



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

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Dear All,

Tapas, Proms, Dance Festivals, Trading Day, Merseyside Football Champions, Matthew's Mile, Sports Day, Spanish Trip, Maths Challenge and on and on and on! Even as I write we are in the middle of a number of different events to mark the end of the school year and 'Goodness Me' has it been busy! Well done to all of our amazing students for everything they throw themselves into- I'm very proud of all of their academic achievements but equally proud of their extra-curricular achievements. We have fantastic sports men and women, brilliant artists, photographers, chefs, hikers, environmentalists and the list goes on! I am, as always, hugely grateful to the staff who give so generously of their time to facilitate such an array of clubs, societies and experiences. I hope you enjoy reading about all of this in our packed edition of the Newsletter.

The end of the year marks a time when we inevitably say goodbye to staff members who are leaving for a variety of reasons. Mr Martin is leaving after twenty years in our Business department and Mr Cadwell, our Head of Computer Science after fourteen years. Both colleagues have made a valued and considerable contribution to our young people- thank you to both of them. Miss Clarke and Miss Lewandowska, temporary teachers in Business and Art will be leaving us as will several of our temporary Teaching Assistants: Miss Bellamy, Mr Bishop, Miss Brown, Miss Darbyshire, Mrs Pring, Miss Kane, Miss Jackson, Mrs Erskine, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Testaverde. Thank you to all of them for their support of our students in recent years.

We of course also look forward to new colleagues joining us in September: Miss Baskerville, our new Art teacher, Miss Duggan, a new teacher in the MFL department, Mrs Howes, our new Head of Computer Science and Miss Chendo, a new teacher in the Business/Economics department. I know you will all join me in welcoming them to our school and will give them a warm Range welcome in the new academic year.

I would also like to publicly thank Mrs Cathy Morris, a long serving member of our Trustee Board. Cathy has made a huge contribution to this school, giving freely and generously of her time and expertise. Thank you Cathy and every good wish for the future.

There is an article in our newsletter about The Anthony Walker Foundation recently visiting school to deliver assemblies and a very powerful message it was too! Please do take the time to discuss this with your child(ren). We try very hard in school to educate everyone about the importance of acceptance and kindness to each other yet ugly and unacceptable behaviours such as racism or sexism do occur from time to time. We have a zero tolerance policy on such behaviour and your support with this is crucial. This is important in everyday interactions but especially in the world of social media which pervades all aspects of contemporary life.

As we start to look forward to the new academic year, please do read the recent communication from Mrs Ashworth around standards and uniform. We will be in touch with the arrangements for the start of the new year in due course but essentially school starts for everyone on the 7th September with Y7 and Y12 in on the 5th September and Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11 and Y13 in on the 6th September.

School finishes for the Summer on Tuesday, 18th July at 12.45pm. Thank you to all of our parents and wider family networks for everything that you do to support us here at Range. We wish all of you a relaxing and sunny(!) Summer holiday.

Best wishes,

Mike McGarry

Headteacher



Year 7—Successful year

It has been a busy year for Year 7 since starting at Range in September. During the first month, they enjoyed a Welcome Disco with both students and staff showing their best dance moves, some more successful than others! In October, students collected 7 boxes of socks for the homeless. The socks were delivered by Mrs Gallagher to the Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool. Since then students have also collected for the foodbank and Easter eggs for the Southport Food Kitchen. Mrs Bridge would like to thank everyone who donated to this.

We have also had a flurry of sporting success! Our girls' football team reached the semi-final of the Merseyside Cup, and the boys went one better by reaching the final. The game was a hard-fought encounter, with them narrowly losing out 1-0. The cross country team also had success over the year with special mention to Aaron Pickard, Louie McKenna, Bobby AD Marshall and Ethan Barnes. In Dance, Year 7 again has been well represented. They took part in the Jolly Christmas Show and the Spring Spectacular. Both events were sold out, as Year 7 performed dances under the guidance of Mrs Gallagher and Miss Rudd. Towards the end of Year 7, some of our students had a night out bowling in Southport. It was a very enjoyable and competitive night with some students showing off skills that could be the making of them becoming future bowling champions. To finish the year, students have been invited on a rewards trip.

"We arrived at the bowling alley at 4pm and whilst waiting for the rest of Year 7 to arrive, me and my friends played in the arcade. Once everyone had arrived, we picked our teams of 6. My friends and I went in a five and when it was number 6's turn, we would take turns to bowl. After we had chosen our lanes and typed our names into the system, the iPad asked us to take a team photo. In the middle of the game when we were allowed to get refreshments, we all got slushes. We didn't get any food because we were all going to McDonald's afterwards. Holly won the first game and I won the second. When it was time to leave our pockets were slightly emptier. Ella, Isla and I took a selfie with Mr Rudd and Mrs Gallagher. We had a great time and had lots of fun."

—Laura Piggott 7BG

We will be visiting Blackpool Zoo this July. This will cap off a great and successful year.

Well done everyone!

- Mr Rudd & Mrs Gallagher



Year 8—Good luck

Wishing all the Year 8 students good luck as they transition to Year 9. It has been an incredible two years spent with each and every one of you, and we hope for nothing but the best as you begin your journey towards KS4. Your time in KS3 has been unforgettable, and we hope you continue to thrive in the next stage of your education.

- Miss Singleton & Ms McCarthy

Year 9—Challenge | Flourish | Achieve

As the school year comes to an end for our students in Year 9 I would like to say that it has been an honour and a privilege for Mr Wilson and I to get to know the pupils.

It has been a challenging year in many ways as the pupils have been slowly transitioning and preparing to move into KS4-GCSE territory. They have investigated, discussed, deliberated and finally chosen their options for next year. It has been lovely to see individuals grow and flourish, building resilience and maturity into their everyday lives.

Year 10 is an exciting year and the start of a two year journey with new challenges and goals. I'm sure there will be bumps along the way and as the pupils mature and build resilience, they will overcome these difficulties to reach the final end goal and achieve the best GCSE results that they can.

We wish you and your family all the best, have a lovely summer making precious memories and we will see you all in September.

Take care.

- Mrs Wilson & Mr Wilson

Year 10—Keep going!

Our Year 10 students have been working hard and are now entering the final stages of KS4. As they approach this crucial time in their academic journey, we want to wish them the best of luck. We know that they have the skills and determination to succeed and we are confident that they will achieve their goals. We encourage them to stay focused, stay positive and keep up the great work.

We are proud of our Year 10 students and all that they have accomplished so far. Their hard work and dedication have been truly admirable. We want to remind them that they are capable of achieving great things and that we believe in them. We hope that they continue to approach their studies with enthusiasm and determination, knowing that their efforts will pay off in the end. We wish them all the best as they move forward towards their future goals.

- Mr Jump & Ms Lawrence

Year 11—Goodbye and Good luck!

Well what can we say, it has been an incredible three years with each and every one of you. We have no doubt that you will excel in your new ventures, whether it is college, sixth form, or apprenticeships. Reach for the stars! It has been an absolute honour being your Head of the Year team. Best of luck in all your future endeavours!

