep so they can make YOUR VOICE HEARD.

- Mrs J McGugan

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Rishi Kini Natalia Tynan Kira Duffy Matthew Salt Josh Bull Keela Maguire Scott Matthews Sophie Swallow Thomas Brennan Lennon Jones Hannah Thompson Angel Phillips Anthony Foster Laura Piggott Ryan Morris	Bobby Obi Lamar Akef Heidi Lindley Joe Graney Alfie Doyle Amy Jones James Owen Lilly Zajitschek Orla Tangeman Evan Thomas Harry Barnes Lydia Marshall Olivia Williams Edie Barnes Hannah Stafford Poppy Marshall Oliver Scott	Raphaella Thacker Isabel Cave Sarah Coles Thomas Swain Tom Blundell Nat Hall Dylan Patten Connor Dwyer Amy Tucker Sophia Morton	Emily Philips William Rothwell Eleanor Baines Ben Cowin Katy Watkins Liam Hall Jersie Faragher Ruby Salt Sam Hough Sarah Nevin Darcey Martin Julius Zajitschek Lara Kearon	Jack Duff Maisie Waring Emma Foulkes Sophie Riley Amber Brunskill Isabella McDiarmid Ben Withers Bo Price Chloe Price Ellie Sawkins Max Lemmens Tommy Austin Lola Thomas Harry Halsall



"If we have PE P5 to have the choice to wear our PE kif home"



"We would like a greater variety of rewards available on ClassCharts"

This has been actioned and pupils now have the choice to go home in their PE kit or change back into their school uniform



This has been actioned with over 50 new items added to the rewards shop!

Range Digital Forensics Unit

In Computer Science, Mr Goulding introduced Year 9 to Digital Forensics. This included a lesson on how to recover forensic evidence from a computer that has been deleted by the criminal to avoid prosecution. Mr Latham, one of the school's IT technicians, featured as the 'suspect' of the mock investigation.



During the lesson, Year 9 were taught how to use real-world forensic software – Autopsy – to recover evidence from a USB drive; evidence that the 'suspect' had allegedly deleted.

This was an excellent introduction to digital forensics for pupils who may wish to pursue a career in this developing field.

- Mr R Cadwell, Head of Computer Science



Dance Trip to Panto at the Everyman

As part of our extra curricular dance programme the Year 7 & Year 8 dancers went to watch the legendary Everyman Rock 'n' Roll pantomime, Red Riding Hood. There were lots of sparkling costumes and plenty of plot twists and surprises. The show was bursting with musical hits performed by a cast of supremely talented actors, vocalists & musicians. Here is what the pupils had to say...

"The pantomime was amazing! My favourite part is when Cherry Blossom came down on her swing! She was a very good actress! It was nice to spend time with my friends too." - Mollie 7JRG

"I enjoyed the panto especially when there were songs. It was funny and I enjoyed it so much! We also got sprayed by water guns and we were all giggling!" - Milly 7JRG

"I liked how musical it was, all the cast could play instruments, sing and act!! There were so many instruments it was great! It is really inspiring to see the cast doing more than just acting." - Eva 7JRG

"I think that the Pantomime was a great experience to go to because it was really funny and well put together. I really liked how the cast got all of us involved! Especially when Holly was on the microphone." -Serena 7JRG

"I enjoyed the pantomime because it was very funny and entertaining and it was also very interactive... it was full of jokes and I also got to sing on the microphone! I would highly recommend it and it had lots of singing and dancing." - Holly 7AO

- Mrs L Gallagher



Sixth Form Open Evening

"Range Sixth Form Open Evening was very successful. As part of the Head Team I was given the opportunity to represent our Sixth Form and engage with families and future students. It was a time to share my experience of Range Sixth Form and the support we are provided throughout our final two years of study. Each sixth form subject had a stall located throughout the school with great displays of students' work and many volunteers to share their opinion on the subjects they are studying.

The art displays were fantastic and showcased the talent of some of the current students, DT presented the impressive 3D printer and some of our students' intricate designs and psychology had an interactive stall testing a lie detector machine. We were pleased to see so many enthusiastic Year 11s, from both Range High and a selection of other schools, take part and ask about all aspects of our Sixth Form experience. I was stationed in the Science and Maths department where many students and families were keen to hear our opinion on content, teaching and future plans before making their decision on subjects they will select.

The support from Lynn, our wellbeing practitioner, was the point of conversation for many families and I was able to share my experience of the help I have received in dealing with exam stress, sleeping and coping with pressure of A Levels. We were all proud to express our positive experience of Range Sixth Form and particularly how supported we feel in our studies." - Rosie Degeir

"Thank you so much to everyone that came out to visit our Sixth Form during its Open Evening! We hope that you enjoyed yourselves and that you were able to see why Range is an amazing Sixth Form. We hope to see you in September!" - Matthew Senior

"It was lovely to see so many of you at the Open Evening. Hopefully we were able to give you a taste of some of the amazing things Range Sixth Form can provide for each and every student." - Eniola Taiwo





Apply

NOW

Sixth Form places are filling up fast. It's important to apply now to ensure the option blocks are built around your choices!