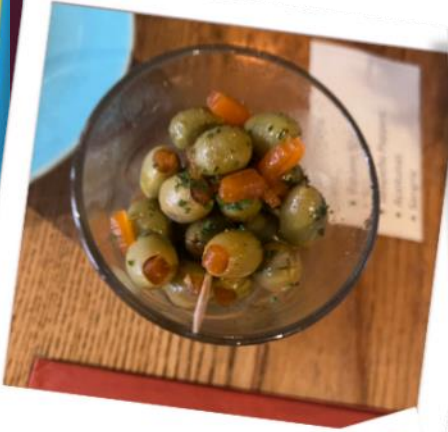
- Mrs Plumbley & Mr Duddridge



Tapas Trip

Last month, a group of 40 Year 8 students joined us for a Tapas Tasting Trip. The event took place at Fuego in Southport where the students had the chance to sample various tapas dishes. This real-life setting provided an excellent opportunity for the students to apply their learning while also practising language skills with Year 12 students. The students particularly enjoyed trying out the different foods, with the meatballs emerging as the most popular choice. Miss Templeton's efforts were also highly commendable, and it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Due to its success, we have decided to run the trip again next year.

- Miss Curcuroto



WALLY CAIN DANCE FESTIVAL 2023

On Wednesday 14th June, 23 of our talented Year 8 dancers took to the stage once again at the Atkinson Theatre. They represented Range, alongside 10 other Sefton schools, in the Wally Cain Dance Festival which celebrates the importance of contemporary dance.

Sefton Schools' Dance Association held its first dance festival in 1989. This annual contemporary dance festival was renamed in 1992 after Wally Cain, a senior advisor with responsibility for P.E.

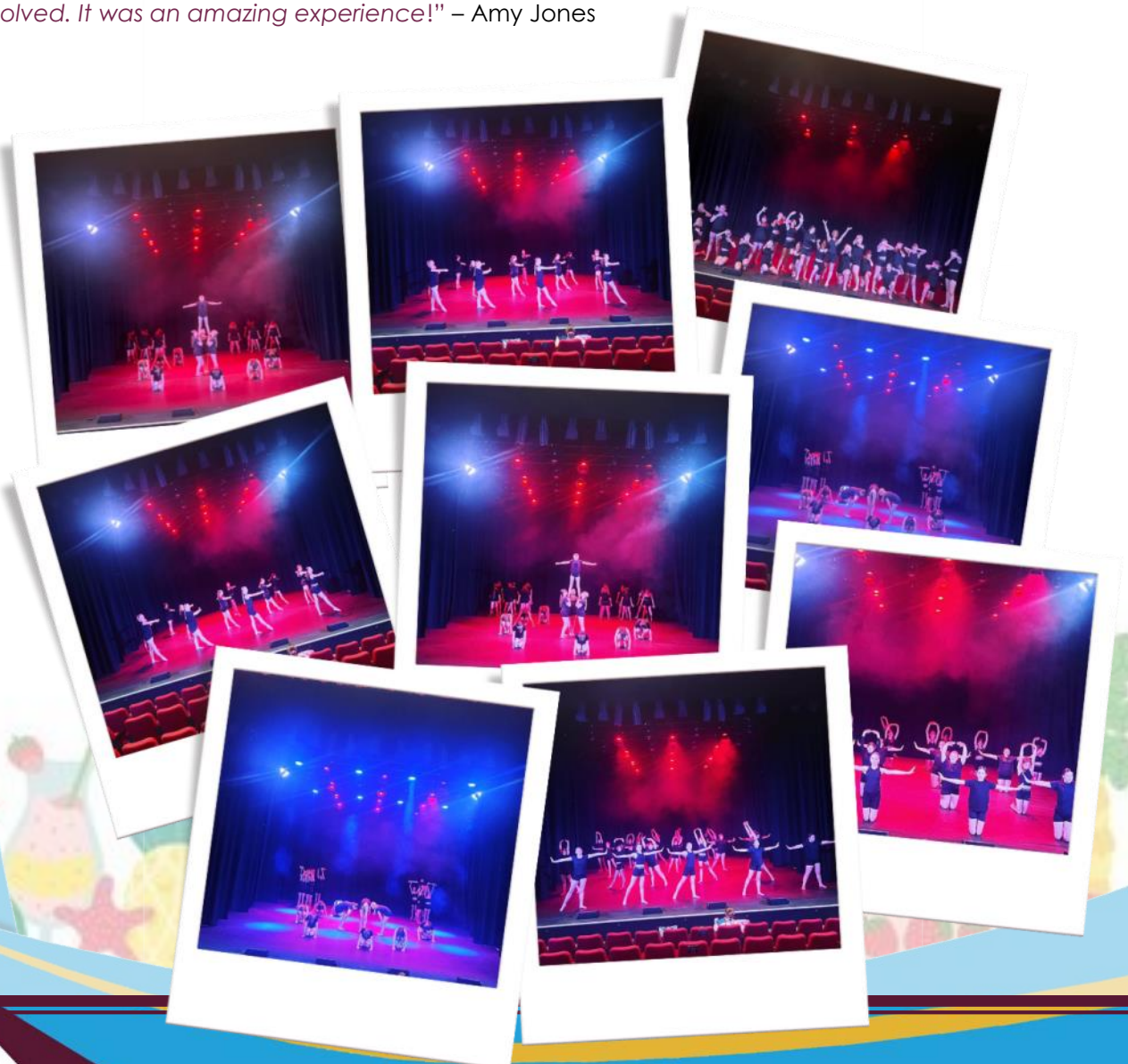
Wally died suddenly in March 1992 having retired in August 1991. He had been an adviser in Sefton for twenty years. Wally was an inspiration to everyone who taught physical education in Sefton.

One of his greatest loves was Dance and he worked tirelessly to promote its development. In 1988 he set up the Sefton Schools' Dance Association for teachers, resulting in this annual Dance Festival and Days of Dance. Wally was keen to encourage the teaching of Contemporary Dance in schools as he felt it gave all children, whatever their ability, gender or age, an opportunity to express themselves.

- Mrs Gallagher

"What I enjoyed about Wally Cain is being there with my friends, I find it very fun and exciting. I love performing on stage and I also love being backstage and embracing all the excitement of getting our hair and make up done. It was even more exciting for me this year because I found out my grandad was friends with Wally. I am really looking forward to doing the show again next year!!" – Oliva Williams.

"I loved performing at Wally Cain as it is such a fun experience and you get to be with all your friends. I also really like the fact that you get to sit in the audience and watch and support the other schools that are involved. It was an amazing experience!" – Amy Jones

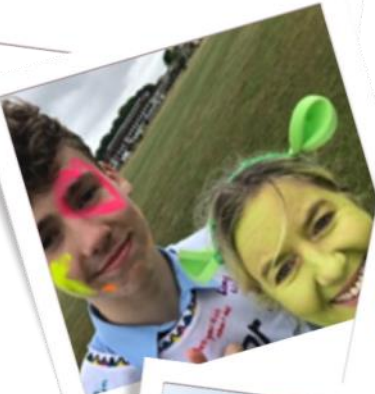


Matthew's Mile

Hundreds of students braved the weather to participate in Matthew's Mile on Friday 30th June. Students walked, ran, hopped, skipped and jumped their mile some wearing fabulous fancy dress outfits. This was a fantastic event as always, which raised much needed funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust. The Teenage Cancer Trust is a charity-run organisation that provides invaluable help and support to teenagers affected by cancer. The event is so important to us as it helps us remember Matthew and another pupil who we sadly lost to cancer, James Wright, by supporting the Charity that helped them so much. We have had a number of students here at Range who have been affected by cancer. Fortunately many have been successfully treated.

Thank you—you are amazing!!

We raised over £3,000!! A fantastic achievement!



GCSE Good luck

The GCSE class performed for the final time as a class for the external examiner this term. They performed extracts from a variety of plays from Shakespeare to comedy. We wish them all well and look forward to seeing some of them in the sixth form.

- Mrs Grace

EVERY WEEKDAY 8 WEEKS FROM 10TH JULY - 1ST SEPTEMBER

Active Sefton Presents...

PARK NIGHTS

FREE

Sport and Activities for young people this summer!
...get involved!

Free activities available such as:

Inflatable sports, Archery, Football, Cricket, Tennis & Multi-Sport (activities change weekly and will be weather dependent)

No need to book, just turn up any time between 5pm-7pm

MONDAY 5-7PM *excludes Bank Holiday Monday 28th August
Bowersdale Park, Seaforth & Hesketh Park, Southport

TUESDAY 5-7PM
South Park, Bootle & Bedford Park, Birkdale

WEDNESDAY 5-7PM
Kirkstone Park, Litherland & King George V, Maghull

THURSDAY 5-7PM
Victoria Park, Crosby & Devonshire Road Park, Southport

FRIDAY 5-7PM
Killen Green, Netherton & Duke Street Park, Formby



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Students' Achievements

Eva Robinson

In Year 7 I made the bold move to try out for the Merseyside County netball team. Unfortunately, my initial attempt was unsuccessful, which didn't sit well with me. However, instead of feeling defeated, I used the experience to fuel my determination to improve my skills. Whilst in Year 8, I tried out again, and it was a success! I was thrilled beyond words. I have since been training consistently two to three times a week and competing in county tournaments throughout the North West. It's not always easy because the competition, especially from Manchester, is fierce--they're the best in the country!

I also still play for my local club in Crosby (Chesterfield); I prefer to play defence in the GK or WD position. Our coach is amazing and my team is incredibly supportive, which has helped us win the Sefton League for three consecutive years. At school, I regularly participate in netball with Years 8, 9, and 10. I am truly proud of how far I've come. I also appreciate the other sports offered at Range and was awarded a medal for my long jump skills in an athletics competition. Before secondary school, I had never attempted the long jump, so I am grateful to my teacher for recognizing my talent.



Ella Jones

Well done to Ella Jones, not only was she named Merseyside County Football School Girls under 14 Manager's Player of the Year, but Ella also became a National Champion! Well Done Ella!

- Mr Owens (Head of P.E.)



The UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge

This took place towards the end of last half term and I am delighted to say that over 50 students from Years 7 and 8 entered the UK-wide competition. The students sat a 60-minute, multiple-choice paper containing problems which are designed to make students think, whilst also encouraging mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency.

To recognize the highest performing students in the challenge, the top-scoring 50% of participants are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Bronze

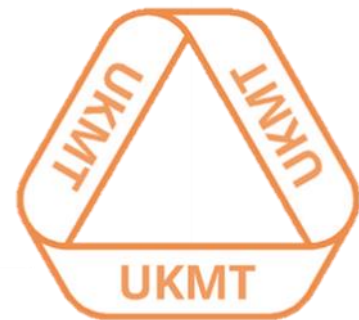
Year 7

Henry Renton
Kirandeep Sangha
Thomas Szabo
Sam Uttley

Year 8

Adam Banhegyi
Lewis Bell
Jack Bold
Joni Falconer
James Lewis
Eva Robinson
Finlay Scott

Natalie Fernando
Lewis Gaskell
Joe Graney
Jack Guy
Heidi Lindley
William Robinson
Emily Smith



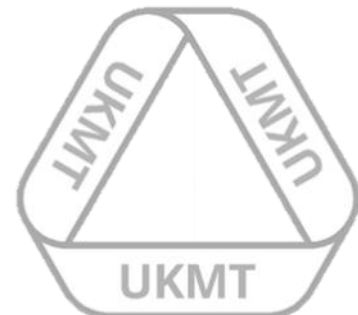
Silver

Year 7

Amy Coulson
Dylan Gregory
Luke Patel
Belle Sloane

Year 8

Wai Chiu
Claudia Coulson
Anna Gregory
Matthew Grimes
Joel Osborne



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Year 10 win their first bit of silverware

Congratulations to Range High School's Year 10 football team, who picked up their first bit of silverware last week. The game was played at Jeffrey Humble Sports Centre in Aintree, on a sunny but very windy afternoon. The opponents were Ridgeway High School from the Wirral, whom we have played twice previously, being on the losing end the last time we met. The opponents won the coin toss and chose to switch sides and play with the wind behind them. Their decision was presumably based on them trying to get the game wrapped up in the first half, but it ultimately played in our favour.

Range High started the game solidly and despite having strong winds and the sun to play against, they kept the ball well in the first 20 minutes and dominated possession. Ridgeway struggled to get the ball off Range, but there were few chances from either team up to this point. For the last ten minutes of the first half, Range had their backs against the wall and defended valiantly against a ball that felt like it was being sucked towards our goal. A solid back four made up of four students called Tom swept up anything that came their way. Tom Moore, who was playing right back, aggressively defended anything and everything he came up against. The same can be said for Tom Henderson at left-back, whose industry and relentlessness to win the ball was, as always, near perfect. He used his pace and fitness to work the left wing and put added pressure in the form of attack, as well as winning every 50/50 he had.

A special mention to Tom Jones and Tom Pike at centre back. The danger point for us came when our opponents played the ball over the top. With strong winds and the sun in their eyes, this was a particular threat. Tom Jones did whatever any good defender would do and consistently stepped forward at every opportunity and attacked the ball before it had the chance to bounce. Every time the ball looked like it could make it to the target man, Tom intercepted and dealt with the situation commandingly. He could do this with confidence, as Tom Pike was behind him to sweep up any loose balls and used his strength, pace and height to defend the Range goal from any attacking encounters. The breakthrough nearly came for Ridgeway near the end of the first half, when a well-struck shot hit the underside of the crossbar from 25 yards. However, the team held strong and kept the game at 0-0 as we finished the first half.