<https://rangesixthform.applicaa.com/>



Bake Sale

"On Monday I held a cake sale in honour of raising money for the Queenscourt Hospice Charity. Queenscourt is an amazing organisation that cares for people struggling with cancer and other terminal illnesses towards the end of their lives. We managed to raise £200 which is an amazing amount! I would like to thank everyone who was involved and donated money for this amazing charity. "

- Matthew Senior



UNIVERSITY INTERVIEWS AND OFFERS

This term, many of our Year 13 students have been working on university applications. Offers for courses have already started to come in, a few examples being:

- ◆ Maths at Cardiff
- ◆ Computer Games Design at Abertay
- ◆ Computer Science at Edge Hill
- ◆ History at Nottingham
- ◆ Biomedical Science at Northumbria
- ◆ Psychology at Hull
- ◆ Business and Management at York



We look forward to many more offers coming in for our talented students over the next few months!

- Ms R. Gooding

London Art and Photography Sixth Form Trip

There is a lot of enrichment through the arts here at Range and we are fortunate enough to be able to visit some fantastic European cities to be inspired by and to experience art and culture first hand. Past trips have included Paris, Barcelona and Venice. Our December trip this year was to our own capital city, London. I think we can all agree that over the past couple of years, the students have worked exceptionally hard during tough circumstances and they deserved an exciting and fun trip before Christmas.

We took 18 students for two nights, visiting some of the popular sites along the Southbank - the Southbank Centre Winter Markets and the Shard being highlights. Big Ben was chiming after four years of careful restoration, setting the Christmassy tone as we strolled along the illuminated river at night. We visited the Tate Modern and managed to fit in a walk to see the outside of the Tower of London.

On the other side of the river we took the tube to visit the Royal Academy of Art, an historic institution, privately funded and led by eminent artists and architects. We then took in the visually fantastic Christmas displays of the designer stores along New Bond Street. Entering the beginnings of Soho, we ventured down historic Carnaby Street to the beautiful Liberty London department store.

On the second evening the students visited Hyde Park Winter Wonderland one, a giant fun fair which included ice skating and a Magical Ice Kingdom. We had free time to go on rides. I don't think we could have fitted anymore in!

The students behaved impeccably, with good manners and were a pleasure to take away and spend time with. They took lots of photographs for their coursework and I believe, learned new skills outside of the classroom- such as navigating their way around a busy city at one of the busiest times of the year. Hopefully they gained in confidence and resilience!

Students commented:

"I really enjoyed the trip to Winter Wonderland; the rides were crazy and it was beautiful and colourful" - Karli Marshall

"I think the trip brought everyone together and it helped me make more friends" - Imogen Christian

"The London trip provided many opportunities for us to develop our artwork. Overall it was a great experience!" - Eloise Buck

"The trip was a belter! The teachers were fantastic! London was brilliant!" - Adam Stott, Harry Dowd & Sean McGarry

- Art Department





Meet our Year 12 Student council team!

This term, we had our first Year 12 team meeting. We discussed our goals, and what we hope to achieve as a team. Here are some of them...

"I would like to help students achieve more in their free periods by having dedicated spaces for different types of study"

"I would like to accurately represent the views of the year group and to facilitate easier swiping in and out"

"I would like to increase awareness on environmental issues throughout the school and create a sense of community between year groups".

"I would like to improve guidance on obtaining work experience and part-time employment"



Women In STEM

we are setting up a Women in STEM group where we will invite students from Y9 upwards to meet and discuss roles and opportunities within STEM. We are due to meet after Christmas, so they need to keep their eyes open for further details. We will have visiting speakers and role models to inspire our future STEM students.

We are currently in year 12 and from experience we understand that encouragement is key to getting young women to carry forward STEM subject at further academic levels. Our aim is to encourage young women to pursue careers in STEM and inspire excitement surrounding all STEM subjects. We want to be role models and create new ones for future generations.

- Niamh Barnes & Phoebe Povey



Auschwitz

On Wednesday 9th, three sixth form students visited Auschwitz with the Holocaust Educational Trust. The photographs attached are of the 'Book of Names' which records the names of approximately 4 million victims of the Holocaust. The sixth form students will be creating and delivering an assembly about the Holocaust and their visit to Auschwitz to our KS3 and KS4 pupils, as part of our Holocaust remembrance.

- Miss Ball



Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 8th December staff and students took part in Christmas Jumper day, raising money for Save The Children. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated!