Range now entered the second half with the wind behind them and this opened up more opportunities to test the Ridgeway keeper. The game was won and lost in midfield, with constant battles for possession from Range's star midfielders, who swarmed Ridgeway players whenever they had the ball. The Captain, Ollie Buch-Platt was given the difficult task of man-marking their star man and he never let him out of his sight. He won the majority of the duels fought, broke up play and relentlessly stalked his man, not giving him an inch. Corey O'Connor and Joe Kirwan, at times, looked like they were playing for fun and were turning their opponents inside out and frequently providing chances. The two wide men, Christian Brennan and Liam McIntosh provided us with pace and width and an attacking threat that kept them on the back foot. The breakthrough for Range came about ten minutes into the second half. Joe Kirwan let fly from 30 yards and rattled the crossbar. Less than a minute later, another opportunity presented itself and this time he was on target and put it away into the bottom right corner from 25 yards to put Range 1-0 up.

Range was growing in confidence and started to dominate possession again, however, the threat still remained and it was important they kept their shape and composure. A handball momentarily paused the game to give the players a breather. However, an off the ball incident and a moment of madness from a Ridgeway player saw him given his marching orders for violent conduct. This seemed to be a major turning point in the game and meant that Ridgeway had it all to do from this point. Playing with confidence, Range continued to press their opponents in search of the second goal. A ball was pumped forward from midfield and appeared to be an easy collection for the keeper but the ball held up on the heavy 4G pitch and sat up nicely for Oliver Plunkett to put away with his head. This was a poacher's finish and brilliant pressing play from the number 9. A



The game seemed to be heading Range's way and the team was playing with increasing confidence. The threat never left though and a 25-yard shot from Ridgeway's star midfielder seemed to be destined for the top corner, but goalkeeper Luke Faraday watched it intensely and timed his save perfectly to tip it over the bar. An unbelievable bit of athleticism, which could have saved the game. Luke kept his composure for the entirety of the match and used his outfield experience to distribute the ball well and keep the game moving. They worked the ball around the pitch and played some fantastic team passing. Corey O'Connor then waltzed his way through a number of players before directing a shot from 20 yards into the bottom left-hand corner to seal the game. Range then just had to see out the final ten minutes. Substitutes Callum Hannaway and Liam Hall came on to provide extra legs up front and extra support for the defence. Callum pressed with intensity when he came on and Liam steadied the ship at defensive midfield.

This was a well-deserved win from a strong team of players, who have fallen short in the semi-final on a number of occasions. They have also had their football disrupted by lockdown, which makes a win like this even more rewarding. Sport is a very valued part of our curriculum here at Range and we recognise the importance it plays in shaping people's lives. Congratulations to the lads, who sign off the year on a high note and will forever be remembered in our rich sporting history.

Competition: Small Schools Merseyside Cup

Location: Jeffrey Humble

Goal scorers: Joe Kirwan-Naylor, Oliver Plunkett and Corey O'Connor

MOM: Ollie Buch-Platt – An incredible performance from the skipper. The kind of work he did often goes unnoticed but was incredible to watch. He never let his opponent out of his sights for the entire game and nullified the threat from a talented individual. This was followed closely by Joe Kirwan-Naylor and Tom Jones.

- Mr Hughes



Year 10 Netball

The Year 10 netball team have been fantastic this year. They have shown excellent commitment in both training and matches. The girls have entered both the county tournament and the national schools tournament. Over the season they have improved significantly and this was shown when they won the U15 Sefton Schools Tournament at the end of the season to become Sefton Champions. Well done to all of the girls and I look forward to coaching you next season.



P.E. News

Year 8 Football

Our Year 8 Team concluded a successful, enjoyable season by reaching the prestigious Sefton Cup Final, played on a breezy evening at St Mary's School. Disappointingly, we lost a hard fought match against a skilful opponent who adapted to the conditions and took their chances well.

Range made a bright start and went one up with Joe Dixon taking up an intelligent position from an accurately delivered free kick from Matthew Grimes before finishing with aplomb. Slightly against the run of play, however, Deyes equalised and turning against the wind into the second half Range faced a difficult task, eventually losing 3-1. Despite the defeat, the boys can take encouragement from their performance and look forward to next season with enthusiasm.

I would like to thank all of the lads, who played well throughout the season, showing great spirit and sportsmanship. I would also like to thank all of the parents for their support throughout the year.

Year 11 Football

The Year 11 football team made it through to the Merseyside Cup Final at Jeffrey Humble Sports Centre after a fantastic season. With the GCSE exams over it was difficult to get a full team together for different reasons. Nevertheless, Range arrived in good spirits and with a solid team to compete for a second piece of silverware following the penalty shootout loss in the Sefton Cup final. The final was extremely tight with both teams well matched throughout. The game unsurprisingly went to penalties (fourth time this year for the 11s) following a 0-0 draw at full time, unfortunately it was heartache again with St Hilda's winning. I could not be prouder of the Year 11 team for all they have achieved this season and the 'never give up' attitude they have displayed all season. They have not lost a game in regulation time all season and that is testament to their hard work and attitude throughout. A pleasure to manage!

Tennis at Formby Lawn Tennis Club

We recently took our tennis squad down to Formby Lawn Tennis Club for an in-house friendly fixture. We took a mixture of year groups along who all competed in singles, doubles as well as some mixed doubles. All of our pupils were a credit to the school and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. A huge thank you to Susan Johnson for facilitating and allowing us to use their facilities.



School Sports Day

Our School Sports Day began with our 'Prelim Day' where we saw some fantastic performances take place in our Athletics field events along with the 1500m and Hurdles events. Students across all four year groups competed and all of the events were hotly contested. The points achieved by EVERY student involved were added onto the eagerly anticipated whole school sports day, which had to be postponed originally due to the poor weather conditions. Eventually after the postponement, we were able to dodge the weather and run our school sports day in perfect weather conditions. The standard of performance was exceptional and the support was just as impressive. Having had all of the results counted and verified, the final standings were as follows:



4th - **Sefton**

3rd - **Derby**

2nd - **Weld**

1st - **Blundell**



Sefton Athletics Championships

The boys and girls athletics squads travelled to Wavertree for the Sefton Athletics Division 1 Championships. It was a miserable day weather wise in comparison to the glorious weather we'd experienced earlier in the term, but that was not going to put our athletes off. A full day of events with every student giving their all, supporting and working for one another was a pleasure to witness!

The overall results were a 4th place finish for both our boys and girls squads, a tremendous achievement. That was not the end of it! Our Year 8 boys and girls squads were crowned WINNERS in their age group. Competing against some unbelievable athletes from other Sefton schools and winning both competitions is outstanding and goes to show how much their hard work and dedication have paid off!



Staff 5k

It is not only the fantastic students of Range High school that like to compete and represent their school, the staff love to get involved. Members of the staff body took part in the Active Sefton Workforce 5k Team event. The staff involved had a great evening competing at Crosby Marina and finished a very impressive 3rd position, with Mr Robinson finishing individually in the top 10.

- P.E. Department



History Trip

A group of Year 10 and Year 12 History pupils embarked on a fascinating tour of Whitechapel in London. The tour focused on the harsh realities of life in one of the poorest parts of Victorian London, as well as the unsolved mystery of the Jack the Ripper murders. The pupils gained valuable insights into the social and economic conditions of the era, and were able to contextualize their studies in a real-world setting.

Following the tour, the group enjoyed a delicious lunch at Spitalfields Market before heading to the London Dungeons for an exhilarating experience. The group then concluded the day by stopping at Covent Garden for some tea and a bit of shopping. Overall, it was an action-packed day filled with both education and entertainment, providing the pupils with a well-rounded experience they will likely never forget.

- Mrs Murray



Science Club

Over the past three weeks, the Year 7 science club has been thoroughly investigating a forensic science case. The students have been involved in a variety of activities, such as determining the nature of a substance found on the victim, using pH measurements through universal indicator to identify whether it is an acid or alkali, using chromatography to compare the ink found on the victim with the suspects' ink in their pens, and identifying potential suspects by matching fingerprints obtained from the crime scene. The students also took their own fingerprint pictures to establish patterns.

-- Mrs Williams



Careers Education Events

Careers Hours

Careers Hours resumed this half-term and we were pleased to welcome visitors from Liverpool John Moores University (Year 12 - degree apprenticeships) and the University of Sheffield (Y12 - UCAS personal statements) as well as a remote speaker from Sunderland University (Year 8 - 'Why go to University?') Other sessions included interview skills (Year 10), a team work challenge (Year 9) and a career matching activity (Year 7).

UCAS Discovery Conference

Year 12 students attended this UCAS event which was a valuable opportunity to chat to representatives of a very wide range of universities offering undergraduate degrees, including some which offer degree apprenticeships.

Careers Fair

On the morning of Friday 23rd June a careers fair took place at school and was attended by all Year 8 and Year 10 students (Year 9 having already had an Arts Careers Event earlier in the year, organised by the PE and Expressive Arts Faculty). The students were enthusiastic about attending and embraced their brief of speaking to at least one person representing each of the following: employers, further education, higher education and training organisations.

Exhibitors included Peel Ports, Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital, the Royal Navy, Merseyside Training, Hugh Baird College and the University of Central Lancashire, to name but a few.

Students enjoyed their time at the fair and gave lots of positive feedback. Our thanks go to Elevate (formerly Sefton Education and Business Partnership) for co-ordinating the fair; thanks also to all our Year 8 and Year 10 students whom the Elevate representative described as a credit to the school.



Careers Interviews

With Year 11 students all having had a careers interview during the academic year, this half-term a number of our Year 10 and Year 12 students benefitted from careers meetings with our Mploy careers adviser, Victor Ficorilli.

- Ms Gooding (Careers Education and Guidance Co-ordinator)



Geography News

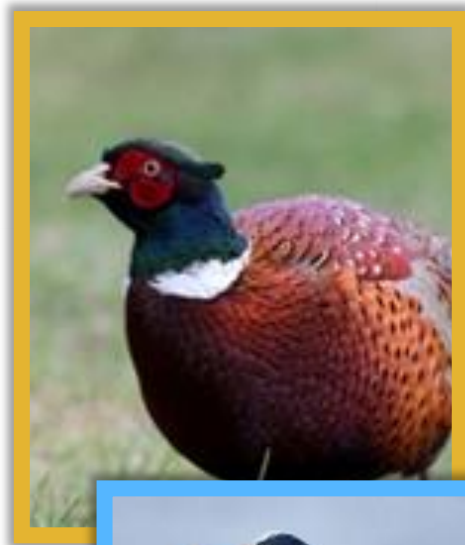
Find a space and nature will come

Over the past two years, a group of trees has been planted in the corner of a field, including oak, silver birch, rowan, dogwood, cherry and more. Many of the trees have grown considerably and a small but significant copse has been established. Additionally, European alder and other trees have naturally taken root in the area. This space has become a habitat for wildlife, and the Geography department has taken steps to encourage more wildlife to make it their home by purchasing and placing insect homes in the copse. Students have also participated in clearing litter and plastic waste from the area.

The corner area has been transformed into a space for wildlife, with the Geography department purchasing insect homes to encourage the flourishing of bees and other insects. A group of students, Lilly Zajitschek, Sophia Bevins, and Lilly Craig, helped to clear the space of litter and place the insect homes, despite the high temperatures. Their efforts were successful in clearing the area of plastic waste that had accumulated in the corner of the field.

More animal visitors

The copse is home to a variety of birds including pheasants and a recently spotted grey heron. Many smaller insects and amphibians have also made it their home. The hope is for the area to become both a learning environment for pupils and a relaxing space in the future.



Year 10 pupils take a trip to Ingleton Falls Waterfall Trail

A group of Year 10 Geography students recently visited Ingleton Falls Waterfall Trail to enhance their understanding of the geographical features of a river's upper course. Although they had learned about waterfalls and gorges in the classroom, the trip provided an opportunity to see them in real life. The hope is that this experience will not only improve their learning but also encourage an interest in the natural environment.

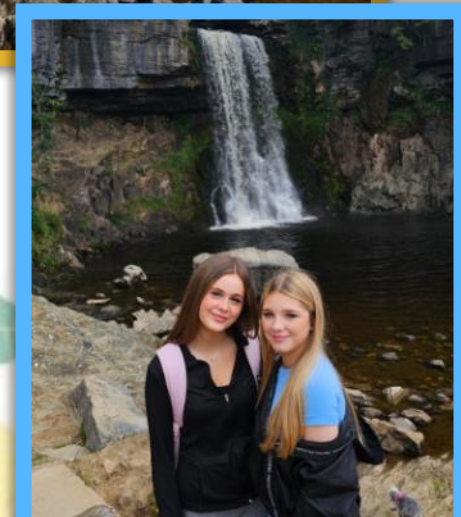
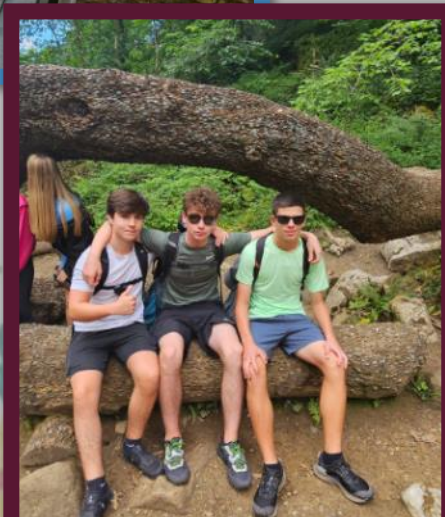
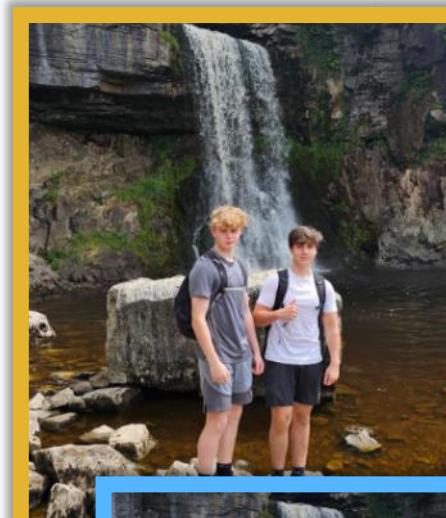
Ingleton Waterfalls Trail is situated in the Yorkshire Dales, on the edge of Ingleton village. The trail offers breathtaking views of the waterfalls, following a well-defined footpath that runs close to the edge of the two rivers. The trail is 4.3 miles (7km) long and takes between 2 to 4 hours to complete, with a steady incline and some uneven ground.

Originally planned for Monday, the trip was rescheduled due to poor weather conditions. However, the decision proved to be a great one, as the weather on the day of the visit was nearly perfect. Despite the warmth, the shade from trees and the valley and a strong breeze kept the students cool.



To see more of the activities that the Range Geography Instagram page features, please feel free to follow @rangegeogdept.

- Mr Hughes (Head of Geography)





Accelerated Reader Awards

Most Improved Readers

Year 7:

Josh Bull, Anthony Foster & Jack Wardle

Year 8:

Megan Buckley, Derek James & Amelia Davies

Millionaire Readers

Year 7:

Amy Coulson, Belle Sloane, Alex Wright, Henry Renton, Kira Duffy, Phoebe Devlin, Frances Liew, Laura Piggott, Aled Hopkin, Thomas Szabo, Isla Goffey, Beth Popoola, Lotte Kleijwegt

Year 8:

Claudia Coulson, Erin Plumbley, Lilly Craig, Kaitlin Barry, Megan Hodgson, Joni Falconer, Heidi Joynson, Anna Gregory, Harry Morrison, Maria Byrne, Orla Tangeman

**Congratulations go to you all.
Reading superstars!**

Top Tutor Murder Mystery Reward

A fun afternoon of murder mystery was enjoyed by 7BG and 8NM. With some wonderful characterisations and amazing detective skills, the murderer of the High Wizard was quickly identified and, once again, the Wizarding school was safe.

Sefton Super Reads

Our group of students from Y10 & Y8 are looking forward to welcoming new Y7s, with a love of reading, to join our group held Friday lunchtimes in the library.

Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible

Barack Obama





English Department End Of Year Effort & Attainment Awards

YEAR 7

EFFORT Lotte Kleijwegt
ATTAINMENT Milly Molloy

YEAR 8

EFFORT Bailey Evans
ATTAINMENT Finlay Scott

YEAR 9

EFFORT Leah Kerfoot
ATTAINMENT Caitlin Kelly

YEAR 10

English Language

EFFORT Isaac Dodsworth
ATTAINMENT Charlie Lewis

English Literature

EFFORT Olivia Strong
ATTAINMENT Toby McEvoy

MEDIA

EFFORT Mia Heron
ATTAINMENT Esme Murphy

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THE DUKE
OF EDINBURGH'S
AWARD



AWARD SOLUTIONS

**Congratulation
to 6 Silver Participants who completed their Silver Expedition section in July**

Josh Bain

Oliver Scarrott

Ronald Phillips

Amelie Scott

Eleanor MacKenzie

Tess Clare



They will so finish their whole award and just need to add evidence for their volunteering, Physical and Skill Sections some of which are already complete – looking forward to having these certificates presented in Autumn Term. Next years Silvers will see their exploits in the launch evening in September.

Congratulation

To our Bronze Participants who will receive their Certificates in the Awards assembly soon.

Isobel Mac Kenzie

Olivia Schanze

Mae Welch

Grace Lightfoot

Amelie Scott

Katy Watkins

Eleanor MacKenzie

Libby Markham



We have been running sessions to ensure all the participants are completing the skill, physical and volunteering section in Room 2 on a Tuesday lunchtime.

How to use eDofE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D80IGvCwbhM>

Contact jr@range.sefton.sch.uk for your username and password if you want to start over the holiday.



Food Technology News

Taylor's Farm

The Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition group recently visited Taylor's Farm Shop in Lathom. We focused our visit on Food Provenance, learning about:

- How plant foods are grown
- How animal foods are reared
- Hunting and gathering from the wild
- Seasonal foods
- Carbon footprint and buying locally grown food



We thoroughly enjoyed the trip and look forward to returning next year with the new Year 10s!

Afternoon Tea

During lunchtime, the Year 10 food technology students prepared an afternoon tea for the staff members. The Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition group put on a fantastic afternoon tea for staff at the end of term. This showcased a variety of skills they have learnt throughout the year, making Mini Quiches (shortcrust pastry), Coffee cake, Lemon Layer Cake (with homemade lemon curd), Millionaire Shortbread (with homemade caramel), Sausage Rolls (puff pastry), scones and more! Thank you to everyone who attended and the hard work the class put in.



- Mrs Holker and Mrs de Belle

Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Graduation Event

Our wonderful Year 10 MVP mentors attended a Graduation event on Monday 10th July. This was to celebrate their hard work and efforts supporting the MVP programme. All mentors undertook 2 days of training provided by Merseyside Youth Association and then they delivered six 1 hour sessions on some challenging and difficult topics to year 8 classes. They did this confidently and competently. We are very proud of the way they took this role on and they were perfect role models and mentors to the Year 8 pupils. Ms Lawrence and Mr Bishop took the group of students to the Graduation event which was held at the brand new Shakespeare Theatre in Prescot. All the students were presented with awards for successfully completing the training and delivery of the MVP programme. During the afternoon, the students listened to talks from previous MVP students, Merseyside Police and interacted with other Sefton schools that had been involved with the programme. All the Year 10 students from Range had the opportunity to speak about what they most enjoyed about being involved in the delivery of the programme. *Due to its success this year, the MVP programme will continue to run at Range.*

Well done Year 10!

- Mrs McGugan, Mr Jump and Ms Lawrence- Mrs McGugan (Assistant Headteacher – Safeguarding and Personal Development) & Mrs Lawrence (Assistant Head of Year 10)



Introducing Recycled Reads: Sharing Stories, Expanding Horizons!

We are excited to announce the launch of an incredible initiative called Recycled Reads, starting this September at our school. This initiative aims to encourage our students to foster a love for reading, explore different genres, and engage in meaningful conversations about books. Through book swaps and donations, we will create a vibrant reading community that celebrates the joy of storytelling and the power of sharing knowledge.

One of the key features of Recycled Reads is our book swaps, where students can trade their books with one another. This fantastic opportunity allows students to discover new stories, explore diverse genres, and expand their literary horizons. It's a chance to delve into captivating narratives and embark on thrilling adventures, all while connecting with fellow book lovers in our school community.



To participate in the book swap, students who wish to donate a book can obtain a special Recycled Reads sticker. These stickers are available from two dedicated individuals, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McGowan. Simply approach them and request a sticker for your donated book. The stickers will help us track and identify the books meant for the book swap, ensuring that they are readily accessible to all students who are eager to explore new stories.

By donating a book to the Recycled Reads book swap, you contribute to the growth of our reading community and enable others to discover captivating stories. Your generous act of sharing will help create an atmosphere of literary enthusiasm and foster a culture of reading and knowledge exchange within our school.

Recycled Reads is more than just a book swap—it's a chance for our students to bond over shared interests, engage in thoughtful discussions about their favourite books, and encourage one another to venture into uncharted literary territories. Whether you're a fan of fantasy, mystery, science fiction, or any other genre, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy in this exciting program.

We believe that Recycled Reads will spark a passion for reading and create lasting connections among our students. So, start sorting through your bookshelves, find a hidden gem that you'd like to share, and join us in this wonderful initiative!

If you have any questions or need more information about Recycled Reads, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Wilson or Mrs. McGowan. They will be more than happy to assist you.

Let's embark on this literary adventure together and make Recycled Reads a resounding success! Our first book swap will be on 8th November 2023.

- Mrs Wilson (Literacy Coordinator)



Anthony Walker Foundation Assemblies



**ANTHONY
WALKER
FOUNDATION**

On Thursday 22nd June Range High School welcomed Caterina Quinn from the Anthony Walker Foundation. Caterina spent the whole day in school presenting assemblies to Years 7-10.



The Anthony Walker Foundation was established in 2006 after the racially motivated murder of Anthony in Huyton, just outside of Liverpool. Anthony's family and friends did not want his murder to be another statistic and wanted his name to live on with a positive, lasting legacy.

The Anthony Walker Foundation works to tackle racism, hate crime and discrimination by providing educational opportunities, victim support services and by promoting equity and inclusion for all.

The assemblies told Anthony's story to hopefully teach our young people the importance of kindness, compassion and community. The assemblies also promoted hate crime awareness and the importance of speaking out and reporting hate of all kinds when you see it.

If any pupils wishes to report an incident of racism then there are a number of ways this can be done:

- Talk to any staff member in the school – tutor, subject teacher, Head of Year etc.
- Use the Anonymous Reporting of any Concern – this can be found on the home page of the Portal and by using this link [Anonymous Reporting of ANY Concern](#)
- Anthony Walker Foundation has a report an incident facility on its website. The link to this is [Anthony Walker Foundation](#)

Why are we not 'tolerant' about race anymore?



'Tolerant' implies that we have something to tolerate. Different identities are a fact of our communities and something to embrace, celebrate, and stand up for.

When UK schools record more than 60,000 racist incidents in five years, there is no excuse to just be 'tolerant'.

We are Anti-Racist



All welcome

**Come and Join the Mental
Health Support Teams
along with partner agencies
for our
Family Wellbeing Days**

**Fun, interactive activities for all
family members aimed at
improving wellbeing.**

All activities are free and include
sports, games, arts and crafts

When: 27th July and 18th August 1pm-3pm

Where: Thornton Family Wellbeing Centre, Stanny field
Drive, L23 1TY



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WE CARE ABOUT EVERYONE

Merseyside Police – cyber awareness assemblies

Pupils in all year groups from Year 7-10 attended assemblies from Merseyside Police to help them become more aware of cyber crimes and the impacts of cyber bullying.

Several million cases of fraud and of computer misuse are reported to the police every year. It's staggering, but even more staggering is that so many of those crimes could have been prevented by making a few small changes in online behaviour.

To avoid becoming a victim of online crime you don't need to be a computer expert. Developing a few good online habits drastically reduces your chances of becoming a victim of cyber-crime, makes you less vulnerable and lets you use the web safely.

Visit [Cyber Aware](#) for step-by-step instructions on keeping your devices up-to-date with the latest security updates, and for more online security advice.

Tips for parents and guardians

The internet lets children connect with friends and learn new things. But there are also dangers to going online, and children can be particularly vulnerable.

Talking to your child is one of the best ways to keep them safe online. By understanding the risks and keeping yourself up to date on the latest technology, websites and social networks you can help your child enjoy the internet safely and securely.

To help protect your children online:

- keep computers and games consoles in family rooms where you can monitor activity.
- install parental control software or activate parental controls through your Internet Service Provider (ISP) to prevent access to inappropriate content.
- 'friend' or 'follow' your child on social networks, so you can see how they're using them.
- check age restrictions for websites or social networks to make sure your children are allowed to join.
- advise your child not to post personal information or any images they wouldn't want everyone to see.
- check their social media accounts' privacy settings, so their posts are only seen by friends and their location isn't tracked.
- avoid using webcams unless talking to close friends or family, and consider covering it when not in use
- monitor how your children use the internet and watch for any secretive behaviour.
- encourage your child to be open about what they do online and who they're talking to, insist you go with them if they wish to meet online friends.
- ensure the games your children play online are age appropriate.

School is hoping to offer parents of KS3 pupils the opportunity to attend an a cyber awareness assembly for parents in the new academic year - please watch out for this in your mailbox.



Bloom programme for Year 10

During this half-term, a group of Year 10 pupils have had the opportunity to take part in a UK-wide programme for 14-16 year-olds which focuses on supporting young people's mental health resilience. Delivered in schools and colleges, Bloom equips young people with the tools and knowledge to maintain their mental health through life's transitions, both now and in the future.

Pupils have taken part in six 1 hour sessions and had a final celebration session before the end of the term. These have been on the following sessions:

- Resilience
- Exam pressure
- Friendships (bullying, conflict)
- Managing studies
- Social pressures
- Decisions about the future

These sessions were delivered by an external trainer called Jon Jones. He was supported by three of our teaching staff Mrs Holker, Mrs Longdon and Mrs Povey, who will be delivering this programme in subsequent years.

Mrs Holker made this comment about the programme:

'The Bloom programme has been a great opportunity for some of our pupils to get together and look at ways of dealing with different life pressures. We have looked at resilience, exam stress, friendship issues and social pressures. The pupils have discussed various scenarios and been shown tools and strategies to help them in the future.'

Mrs Povey and Mrs Longdon made this comment about the programme

'Bloom sessions for Year 10 have focused on equipping students with skills and techniques to promote resilience. Students have been able to discuss various scenarios and generate a 'tool kit' to support them in the future. These skills are invaluable as students move into Year 11 and the Year 10 students embraced each session with a positive attitude and an open mind!'

- Mrs J McGugan—Assistant Headteacher (Safeguarding and Personal Development)



Good luck and Farewell!!

For our Year 13 students, we would like to express our sincerest wishes for a prosperous and rewarding future. Your departure marks a poignant moment for our school community, as you have made a lasting impression on us all. Your achievements are a source of pride for us, and we eagerly anticipate the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for you. We encourage you to stay in touch and share your future endeavours with us. Remember, you will always have a place in our school community, and we will enthusiastically support you in all your future endeavours. Best of luck and farewell!!

- Sixth Form Team

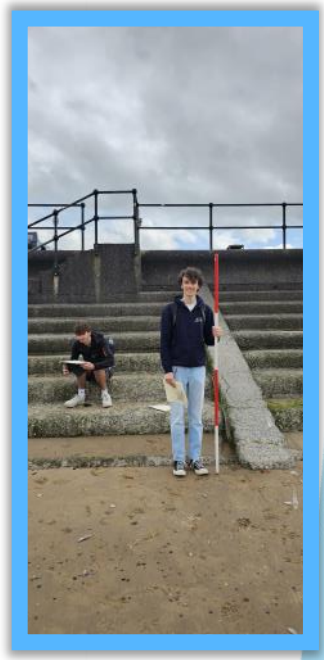


Year 12—Geography

NEA Fieldwork

Over the past few weeks, Year 12 geography students have been participating in their Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) fieldwork data collection, which accounts for 20% of their final grade. The students collected vital data on both human and physical geography over the course of four days.

- ⇒ On the first day, the students visited Formby Sand Dunes, where they examined sand dune succession and the impact of human activity on the natural environment.
- ⇒ Crosby Beach was the destination for the second day, where pupils investigated different types of coastal management strategies and their effectiveness. They collected data on beach gradients and used cost-benefit analysis for future reference.
- ⇒ On the third day, the students visited Southport, where they collected a significant amount of data on the area's management and its impact on international migration. This linked with the topics of globalisation and diverse places.
- ⇒ Finally, on the fourth day, the students visited Formby again, collecting data and opinions on the perception of place and conflicts and tensions in the area.



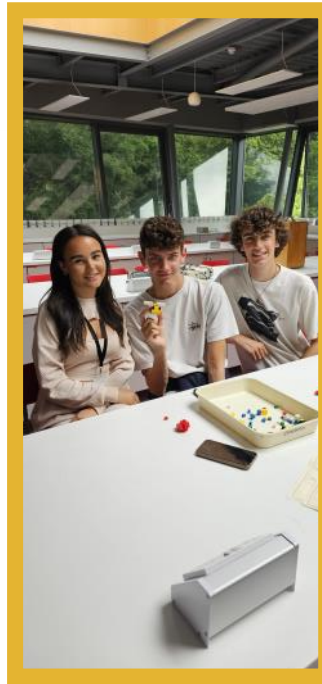
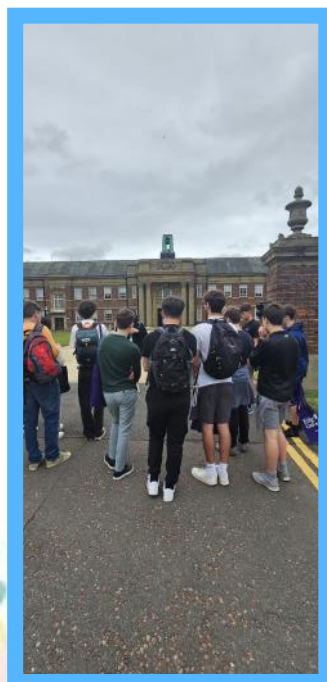
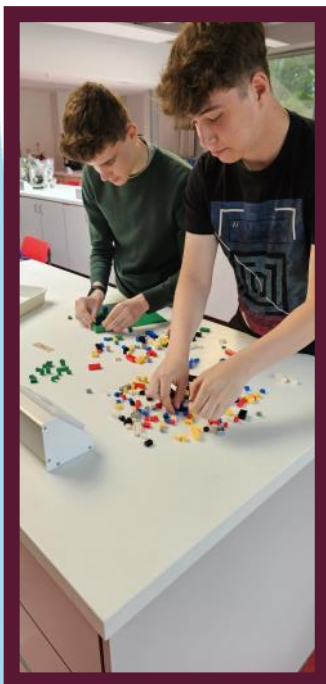
Year 12 students visit Edge Hill

A number of Year 12 Geography students took the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a student at Edge Hill University. They took part in a number of different sessions throughout the day including workshops on different subject areas and a tour of the campus. They started the day by listening to a talk delivered by a member of the Student Recruitment team. They were given an introduction to the event and an overview of their taster day courses. Each student also received an Edge Hill University tote bag which included a pen, notepad, a personal statement booklet, an accommodation guide and a student finance guide. They then took part in Geography and Geology taster sessions, which took place in the Geoscience building on campus. In this session they explored the impact of disasters on a hypothetical community during its development, allowing them to shape the communities and attempt to mitigate against such disasters. They had to consider how challenging this can be in the real world, the factors that need to be considered when risk management planning. After this, pupils then had a tour of the campus by one of the senior students. They were taken to see where they would study, where they would live and the facilities that they would get to use as part of their course. Edge Hill has expanded massively in recent years and it was nice to see the facilities they have available to them. Pupils then made their way to the hub area where they were given a free lunch. There was also an opportunity for them to have a personal tour of the campus themselves during this time. After lunch, the students then attended a sociology workshop where they explored a number of topics in sociology such as critical autism and modern-day terrorism. They discussed the role of the media in the perception they give of pressure groups and how they can have a massive influence on a narrative. To finish the day, the pupils had one final talk with a student ambassador. They discussed their journey so far and gave students the opportunity to find out about their life during university and how they found their experience. This was a very valuable day which gave our students a good understanding of university life and hopefully helped them make a more informed decision about their future.

- Mr Hughes (Head of Geography)



Edge Hill University



Year 11 into Year 12 transition day

On Wednesday, June 28th, our Year 11 students had their transition day. This day gave them the opportunity to get a head start on their future studies and experience what sixth form life is like. They were able to try out the subjects they'll be studying in the upcoming year, making the transition to sixth form smoother. This experience will help them to make informed choices about their future studies and better prepare them for the challenges ahead.



Drama goodbyes—A-level



This term marked the end of their time at Range for A-level drama students Matthew and Izzy. Their commitment to the arts was evident all those years ago when they started in Year 7! Both students have fully embraced all things Drama whilst here at Range including participating in Arts Star lower down the school then becoming judges in the sixth form. They have also performed in many school plays such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Dracula Spectacular and Sister Act. When she was in year 7, Izzy participated in the then A-level group exam performance piece so it was amazing to see her perform her own A-level piece as a Year 13 student!

We wish both of them the very best for their future ventures. It's been a pleasure!

- Mrs Grace

TED talk

On Wednesday 5th July, our Year 12 Psychology students had an amazing opportunity to experience a lecture from Dr Ken Carter, the Dean of Oxford College, Emory University in the USA. After watching a TED talk delivered by Dr Carter in a previous lesson, students were lucky enough to listen to his new research material and ask questions about his research, career and general psychology topics. It was such a fantastic experience and students have been able to extend this by emailing him further questions they have about his research field.



- Mrs H Povey (Curriculum Area Leader for Psychology)

Year 13 Prom

The Year 13 Prom was a night to remember, filled with joy and celebration. The students arrived in style, dressed in gorgeous dresses and suits, ready to enjoy a night of fun and dancing. The event was a great opportunity for students to relax and socialise with their peers after years of hard work. The delicious dinner provided was the perfect start to the night, as the students enjoyed their meal and prepared for the exciting evening ahead. It was an amazing way to celebrate the students' accomplishments and the end of their academic journey.

Throughout the night, the students danced the night away, creating unforgettable memories with their friends and classmates. It was wonderful to see them having fun and enjoying their last moments together before embarking on their next journey. The Year 13 Prom was a true success, and a testament to the hard work and dedication of the students and staff. It was a night to remember, filled with laughter, joy, and celebration of all that has been accomplished over the last two years.

- Miss Ball (Assistant Head of Sixth Form)

